Low-altitude, aerial oblique photograph of small river entering Narragansett Bay. The field of view in the mid-range is approximately 250 meters. The image shows two types of aquatic vegetation bed in the cove and in deeper water.
CMECS Classification

**Biogeographic Setting:**
- **Realm:** Temperate North Atlantic
- **Province:** Cold Temperate Northwest Atlantic
- **Ecoregion:** Virginian

**Aquatic Setting:**
- **System:** Estuarine
- **Subsystem:** Coastal
- **Tidal Zone:** Subtidal Zone

**Water Column Component:**
- **Water Column Layer:** Estuarine Coastal Upper Water Column
- **Salinity Regime:** Upper Polyhaline Water
- **Temperature Regime:** Moderate Water

**Geoform Component:**
- **Tectonic Setting:** Passive Continental Margin
- **Physiographic Setting:** Embayment/Bay
- **Geoform Origin:** Geologic
- **Level 1 Geoform:** Cove
- **Level 1 Geoform Type:** Mainland Cove

**Substrate Component:**
- **Substrate Origin:** Geologic Substrate
- **Substrate Class:** Unconsolidated Mineral Substrate
- **Substrate Subclass:** Fine Unconsolidated Substrate
- **Substrate Group:** Sandy Mud

**Biotic Component**
- **Biotic Setting:** Benthic/Attached Biota
- **Biotic Class:** Aquatic Vegetation Bed
- **Biotic Subclass:** Benthic Macroalgae
- **Biotic Group:** Filamentous Algal Bed
- **Biotic Community:** *Aghardiella* Communities
- **Co-occurring Element:** Sheet Algal Bed: *Ulva* Communities