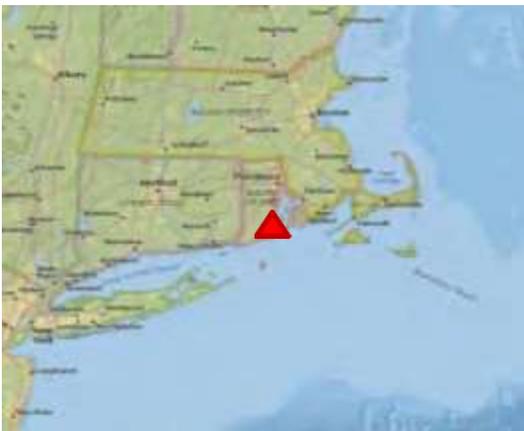


# Narragansett Bay, RI; USA



Low-altitude, aerial oblique photograph of small river entering Narragansett Bay. The field of view in the mid-range is approximately 250 meters. The image shows two types of aquatic vegetation bed in the cove and in deeper water.



General location map

# CMECS Classification

## **Biogeographic Setting:**

- Realm: Temperate North Atlantic
- Province: Cold Temperate Northwest Atlantic
- Ecoregion: Virginian

## **Aquatic Setting:**

- System: Estuarine
- Subsystem: Coastal
- Tidal Zone: Subtidal Zone

## **Water Column Component:**

- Water Column Layer: Estuarine Coastal Upper Water Column
- Salinity Regime: Upper Polyhaline Water
- Temperature Regime: Moderate Water

## **Geoform Component:**

- Tectonic Setting: Passive Continental Margin
- Physiographic Setting: Embayment/Bay
- Geoform Origin: Geologic
- Level 1 Geoform: Cove
- Level 1 Geoform Type: Mainland Cove

## **Substrate Component:**

- Substrate Origin: Geologic Substrate
- Substrate Class: Unconsolidated Mineral Substrate
- Substrate Subclass: Fine Unconsolidated Substrate
- Substrate Group: Sandy Mud

## **Biotic Component**

- Biotic Setting: Benthic/Attached Biota
- Biotic Class: Aquatic Vegetation Bed
- Biotic Subclass: Benthic Macroalgae
- Biotic Group: Filamentous Algal Bed
- Biotic Community: *Aghardiella* Communities
- Co-occurring Element: Sheet Algal Bed: *Ulva* Communities