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Low elevation stream valleys were often the first areas developed, and development has constrained the streams. The answer again is suggested to be a reconnection of the stream to its flood plain.

The final essay concluding Section Five is "So What's the Deal With Community – Based Salmon Restoration?" by Jay Nicholas, the principal author and leader of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. Nicholas admits that volunteerism alone will not be enough to solve the salmon problem in Oregon. Regulation alone will also be insufficient. Together however, volunteerism and regulation are greater than the sum of their parts, but all Oregonians must be personally, spiritually and economically committed to the challenge.

Oregon Salmon concludes with an Afterword by Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber entitled "The Oregon Ethic in a Global Context." Governor Kitzhaber appeals to evolution and the place of man in the chain of life when he charges us all to step up and fulfill our preservation and restoration obligations to future generations.

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JEFFERY ROTHFEDER, EVERY DROP FOR SALE: OUR DESPERATE BATTLE OVER WATER IN A WORLD ABOUT TO RUN OUT, Penguin Putman Inc., New York, N.Y. (2001); 205pp; \$24.95; ISBN 1-58542-114-6, hardcover.

Water is the one thing on earth that nearly all living creatures cannot survive without. However, as population increases and more developing countries emerge, water is becoming scarce in many parts of the world. In *Every Drop For Sale*, Jeffery Rothfeder addresses the issue of the growing scarcity of water, and the need for all countries of the world to make significant changes in the way they consume water. Population increases occurring in many areas of the world will make providing clean water to all people extremely difficult. Rothfeder believes that water is becoming the oil of the twenty-first century. The value of water has become so significant that conflict and war have already broken out in countries where there is not enough clean water for people to drink. *Every Drop For Sale* offers an informative look into the impending crisis, and offers the reader a basis to begin thinking about how they may support positive change.

In Chapter One, Rothfeder focuses on dams and their impact on water throughout the world. Although dams are created to control water and create power, they can create devastating problems.

In Chapter Two, Rothfeder tells a story of a trip into the desert where a project is planned to extract water to supply Southern California. Rothfeder finds it ironic that in their scramble to find a future water supply, California is resorting to locations in the desert.

Chapter Three focuses on the implication of considering water a right compared to a need. If water is a "right," then all governments

have the responsibility to ensure that every citizen has access to clean water. Rothfeder gives examples of current situations where tension exists between countries over water. The examples illustrate a growing concern that without a universal right, people will go to war over water.

Chapter Four describes the growing trend of private companies taking over water supplies in developing nations. Privatization of water carries both supporters and dissenters. Rothfeder develops both sides of the argument, and shows the struggles that each side has in the face of a diminishing water supply.

In Chapter Five, Rothfeder introduces a new trend of shipping water by bag to areas of the world in need. Shipping water allows desperate areas to be supplied with water, however conflicts are now arising regarding the sources of the shipped water.

Chapter Six touches upon some of the environmental concerns surrounding the water dilemma. Specifically, Rothfeder focuses on the detrimental impact development and growth has had on Florida's water supply, and the damage done to Florida's Everglades. Efforts are now being made to correct the problems caused by past development, however new projects will continue to present difficulties. To illustrate, Rothfeder describes impending problems caused by the Three Gorges Dam in China, which is currently under construction. This chapter stresses the importance of correcting old problems and ensuring that mistakes are not repeated.

In Chapter Seven, Rothfeder goes deeper into the water conflict, and stresses that many of these conflicts involve actors on a local level. Rothfeder examines a local example of the effect dams have on salmon populations throughout the United States.

Chapter Eight reinforces the importance of water for all life on earth, and the need to research and work on the growing water problem. Rothfeder emphasizes that funds need to be used more efficiently on water projects in order to deal with the impending crisis.

Every Drop For Sale provides excellent insight and establishes an understandable guide to water issues involving the entire world. Rothfeder not only explains the problems, but also poses possible solutions, leaving the reader feeling as though corrections can be made to avoid a worldwide crisis.

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PAUL F. SCODARI, WETLANDS PROTECTION: THE ROLE OF ECONOMICS,
Environmental Law Institute, Washington, D.C. (1990); 89pp.;
\$28.00; ISBN 0-911937-32-3, soft cover.

One problem environmental policy makers routinely face is how to protect wetlands from being exploited by unwise development. Even though their value is widely recognized, wetlands continue to be lost at alarming rates to agriculture, urban development and other