From source to sea - the governance of water resources

Salmon leaping at Shrewsbury Weir on the River Severn, site of a new community owned hydro-electric generating station

New Course!

This is the latest course in our series of 'Commons Management & Governance' series of on-line short courses, focusing on different aspects of commons: their management, governance and sustainability. The course will be delivered by the Countryside and Community Research Institute at the University of Gloucestershire (UK), under the auspices of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC).

Start Date: Monday 6th November 2017

Finish Date: Friday 15th December 2017
[Note: delivery of the course is subject to a minimum of 10 participants registered]

Cost:
Non-member of the IASC: £100   Member of the IASC: £60

'Source to sea – the governance of water resources' focuses on the management, governance and sustainability of surface and ground waters. Water is essential to life but in many parts of the world, access and use are becoming more restrictive through appropriation of water rights. Surface and ground waters provide a wide range of ecosystem services including provision of drinking water, food, irrigation, navigation, energy, recreation, and biodiversity. Water users are often in conflict, and as populations increase, so do the pressures for both state control and privatization throughout the stages of the hydrological cycle.

This course will examine the role water plays in society in its journey from the source of rivers to the sea. The aim is to increase understanding of a range of problems currently experienced along the way, including pollution, flood, drought, and water shortage. It will then examine different legal regimes controlling access, use, and water rights. Ostrom's institutional analysis and development framework will be applied to the notion of integrated watershed management as a means of exploring the potential to improve water governance.

Severn Estuary below Oldbury Nuclear Power Station, UK

Learning Objectives

- Examine the characteristics of water resources under different property regimes
- Explore the potential for river basin management through the lens of commons theory
- Enhance understanding of ground and surface water management
- Raise awareness of governance options for managing competing uses of water

Who will benefit from taking this course?

The course is targeted at those wanting to learn more about the management and governance of water as a common pool resource. It will be of interest to practitioners involved in supporting community water management and development, policy makers involved in designing programmes or initiatives for water management, as well as a wide range of those involved in, or wanting to learn about, the basics of taking action to protect water rights.

Delivery

The course will be delivered through distance-learning approaches making use of video and audio materials, readings, on-line activities, and group discussion forums, enabling participants to learn from one another as well as from the tutors. Those completing the course will receive a Certificate of Completion from the University of Gloucestershire.

For more information and to register

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Or follow the link to the CCRI website at:
http://www.ccri.ac.uk/from-source-to-sea-the-governance-of-water-resources/

Registration and payment can be made at the University of Gloucestershire online store via the link below:
https://tinyurl.com/ybuwuvpw