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Tim Glidden, Director
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Re: Bog Brook and Moose Cove LMF Proposal

Dear Tim:

I am writing to express the enthusiastic support of the Quoddy Regional Land Trust for the proposal by Maine Coast Heritage Trust for \$1,500,000 in Land for Maine's Future funds to protect 819 acres at Bog Brook and Moose Cove in Cutler and Trescott.

QRLT has had a strong interest in these properties since our founding in 1987. Our long-range vision statement, adopted in 2006, includes among its goals the conservation of the Bold Coast's most important ecological, recreational and scenic places. The Bog Brook and Moose Cove properties certainly qualify. Our vision also foresees the creation of long-distance hiking trails on the Bold Coast, which will now become a real possibility because of how the Bog Brook and Moose Cove properties connect with existing conserved lands.

The Bold Coast is one of Maine's premier scenic, recreational and wildlife resources and a place where "landscape level" conservation still has meaning. Yet even as MCHT, the State of Maine Department of Conservation, and others have worked to conserve key parcels between Cutler and West Quoddy Head, increasing development pressures have threatened to leave these places islanded by residential lots. Fortunately, MCHT, in this project, has managed to assemble what are almost certainly the most important remaining undeveloped properties on the Bold Coast in terms of their size, ecological values, and connectivity with other conserved lands. Such an opportunity will not come again, and fully deserves LMF support at the level requested.

Sincerely,

Alan Brooks
Executive Director

Cc: Marty Anderson, MCHT