

## CTDEP Clean Vessel Program Stonington and Groton, Connecticut

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**Description** FHI prepared two permit applications to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a No Discharge Area (NDA) in accordance with the Clean Water Act. Key components of the project included a public outreach and education effort in the affected communities to ensure public acceptance of the NDA and public understanding of the benefits of NDA designation. FHI helped organize community meetings and workshops for presenting existing information, hearing concerns, presenting alternatives and obtaining preferences for the geographical area to be designated. Included in the outreach program was maintaining a mailing list, preparing press releases, exhibiting a community display, placing information on the DEP website, developing and compiling results of a survey, and orchestrating workshop logistics. FHI compiled available data in GIS format to complete the NDA application.

**Client** Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection

