

**Principle 6:
The ocean and humans are inextricably interconnected.**

**Principle 6:
Grades 6-8**

**Responsibility and Advocacy
for the Ocean**

E.
Individual and collective actions are necessary for maintaining, conserving and sustaining a healthy ocean.

E.1.
Scientists are still learning about marine organisms and ocean ecosystems. New information is useful for helping guide policy decisions and individual actions.

E.6.
It is important for the public to learn about issues regarding the ocean, and to take action.

E.2.
There are national and international efforts that inform and regulate fishing practices and land development, and establish Marine Protected Areas.

E.7.
Everyone can make informed decisions that reduce human impact on the ocean.

E.13.
Everyone can make informed choices about what they purchase and which businesses they support in ways that are environmentally friendly.

E.14.
Everyone can use their knowledge to vote on larger issues that affect the ocean.

E.15.
Everyone can advocate through their actions and by sharing information about the wise use and protection of the ocean.

E.3.
Sustainable fishing practices maintain fish populations, reduce bycatch and protect against habitat destruction.

E.4.
Marine Protected Areas are areas that protect marine organisms and habitats.

E.5.
Responsible construction and development practices help to maintain the integrity of coastal environments.

E.8.
Overfishing and habitat destruction can be reduced by only buying and eating seafood caught through sustainable means.

E.9.
Non-native species can be reduced with actions, such as not releasing unwanted water, plants, or animals collected from different ecosystems, and not dumping ballast water from boats.

E.10.
People can support the regulation of construction to minimize its impact on coastal habitats.

E.11.
Climate change can be reduced with actions, such as using energy efficient appliances, turning off lights, walking, bicycling or using public transportation.

E.12.
Pollution can be reduced in our ocean with actions, such as recycling, using biodegradable products and not littering.

See Principle 7: A4

See Principle 7: B2 & B6