Definition and classification of estuaries
Review of Hydrodynamics
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What is an estuary?
Classical views and more flexible definitions of “estuaries.”
Classification based
  - on geomorphology;
  - on water balance;
  - on water stratification;
  - on stratification-circulation diagram – Hansen-Rattray approach

Discussion of advantages and disadvantages of using classifications of estuaries and how comprehensive they are.

General review of hydrodynamics.
Review of conservation equations: conservation of mass, momentum, heat and salt, setting the stage for nomenclature to be used throughout.