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LONG ISLAND SOUND STUDY ANNOUNCES FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS: GRADUATE STUDENTS TO ASSIST LISS SCIENCE COMMITTEE

October 20, 2003 — The Long Island Sound Study (LISS) has announced today that two graduate students, one from Connecticut and one from New York, have received fellowships that will help them pursue Long Island Sound research.

The fellowships, which are provided by LISS through the cooperation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Connecticut Sea Grant, and New York Sea Grant, are given out to students interested in careers in environmental science and management. It provides half-time stipends for masters or doctoral students working on Long Island Sound projects. In return, the fellows are expected to provide administrative and technical support to the Science and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) of the Long Island Sound Study.

“In this program, everyone benefits,” said Tedesco. “The STAC gets much needed support from fellows who are pursuing careers in environmental research and management. The fellows learn from the scientists the breadth of the research being done to restore and protect the Sound. And ultimately, the public should benefit by the research the fellows have undertaken.”

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The two Long Island Sound Study fellows are:

- **Alison Biddle**, a doctoral student of oceanography at University of Connecticut's Department of Marine Sciences. Her dissertation is on the **Optical Implications of Colored Dissolved Organic Matter in Shallow Estuaries: Toward an Improved Ability to Predict Light Attenuation.**
- **Travis Baggett**, a Master's student in Marine and Atmospheric Sciences at Stony Brook University. His thesis is on the **50-year Climatology of Surface Heat and Momentum Fluxes for the Long Island Sound.**

The Long Island Sound Study (LISS) is a cooperative effort created by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the states of Connecticut and New York to protect and improve the health of the Sound. It involves researchers, regulators, user groups and other concerned organizations and individuals.

The Science and Technical Advisory Committee assists the Long Island Sound Study in assessing research priorities for the Sound. It includes more than 25 researchers from academic institutions and federal, state, and local agencies in the Long Island Sound community.