

We will be staying in cabins at the New England Outdoor Center in Millinocket. Rooms have been reserved, and housing and meals are paid for by First Light Learning Journey through the generous support of Elmina B. Sewall Foundation, the Ralph E Odgen Foundation and others who believe in this collaboration.

## June 5th, 2019

**10:00 to 11:00:** Arrival and settling into rooms, getting to know the place

**11:00- 12:00:** Welcome and Opening

- Opening Prayer: by Richard Silliboy
- Acknowledgement of Place: Donald Soctomah and Chris Sockalexis
- Recognition of Chiefs: Chiefs are recognized and each has time to offer words
- Introduction to this gathering: Darren Ranco, Donald Soctomah and Maria Girouard speak to their hopes for this gathering
- Peter and Ciona offer welcome/gratitude//their hopes for why we are here/ context and background on First Light Learning Journey, which continues

**12:00 to 1:00:** LUNCH

**1:00 to 3:00:** Theme One: Expanding Indigenous Access and Stewardship: Examples from around the country

**1:00 to 2:30:** Introduction by Peter Forbes of theme and speaker Chuck Sams.

Charles Sams of the Confederated Umatilla and the founder of Indian Country Conservancy will share stories about his experience of Tribes expanding their ownership of land across the country. He is committed to the work of bringing land back into trust for tribal nations in order to protect both rights and natural resources.

**2:30 to 3:00:** Small group discussions

### **Prompts for each thematic small group:**

- What did you think of what we heard? What was most interesting or intriguing as an example?
- What questions do we have?
- What seems most applicable here in Maine and how/why?

**3:00 to 3:30:** Break and stretch: check into rooms

### **3:45:** Theme Two: Cultural Respect and Use Agreements

Ciona Ulbrich introduces this Theme and then introduces Speaker Ramona Peters, Elder of the Mashpee Wampanoag and Founder of the Native Land Conservancy in Massachusetts, who will speak on cultural respect agreements, her native trust's formation and work – how things have and haven't worked with Cultural Use Agreements in Massachusetts.

### **4:45 to 5:30:**

Darren Ranco, Donald Soctomah, Ciona Ulbrich lead a collective conversation about Cultural Respect and Use Agreements in Maine -- what they might look like, where this concept stands, how a template might be distributed, etc. This is envisioned as a room-wide conversation, with input from all angles and with questions for discussion.

**6:30:** Thoughts on this Day's Learning. All attending Chiefs (or their representatives) will be asked to offer their thoughts on the day.

**7:00 to 8:00:** Dinner

**8:00 to 9:00:** Evening Fire circle

## June 6th, 2019

**5:00 am - 7:00:** Lakeside Sunrise ceremony led by Donald Soctomah (sunrise at 5:16am)

**7:30 - 9:00:** Breakfast

**9:00** Opening Prayer by Richard Silliboy

Dale Mitchell to offer us a story to ground us in the work

**9:15:**Theme Three: Sharing of Information and Stories

Chief Sabattis and Suzanne Greenlaw will speak about Tribal priorities, sharing of information, about mapping, and about efforts currently underway through the lens of this question: How do we move at a pace and in a direction that fully supports and respects Wabanaki culture? We may be able to work together on some shared priorities if we know more about our respective goals or needs, what lands we do or don't own, which stories or language are tied to where, what resources are where. However, sharing of information can be complicated. If land trusts knew of lands that are important to Tribes, could we help Tribes gain access rights or ownership of those? If land trusts own lands important to Tribes, what opportunities does that offer? Is sharing

Wabanaki language or stories of place important or good for land trusts to incorporate into our outreach work? How do we move at a pace and in a direction that fully supports and respects Wabanaki culture?

**10:00:** Small group conversations

- What did you think of what we heard? What was most interesting or intriguing?
- What questions do we have?
- What are next steps needed? processes could be set up to move this conversation forward?

**10:30 to 11:00:** Coffee break and conversation

**11:00 - 11:30:** Needs and Next Steps (a whole group exercise with a note taker up front on a white board).

What is needed to make progress where progress can be made. How can we best move things forward in mapping of priorities or of resources, in language, in story telling, or are some of those areas needing no sharing? Funding? Point People? Committees or ad hoc groups to focus attention?

**12:00 to 1:00:** Lunch:

Chuck Sams and Ramona Peters to offer their thoughts on what they've heard, what encouragement and challenge they offer us. John Banks and Chief Clarissa Sabattis to offer their thoughts in response as well as requests of the conservation community.

**1:30 to 3:00:** Conversations and Understandings

Break into two separate groups: Wabanaki and non-native to both answer these questions:

What has been our experience of this gathering?

Where can we achieve the most success together?

What do we ask of ourselves?

What do we ask of them so that we can be at our best?

**3:00 to 4:30:** Next Steps for Building Collaboration

How do we best stay in relationship and build collaboration? What are the most important next steps for us to take on projects? What changes would all like to see with the Learning Journey?

**4:30 to 5:15:** Drumming and Closing.

Thank you and Circle:

Members of the Planning Committee each offer their thoughts on the event

**5:15 to 6:30:** Feast and ending