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THE TRUST TO CONSERVE NORTHEAST FORESTLANDS

# The Cutting Edge

## TCNEF Annual Meeting 2022

**BAR HARBOR, ME** - The Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands (TCNEF) held its 2022 Annual Meeting on Friday, May 13, presenting awards and welcoming new loggers to the Northeast Master Logger Certification Program, which TCNEF administers.

The event at the Bar Harbor Club in Bar Harbor, ME was attended by dozens of Master Logger certified companies from Northeast states, and others who joined portions of the meeting by Zoom.

Katahdin Trust Company of Maine was awarded the 2022 Master Logger Leadership Award, which is presented to outstanding supporters of the Northeast Master Logger Certification Program.

Master Loggers in Maine are eligible to participate in the Direct Link Loan Program, an incentive financing program for equipment offered by the Maine Forest Service's Forest Policy



David Cambridge of Katahdin Trust accepts the 2022 Master Logger Leadership Award at the Annual Meeting May 13. The award is presented to outstanding supporters of the Northeast Master Logger Certification Program.

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## Master Logger Water Protection Workshops

The Northeast Master Logger Certification Program, a program of the Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands (TCNEF), held four hands-on Water Protection Workshops in Maine, Vermont and New York this spring, with a fifth planned for this fall in New Hampshire.

The workshops have drawn 150 attendees so far and been well received: On evaluations, almost all

attendees found the workshops relevant, said they would recommend them to a friend, and rated them an average of 9 on a scale of 10 overall.

Workshops were held at the following times and locations:

- May 19, 2022 – Fort Kent, ME
- May 20, 2022 – Passadumkeag, ME
- June 1, 2022 – Stowe, VT
- June 2, 2022 – Tupper Lake, VT



Master Loggers and TCNEF Executive Director Ted Wright, at left, at workshop in Tupper Lake, NY.

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# Hello Northeast Master Logger Companies!



Happy Summer Master Loggers, It's hard to believe we are halfway through 2022 already. I hope you and your crew are doing well and staying safe.

The Master Logger program continues our push to elevate the professionalism throughout the Northeast.

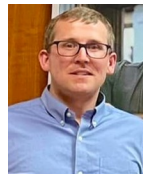
We have been busy at the Northeast Loggers Expo which had a great turnout. We also hosted a series of Best Management Workshops from Tupper Lake, NY to Fort Kent, ME. These interactive and high-quality workshops were a huge success. If you have not attended one yet, please be sure to sign up next year!

We are beginning our re-certification audits soon. If you are scheduled for a field audit this year, you

will receive information in the mail shortly. A field auditor will contact you shortly after that to schedule a visit.

The logging contractors that make up The Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands board of directors thoroughly appreciate your participation and support as we move the profession forward into the future!

Thanks,  
Ted.



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the Northeast routinely face challenges associated with streams and wetlands when conducting timber harvests and have great expertise when it comes to logging without impacting water quality on the job site and in waters downstream. Building and maintaining stream crossings that minimize runoff are an important part of that, and the workshops are an opportunity not only for loggers to refresh their skills, but to share their own experiences and ideas with the greater logging community.



Workshop underway in Stowe, VT on June 1.

for Forestry and Communities. Other partners in the workshops who provided materials, instructors or other support included the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, Maine Forest Service, the Vermont Forest, Parks and Recreation Department, Louisiana-Pacific Corp., Voisine Bros. Inc., Madden Timberlands, and American Forest Management.

The workshops could be applied toward requirements of the Master

Logger program and those of other associations.

Prizes and giveaways included a temporary wooden skidder bridge awarded to a logging company at each workshop.

Master Logger Stevens Forest Products in Sidney ME attended one of the 2021 series of Master Logger workshops and owner Alan Stevens found it very worthwhile.

"If I am going to take a day off from work in the woods for a workshop, it needs to be valuable to my crew. I appreciate the interactive nature of these BMP workshops, I need to see and be shown things in the field, that's how I learn, I enjoyed these workshops, they were valuable to me and my son," Alan said.

"Master Loggers take the job of protecting water quality very seriously and work hard to protect the watersheds where they are harvesting," Ted Wright, Executive Director of the Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands, which oversees the Master Logger program, said. "Loggers are the ones with the most experience in the field building stream crossings and these workshops are a great opportunity for them not only to improve their knowledge on the subject, but to share the valuable lessons they have learned on the job with others."

The workshops were open to employees, foremen and owners of Master Logger certified companies, and others. Topics covered in the workshops included stream crossings, harvesting near water, oil spill prevention and containment practices, and fire fighting for loggers.

Workshops were free to Master Logger companies and generously sponsored by the U.S. Endowment



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and Management Division (MFS), Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and local banks in Maine to reduce non-point source pollution risk on timber harvests in Maine. With the costs of equipment rising and the fund being depleted rapidly, Master Logger Executive Director Ted Wright worked with Dave Cambridge, Vice President of Katahdin Trust, to infuse another \$2.5 million into the fund.

