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Tony Allott Elected To Lead SoundWaters

Former Silgan Holdings CEO named Chairman of Environmental Education Organization

Stamford, CT – Tony Allott, Chairman and former CEO of Stamford-based Silgan Holdings and co-founder of Waypoint Investors private equity firm, was unanimously elected as SoundWaters new Chairman by its Board of Directors during the organization’s Annual Meeting on November 29th. Allott takes the wheel from outgoing Chairman, Doug Bora of Darien, a former executive at Spinnaker Real Estate Partners, who had served in the role since 2018.

As Chairman, Allott will lead a 30-person board of directors to assist SoundWaters President, Dr. Leigh Shemitz and her team to grow the organization’s capacity through strategic planning and fundraising. The organization has just completed a successful \$17.5 million Harbor Ambitions capital campaign, which included construction of the Cohen SoundWaters Harbor Center on Stamford Harbor. In addition to its Coastal Education Center at Cove Island in Stamford and its 80’ schooner, SoundWaters now has three unique education and youth development platforms. SoundWaters teaches the science of Long Island Sound to more than 30,000 students each year from 150 schools in 65 communities throughout Connecticut and New York.

Allott will be the 8th board chair in SoundWaters 32-year history. He is a longtime Westport resident, avid sailor and member of the New York, Eastern and Stonington Harbor Yacht Clubs. He is Chairman of the Board and former CEO of Silgan Holdings, a Stamford-based supplier of sustainable rigid packaging for consumer goods products and currently co-leads a private equity firm, Waypoint Investors and is a Senior Advisor to True North Capital Partners on corporate mergers and acquisitions. On his election, he commented: *“I am honored and excited for the opportunity to work with my fellow Directors and with Leigh and her outstanding staff to grow SoundWaters positive impact in our communities and in particular to create more access to Long Island Sound and opportunities to learn for underrepresented populations.”* About SoundWaters important mission to protect Long Island Sound through education and action, Allott said *“Long Island Sound is our largest and most precious natural resource and the work we do at SoundWaters with so many young people is improving the health of the Sound and strengthening our community.”*

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About SoundWaters

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SoundWaters, a 501(c)3 organization founded in 1989, is the region's premier environmental education organization focused on the protection of Long Island Sound. Annually, across its three teaching locations: the Schooner SoundWaters, the Coastal Education Center and the Cohen SoundWaters Harbor Center, SoundWaters hosts education and youth development programs for more than 30,000 students from pre-K through high school. SoundWaters works in partnership with schools, communities, civic organizations, businesses and other environmental and educational organizations to create broad access to Long Island Sound to develop experiences that foster a sense of responsibility for the environment and encourage actions that ensure a sustainable future for the Sound and our community. Our community is stronger when we are connected to and learning from Long Island Sound. For more information, visit SoundWaters.org or follow @SoundWaters on Facebook and Instagram.



Caption: Outgoing Board Chair, Doug Bora of Darien (left) congratulates Tony Allott of Westport on his election as the board chair.

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