

## AAAS Survey

Q1. Next I am going to read two statements. Please tell me which one is closer to your view on this topic.

The first one says, "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."

The second one says, "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."

Which statement is closer to your views, the first one or the second one?

Q2. On a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 means "no influence" and 5 means "a lot of influence," how much influence do you think your personal actions can have on promoting the health of the oceans and coastal areas?

Q3-6. On a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 means "not at all willing" and 5 means "very willing," how willing would you be to do each of the following if you knew it would help protect the health and resources of our oceans, bays and coastal areas?

Eat less of certain kinds of fish?

Support government regulation restricting the use of the seashore?

Support local efforts to reduce business and economic development of coastal areas?

Support the use of public money for new research and technologies to reduce pollution?

Q7. Again, I am going to read two statements. Please tell me which one is closer to your view on this topic.

The first one says, "Protecting the oceans' resources is best done in a global way, such as through international agreements about fishing and oil-drilling practices."

The second one says, "Oceans are best protected when countries take responsibility for their own coasts and do not interfere with the practices of other countries."

Which statement is closer to your views, the first one or the second one?

Q8. On a scale from 1 to 10 where 1 means “not at all interested” and 10 means “very interested,” how interested are you in knowing more about the impact science issues (like cloning, SARS, genetically modified food and ocean pollution) have on your life?

Q9. If you wanted to learn more about these issues, would you know where to turn to for reliable information?

Q10. On a scale from 1 to 5 where 1 means “strongly disagree” and 5 means “strongly agree,” how much do you disagree or agree with the following statement?

Generally speaking, I trust scientists to put society’s interest above their personal goals.