

"Out of the Hands of Fishermen..."

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A fully illustrated, full color volume that will provide readers from high school to professional levels with an account of the development of ocean fisheries. Starting from early hominid hunter-gatherers, then Ocean-going Island and continent colonizers, onward into the Age of Exploration, when resource exploitation became nationalized, and the expansion onto the high seas began in earnest. In the recent two to three centuries, humans have changed the structures and support systems for all the world's aquatic resources, with devastating consequences to riparian, estuarine, and coastal fishing cultures. Ecological relationships and human roles within these are carefully illustrated to show their interdependencies.

The ultimate message is that humans must restructure their fisheries management around the idea that they are not the sole beneficiaries, nor the major consumers in the world ecosystem. Sustainability will be defined and reclaimed only by their rehabilitation of the hydrologic functions along with the full width and breadth of ecological functioning, or we will lose the battle.

The book's layout has been designed around the presentation of color photos, illustrations and maps in landscape mode, so as not to collapse the materials into unrecognizable formats. This softback, large-type edition was envisioned to serve a wide range of ages and reading needs, providing information for vested readers interested in the diversity and breadth of fisheries issues around the world. Examples of fisheries from every continent, and many island regions in all the oceans are the main source of historical insights. A few black-and-white images amongst the color images provide the rustic feel necessary for readers to get the true sense of the primitive state of most of the world's fisheries. An additional reference section is provided to highlight other readings that expand our text.

This is a book for and about people, people whose lives are being challenged for all the wrong reasons. Meanwhile those folks comfortably ensconced on the high inland watersheds are moving down into the coastal and floodplain environments, and their industries and activities continue to degrade natural habitats, and to remove options for sustainability. All this as natural climate change continues and other 'events' leave their marks. It is not fishermen who have 'extincted' their options, but an ever-growing denial by the larger and more reluctant shorebound cultures who pretend that 'stability' is possible, particularly that of aquatic ecosystems, despite Nature's historical patterns and surprises.

Out of Fishermen's Hands provides the insights into the how and why of the chaos that is rampant in today's fisheries, and as well provides a doorway to the next Chapters on SOLUTIONS, soon to follow.

You can download from the following weblink the Introductory materials, and the Table of Contents and example information of that available within the many maps and photos. <<http://sharpgary.org/Intro%26%20TableContents.pdf>>
As well there is information on how to order your copies.

Antigone Montgomery of the Union of US Commercial Fishermen funded the book's publication, and we hope that you find this work useful, and stimulating, as we all know that the many changes needed cannot be postponed much longer.

Happy Reading,

GDS, MB-Y, and JRMcG

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