

## Economics / Wabanaki Economic Systems

**2007 MLR Standard & Indicator:** C. Economics, C1 Economic Knowledge, Concepts, Themes, and Patterns and C2 Individual, Cultural, International, and Global Connections in Economics

**LD 291 Concentrated Area of Study:** Maine Native American Economic Systems

Concept	Broad Understanding	Guiding Questions	Notes & Relevant Information
Economic Sovereignty	Economic sovereignty is a critical component in the preservation of a culture/ society/ community.	Why is it critical for Wabanaki communities to have economic sovereignty?	Economic sovereignty is critical because it allows the Wabanaki to 1) pursue work they find fulfilling and/or in step with traditional, resource-based worldview; 2) follow employment opportunities or undertake entrepreneurial activity that benefits the whole tribe; and 3) manage environmental issues on tribal lands and waters.
		What challenges do the Wabanaki face in achieving economic sovereignty?	Wabanaki have insufficient control over their resources and cannot do entirely as they wish with land or resources. One reason is the disputed status of tribes as nations.