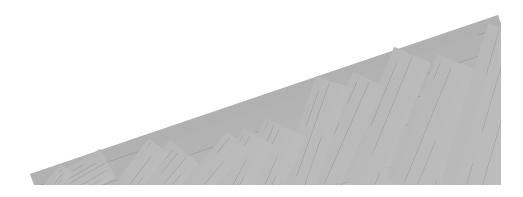
# Need For Environmental Regulations



#### History of American Environmental Movement

- ◆ Dominance 1600 to 1900
  - -Nature is hostile
- Early Awakening Mid 1800's
  Initial concern for wildlife preservation
- Early Conservationist Late 1800's to 1915
  - -National Park Service
- ♦ Later Conservationist 1920 to 1960
  - Maximize human benefit

# History (continued)

- Reawakening 1960 to early 70's
  Major environmental laws
- Complacency mid 1970's
  Environmental not driving political force
- Reagan Revolution 1980 to present
   Roll back regulations

# **Need for Regulations**

#### Early History of Country

- -Conquer nature
- Belief no conflict between growth and resource management
- Born with Life, Liberty, Private Property
- ♦ Free Market Externalities
- Tragedy of Commons

### Free Market Economy

Maximize utility of resources

Economics is amoral

Imperfect in account for Externalities



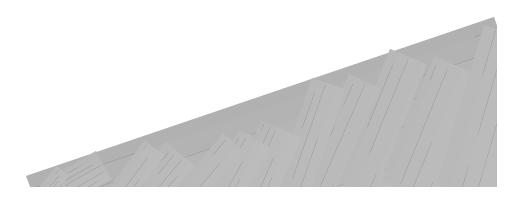
# Tragedy of Commons

- ♦ Garrett Hardin 1968 article in Science
- Society using common area
- Rational person will maximize use
- ♦ Benefit = 1
- Cost = 1/n
- Exceed carrying capacity
- Ecosystem crashes

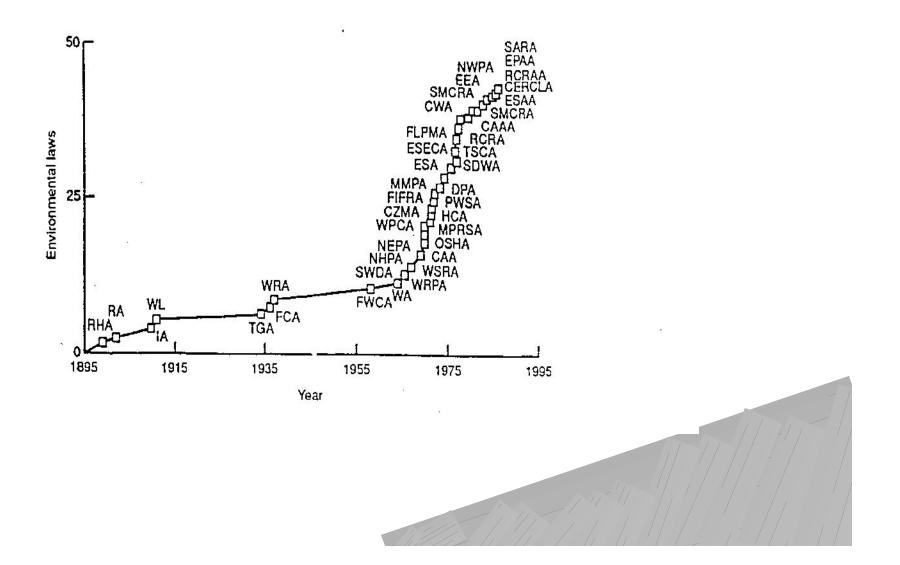
### Non-Regulatory Control of Environmental Issues

Change Community Norms

- Privatize Lands for Protection
- Market Forces
- Common Law Liability



#### Growth in Regulations



# History of Environmental Laws

- ♦ 1800 to 1900 Promote Development
- ♦ 1900 to 1970 Directions to Federal Agencies
- ♦ 1970 to Present Directions to Individuals

