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2015-11 AFS 101/103 Food from the Oceans: New England

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LIBRARY IMPACT STATEMENT (New Course Proposal)
LIBRARIAN'S ASSESSMENT

Subject selectors will complete this form as requested, assessing library materials and collections as detailed below. Send one copy of the assessment to the faculty member who requested it. Send one copy of the assessment to the Collection Management Officer.

Program: AFS 101 and 103

Department, College: Fisheries, Animal and Veterinary Sciences. CELS

Faculty Members: Professors Austin Humphries & Michael Rice

Date returned to Faculty: November 30, 2015

Librarian Completing Assessment: Michael Cerbo II

Collection Management Officer: Professor Joanna Burkhardt

This 4 credit introductory course is titled "Food from the Oceans: New England" and can be used as part of the General Education program. The course requires little research, basing student grades on two tests and one final comprehensive exam, lab work, class participation and homework assignments.

We are able to add whatever appropriate monographic needs may arise for the instructors. Our monographic holdings in oceanography, ecology, biology, and natural resource sciences are good and any additional materials can be ordered through the Library or garnered using Inter-Library Loan (ILL).

Access to journals in this field meets the needs of the course. Our online indexes and abstracts in ecology specifically and the sciences generally should more than meet the demands of this graduate course. In particular, access to reference databases such as Science Direct, Web of Science, Biology Abstracts (BIOSIS), Environment Abstracts and the more general Academic Search Complete are available. There are many online journals such as Fisheries Oceanography, Ecology, Nature, and Science which are also available online through the Library. We are unable to add any new journal titles except through a drop/add policy that requires the department to identify a journal title (of equal value) it would like to drop from its serials list to permit the addition of another. However, our current holdings in this field seem sufficient.

Therefore, the librarian believes that the Library can support, bibliographically, the needs of the students to be able to acquire the most out of this course.

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Fisheries, Animal and Veterinary Sciences Bibliographer
30 November 2015