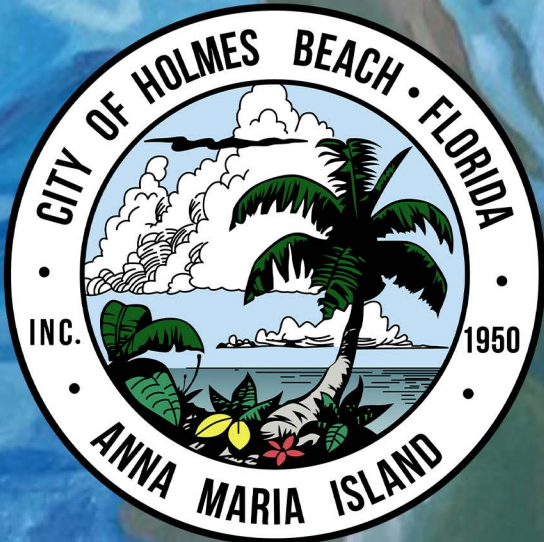


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2024

with artwork by Jean Blackburn



Islanders 4 Clean Water

CLEAN WATER STARTS WITH US!

Keeping our waterways clean and safe is essential for the sustainability of our local ecosystem. Islanders 4 Clean Water is a campaign to bring attention to issues that contribute to the quality of our waters. From conserving fresh water, to reducing the usage of single use plastics, to challenging a friend, there is always something that you can do to help. Each month highlights simple actions each person can take to reduce their impact on our local waters.

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Jean was born and grew up on Anna Maria Island, Florida. She received a BA Degree from the University of Florida, an AS degree in Biological Parks Technology from State College of FL, Gainesville and an MFA from the University of Oregon where she was awarded a two year graduate teaching fellowship. She taught fine arts at State College of Florida, Manatee, Ringling College of Art and Design and New College of Florida. She has completed a masters workshop at the Canadian School of Non-toxic Printmaking in Alberta and at The Edinburgh Institute of Printmaking in Scotland. She was certified by the University of Florida as a Master Gardener and Master Naturalist and served on governing boards of Sarasota's Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Council, Sea to Shore Alliance, and The Friends of Myakka River State Park. Her early adult years were spent sailing and painting throughout the Caribbean, Bahamas, and Central America. A small farm in Old Myakka and a cottage on Longboat Key is where she now gardens, paints, and lives with her family.

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“For the birds and the bees
AND THE
BEAUTIFUL SEAS
I planted a tree.”

Native plants don’t
need intense
fertilizing.

Native plants don’t
need pesticides.

Native plants help
you use less water.

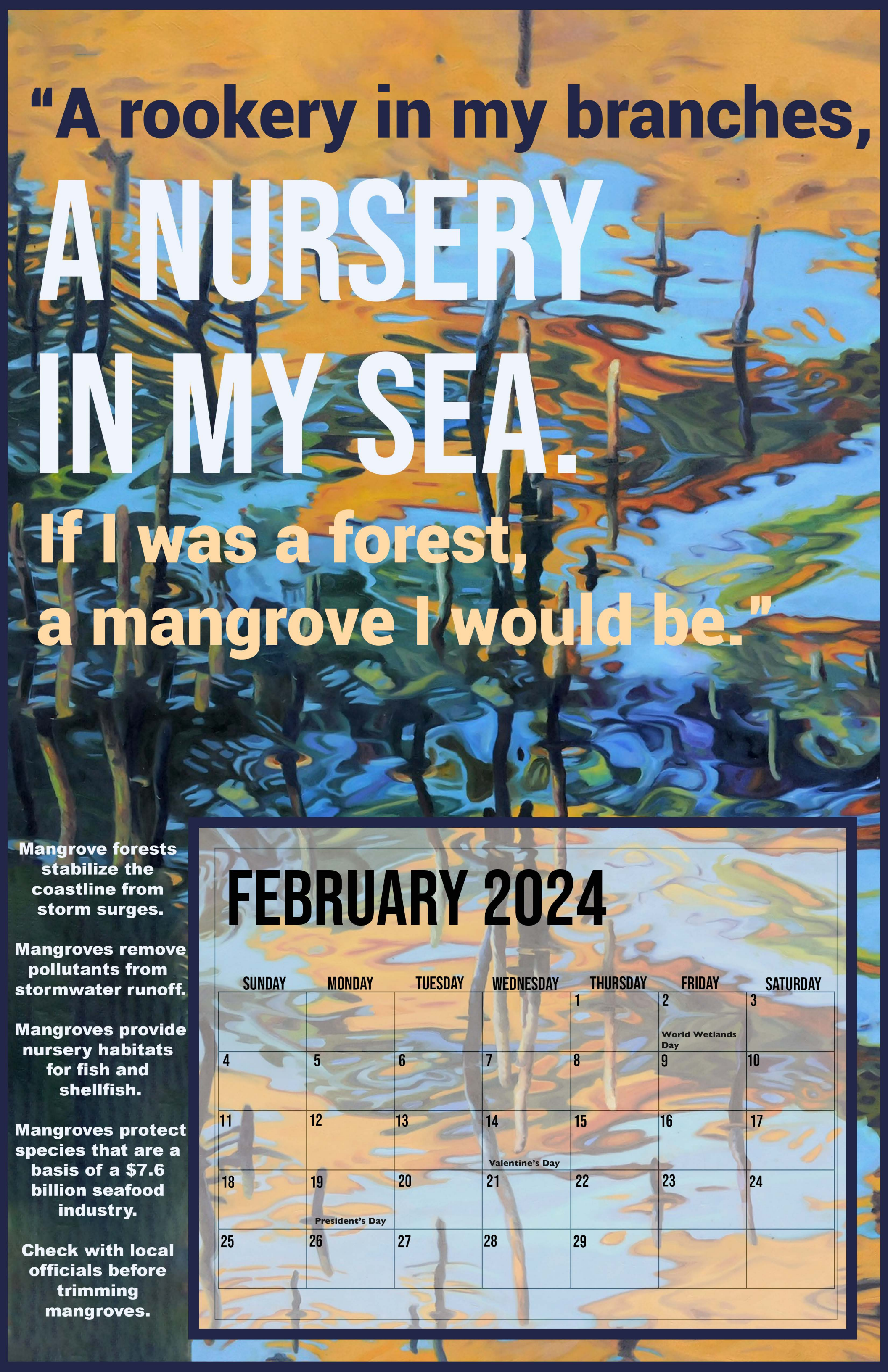
Native plant
landscapes don’t
create air
pollution.

