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Definitions:

Estuary: the area where the fresh water of the river meets and mixes with the salt water of the ocean.

Wetland: an area where water covers the soil or is present either at or near the surface of the soil all year (or at least for a period of time during the year).

Ecosystem: a relationship between organisms and wildlife and their habitat, which forms an ecological community.

Environment: a surrounding area or condition.

Nursery: a place where wildlife and vegetation develop and grow.

Brackish: brackish conditions occur in estuary zones where freshwater and saltwater mix.

Migrate: to move from one region or latitude to another.

Molting: to shed feathers (as a bird) or skin (as a reptile).

National Estuary Program: is a program responsible for creating an environmental plan that will help clean up the waters and prevent further pollution to the wildlife and their habitat.