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fisheries. Five key issues are explored: the complexity of resource use efficiency; the uncertainty of efficiency interventions and outcomes; the destinations of and competition over freed up wastes and wastages; implications for conservation; and the interconnectedness of users and systems brought about by changes efficiency. The book shows how these ideas put efficiency on a par with other criteria and dimensions of resource governance and sustainability such as equity, justice, resilience, access and adequacy"--