Native plants
support pollinators
and other wildlife.

Native plants
promote local
biodiversity and
stewardship of our
natural heritage.

JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 National Bird Day	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	MLK Day				Florida Arbor Day	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



**“A rookery in my branches,
A NURSERY
IN MY SEA.**

**If I was a forest,
a mangrove I would be.”**

- Mangrove forests stabilize the coastline from storm surges.**
- Mangroves remove pollutants from stormwater runoff.**
- Mangroves provide nursery habitats for fish and shellfish.**
- Mangroves protect species that are a basis of a \$7.6 billion seafood industry.**
- Check with local officials before trimming mangroves.**

FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 World Wetlands Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19 President's Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

“Undersea grasses,
**A FOOD SOURCE
IN BAYS,**
stabilize the sediments
and the impact from waves.”

Seagrasses provide micro-habitats that would not otherwise exist.

20% of the world’s largest fisheries depend on seagrass.

Seagrasses improve water clarity.

Seagrass captures and stores carbon.

Seagrasses help protect shorelines.

Seagrass is a nature-based solution to climate change.

MARCH 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 World Wildlife Day	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 International Day of Action for Rivers	15	16
17	18 Global Recycling Day	19	20	21 International Day of Forests	22 World Water Day	23
24	25	26	27 Manatee Appreciation Day	28	29	30

“I no longer buy plastics
I don't really need.
I REDUCE MARINE LITTER
from the source
to the sea.”

Reduce your use of
single use plastics.

Support legislation
to curb plastic
production and
waste.

Recycle properly.

Participate in
beach or river
cleanups.

Avoid products
containing
microbeads.

Support groups
and organizations
addressing plastic
pollution.

APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30			National Arbor Day	

“Receding tides,
EXPOSING THE
PLIGHT,
blades of grass are
vanishing from
sight.”

Don't throw litter
from boats.

Be careful of
erosion and
vegetation
damage from
launching your
boat.

Sewage from
boats should not
be allowed to
enter waterways.

Use safe
biodegradable
soap, detergent,
and other
cleaning products.

Avoid seagrass
meadows by
boating in marked
channels.

MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 World Migratory Bird Day
12	13	14	15	16	17 National Endangered Species Day	18
19	20 World Bee Day	21	22 International Day For Biological Diversity	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

“Regardless of where,
REGARDLESS
OF WHY,
mankind continues to feed
the red tide.”

Scoop the poop!
Pick up your pet’s
waste.

Wash your car over
grass or gravel, not
on the street. An
even better option
is the car wash.

Make your yard
more ocean
friendly.

Go organic. Stop
using chemical
fertilizers and
pesticides.

Plant native and
climate-
appropriate
plants.

Direct gutters into
your landscaping.

JUNE 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 National Trails Day
2	3	4	5 World Environment Day	6	7	8 World Ocean Day
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Global Wind Day
16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29/30

“What the world needs
IS A CHANGE
IN MAN,
to no longer be
a garbage can.”

