



**Maine Conservation Alliance**  
*The United Voice for Maine's Environment*



**Maine Conservation Voters**  
*Inform. Vote. Protect.*

**Approved separately by MCA and MCV Boards of Directors on 3.12.24**

**Letter of Commitment to the Conservation Community Delegation on Wabanaki Land  
Access and Stewardship**

This letter documents the commitment of Maine Conservation Voters and Maine Conservation Alliance (MCV/A) to join the Conservation Community Delegation on Wabanaki Land Access and Stewardship.

The First Light Delegation was created to collaborate with and respond to the Wabanaki Commission on Land and Stewardship. Together the Commission and the Delegation develop tools for land return and build capacity among Wabanaki.

MCV/A, represented by Jennifer Melville, MCV Board President and MCA member, was invited to join the Delegation in March 2024. We are honored by this invitation and look forward to her participation. We understand that the delegation meets monthly by phone, and occasionally in person, and requires an additional 5-7 hours per month on specific projects and Delegation communication. As part of her role, Jennifer will keep MCV/A boards and staff apprised of her efforts and the Delegation and Commission's work.

Jennifer will serve pro-bono so there will be no financial cost to MCV/A or to First Light for her participation. MCV/A will continue to spend staff time and resources to further Wabanaki sovereignty and land access. We work in close partnership with Wabanaki-led efforts to recognize self-determination, actively participate in the Wabanaki Alliance and help lead organizing, communications, and lobbying efforts to advance priority legislation identified by the Alliance. Our work includes direct advocacy, public education through online forums and social media, grassroots outreach events and backbone support for the Alliance as needed. In addition, we work closely with the Environmental Priorities Coalition's 32 environmental, public health and conservation groups and can be a bridge between these organizations and the Delegation, bolstering and advancing the work of our complementary efforts.

The boards and staff of MCV/A are honored to have Jennifer join the Delegation on our behalf and to work with the Delegation, the Commission and the Wabanaki to explore and advance mutual goals, partnerships, and deeper engagement and understanding.