

# INTERFAITH OCEANS ACTION PLEDGE

## WE HOPE FOR

*Beautiful, stable, diverse oceans  
and coastal communities for  
generations to come*

## ACTION PLEDGE

I / We \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of individual or community) care  
about our Creator, the oceans, the marine  
species, and vulnerable people suffering  
from ocean destruction.  
(For a menu of joint actions and resources:  
[www.interfaithoceans.org](http://www.interfaithoceans.org))

## I/WE COMMIT

1. To survey energy use and products, and work to conserve and change to alternatives to reduce fossil-fuel pollution in the ocean and atmosphere.
2. To advocate to local, state, and national representatives to ask for action on issues like reducing fossil fuels, supporting alternative energies, saving and replanting forests, establishing fishing limits and marine sanctuaries, and banning plastic bags; particularly in coastal states, to speak out against oil and gas drilling on the continental shelf and in marine protected areas.
3. To buy only sustainably caught seafood (see <http://www.seafoodwatch.org/> and the Seafood Watch app).
4. To work to stop using single-use plastic items and bags, and recycle all recyclable plastics.
5. To help with the cleanup of an ocean or river beach, with an ocean restoration project, or with a reforestation effort with others as often as is feasible.
6. To visit the ocean, an ocean aquarium, or a river flowing to the sea to consider the gifts in joy, gratitude, and prayer; to ask at least three others to take this action pledge.

## I / WE AFFIRM

**The oceans are the Creator's,  
and all the life within them.  
We shall not destroy the oceans, nor  
despoil the life dependent upon them.**

**We must be humble, grateful, and in awe.  
We will work to protect, restore, and  
renew the face of the earth.**

## I / WE KNOW

**That all of life is interconnected, and all  
of life matters.**

That the oceans give us beauty, joy,  
recreation, food, moisture, medicines,  
marine life, and breath. They provide good  
for all.

As the oceans are being damaged, the  
poorest coastal residents and communities  
are suffering intensely as are our brother  
and sister species.

Our world has the resources, creativity,  
scientific and technological knowledge to act  
sustainably and justly, and with love.

People of faith and spirituality must work  
with people of science and conservation to  
lead the way.

Transforming our energy choices,  
products, processes, and personal habits  
will transform our lives, communities,  
economies, and future for the better.

Our children and their children, and all  
people, species, and generations to come  
will benefit as we make needed changes.



## I / WE VALUE

### All Peoples and All Species

We know all are important and require respect  
and care.

### Respect for Different Faiths

We recognize the highest callings in all faiths  
and spiritual paths, and our common goals  
that bring us together. Faith needs to inspire,  
challenge, guide, and give meaning to our  
choices.

### Respect for Science

We need science to inform us of the physical  
realities and interrelationships, and of the  
potential consequences of policies and  
personal actions.

### The Power of Local People

We know that local and indigenous people  
have solutions and power, and they must  
be part of all policies and actions that affect  
them.

### Inclusive Decision-Making

We make better decisions when we listen to  
diverse perspectives and backgrounds.

### Prayer

We believe that prayer helps move hearts,  
minds, and hands to do the needed work.



Signature

Date