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On Water

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Few people realize that the oceans currently provide 50-80% (NOAA) of the oxygen in our air. This comes from photosynthesis (e.g. cyanobacteria). The oceans are not healthy and their ability to produce oxygen has gone down due to dead zones. Dead zones (hypoxic) in the oceans have increased four-fold since the 1950s and 10-fold in coastal waterbodies. Dead zones are created from anthropogenic (human) activity such as sewage, fertilizers, industrial chemicals and plastics. Billions of people rely on food from the oceans, however, no food comes from the dead zones. Many fish species are at their lowest levels ever. Sustainability sounds good but rarely is effectual. To save our planet we need to save our oceans and other water sources. The Climate Change emphasis on reducing carbon is a red herring. Even John Kerry (Jan. 27, 2021) has stated that elimination of ALL carbon produced in the USA will have NO effect on climate change. This has been proven mathematically by others (e.g. The Cato Institute). The trillions of dollars to be spent on reducing carbon would be better spent on cleaning up our oceans and our sources of water for human use.