**Podcast Writing Assignment 1**

**Directions:** Listen to the podcast “How Do You Put a Price Tag on Nature?” by Radiolab and respond to the questions below. Your answers should be succinct and brief. In addition, upload a response to the question in the discussion board and provide a comment/feedback to someone else.

<http://www.radiolab.org/story/what-dollar-value-nature/>

How has this podcast reframed or changed your view on environmental costs and value?

List one of the ecosystem services that are discussed in the broadcast. (*i.e.* Explain the ecosystem service and its significance to other organisms and/or people)

Do you agree with assigning a dollar value to ecosystem services? In other words, is it possible to quantify the value of materials and services in the environment? Why or why not?

Can you think of an alternative way to highlight the importance of the environment that doesn’t involve assignment of a dollar cost?