

Maine Climate Council
Natural and Working Lands Work Group Meeting
Wednesday, May 29, 2025; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Marquardt Building, Room 118, Blossom Lane, Augusta

For Zoom attendees, register in advance [HERE](#)

Desired Outcomes - By the end of this meeting, we will have:

- Discussed progress on and barriers to three key NWL recommendations
- Received legislative session updates relevant to NWL
- Heard major federal funding impacts on NWL priorities

Agenda

What	When
Welcome – Co-Chairs Tom Abello, Amanda Beal Introductions and Agenda Review	10:00 – 10:15
30% Land Conservation by 2030 – Andy Cutko	10:15 – 10:40
30% Local Food by 2030 – Craig Lapine	10:40 – 11:05
Forest Carbon – Andrew Whitman	11:05 – 11:30
Legislative Session Updates – Emily Horton	11:30 – 11:45
Federal Program/Funding impacts – Tom Abello, Amanda Beal	11:45 - 11:55
Next meeting: late Fall 2025, date TBD	11:55 - 12:00

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Amanda	Beal	Maine Dep't of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Tom	Abello	Governor's Office
Rachel	Talbot Ross	Maine State Legislature
Russell	Black	Maine State Legislature
Vicki	Doudera	Maine State Legislature
Dick	Campbell	Maine State Legislature
Ivan	Fernandez	University of Maine
Patrick	Strauch	Maine Forest Products Council
Melissa	Law	Bumbleroor Organic Farm
Hannah	Carter	University of Maine
Molly	Docherty	Maine DACF
Phillip	DeMaynadier	Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Matt	Walker	USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Carol	Weymouth	Maine Association Conservation Districts
Ellen	Griswold	Wolfe's Neck Center for Agriculture & the Environment
Erica	Dubois	Forest Society of Maine
Maureen	Drouin	Maine Conservation Voters
Francesca	Gundrum	Maine Audubon
Heather	Spalding	Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association
Kaethe	Rice	Maine Youth for Climate Justice
Darren	Ranco	University of Maine
Norm	Daigle	Hannaford Supermarkets
John	Naylor	Rosemont Market
Jeff	Romano	Maine Coast Heritage Trust
David	Trahan	Sportsman's Alliance of Maine
Johnny	Sanchez	Food AND Medicine
Gary	Lamb	City of Hallowell
Silvan	Shawe	Cultivating Community
Dana	Doran	Professional Logging Contractors of Maine
Bethany	Atkins	Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Craig	Lapine	Maine DACF
Andy	Cutko	Maine DACF
Bethany	Humphrey	The Climate Initiative
Chris	Cabot	Maine Farmland Trust
Andrew	Whitman	Maine DACF

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Working Agreements

- Meetings will start and end on time.
- When meetings are held in person, Committee members will make every effort to attend in person to maximize learning, communication, and collaboration.
- Cameras will remain on during virtual meetings to facilitate communication and understanding.
- Meeting materials will be shared in advance of meetings with sufficient time for review.
- Come prepared, having read meeting materials and completed assignments.
- Be present and engaged.
- Strive for equal airtime, enabling all to participate fully.
- Listen with curiosity and an openness to learning and understanding.
- Adopt a creative problem-solving orientation.
- Name the tension, kindly.
- Humor is welcome!

The Natural and Working Lands Work Group will strive for consensus in its recommendations through a facilitated, discussion-based process, and will not hold votes on specific decisions. The Work Group may choose to include a significant minority opinion as part of its final recommendations.