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LIS STAC

45 voting members as of Nov 2025
64 at large

Academic
14(CT), 14(NY)

State & Regional
11

Federal
6 (3 NOAA 2EPA 1 USGS)



Current State of LIS Management

Pros

inclusive

Bi-partisan

transparent

Clear goals and metrics

Cons

FYI approach & meeting fatigue

Communication channels

Getting word out to new talent

Shifting horizons





LIS STAC

Prioritizing Research

Turning research into
management advise

Accountability loops

New CCMP

- 1 year planning
- 18 months to completion



Long Island Sound Comprehensive
Conservation and Management Plan 2025
Returning the Urban Sea to Abundance