The Coastal Area includes the land and water that lie within the 100-foot coastal zone, under the state’s jurisdiction in Long Island Sound; the towns of East Haven, Branford, Guilford, Madison, Old Saybrook, Lyme, and Essex; and the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme. Activities and actions conducted within the coastal area must be regulated or conducted by coastal municipalities must be consistent with all of the applicable coastal and other regulatory requirements. Under Connecticut law, coastal municipalities must consult with the DEEP’s Coastal Management Section when regulating or conducting coastal activities.

DATA SOURCES

COASTAL AREA DATA: The Town Boundaries map was used as the basis for rendering spatially coincident data layers. Features appearing in the Town Boundaries layer are specifically extracted and used in the coastal area maps. Town boundaries were digitized from the Town Boundaries layer along with the other geospatial data for the DEEP’s 7.5-minute quadrangle maps were edited and merged into major data layers shown in the Coastal Area Data map. The Town Boundary layer was extracted from the CT ECO-DEEP website for the digital spatial data shown on this map.

BASE MAP DATA: Based on data originally from USGS (1969, 1986, 1997) for 7.5-minute quadrangle maps published between 1969 and 1997. It includes political boundaries, waterbodies, transportation, and land-use data. The Town Boundary layer was extracted from the 7.5 minute quadrangle data shown on the Town Boundaries map. The Town Boundary layer was extracted from the CT ECO-DEEP website for the digital spatial data shown on this map.