

### *Attitudes about Ocean Stewardship*

Here are a number of statements that may or may not describe your beliefs about learning oceanography. You are asked to rate each statement by selecting a number between 1 and 5 where the numbers mean the following:

1. Strongly Disagree
2. Disagree
3. Neutral
4. Agree
5. Strongly Agree

Choose one of the above five choices that best expresses your feeling about the statement. If you don't understand a statement, leave it blank. If you have no strong opinion, choose 3.

- \_\_\_ My actions can have a significant effect on the health of oceans and coastal areas.
- \_\_\_ I have a personal responsibility to work for the health of the oceans and coastal areas.
- \_\_\_ I know some specific things I could do to help the ocean.
- \_\_\_ I am familiar with the environmental issues facing the coastal areas in my home state
- \_\_\_ I am familiar with the issues facing the global ocean.
- \_\_\_ I have enough background knowledge to write a substantive letter to my congressional representative about an issue affecting the ocean.
- \_\_\_ The oceans and coastal regions overall are so vast and healthy that they can continue to absorb pollution and other kinds of man-made stresses for the foreseeable future.<sup>1</sup>
- \_\_\_ Man-made stresses are endangering coastal regions and the ocean's ability to sustain itself and may well be leading to long-term damage and serious problems.<sup>1</sup>
- \_\_\_ The health of the oceans is essential to human survival.<sup>2</sup>
- \_\_\_ We do not need to worry about the health of the oceans, because we will develop new technologies to keep them clean.<sup>2</sup>
- \_\_\_ What I do in my life doesn't impact the ocean at all.<sup>2</sup>
- \_\_\_ Business and industry should be responsible for protecting marine environments.<sup>3</sup>
- \_\_\_ Government should be responsible for protecting marine environments.<sup>3</sup>
- \_\_\_ Individual citizens should be responsible for protecting marine environments.<sup>3</sup>
- \_\_\_ Agriculture and forestry should be responsible for protecting marine environments.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> AAAS Public Opinion Survey

<sup>2</sup> Ocean Project Public Opinion Survey

<sup>3</sup> Based on questions used for Minnesota Environmental Literacy Report Card

The following questions ask who *can* protect marine environments. In each case answer how important the actions this group takes could be to the health of our oceans, using the scale:

1 = one of the most important

2 = very important

3 = somewhat important

4 = not too important

5 = not important at all

\_\_\_ people like you<sup>4</sup>

\_\_\_ big business<sup>4</sup>

\_\_\_ farmers<sup>4</sup>

\_\_\_ oil companies<sup>4</sup>

\_\_\_ the US government<sup>4</sup>

\_\_\_ governments of foreign countries<sup>4</sup>

\_\_\_ environmental organizations<sup>4</sup>

\_\_\_ recreational fishermen<sup>4</sup>

\_\_\_ the commercial fishing industry<sup>4</sup>

\_\_\_ real estate developers<sup>4</sup>

\_\_\_ state governments<sup>4</sup>

\_\_\_ the United Nations<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> questions from SeaWeb's 1996 survey