



CONVERGENCE 2018

Economic and Biodiversity Values of Conservation in Downeast Maine

Friday, November 2, 2018

Schoodic Institute, Acadia National Park, Winter Harbor

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TIME	ACTIVITY
8:00-9:00	REGISTRATION and NETWORKING, Moore Auditorium
9:00	<p>WELCOME & INTRODUCTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don Kent, President, Schoodic Institute • Bob DeForrest, President, Downeast Conservation Network and Project Manager, Maine Coast Heritage Trust
9:15-9:35	<p>KEYNOTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Spies, CEO of CEI Capital Management, LLC <i>CEI Capital Management LLC (“CCML”) is one of the nation’s leading allocates of federal New Markets Tax Credits. CCML has placed over \$1 Billion in New Markets capacity in more than 90 projects nationally – a third of which have occurred in Maine. It has a focus on projects located in economically distressed rural communities that help create and preserve jobs and improve quality of life.</i>
9:45-10:30	<p>SESSION 1: ECONOMIC STUDY, <i>The Economic Value of Conserved Lands</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adam J. Daigneault, E.L. Giddings Assistant Professor of Forest, Conservation, and Recreation Policy, University of Maine Orono • Panel Responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anne Krieg, facilitator, AK Planning & Facilitation - Vicki Rusbult, Eastern Maine Development Corporation - Renee Gray, Town of Lubec [invited] - Jeremy Gabrielson, Conservation and Community Planner, Maine Coast Heritage Trust

10:30-10:45	BREAK
10:45-11:45	SESSION 1: ECONOMIC STUDY – Small Groups Break Out and Report Back
12:00-1:00	LUNCH (Schooner Commons)
1:00-2:00	<p>SESSION 2: BIODIVERSITY RESILIENCY MAPPING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Panel Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bob DeForrest, Project Manager, Maine Coast Heritage Trust/ DCN Steering Committee President - Justin Schlawin, Ecologist, Maine Natural Areas Program - Amanda Shearin, Wildlife Planner, Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (invited) - Jeremy Gabrielson, Conservation and Community Planner, Maine Coast Heritage Trust
2:00-2:35	<p>SESSION 2: MAPPING TOOL AT WORK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Group participation working with the mapping tool: Tora Johnson, GIS Lab Director, University of Maine Machias
2:35-3:00	<p>CONVERGENCE WRAP UP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What was of value from today’s discussions? Is there more information needed? What are the next steps? ● Continuing support: DCN steering committee members available to help advise on economic study and mapping.