



**Plate 7.**—Classification: SYSTEM Estuarine, SUBSYSTEM Subtidal, CLASS Unconsolidated Bottom, SUBCLASS Sand, WATER REGIME Subtidal, WATER CHEMISTRY Mixohaline. An irregularly flooded persistent-emergent wetland dominated by saltmarsh cordgrass (*Spartina alterniflora*) and saltmeadow cordgrass (*Spartina patens*) is shown in the right background (Washington County, Rhode Island; July 1977; Photo by F. C. Golet)