

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
LONG ISLAND SOUND STUDY  
POLICY COMMITTEE  
CONCERNING  
THE NITROGEN REDUCTION PLAN FOR  
LONG ISLAND SOUND**

**W**hereas, Long Island Sound is an Estuary of National Significance,  
and

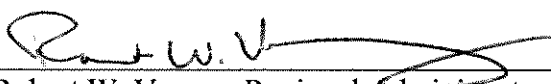
**W**hereas, excess nitrogen is recognized as a major contributor to the  
impairment of water quality in the Sound, and


**W**hereas, in December 2000 the states of New York and  
Connecticut adopted a nitrogen reduction plan entitled *A Total  
Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Analysis to Achieve Water Quality  
Standards for Dissolved Oxygen in Long Island Sound*; and

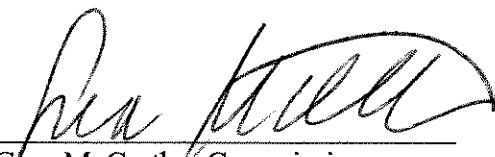
**W**hereas, the TMDL establishes a process for revisions and updates  
based on emerging data;

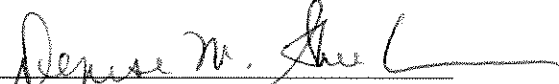
**N**OW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Policy Committee  
charges the Long Island Sound Study Management Committee to  
implement its framework for reassessing the TMDL, and directs it to  
produce, by December 2007, the information necessary to support the states  
of New York and Connecticut in revising the TMDL as appropriate.

**A**ttested by us on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2006 at Rye, New York.

  
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