

<p>Farmer You live in a dry area and rely on water diverted from the Blue River to irrigate your crops. You not only use fertilizer but also dust crops with pesticides to combat grasshoppers.</p>	<p>Head of Blue Lake Cottage Owners Association Your association complains about weedy shorelines that clog boat propellers as well as the build-up of unsightly, smelly algae in Blue Lake.</p>	<p>Industrialist You rely on cheap power for your plant and use water from the Blue River as a coolant in manufacturing. The water is about five degrees warmer when it returns to the river.</p>
<p>Cattle rancher Muddy Creek flows through your pastures on its way to the Blue River. Your cattle have free access to the creek for drinking water.</p>	<p>Member of Friends of Endangered Wildlife You oppose the hotel development because it will be built on the nesting grounds of the endangered piping plover.</p>	<p>Coordinator of Clean Our Shores You organize shoreline cleanups. You notice debris from ships along the shore despite trash retrieval campaigns directed at shipowners.</p>
<p>Owner of Inland Construction You plan to drain Blue River Marsh to build a subdivision in Inland Suburb. The land could be re-zoned for urban use.</p>	<p>Manager of Harbourview Hotels You plan to build a new hotel to increase tourism along a quiet stretch of beach just outside Port City.</p>	<p>Laid-off cannery worker You used to process fish at Harbour Canneries, but lost your job because of declining fish stocks. You have a family and can't afford to move.</p>
<p>Conservationist You worry that draining Blue River Marsh will destroy habitat for breeding waterfowl. You're also concerned about recent declines in the number of frogs living in the marsh.</p>	<p>Fisheries biologist You're worried that clear-cutting operations north of the Blue River are increasing soil erosion. Silt is damaging spawning grounds in several streams flowing into the river.</p>	<p>Port City Harbour Authority You're concerned about costs to dredge Port City Harbour to make shipping safe from increasing siltation. You wonder if the Blue River is silting up more than usual.</p>
<p>Manager of Blue Falls Pulp and Paper Mill Environmental enforcement officers inform you that dioxin discharges from your mill into the Blue River exceed legal limits. The cost of upgrading facilities to reduce emissions will likely mean cutting jobs at the mill, which is the only industry in this town of 3,000.</p>	<p>President of hydro company You want to build a hydroelectric dam along the Blue River. The dam will flood 4,000 square kilometres of land. You believe hydroelectricity is cheaper, cleaner, and safer than electricity generated from coal or nuclear power. The project will provide hundreds of new jobs and lower electricity costs.</p>	<p>Fisheries manager You've determined that fish stocks are very low. You believe a two-year moratorium will help the fishery by enhancing fish stocks and maintaining their genetic diversity. An environmental accident, however, could harm this year's hatch and have serious consequences on the fishery.</p>

<p>Chief of the Blue River First Nation Your band members make a living by trapping and guiding anglers on Silver Lake. They also rely on local fish for food. The new dam will flood trap lines and fishing areas near your village.</p>	<p>Mayor of major coastal city Department of Fisheries and Oceans officers have warned you that bacterial counts from sewage discharged from your city into the ocean exceed legal limits. You believe local residents will oppose a tax hike to upgrade treatment facilities.</p>	<p>Mussel fisher You're disturbed by periodic closures of the mussel fishery because of bacterial contamination from sewage. You're also worried about excessive siltation, which covers shellfish beds in Grassy Salt-marsh.</p>
<p>Chairperson of Pine Ridge Forestry Association You represent logging companies that have cutting rights to timber in the Pine Ridge area, north of the mouth of the Blue River. Most companies practise clear-cutting, which they believe is a cost-effective way to harvest trees.</p>	<p>Small-scale commercial fisher Your family has fished in this area for generations. Fishing is part of the local culture. You're worried about declines in fish stocks. You think overfishing may be a problem, since you share the same stocks with fishers from a neighbouring country. Pollution might also be a factor.</p>	<p>President of BlueNorth Metals BlueNorth's mine has installed safeguards against air pollution but still discharges tailings (acid-producing wastes that remain after minerals are extracted from ores) into Deer Creek, a tributary of the Blue River.</p>
<p>Estuarine biologist You're concerned about the impact a large hydroelectric project upstream from the Blue River estuary could have on the biodiversity and ecological balance of Grassy Salt-marsh, which is located at the head of the estuary. This salt-marsh is a significant staging area for migrating shorebirds, which favour a particular species of crustacean found at this location.</p>	<p>Fish management representative of a neighbouring country You're concerned about declining fish stocks, which are shared between your country and its neighbour. You believe the sources of the problem are pollution and habitat degradation in the fish-spawning grounds of the Blue River estuary. But, the estuary lies within the jurisdiction of the other country.</p>	<p>Offshore oil developer You believe an area north of the Blue River estuary is an ideal site for an offshore oil rig development. It will boost local employment and attract business to the region. You admit that oil spills could result from blow-outs while drilling.</p>
<p>Member of Port City Chamber of Commerce You manage Oceanview Park, a harbour-front recreational site in Port City. Each year, you organize special exhibitions that draw about 50,000 tourists.</p>		

