

# New England Great Waters Restoration and Conservation Revitalizing The Economy By Reversing 200 Years Of Environmental Decline

The region's Governors, State Agencies, Intergovernmental Commissions, and NGOs are united in asking Congress to invest in implementation of regional ecosystem restoration and conservation plans. There are manageable solutions, but delaying will only make the problems worse and the solutions more expensive.



**Long Island Sound**



**Lake Champlain**



**Gulf of Maine and Cape Cod**



**Narragansett Bay, Buzzards Bay,  
and Adjoining Waters**

## **\$70 Million In 2011: a Down Payment For Critical Conservation And Ecosystem Restoration**

### **Economic and Other Benefits:**

This investment of federal funds will generate up to 2,800 jobs, and reduce the negative economic impacts of beach closings, algae blooms, and fish kills that have plagued the region due to nutrient loading from waste and storm water runoff. It will also improve the region's fisheries, including shellfish beds, increase property values, and bolster tourism and the recreational and commercial fishing industries throughout the region.

### **Long Island Sound (\$20 Million):**

- Implementation by EPA Long Island Sound Office of high priority projects identified in the Long Island Sound Study.

### **Gulf of Maine & Cape Cod (\$30 million), Lake Champlain (\$10 Million), and Coastal Rhode Island (\$10 million):**

- Improve water quality through high priority projects that are competitively awarded by EPA in consultation with its state partners (\$20 million)
- Restore and conserve coastal habitats, combat the spread and mitigate the impacts of invasive species, and address marine debris—possibly through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), with oversight by US FWS and NOAA (\$20 million)
- Address priority regional waterway issues including climate change adaptation, ecosystem health activities, and marine and freshwater spatial planning consistent with the CEQ Framework (\$10 million to the Northeast Regional Ocean Council and Gulf of Maine Council)

