

COLC's Canada-wide Ocean Literacy Study: Regional Workshops: Atlantic



June 22 10:30am to 11:30am ET

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Welcome and Introductions



Who is in the room? Anyone missing?



7 Mile Bay

Arctic Eider Society

Association du bassin versant de la baie de Shediac

Back to the Sea Society

Biodôme de Montréal

Canada's Ocean Supercluster

Canadian Network for Ocean Education (CaNOE)

CarolAnne Black, Consulting Science Writers

Centre for Ocean Ventures & Entrepreneurship (COVE)

Clean Foundation

Coastal Action

Coastal Connections

Coldwater Lobster Association

Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmag

Conseil de la conservation du Nouveau-Brunswick/Conservation

Council of New Brunswick

CPAWS-NL

Dalhousie University

écH2osystème

Environment and Climate Change Canada

Équipe d'alphabétisation-Nouvelle-Écosse

Esgenoôpetitj Watershed Association

Fisheries and Marine Institute, Memorial University of

Newfoundland

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Fishing for Success

Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy (FORCE)

Gesner & Associates Environmental Learning

Green Marine

Halifax Regional Centre for Education

Illinois Coastal Management Program

JASCO Applied Sciences (Canada) Ltd

Johnson Geo Centre

Laurentian University

M - Expertise Marine

Maritime Aboriginal Peoples Council

Memorial University of Newfoundland

MEOPAR

Mi'kmaw Conservation Group

Jane Affleck, Artist/Researcher

Ocean Bridge

Ocean Conservation Trust

Ocean School/Ocean Frontier Institute

Ocean Tracking Network

Ocean Wise

Oceans Learning Partnership

Parcs Canada / #Nature For All

Pisces RPM

Rambøll

Shediac Bay Watershed

Simon Fraser University

St. John's Storytelling Group

Students on Ice Foundation

WWF-Canada



Agenda



- COLC ocean literacy study overview
- Regional Report Highlights: Strengths, Barriers, and Preliminary Recommendations
- Advancing the Development of a National Strategy
- Breakout Group Discussions: How can a national strategy help advance ocean literacy in the Atlantic region?
- Closing Remarks and Next Steps



Ideas for a Smooth and Effective Zoom Meeting Today

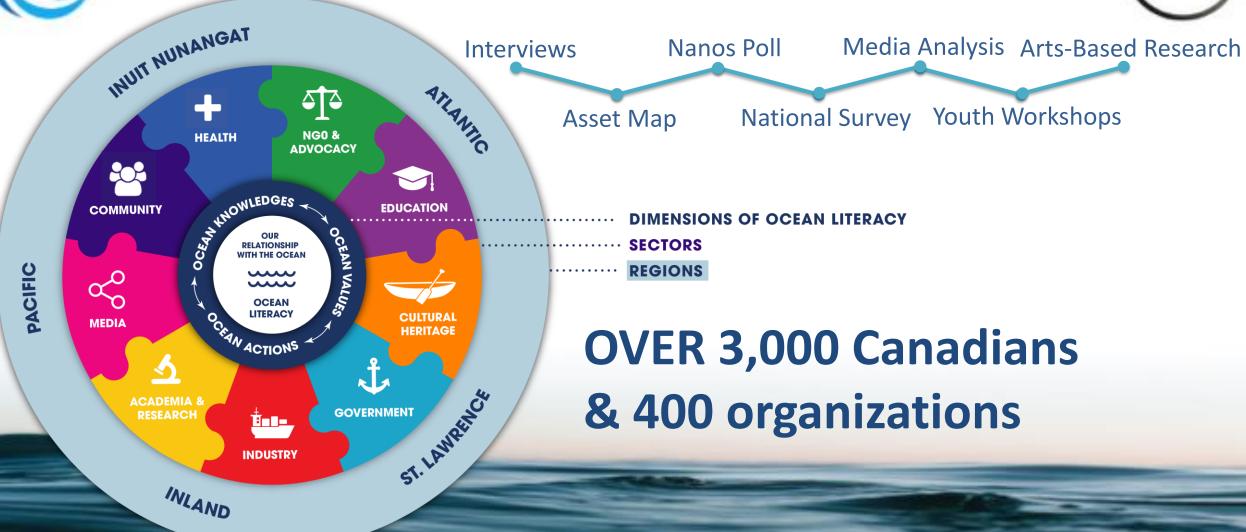


We've got an ambitious agenda! Here are some thoughts to guide your participation today:

- Let's use the Chat Box to pose questions and share comments throughout the session
- Let's use the React options to show support (thumbs up and clapping)
- Please keep yourself on Mute for the duration of session, except in breakout groups
- Please to use the "Interpretation" channel to hear the delivery of the presentations in the official language of your choice
- Watch for the follow-up survey after the workshop to provide additional input!
- Please note, the session is being recorded and will be shared post-workshop
- Most of all... your patience is appreciated as we navigate this virtual engagement experience!

