

# Ocean Decade Collaborative Center for the Northeast Pacific

## THE OCEAN DECADE

The United Nations (UN) Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (the “Ocean Decade,” 2021-2030), aims to accelerate transformative collective action for the development of ocean knowledge and solutions that address existing and future challenges faced by the world’s ocean ecosystems and peoples, moving from the ‘ocean we have’ to the ‘ocean we want.’

## OUR CALL TO ACTION

The Tula Foundation’s Ocean Decade Collaborative Center for the Northeast Pacific Ocean (DCC NEP) will contribute to this mission by supporting collaborative approaches that:

- bring together diverse perspectives,
- facilitate the development and mobilization of knowledge from multiple disciplines and worldviews,
- expand and enhance capacity, and
- contribute to co-design of solutions.

Through these galvanizing efforts, we will be better equipped to tackle the key challenges facing the ocean, and bolster ocean sciences to inform more sustainable activities that lead to improved outcomes on the water and in our communities.



## OUR MISSION

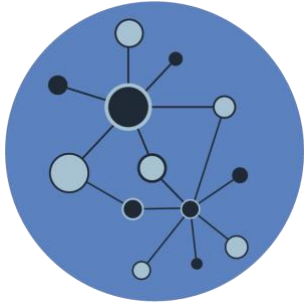
To support and facilitate co-designed and co-produced knowledge for collaborative solutions to ocean challenges in the Northeast Pacific.

We envision a Northeast Pacific Ocean Region where ecosystems and coastal communities are thriving, connected, and resilient, now and into the future. The relationships, knowledge, and caretaking of the Northeast Pacific Ocean include diverse Indigenous and western worldviews, and are informed by ancestral and lived experience, collaborative learning, and equitable partnerships.

## HOW WE WORK

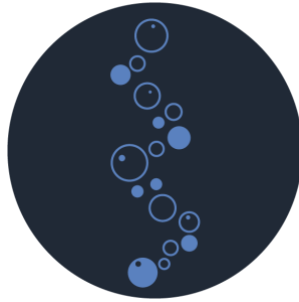
We bring our organization's mission to life in four core roles. While the issues we work on shift over time, these roles describe the primary ways that we contribute to our mission. We recognize the responsibility of being a trusted collaborator and bridge builder between knowledge and solutions. We are both responsive to community and regional needs and requests from Ocean Decade partners, and proactive in elevating and supporting knowledge and actions to shape the future of the Northeast Pacific Ocean and coastline.

### CONNECT



Cultivate connections and exchanges across communities, knowledge systems and boundaries.

### CATALYZE



Identify ocean knowledge gaps and opportunities to catalyze actions centered on community needs.

### SHARE



Share the stories of ocean actions, raising awareness, and highlighting diverse work in the Northeast Pacific.

### MOBILIZE



Mobilize knowledge and resources to accelerate transformative solutions.

## OUR PRINCIPLES

The Decade Collaborative Center team deeply values equity, justice, and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. We strive for the inclusion of diverse voices and the co-design of projects with the communities most impacted by our work. Below we have outlined key principles that will guide all of the initiatives we lead and in which we engage.

- Cultivate productive and respectful relationships
- Facilitate diversity, inclusion, justice, and equity in ocean science, governance, and sustainable development
- Listen to and serve the needs of multiple rights-holders, sectors, and stakeholders
- Incorporate Reconciliation (UNDRIP) and foster Indigenous leadership and stewardship
- Enhance capacity, access to, and impacts of ocean science and knowledge
- Nurture innovative, evidence-based solutions that serve the needs of communities and weave in multiple ways of knowing
- Promote a culture of learning, reflection, and growth
- Foster ocean literacy and people's connection to the ocean

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