

COMMON POOL RESOURCES

Worksheet 1

List two examples of a common pool resource from your everyday life. Complete the table below, using the first column as a basis, and see if the examples you chose really are common pool resources.

Example 1:

Example 2:

Basis: Fishpond game	Example 1:	Example 2:
Resource Fish population (fish in pond)		
Property rights Free access for everybody (the whole class is allowed to fish)		
Excludability Exclusion practically impossible (everybody is allowed to fish)		
Rivalry Rivalry exists (the more people who fish, the fewer fish are left for others)		
Negative externalities Fishing results in reduced yield for others (fish population is depleted)		
Effects of overuse Disappearance of fish population		