Understanding OL in Canada – Study Overview







Understanding OL in Canada Study



Research Questions:

- 1. What is the current understanding and state of OL in Canada?
- 2. What are the current strengths and barriers of OL in Canada?
- 3. What are the key recommendations to advance OL in Canada?







Atlantic Report Highlights



Regional overview

STRATOS

549 Responses

Regional data:

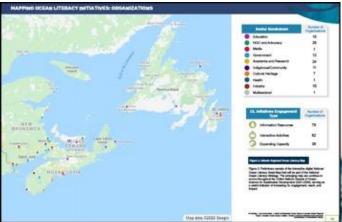
- 73 Documents Scanned
- 61 Interviews
- 108 OL Initiatives Identified
- 8 Arts-based Responses (Jane Affleck, P.E.I.)

National data specific to the Atlantic Region:

- **337** Canadian OL Survey respondents
- 100 Nanos Poll respondents









Key Strengths



- Relationships and collaboration
- Place-based knowledge and experiential learning
- Ocean engagement through raising awareness about plastic pollution
- Women leaders
- Two-Eyed Seeing (Etuaptmumk)
- Workforce development
- Others? Let us know in the chat!



Key Barriers



- Lack of funding and the competitive nature of funding
- Conflict and lack of trust due to siloed relationships
- Overcoming human separation from coasts and the ocean
- Gap in human and ocean health connections
- Others? Let us know in the chat!





Preliminary Recommendations



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- Invest in OL
- Include the ocean as part of school curricula
- Make the ocean visible and accessible to all Canadians through a watershed approach



Preliminary Recommendations – Key Emergent Messages



- Build trust/break down silos through collaboration
- Encourage knowledge co-creation projects
- Develop OL networks regionally/Coordinate regional networks nationally
- Ensure Indigenous voices, knowledge, languages, and rights integrated from beginning
- OL is required beyond formal education
- Communicate OL through media, storytelling, arts, etc.
- Share research data openly, transparently, through accessible platforms
- OL that is inclusive and accessible
- OL that is culturally and regionally relevant
- Recognize urgency of ecological crises
 - Other? Let us know in the chat!





Advancing the Development of a National Strategy





Advancing the Development of a National Strategy - Intended Outcomes



- Strengthens Canadians' knowledge & values about the ocean
- Fosters an ethic of care for the ocean in Canadians
- Changes behaviours and incites action
- Influences policy decisions and educates decision-makers
- Advances reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples
- Builds bridges and a culture of collaboration within and beyond the OL community, regionally, nationally, and internationally



Advancing Development of National Strategy – Timeline



Next phases / Timeline

- July August
- September October
- November December

Potential pathways for strong regional engagement:

- Collectively flesh out recommendations
- Assist with building the digital National OL Asset Map
- Participate in sector-specific working groups (e.g., industry engagement, national education framework, etc.)
- Review drafts of national strategy
- Other?

Anything else? Let us know in the chat!



Breakout Sessions



How can a national strategy help advance ocean literacy in the Atlantic region?

- 4-5 people per group + a dedicated notetaker
- Open and inclusive space for constructive discussion
- Before we bring you back to the main gathering space, your notetaker will prepare 1 2 key takeaway messages from group discussion to be shared in the main Chat Box



Regional Insights for the National Strategy



What did we hear from Breakout Groups?

Remember to share one takeaway from your group in the Chat Box!



Wrapping up our Session



What was your experience today? What did you learn? Surprises? A-ha's?

In "one word" please use the Chat Box to share your closing thoughts...!

NEXT STEPS:

Pathways for Engagement

Follow-up survey

'What We Heard' summary report



Thank you for your participation!

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