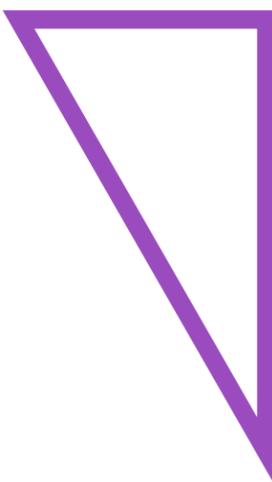




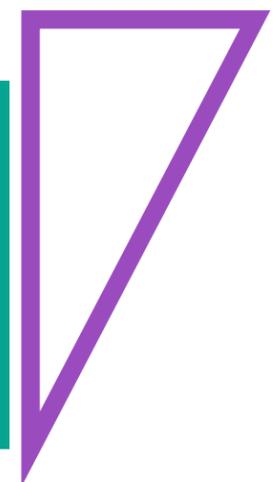
2015



DYSPENSABLE



CALENDAR





Under present social conditions many things that should be indispensable are treated as though they were inessential. This calendar portrays this preventable wreckage, illustrating an ongoing voyage into unsustainably stupid lifeways.

You won't find "dyspensable" in a dictionary. It's an invention combining the ancient Greek *δυσ*, meaning "hard, difficult, bad," and the Latin *pensare*, which conveys everything from weighing and measuring to considering and thinking (e.g. pensive). If you could find it in a dictionary, perhaps "dyspensable" should mean something like "considering unthinkable outcomes."

An observation penned by Wendell Berry has given rise to the saying:

We don't inherit the Earth from our fathers.
We borrow it from our children.

This insight suggests a sobering comparison between capital debts and the Earth debts owed to future generations. Capital debts are little more than numbers and documents recorded in ledgers and databases. They are symbolic and can be 'relaxed' and 'forgiven' via politics. By contrast the destructive debts being amassed towards future humans (and other species) are already effectively unrecoverable. And they are mounting. While they are construed as less newsworthy than economic near-defaults, the actual and ongoing failures in the sphere of ecology are far more troubling and ominous. The unaccounted environmental 'externalities' of capitalism are the real weapons of mass destruction.

Still there is no shortage of politicians advocating environmentally destructive policies for their short-term economic benefits. It's refreshing when this cynical sophistry fails. Fortunately as electoral advertising showers the public with crooked rhetoric like "clean coal," running against the environment is becoming a harder sell. Denialist candidates shoveling pro-business bullshit are abandoning reason. Because recognizing human-driven

Arwin Ray Deck



climate change would demand countermeasures, committed obstructionists become dogmatic enemies of scientific consensus. Other politicians – many themselves awash in lobbyist cash – continue to operate on this side of the Age of Reason. Governor Andrew Cuomo, for example, recently banned fracking in New York. Apart from the good sense of leaving hydrocarbons underground, the State's water ecosystems will face one less formidable threat. But make no mistake, it was the movement against fracking that made his decision possible. From documentaries like *Gasland*, to marches, editorials, petitions, municipal bans, protesters, and calling campaigns, the pressure on Cuomo was intense. The results suggest that the debt owed to future generations can be paid down. Together concerned citizens can stand up to the business and political "leaders" who are eating our children's lunch. But the time for resistance is now. As Bill McKibben has said of climate change activism: winning too slowly is the same as losing.

Thanks to many friends and family members (new and old) who have sent best wishes, congratulations, and gifts this year. Arwin Ray Deck – "friend of the people" – is now two and a half months old. He's a delightful little guy. Doesn't he deserve a world a little better than the one pictured in these pages?

Finally, if Picasso was correct in saying that great artists steal, then this calendar is sprinkled with greatness. Credit is due to three students – Emmanuel Okoye (cactus), Angelo Santaniello (crab), and Angela Kim (fish) – who contributed.





JANUARY

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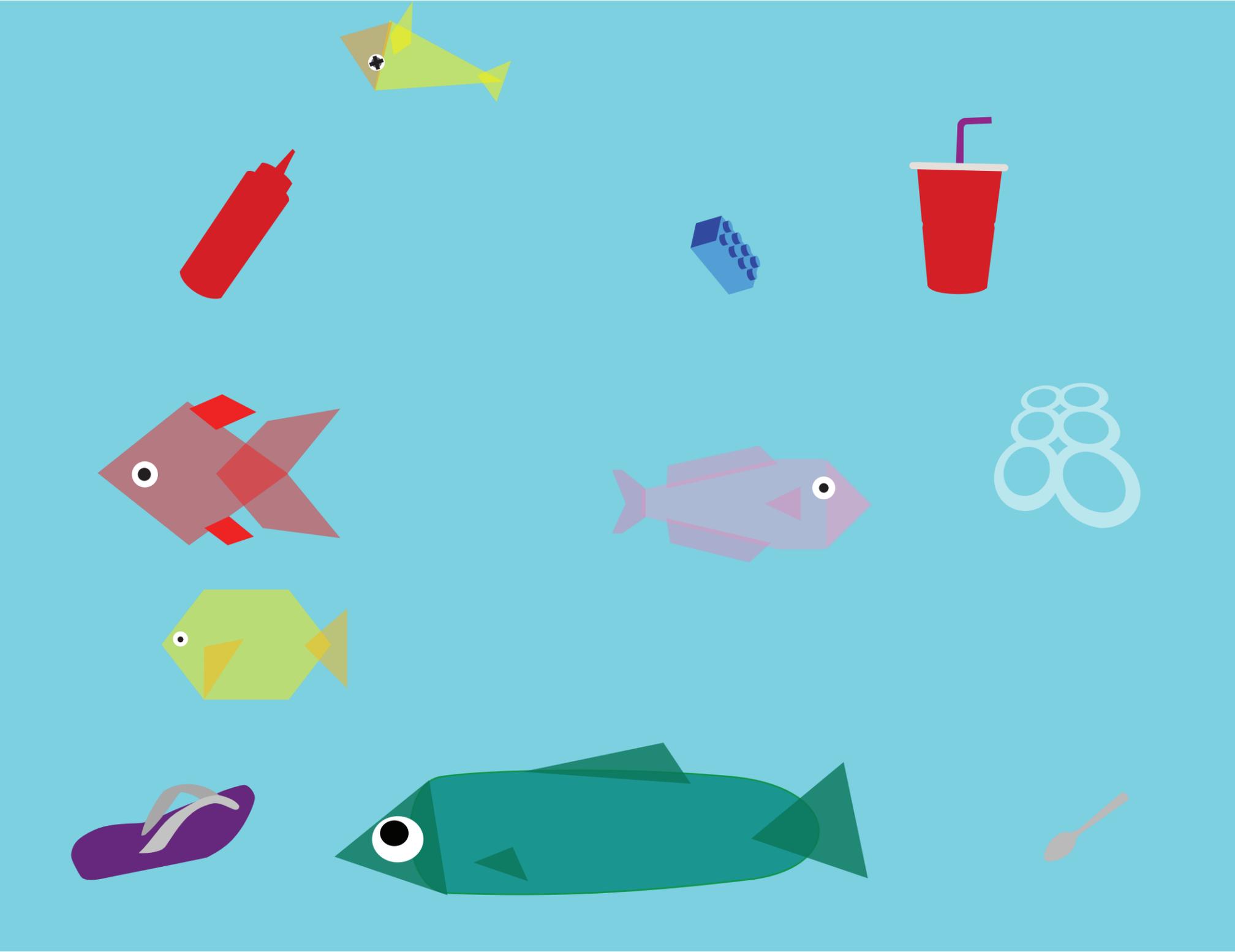
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