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**Environmental Decisions Chapter 2.3 Notes**

**Values and the Environment**

***SCIENTIFIC***  research is an essential first step in solving environmental problems.

•However, before research can begin, an ***EXAMINATION*** of values is usually needed.

***VALUES***  are principles or standards that an individual considers to be important.

•There are many values that affect environmental decision making.



**An Environmental Decision-Making Model**

•A ***DECISION-MAKING MODEL***  is a conceptual model that provides a systematic process for making decisions.

•Decision-making models can be used to help you make decisions about

***ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES*** which can be very difficult.



**A Decision-Making Model**

•The first step in the model is to ***GATHER INFORMATION*** This includes things such as watching news reports, and talking to experts.

•Second, consider which ***VALUES*** apply to the issue.

•Next, explore the ***CONSEQUENCES*** of each option.

•Finally, ***CONSIDER*** all of the information and make a decision.

**A Hypothetical Situation**

•The golden-cheeked warbler population is declining in Valley County.

