

## **Guiding Principles**

The Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund Board will be guided by the following principles as it considers grant requests during the period of its duration, which is expected to be the next six years – through December, 2013. It will give preference to projects that most substantially accomplish one or more of these objectives:

- conserve Maine's outdoor heritage and demonstrate outstanding natural-resource or recreational benefits;
- maximize degree and diversity of public/private partnerships or other types of matching funds; projects with a cash match of 1/3 or higher are encouraged (see grant application guidelines for further detail on what constitutes cash match);
- form alliances between natural resource agencies, interest groups and organizations based on shared visions and mutual responsibility;
- address natural resource concerns of statewide significance and/or broad geographical distribution;