

*Convergence: a network of complementary activities drawn to a region by its primary assets.*

**The Down East Research and Education Network's**  
**CONVERGENCE 2014**  
***Land and Water: the Conservation Connection***

**Thursday 2 October 2014**

*at Schoodic Institute on the SERC Campus in Winter Harbor. Generously sponsored by*  
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**DRAFT AGENDA (Subject to Change)**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
7:30-8:30	Registration & Networking
8:30-8:50	Welcome & Introduction: <b>Barbara S. Arter</b> , DEREN Director, "Welcome to CONVERGENCE 2014" <b>Mark Berry</b> , Executive Director of Schoodic Institute, "Welcome to the Schoodic Institute"
8:50-9:35	<b>Keynote Talk: Landscape scale conservation at work Down East and across Maine</b> Alan Hutchinson, Executive Director, Forest Society of Maine
9:35-10:05	<b>Stream Restoration Actions in the Downeast Maine Rivers (2005-2014): Improving Ecological Stream Function and Water Quality via Road Crossing Improvements, Log Drive Dam Removals and Wood-Clam Shell Additions.</b> Scott Craig. Project Leader USFWS Maine Fishery Resources Office
10:05-10:20	Break
10:20-10:50	<b>Climate Change on the Edge: Visualizing and Planning for Storm Surges and Sea Level Rise in Coastal Downeast Maine</b> Tora Johnson, GIS Director, University of Maine at Machias
10:50-11:20	<b>Possible causes of eelgrass (<i>Zostera marina L.</i>) loss in Frenchman Bay, Maine</b> Jane E. Disney, Ph.D., staff scientist, MDI Biological Laboratory
11:20-11:50	<b>Using Seabirds as Indicators of Ecosystem Change in the Gulf of Maine</b> Linda Welch, Wildlife Biologist, USFWS, Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge
11:50-1:15	Lunch and Networking
1:15-1:45	<b>Will restoring alewives cause cod to create inshore spawning grounds along Maine's coast again?</b> Edward P. Ames, Penobscot East Resource Center
1:45-2:15	<b>Acidification of Maine waters—the science, what's at stake, and what we are doing about it.</b> Bill Mook, Maine's Ocean Acidification Study Commission
2:15-2:30	Break
2:30-3:15	Facilitated Group Discussion: TBA
3:15-3:20	Wrap Up and Adjourn