

Vocabulary list

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Vocabulary with definitions

nutrients - Nourishment in the estuary's waters.
benthic - Bottom dwelling.
tidal flat - Lower in elevation than tidal marshes, these areas of the estuary are usually made up of mud or sand.
salinity - Saltiness.
eelgrass - A narrow bladed, aquatic plant that grows on the tidal flats and in the channels of the estuary.
fauna - Another name for animals.
watershed - An area of land draining to a common creek, river, lake, or bay.
ocean - Covers three-fourths of the earth and floods the estuary at high tide.
river - A large stream of water flowing throughout the year.
tides - The rising and falling of the earth's waters.
habitat - A combination of living and non-living parts of the environment that support certain types of life.
sediment - Non-living particles that are suspended in the estuaries water.
estuary - A semi-enclosed area at the mouth of a river where fresh and salt water mix.
turbidity - Cloudiness of the estuary's waters.
intertidal - Between the tides.
flora - Another name for plants.
inputs - Contributions of energy or materials.
tidal marsh - A wetland periodically covered with water by the tide and commonly covered with a growth of salt tolerant plants.
open water channel - Area of water visible at lowest tides.

sub-tidal - Below the influence of the tides.
aquifer - Groundwater.