

**Confluence 2020 Open Space Session Notes**  
**Center for Collaborative Conservation listening session**

Session Notes: (insert below any general notes below)

Two people joined the CCC's Director John Sanderson for a listening session, one Indigenous American and one person who provides collaborative conservation services to a variety of clients. The session went differently than anticipated—it was better. We did not discuss the CCC. Instead, we discussed storytelling, relationships, and spirituality, particularly within the tribe of the person who joined us. Out of respect of the delicate nature of what we discussed, we did not take notes.

Key Points of Discussion: (insert final key points of discussion --- bold the top three)

- Relationship—to each other and to nature—are vital for sustaining healthy environments and healthy communities.
- Relationships can extend to a single leaf on a tree.
- Story telling can nurture and deepen relationships.

Key Next Steps: (insert key next steps identified to advance work on this topic----bold the top three)

- During strategic planning, the CCC will pay attention to the roles it can play to support bringing more indigenous voices, values, and practices into our collaborative conservation work.