

A 25 Year Retrospective of the Public Trust Doctrine

Evolving Applications of an Ancient Law (and a suggestion or two)

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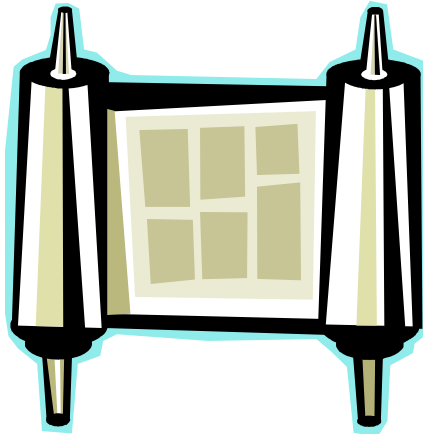
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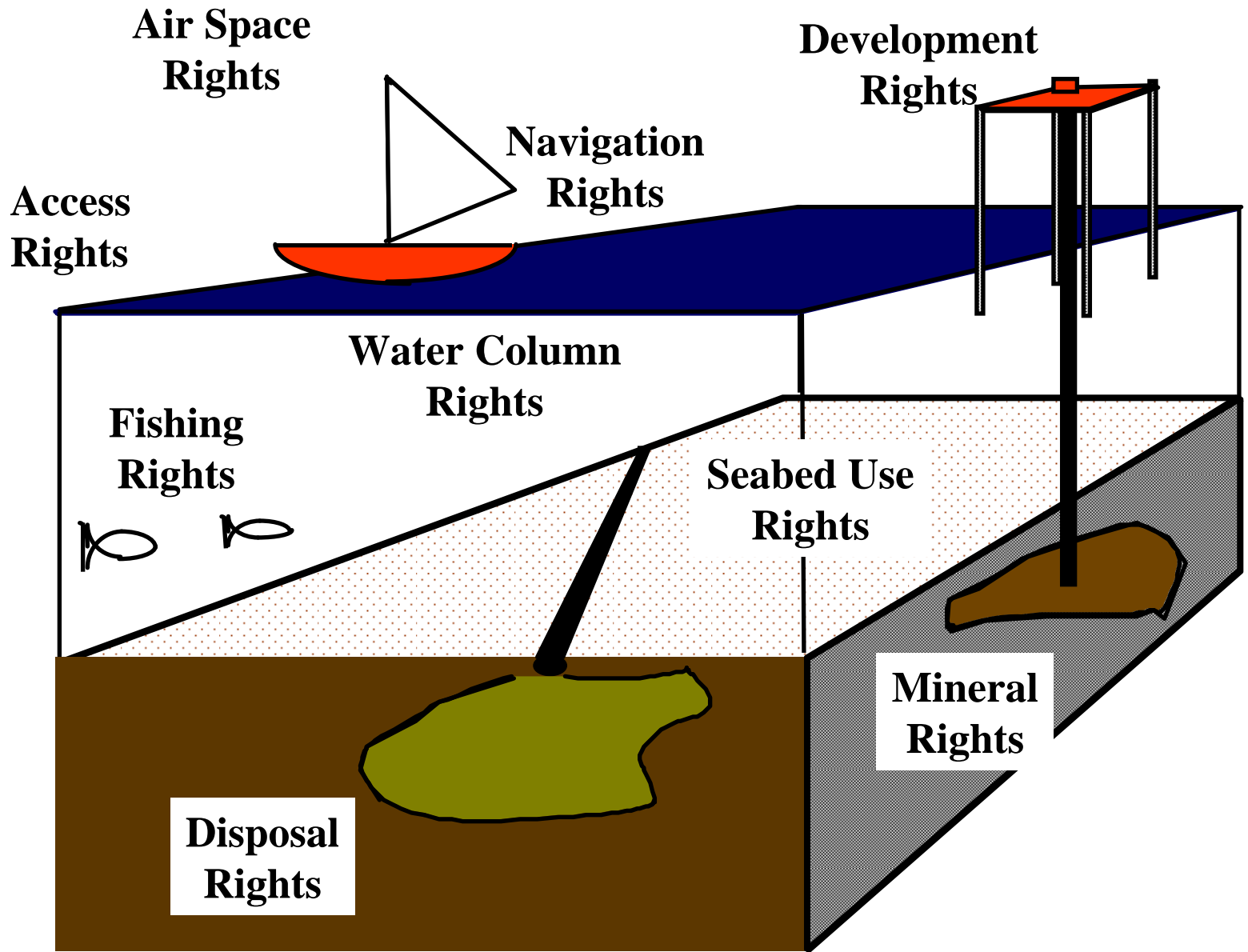
An Ancient Doctrine



The Challenges

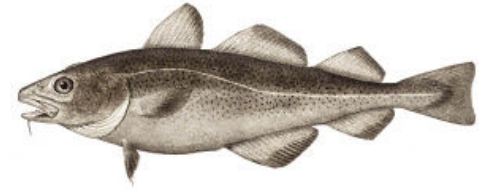


1790	1880	1960	1980	This week	2030
4 million	50 million	179 million	226 million	300 million	364 million (projected)



Nichols, S., It's Our Ocean: How Well Will We Govern It? Presented at the Offshore Issues Consultation Workshop. Viewed at <http://gge.unb.ca/Research/OceanGov/documents/LUNCH.PPT> (July 28, 2003).

The Opportunities



- Acquire real estate (they're not making it anymore)
- Look Beyond the Doctrine (CWA, comprehensive law)
- Look beyond law (consider management principles)

Decisions



- The courts have made quite a few
- The trustees must make even more
- The analysts and NGOs need to help