

COLLECTIONS ACCEPT & DECLINE

The CIC adopted a Strategic Acquisitions Policy in March, 2025. This document guides potential collections donations/donors.



Items the CIC will collect

What makes this place unique:

- Specimens introduced and resident in the Washington Pacific Coast region from the year 1775 onwards;
- Specimens considered indigenous to Washington's Pacific coast (prior to the year 1775); and
- Documentation of the way that landscapes and waterscapes have changed, or are changing, over time (including flora, fauna, and human use of landscapes and waterscapes).

What makes the culture unique:

- Documentation of the way that landscapes and waterscapes have changed, or are changing, over time (including flora, fauna, and human use of land and waterscapes); and
- Objects created by community members for the purpose of showing or explaining what it means to live in the Grays Harbor region and Washington's Pacific coast.

The above items are potentially useful to the CIC for educational and exhibition purposes. While not a research collection, the above items may be useful to members of the public for research purposes.

Items the CIC won't collect

Fragments without context:

- Items that are missing provenance (ownership history) and provenience (location of origin);
- Items for which the CIC already has examples; and
- Items that are generally related to the mission or activities of the CIC, but do not specifically advance the stories the CIC seeks to tell, or the ongoing programs of the CIC.

Culture without nature/nature without culture:

- Items that cannot tell broader stories because they are too particular and cannot be made relevant to other CIC participants beyond the item donor.

The above items are not useful to the CIC because they cannot be used for educational purposes, and/or they may be of better use to other organizations. As a result they are likely never to be used by the CIC in a meaningful way.