



DOWNEAST
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Downeast Coastal Conservancy welcomes 4 incoming board members!

The 4 directors will be up for election at the 2018 annual meeting

Anne Baker

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Anne was born in St. Louis, Missouri, where she spent her childhood exploring the woods and fields near her family's home, catching tadpoles and watching them metamorphose into frogs, and raising the occasional orphaned baby rabbit. Her love of animals led to a B.A in Zoology from Indiana University, and an M.S. in Ecology and Ph.D. in Sociobiology from the University of Maryland. She spent seven years in Sri Lanka studying the behavior of wild primates before returning to the United States to complete a Smithsonian pre-doctoral fellowship at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Upon completion of her fellowship she became Curator of Primates at the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago, subsequently becoming Director of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse, New York and then Executive Director of the Toledo Zoo in Ohio. After retiring in 2012 she, her husband, Bob, a conservation geneticist, and their three dogs moved permanently to their vacation home in Jonesboro, Maine. In addition to serving on the DCC Board, she volunteers her time as the Executive Director of the Amphibian Ark, an international 501c-3 devoted to amphibian conservation, and as the North American Regional Convener for the IUCN SSC's Conservation Planning Specialist Group (CPSG). She has served as president of the American Zoo Association's Board of Directors, on the boards of the Toledo Boys and Girls Club and Toledo Children's Hospital, and locally on the board of Sunrise Senior College. She enjoys hiking, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, gardening and opera.

Cat Cannon

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Cat was born and raised in North Carolina and attended the University of NC at Asheville. She left NC in 2010 to travel the United States, and has volunteered on an off-grid farmstead in New Mexico, lived for two years in Portland, Oregon, and worked on small organic farms in New Hampshire, North Carolina, Montana, and Maine.

Since settling in Machias in 2014, Cat has been a freelance reporter for the Machias Valley News Observer, worked at the Machias Marketplace, and coordinated DCC's application for Land Trust Alliance accreditation. She has been a member of DCC's Stewardship Committee since 2016, and currently works full-time in produce at Hannaford, is a volunteer firefighter for the town of Machias, and is advising Downeast Salmon Federation in their own journey toward accreditation. Cat is committed to and invested in preserving the Bold Coast region's natural beauty, having recently purchased an historic home in town on the Machias River, but is also enthusiastic about revitalizing the town of Machias and its people, businesses and resources.



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Becky Lee

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Becky was born and raised in Wisconsin where she spent many hours outside. While in high school she participated in the founding of the Friends of High Cliff State Park group and became a volunteer. Becky graduated from University of Wisconsin Green Bay with a BA in Studio Art with an emphasis in small metal sculpture and jewelry. She spent 5 years living in Albuquerque, New Mexico where she worked closely with the department chair and administrator to run Department of Pediatrics at the University of New Mexico. In 2011 Becky moved to Machias, she worked for Downeast Coastal Conservancy from 2011-2015 as the Membership Coordinator and later the Assistant Director. She completed her teaching certificate at the University of Maine at Machias in 2016. Becky found her calling in the art classroom and in the fall of 2015 took a job teaching art to students in grades PreK-12 at Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School and Machias Memorial High School. Becky loves winter and yetis, and enjoys running, snowshoeing, sledding, kayaking, backpacking, and creating art. She is a member of the Machias Fire Department and lives in Machias with her husband Garret and their dog Butters.

Paul Reinstein, MD

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Paul spent his formative years growing up in NYC before going off to college at SUNY at Buffalo. He returned to NYC to attend NYU Medical School and graduated in 1972. His desire to live in a rural setting was part of his decision to do his residency at Duke University Medical School. He graduated in 1975 and moved to Maine and has never looked back. For five years he was in a solo pediatric practice in Skowhegan, Maine. From 1981 until his retirement in 2014, he practiced Emergency Medicine, mostly at EMMC in Bangor.

The boy scouts gave a city boy the opportunity to get exposed to outdoor activities. He has become passionate of many outdoor activities which include but not limited to hiking, mountain biking, sea and whitewater kayaking, back country skiing and cross country skiing.

Other interests include carpentry (Valerie, his wife, and himself built their first home together), stained glass, and playing his flute.

Since moving to Beals, he has the good fortune of living near many land trusts which he enjoys hiking and sea kayaking upon. He is looking forward to learning more about DCC and helping out with their activities.

He considers himself lucky to have his children and grandchildren living in Maine.