

CITIZEN AND THE SEA
Group Contract, Summer 1978--One Unit of Credit
Faculty Sponsor--Peter Taylor

This group contract was based on a series of five symposia titled "Citizen and the Sea," cosponsored by the Ocean Shores Public Library and the Ocean Shores Marine Center. The symposia were about public policy and private interests relevant to the uses and management of our marine coastal resources. The themes for the five sessions were respectively: (1) the philosophical basis of natural resource management, (2) conflicts in fish and shellfish management, (3) constraints for shoreline and estuary management, (4) economic development versus conservation, and (5) the citizen's role in coastal management. Invited speakers represented federal, state, and local government, industry, the academic community, private interest groups, and citizen activists. The symposia were collectively remarkably comprehensive and successful in presenting the problems, conflicts, and successes in management of the coastal zone or coastal resources of Washington state.

Text: The recommended text was Coastal Resources Management by R.B. Ditton, J.L. Seymour and G.C. Swanson (1977--Lexington Books, D.C. Heath and Company).

Writing Assignments: Each student was expected to do the following:

1. Write a review of each symposium (except the last one), including resumes of the presentations plus a personal critique adding knowledge from reading and personal experience relevant to the theme of the day.
2. Prepare a written report on a special project, choosing some aspect of coastal resources management as suggested by the symposia. The topic could be researched using library resources, agency reports, interviews, or field observations.

Seminars: The group met during the hour preceding the start of each symposium (except the first) to discuss the written reviews of the previous symposium. There was also a "wrap-up" review session following the last symposium.