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The Institutional Obstacles to Use of Environmental Property Rights and Markets: A Fisheries Case Study

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Abstract

For several decades, economists and others have urged government regulators to implement property rights and market mechanisms to address environmental issues such as air and water pollution, and overfishing. This presentation will consider why the U.S. has been slow to introduce the instrument economists have prescribed for thirty years to stem the over-exploitation of coastal fisheries: individual fishing quotas. Wyman will emphasize the significance of the structure of regulatory institutions for influencing the rate at which property rights and markets are established as mechanisms for regulating use of environmental resources such as U.S. coastal fisheries. In doing so, she will draw on her research comparing the development of emissions trading and rights-based approaches to fisheries management in the U.S. and Canada.

Biography

Katrina Wyman is an Assistant Professor of Law at New York University School of Law. She joined the NYU faculty in 2002. She received her B.A., M.A. and LL.B. from the University of Toronto, and an LL.M. from Yale Law School. Before joining the NYU faculty she was a research fellow in environmental regulation at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. Her research interests include the factors that promote, and inhibit, the introduction of property rights and markets to address environmental degradation; the implications of governance structures for environmental regulation; and comparative environmental law.



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