

### *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