

**Working Group to Develop Recommendations for
Extending Federal Beneficial Laws to the Wabanaki Nations**

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Membership List — As of Sept. 9, 2026

Name	Representation
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Senator Rachel Talbot Ross	Senate Chair, appointed by the President of the Senate
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Chief Clarissa Sabattis	Chief of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians
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Chief William J. Nicholas, Sr. (invited)	Chief of the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkomikuk (or designee)
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