



**Tom Abello, Secretary of the Maine Woodland Owners
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Tom Abello received his BA in Communications from Fordham University, Bronx, New York in 1996. As external affairs director for the Nature Conservancy's Maine Chapter, he oversees policy engagement and ensures successful implementation and coordination of actions affecting government policy and legislation at the local, state and federal levels. He has served on several forest-related state working groups, including the Maine's 2015 Public Lands Study Commission and the 2016 Biomass Study Commission. Before returning to the Maine chapter he worked in the national office with states across the country on securing public funding through referendums and initiatives.

Abello grew up on a 140-acre woodlot in Edgecomb, and was a journalist for news organizations in New York and Maine. He lives in Edgecomb, and likes to spend free time with his wife and two daughters, "getting the girls into the woods, on the water and up the mountains."

