

**S³ RCN WORKSHOP #1:
SPECIAL INVITATION* TRAINING SESSION**

Stakeholder Engagement, Participatory Research, and Actionable Science

OCTOBER 27th, 2014
[MIGIS LODGE](#), SOUTH CASCO, ME

Convener: [Scenarios, Services, and Society Research Coordination Network](#) (S³ RCN), through funding to the Harvard Forest (Funding from National Science Foundation, award number DEB-1338809)

Host: Robert Lilieholm, University of Maine, Orono

Organizers: Kathy Fallon Lambert (Harvard Forest), Katie Theoharides (contact: Kathleen@theoharidesconsulting.com)

Objective:

1. To sharpen the skills of RCN participants in stakeholder engagement, participatory research methods, and translating science into policy solutions.
2. To identify New England stakeholders, refine engagement techniques and communication strategies, and develop a research approach that incorporates social science as we embark on our scenarios project.

Outcomes

1. Who are our stakeholders? (list categories)
2. How do we identify the individuals? (list names)
3. What principles and best practices should we employ as we engage stakeholders?
4. How do we incorporate social science research methods into our scenarios project?
5. How do we ensure our work has policy impact?

Trainers:

1. *Patrick Field, Managing Director, Consensus Building Institute, Cambridge, MA*
2. *Linda Silka, Senior Fellow of the University of Maine George Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014 ARRIVAL FOR TRAINING SESSION PARTICIPANTS

- 3:00 pm** **Check-in Opens in Main Lodge**
- 5:00 pm** **Reception in Main Lodge**
- 6:00 pm** **Dinner in Main Lodge Dining Room**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014: TRAINING SESSION

- 7:30 am** **Breakfast and registration**
- 8:30 am** **Welcome and Overview**
Kathy Fallon Lambert/Jonathan Thompson
- 8:45 am** **Group Introductions, Review of the Agenda & Expectations**
Patrick Field
- 9:15 am** **Getting Started: Overall Issues in Stakeholder Engagement**
Linda Silka
- Why partnerships are needed.
 - Challenges, opportunities, and ethical considerations
- 9:45 am** **Some Common Dilemmas: A Closer Look**
Linda Silka
- 10:15 am** **Break**
- 10:30 am** **Develop an Understanding of Who your Stakeholders Are**
Patrick Field
- Identifying and categorizing stakeholders
 - A practice exercise

11:30 **[A Range of Processes to Deploy](#)**

Linda Silka and Patrick Field

- Identifying and categorizing stakeholders
- A practice exercise

12:00 pm **Lunch – Main Lodge Dining Room**

1:00 pm **[Convening and Engaging Stakeholders](#)**

Patrick Field

- Using assessment
- Interview techniques
- A practice stakeholder interview

2:30 pm **Break**

2:45 pm **[Policy Implications and Actionable Science](#)**

Linda Silka and Patrick Field

3:15 pm **Group Working Session**

Outcomes:

1. Distill learning from training sessions to share with Scenarios to Solutions Workshop participants
2. Identify stakeholder categories and list of potential stakeholders for our scenarios work

5:00 pm **Adjourn**

5:30 pm **Reception for training participants and arriving workshop participants -- Main Lodge**

6:00 pm **Dinner -- Main Lodge Dining Room**

7:30 pm **Bonfire outside the Main Lodge**