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Attitudes Towards Utilizing The Oceans In Contemporary Chinese Society

Gaining Insights For Sustainable Human Use Of The Oceans

By Mo Chen

1. Sustainable human use of the oceans acknowledges the necessity and legitimacy of meeting human needs for marine resources while at the same time acknowledging the boundaries to human exploitation and utilization of marine resources. (This dissertation)
2. To understand the origins of the present unsustainable use of the Earth's oceans and to develop effective governmental policy, understanding present human attitudes towards and perceptions of the oceans is critical. (This dissertation)
3. "Differences in personal moral philosophy are related to how individuals feel animals should be treated." (Galvin & Herzog, 1992)
4. The belief that humans should dominate nature, the recognition of moderation, and environmental risk perception are three important factors that determine public attitudes towards marine life protection. (This dissertation)
5. "Humans are like other species in depending on the environment, yet humans are also unique among all species in the potential for altering and sometimes evading environmental constraints." (Freudenburg & Gramling, 1993, p341)
6. Coastal residents hold a low support, high risk-perception, and moderate trust over offshore oil and gas drilling in contemporary Chinese society. (This dissertation)
7. One needs to understand the continuity of Chinese culture and history to fully grasp the use of marine life in present Chinese society. (This dissertation)
8. A better understanding of human attitudes towards ocean use will help social scientists pinpoint the causes of unsustainable behavior and promote the discussion of sustainable human use of the oceans in the scientific community. (This dissertation)
9. Although oceans and rivers are wide, swamps and lakes are numerous, the amount of fishery resource are huge, fishing activities should be legitimate and under control. Different fishing boats and nets should be applied to different fishing products. (*Guanzi*, BEC 26) 江海虽广，池泽虽博，鱼鳖虽多，网罟必有正，船网不可一财而成也。《管子·八观》
10. During summer period, fish and turtles are fast growing and regenerating. Humans should not carry out any fishing activity in rivers and seas. (*Yi Zhou Shu*, BCE 1st century) 夏三月，川泽不入网罟，以成鱼鳖之长。《逸周书·大聚解》