

Canadian Ocean Literacy Coalition (COLC)

[draft] GUIDING PRINCIPLES

COLC members promote and adhere to the following guiding principles in all Coalition dialogues and activities:

- Prioritize the advancement of the Canadian public's ocean literacy *a mari usque ad mare ad mare*;
- Respect the knowledge, needs, heritage, and culture of Canadian Indigenous and non- Indigenous communities;
- Adhere to an 'ethical space' framework that respects the integrity of all knowledge systems (see Section 1.2, pages 15–18, of the [Indigenous Circle of Experts Report and Recommendations](#), March 2018) when conducting Advisory Council, committee, and working group efforts.
- Recognize and emphasize the value of two-eyed seeing (e.g., the perspectives of western knowledge and Indigenous knowledge) in addressing marine challenges and opportunities;
- Contribute to a Coalition community of practice through culture of diversity, inclusivity, collaboration, and respect for all viewpoints, including members from non-profit organizations, industry, government, diverse communities, schools, colleges and universities, museums, aquaria, and civil society.
- Recognize the diversity and unique strengths of Canada's regions and communities;
- Foster an environment of trust where participants have collective ocean literacy goals in mind; and
- Operate in an accountable, transparent, and data-driven manner in Coalition-related work and activities;

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