Marine Biology is a diverse discipline which incorporates information from many scientific fields, including biology, chemistry, physics, and geology. In fact, we have amassed so much information about marine biology that no one could ever be expected to learn (or remember) everything there is to know about it. And that's why one of the most important things that you can learn in this class is where to go to look for information when you don't have all the answers.

The purpose of this assignment is to help you discover what types of information about marine biology are available in the library and on the Internet, and where to go to find that information.

Answer the following questions:

1. What call numbers would you look under to find books about marine biology? Be as specific as possible.

2. Give the titles and call numbers of five books in the reference section that could be used to find information pertaining to marine biology or marine ecosystems (not including encyclopedias).

3. Give the names of five journals that our library subscribes to that publish articles related to marine biology. Put a star next to the one that you think is most important.

4. If you were given an assignment to research a specific topic in marine biology, how would you go about finding journal articles on your topic? There are several different resources you could use. List at least three.

5. Find six really good sites on the Internet for information about marine biology. Give the name and URL for each site and give a brief description of each page (e.g., who produced it, what information and resources does it offer? Why is it such a good site for marine biology?). Make sure the pages you choose are not part of the same site (i.e., the root of the URL must be different).

This assignment is due by class on Thursday, January 20th. You may turn it in on the r-drive (put it in the Assignment folder) or send it to me on e-mail.