- Bring your own bag to the beach.
- Carry a reusable water bottle.
- Consider reusable straws.
- Avoid heavily packaged foods.
- Use no bag or a fabric bag for groceries.
- Organize and participate in local beach cleanups.

JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Clean Beaches Week			Independence Day		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

“The algae filled waters of
OUR LITTLE
SOUND
rely on mankind
so they can rebound.”

- Be Floridian-fertilize responsibly.
- Pick up pet waste and reduce poo-lution.
- Keep leaves and grass clippings on the lawn. Don’t blow them in the street.
- Direct downspouts into plant beds rather than down the driveway.
- Plant trees and other native plants.
- Use a commercial car wash rather than washing at home.

AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

“Effective retention is the
ONLY SOLUTION,
stormwater
runoff carries pollution.”

Disconnect/
redirect
downspouts.

Use a rain barrel to
capture rain from
your roof.

Plant a rain garden.

Plant trees.

Reduce impervious
surfaces; install
permeable
pavement.

Plant a green roof.

SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Preservation of the Ozone Layer Day	17	18	19	20	21 International Day of Peace Zero Emissions Day
22 World Car Free Day	23	24	25	26	27	28 National Public Lands Day
29	30					

"As the river
FILLS THE SOUL,
it's essence of life is
for all to behold."

- Check your toilet and faucets for leaks.
- Take shorter showers.
- Turn off water while brushing teeth and shaving.
- Use dishwasher and washing machine for full loads only.
- Water your lawn only when it needs its.

OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1		

“Only humans make a waste

MOTHER NATURE

can't erase.”

- Never pour anything down storm drains.
- Never flush medications down the toilet.
- Stay away from stain-resistant carpets and upholstery.
- Don't use water-proofing sprays.
- Avoid nonstick cookware. Instead use cast-iron, stainless steel, glass or enamel products.
- Boycott takeout containers and other food packaging.

NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15 America Recycles Day	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

“BEFORE YOU GO,
EARTH’S FINAL PLEA,
LEAVE NO TRACE
in my beautiful
seas.”

Reduce plastic consumption and pack out your trash.

Learn where restrooms are located ahead of time.

Stick to designated fire rings/grills.

Stay on designated trails to and from the beach.

View wildlife from a distance.

Sometimes you have to pick up other people’s trash.

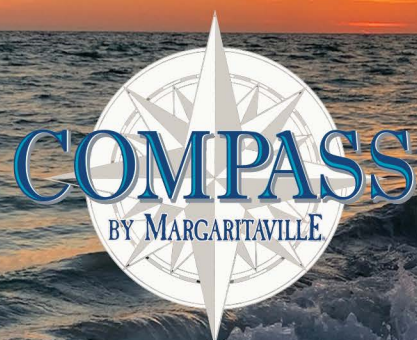
DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 World Soil Day	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31				



“There is nothing more important than clean coastal waters and estuaries. Our local waters not only provide us with our livelihood, they put food on our table, and are central to our very way of life. Generations of our family have lived, worked, and thrived on these waters. It is our responsibility to protect the resource that has given us so much.”
- Captain Logan Bystrom

“WATER QUALITY IS ESSENTIAL FOR A SUSTAINABLE FISHERY, HEALTHY ESTUARIES AND OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE. LET’S COME TOGETHER TO PROTECT WHAT WE LOVE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.”
-CAPTAIN JUSTIN MOORE



“Help keep our waters clean so we all can keep living the dream.”- Tanner Enoch



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“Excellence is our standard not our goal”

“Our little Island needs us more than ever to support this environmentally sustainable campaign to help preserve the natural beauty of the land and ecosystem. The list of simple changes is long but manageable. Consistency breeds progress. Make just one change, remain consistent with it, and you’ve made a difference. Get informed and act today.”
- Nathan Bowes



IN ESSENCE, CLEAN WATER IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF ANNA MARIA ISLAND, SUSTAINING ITS ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, AND THE WELL-BEING OF ITS RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.



“OUR WATERS’ FATE IS WITHIN OUR CONTROL. WE MUST REDUCE POLLUTION AND OVER DEVELOPMENT TO PRESERVE THESE VITAL ECOSYSTEMS.” - CAPTAIN BEN WEBB

“Acknowledge the problem. Embrace the solution. Act.”

-Steve Titsworth



“Preserving our waters is not just an environmental imperative; it's a lifeline for sustainable fishing. Healthy aquatic ecosystems are the foundation of fish stocks, providing sustenance for communities worldwide. By safeguarding our oceans, lakes, and rivers, we ensure an abundant harvest for today's fishermen and the future generations. It's a shared responsibility to balance our passion for fishing with a commitment to conservation.”



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