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NU Foundation sponsors lecture series on Long Island Sound

BERLIN, Connecticut, June 7, 2004 – A free public lectures series about Long Island Sound and the many factors impacting it culminates this month at the University of Connecticut's Stamford campus.

A lecture entitled, "The Coastal Landscapes, Seascapes and Benthoscapes of Long Island Sound – Critical Connections and Prospects," will be presented June 14 at 7 p.m. as part of the Mystic Seaport 2004 Long Island Sound Environmental Lecture Series sponsored by the Northeast Utilities Foundation. Dr. Roman N. Zajac, professor of the University of New Haven's Department of Biology & Environmental Science, will discuss the Sound's coastal habitats and the natural and human factors that are changing them.

The lecture series was created in cooperation with the Mystic Seaport as part of their exhibit, "Voyages: America and the Sea," which itself was supported with a \$500,000 grant from the Foundation. Each discussion is open to the public and presented by noted experts to improve public understanding of the issues and the options for improving the health and biological function of New England's largest estuary.

"The work of Mystic Seaport and research on Long Island Sound are endeavors that the Foundation has long supported and believes are critical to the quality of life enjoyed in communities – both biological and human – in and around the Sound," said NU Foundation Executive Director Theresa Hopkins-Staten.

Previous lectures in the series have included overviews of the local fisheries industries, the Jordon Cove Urban Watershed Project, and discussions on how invasive species, public policy and pollution has impacted the Sound. Each lecture is held in the General Auditorium at the University of Connecticut, Stamford Campus, One University Place, located at the corner of Washington Boulevard and Broad Street in Stamford. Space is limited. For more information, please call 888-973-2767 or log on to www.mysticseaport.org/learn or contact Donna Bellantone, associate director for development at Mystic Seaport, at 860-572-0711 ext. 4362.

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