



PRIVATE LANDS PARTNERS DAY

Bangor, ME

OCTOBER 3-5, 2017

AGENDA

Day 1 – Cross Center

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
4:00 -7:00 pm	Registration	
5:00 pm	Reception; Welcome	Kate Renz, Rep. Bruce Poliquin’s Office Joe Baldacci, Bangor Mayor Jim Robbins, Robbins Lumber Deb Rocque, USFWS Deputy Regional Director Juan Hernandez, NRCS Maine State Conservationist Jim Stone, PFC Chairman

Day 2 – North Woods Site Tours

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
7:00 – 8:00 am	Registration at Cross Center	
8:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Leonard Jordan, Acting Chief, NRCS Sen. Collins and Sen. King welcome videos Tribute to Alan Hutchinson
8:30 am	Break - Get ready for the field trip & load buses	
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	<p><i>Video: The Maine Woods: A landscape of working forests and collaborative conservation.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penobscot River Restoration Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Howland Dam Fish Bypass • Stream connectivity project • Katahdin Ironworks – Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Forest easements ○ Carbon credit projects ○ Public recreation on private lands • AMC harvest operation • Clearcut – the “shifting mosaic,” lynx, birds, outcome-based forestry 	Itineraries and speakers vary by site and bus
4:30 -5:30 pm	Moosehead Lake cruise on the steamship <i>Katahdin</i> (optional)	
6:30 pm	Dinner	The Mill at Dover-Foxcroft; entertainment by Tim Sample, Maine Humorist

Day 3 – Cross Center

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
7:00 – 8:00 am	Registration	
8:00 am	Welcome	Steve Jester, PFC Executive Director Marcia McKeague, Keeping Maine's Forests Greg Sheehan, Principal Deputy Director, USFWS
8:15 am	Collaborative Conservation: opportunities for working together on at-risk species	Deb Rocque, Deputy Regional Director, USFWS Jimmy Bullock, NAFO Leonard Jordan, Acting Chief, NRCS
9:00 am	Maine Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative – partnerships that work for private forestry	Pat Sirois, SFI Maine and FIN; Alex Abbott, USFWS
9:30 am	Cooperative Research Forestry Unit: long-term collaboration between landowners and UMaine School of Forest Resources	Gordon Gamble, CRFU Chair; Brian Roth, CFRU Director
10:00 am	BREAK - Visit Displays	
10:30 am	Outcome-based Forestry: creating a landscape for lynx	Barry Burgason, Patrick Strauch, MFPC
11:00 am	Maine's successes with working forest easements (Forest Legacy, NAWCA, etc.)	Jim Robbins (landowner) and Spencer Meyer, Highstead
11:30 am	Keynote Speaker	Kathy Abusow, President and CEO SFI, Inc.
12:00 pm	Lunch break	
1:00 pm	At-risk species - New England Cottontail (CT)	Tom McAvoy (landowner)
1:30 pm	At-risk species - greater sage grouse partnership (OR)	Tom Sharp (landowner)
2:00 pm	Red-cockaded woodpecker and Longleaf pine (VA)	William Owen (landowner)
2:30 pm	BREAK - Visit Displays <i>Submit Conference Feedback forms</i>	
3:00 pm	Working Lands for Wildlife Initiatives	Bridgett Costanzo, NRCS East Working Lands For Wildlife Coordinator
3:30 pm	Community engagement: connecting people to nature	David Montague, DLLT; Kristen Hoffmann, FSM
4:00 pm	Wrap-up of Conference. <i>Where do we go from here? Audience participation and feedback</i>	Kate Dempsey, State Director of The Nature Conservancy in Maine (facilitator); Lynn Scarlett, Co-Chief External Affairs Officer for The Nature Conservancy (closing remarks)
4:45 pm	Reception	
5:45 pm	Auction for Partners for Conservation	Jim Robbins, auctioneer
6:30 - 8:00 pm	Banquet	Slideshow – photography by Paul Cyr