

Estuary Manager

You own a motorboat in the St. Louis River estuary. You think it is best to:

- A.) Have fun on your boat. Sometimes this means breaking rules and going faster than the limits. People speed in their cars all the time, why is this any different?
- B.) Respect the laws made by the government. You aren't sure why you have to move slowly through the estuary, but the rules are made for a reason.

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You are changing the oil on your car. Which way do you decide to dispose of the oil?

- A.) Flush it down the toilet.
- B.) Dump it into the storm sewer.
- C.) Bring it to the recycling center.
- D.) Throw it away in a garbage can.

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Your friend owns property along the St. Louis River estuary. He wants your help to build a dock. You encourage him to:

- A.) Contact the city to see if they need a permit.
- B.) Start building right away to ensure he has time to finish before there is ice on the estuary.
- C.) Build now, ask later, no one will probably notice anyways.

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You are planning a fishing trip with your friend this weekend and you hear on the news that fishing regulations are updated. You decide to:

- A.) Leave it to your friend to look up the new regulations. She is normally pretty organized.
- B.) Look up the new regulations yourself.
- C.) Skip looking up the regulations. How much could they have changed? And besides, you probably won't get caught.

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Walleye season starts in May. You go fishing with four of your friends in April, before it is legal to keep walleye. After catching several walleye, your friends decide they are going to take their fish home to eat.

You choose to:

- A.) Also keep all of your fish to cook.
- B.) Try to convince them of the importance of the regulations so that they release their fish according to regulations.
- C.) Decide to let them make their own decisions, but you are going to release your fish.

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You just inherited property along the St. Louis River. There is an area full of trees and shrubs that you would like to bulldoze so you can build a house. What do you decide?

- A.) You find another place to build further away from the river and build a walking path.
- B.) You build by the river to have a great view.

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You are a city council member voting on how to use a section of wetland along the St. Louis River estuary. Upon thinking about the consequences of the vote you decide to vote that the section of land:

- A.) Is drained to build a hotel for the booming tourism industry.
- B.) Is dredged so ships can come further up the river to allow the shipping industry to flourish.
- C.) Is set aside as a nature reserve.

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You are a local farmer who needs more space for your goats which have just had babies.

You think your best option is to:

- A.) Expand your goat pen towards the water where there is space.
- B.) Sell your goats to another farmer; you don't really have space for the goats anyways.

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You are carrying groceries into your home when a strong wind blows your receipt out of the bag. What action do you choose to take?

- A.) You leave the receipt; you will pick it up later if you are able to find it.
- B.) You put the bags of groceries down and chase after the receipt.

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While at a friend's house, you finish the last can in a six pack of soda with plastic soda rings along the neck of the cans. Upon taking the last can you:

- A.) Put the plastic soda ring holder into the garbage.
- B.) Break all of the plastic rings before putting it into the recycling.
- C.) Leave the plastic soda ring holder on the counter. It is your friend's house and they will decide how to dispose of it.

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You are a city developer who needs to build 300 new homes and a shopping center. When you learn that a portion of the land you have is wetlands, you decide to:

- A.) Drain the entire wetland to build a mall. This area does not have enough stores, you will be doing the town a favor.
- B.) Write a grant application to save the wetland and purchase additional land to build.
- C.) Drain part of the wetland to use for a neighborhood. It is valuable land, so it would be silly to not use any of it.

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You are a homeowner and it has been a very dry, warm summer. The grass in your yard is drying out and dying. You decide the best option is:

- A.) Leave your grass alone. Maybe next year there will be more rain for your lawn.
- B.) Water your grass with a sprinkler, maybe then it will be rejuvenated.
- C.) Fertilize your grass and regularly use your sprinkler so it stays nice and healthy.
- D.) Install a rain barrel that collects rainfall from your roof. You can use this water to keep your lawn green.

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You and two friends are reminiscing about your fishing trip from last summer. It was such a great time and the fish were so delicious! You wish you could go fishing now, but it is spawning season and state regulations say it is not permitted. You and your friends choose to:

- A.) Go fishing anyways. You won't keep more than two fish each.
- B.) Go fishing anyways. We will not keep any.
- C.) Skip fishing. It will be fishing season soon enough.

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You are a city planner designing roadway storm drains.
In your designs you:

- A.) Funnel the storm water into holding ponds with lots of plants to absorb runoff and chemicals.
- B.) Funnel the storm water directly into the lake so no one has to see the dirty ponds it forms when it builds up.
- C.) Funnel the storm water to an underground holding pond. It will not bother anyone there.

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Your school is holding a “Beach Sweep” event to collect debris in the watershed. You choose to:

- A.) Try to get as many of your friends as you can to go to the “Beach Sweep” with you. It will be fun!
- B.) Skip it this year. You think you might be busy that day.
- C.) Stay home. Picking up garbage doesn’t really interest you.

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You own a factory located along the St. Louis River estuary.

You have been told that if you reduce your emissions the water in the area will be cleaner. It will cost a lot of money upfront, but you are likely to save money after the first eight years of implementing the new plan. You conclude that the best choice is:

- A.) Continue your practices you are already doing. You want to keep profits high right now.
- B.) Implement the new plan and educate employees on the benefits.

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You are a homeowner who has lived in your house for the last ten years. Your home is located outside of the Duluth city limits so you have a septic tank in which your waste water gets deposited. Your septic tank has not been pumped out since you moved in. You decide you will:

- A.) Set aside funds to get your septic pumped so the estuary does not get polluted.
- B.) Wait until next summer to get it pumped. What’s the rush anyways?

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You are a commercial fisherman who has been fishing in the Duluth/Superior area for your entire life. While at work you believe:

- A.) It is best to go out at the end of each day and check your nets and collect all the fish that have been caught so you can make as much profit as possible.
- B.) It is important to check your nets frequently and free the fish that will not be kept for sale to local food vendors.