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Editors' Foreword

On behalf of Hastings Environmental Law Journal (“HELJ”), we proudly present our Summer 2020 Issue. For the last twenty-six years, HELJ has diligently pursued environmental scholarship. In the past year, HELJ saw over 20,000 downloads of our scholarly work. We hope to continue this modern trend with the Summer 2020 issue, both in our scholarship and in the way we build community as a journal.

We continue our modern growth trend in our twenty-sixth year with the Summer 2020 Issue. The Issue touches upon a wide range of environmental topics from across the globe and beyond. Sophie Kaineg discusses the growing problem of space debris and the environmental impact it has. We are also pleased to publish a timely issue regarding high seas transshipment. This is an issue that plagues fisheries managers and effects our interconnected oceans. Professor Wold offers needed solutions and is working closely with the World Wildlife Fund and Mr. Cook on this important topic.

Lastly, we would like to thank our brilliant staff for assisting with this Issue. As the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, swept the globe, our journal banded together over email, virtual meetings, and online collaboration platforms to continue our mission of publishing environmental scholarship. It was not easy, but we are so proud of our entire team for the tremendous effort on behalf of the Journal and the resulting incredible work in the face of adversity. From our production editors and staff editors assisting with footnotes and technical editing, to our development team growing alumni engagement, to our acquisitions team working hard to procure articles; everyone played an integral part in the Summer 2020 Issue’s success. We are proud to graduate as UC Hastings Class of 2020 with our fellow board members. Further, we would like to thank our National Advisors and Faculty Advisors for assisting with journal needs and peer review and Tom McCarthy for his expertise in publishing. Thank you all for your hard work and diligence.

These times are unlike any that we have previously faced in modern history—not only as a journal—but as citizens of an increasingly globalized world, connected through a common human experience. The virus may have a tremendous impact on the environment, whether good or bad, or both, is presently unknown. However, of one thing we are certain: the sun will rise again tomorrow, and may the sky be that much clearer as to give perspective and inspiration.

We hope you enjoy the Summer 2020 issue as much as we do. Thank you.

Sarah Casey & Alex Sauerwein
Editors-in-Chief
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