Katahdin Trust has also stepped up to support Master Logger Safety efforts, including purchasing yellow safety T-shirts for the program this past year.

“When it came time to select the recipient of this award, Katahdin Trust and Dave Cambridge came immediately to mind,” Ted Wright said. “We appreciate their support of the logging industry and the Master Logger program, and the award is well deserved.”

Katahdin Trust is a locally owned and managed community bank founded in Patten, ME more than a century ago. It has 16 full-service branches throughout northern Maine, greater Bangor, and the Portland regions.

“It was great to have so many Master Loggers in attendance, to recognize Katahdin Trust with the 2022 Master Logger Leadership Award, and to welcome new Master Loggers who earned certification in 2021 and 2022,” Ted Wright said.



The TCNEF Annual Meeting evening dinner and awards ceremony underway.

“The last year has been one of expansion and progress for the Trust and the Master Logger program and we as we look ahead the program will become even stronger in the future.”

The day also included a morning business meeting followed by a luncheon which were both attended by dozens of Master Loggers.

Thank you to all who attended and supported this annual event!

## FSC Director visits Northeast Loggers and FSC Stakeholders



Master Logger Derek Madden, at left, with Derik Frederiksen at a logging site in Blue Hill, Maine.

In April 2022, TCNEF Executive Director Ted Wright hosted the new Director of FSC-US, Derik Frederiksen, on a four-day tour to visit loggers and FSC stakeholders throughout Maine.

Master Loggers Irish Family Logging and Madden Sustainable Forestry were the first stops on the visit. High level meetings with leadership from

Seven Islands Land Company, SAPPI, ND Paper, Wagner, and the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands (BPL), were also held. These proved very successful and by providing the loggers perspective made a great first impression on the new CEO.

Master Logger would like to thank everyone who opened up their logging job sites, mills and lands for the tour. This was a great opportunity to discuss certification and sustainability of the Northeast Forest. Derik appreciated the candid conversations and the opportunity to see what is happening on the ground.

TCNEF's Executive Director continues to serve on the Forest Stewardship Council Board of Directors. This is the first time that someone representing logging companies has held this position in 27 years. TCNEF is using its time on the Board to influence key stakeholders on the importance of including loggers in forest certification standards and helping to revise the standard in ways that will capture more of your great work and not see loggers portrayed as a burden or as scapegoats.

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# Logging Expo 2022!

ESSEX JUNCTION, VT - The Northeast Master Logger Certification Program connected with dozens of current and prospective Master Loggers over the two days of the Northeastern Forest Products Equipment Expo, May 19-20.

The Expo is always a great opportunity to see old friends, make new connections and spread the word about the benefits of Master Logger to loggers, landowners, and the public, and this year was no exception.

As always, it was great to see so many Master Loggers at the program booth this year. We also hosted an evening social gathering for current and prospective Master Loggers with some great discussions and presentations. Thanks to Milton CAT Forestry and JF Caron Log Buyer for presenting. We also awarded new certificates to Trevor Johnson, Derek Aldrighetti, Walter Fidler and Emerson and Sons Logging, LLC.

Thank you so much to all those who made this such a great Expo!



Owners of newly certified Master Logger companies from New York and Vermont who were recognized at the evening Master Logger gathering at this year's Northeastern Forest Products Equipment Expo, from left to right: Tom Johnson and Trevor Johnson, Johnson Forest Management, LLC; Zach Emerson, Emerson and Sons Logging, LLC; Walt Fidler, Tall Timber Logging; David Goodhouse, Rolling Meadows Farm Logging; Ted Wright, TCNEF Director; Dustin Johnson, Johnson Forest Management, LLC.

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The FSC-US Board has planned an in-person Board meeting in Portland, ME during the week of September 12th, 2022. There will be a harvest tour in Western Maine and a social gathering for FSC stakeholders in Portland. TCNF Board Members should plan on attending if possible and more details will be sent out soon.

Thank you to everyone who made the FSC tour a success!



Wagner Forest Management portion of the tour: Derik Frederiksen, second from right, joins members of Wagner's team at a wind farm site in Roxbury Township.

In April, the Northeast Master Logger Certification Program released a series of four videos designed to interest professional loggers in the program and encourage them to seek certification.

The videos were shot on site with current Master Loggers in New York, Vermont, and New Hampshire and have been well received since their release.

All videos may be found at [masterloggercertification.com](http://masterloggercertification.com)

We would like to recognize the Master Loggers who took time out of their schedules to participate in this project: Heath and Rocky Bunnell, Zachary Emerson, Cody Johnson, and Sam Lincoln.

Thanks also to Farm Credit East for supporting this project!

