

Vocabulary

Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.

aquaculture sea farming; also called *mariculture*

biological resources living organisms (plants and animals)
from the ocean harvested for
commercial use

manganese nodules rounded lumps of valuable mineral
deposits found on the ocean floor
containing manganese and other
elements; formed from minerals
crystallizing from seawater

nonrenewable resources sources available in limited amounts;
cannot be replenished

physical resources nonliving resources from the ocean such
as minerals, energy, and the water used
for recreational purposes

renewable resources sources that can be replenished

reservoir rock thick layer of animal and plant remains
that accumulate on the continental shelf;
often contains productive oil deposits

resource a source or supply

spat a juvenile oyster

upwelling process by which deep, cold, nutrient-
rich water is brought to the surface
usually by water currents or winds that
pull water away from the coast