

Subject: Islander East

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Dear NOAA:

The current route of the Islander East Pipeline, as proposed, will do long-term environmental damage to Long Island Sound's water quality, shellfish beds, and coastal wetlands. It will fragment a unique ecological mini-region, the Thimble Islands. That's a lot of harm.

What about the benefit? The monetary benefit--profit--goes to a private company. Nothing for the public there. The energy benefit goes to Long Island customers, who, in the long term, won't even need it. (Per testimony to you in re PACE studies, LIPA plans, and market projections.)

So, lots of public harm for no long-term public benefit. That sounds like a lose-lose to me. I support the decision of the CT DEP to deny Islander East a "coastal consistency determination." Please do not approve Islander East's appeal. Barbara Currier Bell, 24 Winthrop Court, Milford, CT 06460