



Frenchman Bay  
Conservancy

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## Frenchman Bay Conservancy (FBC)

Frenchman Bay Conservancy conserves distinctive ecosystems, lands, and waters for the benefit of all, from the Frenchman Bay and Union River watersheds east to the Hancock County line. Since 1987 when our organization was founded, we have conserved and are responsible for stewarding over 16,000 acres of land, ranging from coastal working waterfronts to upland forests.

Part of our mission is that our conservation work is for the benefit of all, which necessitates a commitment to the Wabanaki people who have called these lands home since time immemorial, preserving rich cultural traditions, languages, and ways of life. FBC is a willing partner in exploring and committing to ways that we can support Wabanaki people in rebuilding their relationship with the land in our service region area, including harvesting and gathering resources for medicinal, craft, ceremonial, or other purposes.

### FBC brings:

- Board and staff members that are committed to deepening their education through the First Light Learning Journey, and other resources, in collaboration with the larger conservation community.
- Coastal lands in the Schoodic Region that may be a cultural resource for the Wabanaki people and of value in the coastal island access conversation.
- Strong working relationships with other regional land trusts that are responsible for coastal island stewardship.

### FBC commits to:

- Continuing to increase awareness of Wabanaki history & culture for board, staff and members;
- Making Wabanaki access to FBC lands a priority;
- Making a financial contribution to the Wabanaki Self-Determination Fund (Now named Wolankeyutomone kisi apaciyewik); and
- Advocating for Wabanaki-led or Wabanaki-supported state legislation.

### FBC representatives for the 2024 First Light Learning Journey Cohort:

- Thomasina DiBiase, Director of Development
- Becky O'Keefe, Board Member