

Agenda
Friday December 17th 12-3 pm
Baxter State Park Headquarters

**Please bring specific ideas to support and maintain the traditional public use of private land.*

Consider the possible economic effects of changes to public access on businesses both in areas with significant levels of large forest land tracts and throughout Maine and economic forces on landowners.

1. 10 min - Welcome
Commissioner Patrick McGowan - Department of Conservation
2. 20 min - Economic benefits of outdoor recreational activity in Maine
Carolann Ouellette – Department of Economic and Community Development
3. 30 min - Tax programs and other incentives for landowners
David Ledew – Maine Revenue Service
4. 30 min - Balancing needs of landowners and recreation users
Jim LaCasce – Dover-Foxcroft Christmas Tree Farmer
John Banks – Penobscot Indian Nation
Dave Getchell – George's River Land Trust

Break

5. 50 min - **Discussion of specific ideas to support traditional uses and public access to lands in Maine**
6. 10 min - Review agenda for next meeting

Late January Meeting Date? – Augusta

Consider mechanisms that might be used to ensure continued traditional public access on private land as these lands continue to change ownership; including, but not limited to: landowner incentives, tax policies, easements, and the enforcement of fish and wildlife laws on lands closed to traditional public access.

Identify mechanisms that can promote communication between new landowners and communities, businesses, and residents when significant tracts of land change ownership.

Review outline of midpoint report

Early February Date? – Bangor

Brief meeting to review draft interim report and recommendations