

Assignment 1

1st draft due Session 6

Your task is to write an Op-Ed piece for the Boston Globe drawing on your experience in FISH BANKS. Your essay should examine and discuss the implications of your experience for public policy. You should address why, or why not, there is a need for governmental action, why (or why not) such action is justified, what form it might take.

You may also want to consider problems you would expect to encounter in taking action and the relationship between governmental action and action in other sectors (private citizens, market actors, civic organizations).

Your essay should be 1000 words. It is likely to be more compelling if you organize it in a logical way, illustrate your points with specific references to your experience, draw clear implications from this experience, and justifies any extensions you make or inferences you draw. Remember you are not being evaluated on the specific conclusions you draw (i.e. there is not one "right" answer), but on your ability to make a convincing argument.

Paper Format: 12 point font, 1 inch margins, doubled spaced.