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Dilemma Card

You are fishing at a secluded lake and have caught 2 fish during your first day at the lake. Now, on the second day, the fishing has been great, and you have caught 5 fish in the first hour, all of which are bigger than yesterday's fish. The law allows you to possess 12 fish. Would you:

- Continue to fish and keep all the fish?
- Dispose of the smaller fish you caught yesterday, and keep the big ones to stay within your limit?
- · Have fish for lunch?
- · Quit fishing and go for a hike?
- · Do something else?

Dilemma Card

You are a member of a country club that has recently voted to build a wildlife farm to raise animals for members to hunt. You are not a hunter, you think that hunting is okay only to do in the wild, and you are opposed to building the wildlife farm. Would you:

- · Stay in the club and do nothing?
- Stay in the club, and speak out strongly against the subject?
- Resign from the club?
- · Do something else?

Dilemma Card

Your class is on a field trip to the zoo. Although you know that feeding of animals by zoo visitors is prohibited, some of your friends are feeding marshmallows to the bears. Would you:

- Tell them that feeding marshmallows may harm the bears, and ask them to stop?
- Report their behavior to the nearest zoo keeper?
- Ask the teacher to ask them to stop?
- Do nothing?
- Do something else?

Dilemma Card

You are finally able to build your family's dream house. Because of rising construction costs, you realize that you cannot include all the features you had planned for. You must decide which one of the following you will include:

- · solar heating,
- recreation room with fireplace,
- · hot tub and sauna,
- · greenhouse, or
- · something else.

Dilemma Card

You are an influential member of the community. On your way home from work, you are stopped by a police officer and cited for having excessive auto emissions. Would you:

- Use your influence to have the ticket invalidated?
- · Sell the car to some unsuspecting person?
- Work to change the law?
- Get your car fixed and pay the ticket?
- Do something else?

Dilemma Card

You are on a picnic with your family and you see members of another family leaving to go home without picking up their trash. It is clear the other family is going to leave litter all around. Would you:

- Move quickly, and ask them to pick up their trash before they leave?
- Wait for them to leave, and pick up the trash for them?
- Do nothing?
- Do something else?

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Dilemma Card

You are walking in the woods and come upon a young fawn. There is no sign of the fawn's mother. Would you:

- · Leave the fawn where it is?
- · Move the fawn to a sheltered area?
- · Take the fawn home?
- · Do something else?

Dilemma Card

You have found a young screech owl and raised it to maturity. You have been told that you cannot keep the owl any longer because keeping it without the proper permit violates state and federal laws. Would you:

- Offer it to your local zoo?
- Keep it as a pet?
- Call members of the local fish and wildlife agency and ask their advice?
- Determine whether it could survive in the wild; if it appears the owl could, release it in a suitable area?
- Do something else?

Dilemma Card

You are president of a large corporation. You are very interested in pollution control and have had a task force assigned to study the pollution your plant is creating. The task force reports that you are barely within the legal requirements. The plant is polluting the community. To add the necessary equipment to reduce pollution would cost so much that you would have to fire 50 employees. Would you:

- Add the equipment, and fire the employees?
- Not add the equipment?
- Wait a few years to see if the cost of the equipment will drop?
- Hire an engineering firm to provide further recommendations?
- Do something else?

Dilemma Card

You love children and would like to have a large family. You are aware, however, of the world's population projections for the future. Would you:

- Plan to have a large family anyway?
- · Decide not to have children?
- · Limit yourself to one or two children?
- · Do something else?

Dilemma Card

You are out in the woods with a friend when you spot a hawk perched on a high limb. Before you realize what is happening, your friend shoots the hawk. An hour later, you are leaving the woods and are approached by a state wildlife officer who tells you a hawk has been illegally shot and asks if you know anything about it. Would you:

- Deny any knowledge of the incident?
- · Admit your friend did it?
- Make up a story implicating someone else?
- Say nothing, but call the fish and wildlife officer later with an anonymous phone tip?
- Do something else?

Dilemma Card

You have purchased a beautiful 10-acre property in the mountains to build a summer home. One hillside of the property has a beautiful view of the valley and lake below and is your choice for your home site. However, you discover an active bald eagle has a nest site on that hillside. The bald eagle is sensitive to disturbance around its nest tree and is a protected species. Bald eagles are highly selective in choosing nest sites and usually return to the same nest year after year. Would you:

- Select a different site on the property to build your home?
- Sell the property?
- · Chop down the tree and build your home?
- · Do something else?

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Dilemma Card

A deer herd has grown so large during the past 10 years that many of the deer appear to be starving. The herd is severely damaging the habitat, eliminating much of the vegetation that the animals use for food or shelter. There is a disagreement within your community as to what course of action is best to take. You personally are opposed to hunting. A limited legal hunt has been proposed to reduce the size of the herd in this area. Would you:

- Investigate and consider the situation to see what, in your judgment, seems the most humane and reasonable solution, including the feasibility of options such as moving some deer to other areas, even though you understand that they still may not survive?
- Attempt to identify the causes of this population increase and propose action to return the system to a balance?
- Allow the habitat degradation to continue and the deer to starve?
- Leave it to the state wildlife agency to work with the landholder to arrive at a solution?
- Do something else?

Dilemma Card

Your family owns a 500-acre farm. A tributary to a high-quality fishing stream runs along the boundary of your property. The nitrogen- and phosphorous-based fertilizer that your family uses to increase crop production is carried into the stream by rain run-off. This type of fertilizer is increasing algae growth and adversely affecting the fish population in both the tributary and the main stream. Your farm production is your sole source of income, but your family has always enjoyed fishing and doesn't want to lose the fish from the streams. Would you:

- Change fertilizers even though it may reduce crop yield?
- Allow a portion of your land along the stream to grow wild, thus establishing a buffer zone (riparian area)?
- Investigate the possibility of gaining a tax exemption for the land you allowed for a buffer zone?
- · Do nothing?
- Do something else?
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Dilemma Card

You are a homeowner in an area directly above a city. Local government officials have proposed diverting a small stream from the property of several homeowners above the city, including yours, to power a hydro-electric system that will benefit the entire city. As a homeowner, you are concerned with losing the aesthetic values of this stream from your property. You also are concerned about the effect the removal of this stream will have on the fish and aquatic habitat. Another concern is that your property may lose some of its value for resale. You realize that your city needs to supply electric power to all its citizens as cost-effectively as possible. Would you:

- Hire a lawyer and prepare to sue the city for loss of property value?
- Form a coalition of homeowners to meet with city planners and explore possible alternatives?
- Sell your property before the project is begun?
- Decide the needs of the city are more important than either the consequences to you personally or the ecological costs?
- · Do something else?

Dilemma Card

You are a farmer. You have been studying and hearing about farming practices such as leaving edge areas for wildlife, no-till farming, and organic pest control. Although these practices may improve your long-term benefits, they may reduce your short-term profits. You are already having trouble paying your taxes and keeping up with expenses. Would you:

- · Sell the farm?
- Keep studying farming practices but make no changes for now?
- Try a few methods on some of your acreage, and compare the results with other similar areas on your land?
- Do something else?