

Columbia River Round Table

Statement of Principles V3

The Columbia River Round Table includes citizens, businesses, and other organizations in Canada and the United States who support an updated U.S.-Canada Columbia River Treaty. An updated Treaty will:

1. Make protection and restoration of the ecological health and ecosystem function of the Columbia River and its tributaries an explicit and equal Treaty purpose;
2. Create resilience to climate change and other environmental threats within the Columbia watershed by restoring ecosystem functions and enhancing ecological health;
3. Reduce harmful impacts of dams and reservoirs;
4. Restore salmon and other anadromous fish throughout their historic habitats, and protect and restore other native fish and wildlife and their habitats;
5. Honour and support Columbia River First Nations and Tribes as leaders in bringing ecosystem function and salmon restoration into the Treaty; and,
6. Be transparent and inclusive, so future basin governance and Treaty arrangements meaningfully engage all affected people.