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Description for code E1UBL:

- **E** System **ESTUARINE**: The Estuarine System consists of deepwater tidal habitats and adjacent tidal wetlands that are usually semienclosed by land but have open, partly obstructed, or sporadic access to the open ocean, and in which ocean water is at least occasionally diluted by freshwater runoff from the land. The salinity may be periodically increased above that of the open ocean by evaporation. Along some low-energy coastlines there is appreciable dilution of sea water. Offshore areas with typical estuarine plants and animals, such as red mangroves (Rhizophora mangle) and eastern oysters (Crassostrea virginica), are also included in the Estuarine System.
- 1 Subsystem **SUBTIDAL**: The substrate in these habitats is continuously covered with tidal water (i.e., located below extreme low water).
- **UB** Class **UNCONSOLIDATED BOTTOM**: Includes all wetlands and deepwater habitats with at least 25% cover of particles smaller than stones (less than 6-7 cm), and a vegetative cover less than 30%.
- L Water Regime **Subtidal**: Tidal salt water continuously covers the substrate.

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- 2 Subsystem **INTERTIDAL**: The substrate in these habitats is flooded and exposed by tides; includes the associated splash zone.
- **EM** Class **EMERGENT**: Characterized by erect, rooted, herbaceous hydrophytes, excluding mosses and lichens. This vegetation is present for most of the growing season in most years. These wetlands are usually dominated by perennial plants.
- 1 Subclass **Persistent**: Dominated by species that normally remain standing at least until the beginning of the next growing season. This subclass is found only in the Estuarine and Palustrine systems.
- P Water Regime Irregularly Flooded: Tides flood the substrate less often than daily.

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