



Plate 16.—Classification: SYSTEM Estuarine, SUBSYSTEM Intertidal, CLASS Emergent Wetland, SUBCLASS Persistent, DOMINANCE TYPE *Spartina alterniflora*, WATER REGIME Regularly Flooded, WATER CHEMISTRY Mixohaline, SOIL Mineral. Saltmarsh cordgrass is the only plant growing in the regularly flooded zone of this salt marsh. Saltmeadow cordgrass (*Spartina patens*), seaside goldenrod (*Solidago sempervirens*), and the sedge, *Carex paleacea*, grow at the landward edge of the marsh. The photo was taken at high tide. (Essex County, Massachusetts; September 1985; Photo by F. C. Golet)