

Chapter 2 Section 3 Notes

Values are principles or standards we consider important.

Values that Affect Environmental Decision Making:

- Environmental (*protecting natural resources*)
- Scientific (*understanding of the natural world*)
- Educational (*the accumulation, sharing of knowledge*)
- Recreational (*human leisure activities*)
- Ethical / Moral (*what is right or wrong*)
- Social / Cultural (*maintenance of human communities, their values, & their traditions*)

A **decision-making model** is a conceptual model that provides a systematic process for making decisions.

Step 1: Gather information (*includes watching news and talking to experts*)

Step 2: Consider values

Step 3: Explore consequences (*Listing positive and negative long- and short-term consequences can help you to weigh your values*)

ex) positive short term consequence of building a nature preserve might be a decrease in habitat destruction

Step 4: Make a Decision

Remember: You must gather information, consider values, and explore consequences **BEFORE** you can make a decision!