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CFE/Save the Sound reorganizes to strengthen mission and operations

New Haven, Conn. – Connecticut Fund for the Environment and its bi-state program Save the Sound has recently updated its internal structure. A new executive director position will enable increased top-level focus on its mission, communications, and operations.

Curtis P. Johnson will take on an expanded senior role as CFE/Save the Sound's Executive Director. He will oversee CFE/Save the Sound's land and water programs, legal actions, communications, and membership. Johnson, who most recently served as the Executive Director of the Save the Sound program, first came on staff in 1993.

"Long Island Sound, our climate and the air we breathe, and our beautiful landscapes face new threats this year," said Johnson. "Even the laws and regulations that defend our environment are under attack. More than ever, Connecticut's environment and Long Island Sound need a strong watchdog, and our region's residents need to know there's someone fighting for their health and the places they love. Unifying most of our programs, legal clout, and communications will help keep us both nimble and powerful."

President and CEO Donald S. Strait will have an increased focus on finances, administration, major gifts, and grants. In addition, he will continue to oversee CFE/Save the Sound's climate and energy work and sit on the Governor's Council on Climate Change. Strait has served as head of the organization for 25 years.

"The past three years have been one of the most exciting periods of growth in CFE/Save the Sound's history, with projects in two states, new alliances, and a growing staff," Strait said. "It has been an honor to partner with Curt Johnson for the past 23 years. I look forward to continuing our partnership in these new roles, which will allow me to focus more on our energy program as well as operations and finance, while Curt focuses on growing our membership and making our programs and communications ever more effective."

CFE/Save the Sound's 17-person Board of Directors is chaired by Leslie Lee. Strait and Johnson are advised and supported at the staff level by a management team of department heads.

Connecticut Fund for the Environment was founded in 1978 and Save the Sound in 1972. The organizations merged in 2004, joining CFE's legal and lobbying expertise with Save the Sound's grassroots engagement and restoration know-how. The organization has recently joined forces with Soundkeeper, Inc. to return a full-time Soundkeeper watchdog to the water, with the long-term goal of merging Soundkeeper into CFE/Save the Sound.

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The mission of Connecticut Fund for the Environment and its bi-state program Save the Sound is to protect and improve the land, air, and water of Connecticut and Long Island Sound. We use legal and scientific expertise and bring citizens together to achieve results that benefit our environment for current and future generations. Learn more at www.ctenvironment.org.