



## PRELIMINARY AGENDA AND SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

<b>Pre-Conference Reception</b> <b>Rising Tide Brewing</b> <b>Thursday, May 3, 2018</b>	
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Networking Reception for All Conference Attendees
<b>Island Energy Conference Sessions</b> <b>Congregation Bet Ha'am</b> <b>Friday, May 4, 2018</b>	
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Registration & Breakfast
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Screening of Short Film:</b> <b>Sharing Solutions in Offshore Wind</b>  <b>Presentation of Awards</b> Great Room 2
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Keynote Address</b> Great Room 2
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Networking & Coffee Break

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Leadership for Resilient Communities</b> Great Room 1	<b>Pushing the Envelope: Innovation on the Waterfront</b> Great Room 2
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b> Great Room 1	
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	<b>Lightning Talks – Lessons from the Frontlines</b> Great Room 2	
1:45 PM – 2:00 PM	<b>Break</b>	
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Looking Ahead: A discussion about building a resilient energy future</b> Great Room 1	
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	<b>Break</b>	
3:15 PM – 4:30 PM	<b>Bridging the Rural Energy Efficiency Gap</b> Great Room 1	<b>Planning for Uncertainty</b> Great Room 2
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	<b>No-Host Dinner at Ri-Ra</b>	

<b>Island Site Visit Islesboro Saturday, May 5, 2018</b>	
10:00 AM	<b>Depart Lincolville for Islesboro</b> <i>Attendees will be responsible for their own transportation to and from Lincolville. Estimated travel time: 2 hours</i>
10:30 AM – 2:30 PM	<b>Energy Tour of Islesboro Central School, Community Center, Pendleton Yacht Yard, and Islesboro Town Office</b> <i>Lunch provided</i>
2:30 PM	<b>Depart Islesboro for Lincolville</b>
2:45 PM	<b>Arrive in Lincolville</b>

<b>Key</b>
<b>Breakout Sessions</b>
<b>Networking</b>
<b>Plenary</b>

## Thursday Networking Reception

The **2018 Island Energy Conference – Resilient Together** will kick off with a networking reception for all conference attendees at Rising Tide Brewing in Portland, Maine's iconic Bayside neighborhood. The event will feature light appetizers and a cash bar. **Registration for this event is required; admission is free.**

## Thursday Evening – Women in Energy Meetup

**Rising Tide Brewing Company, 5:30 PM-6:00 PM**

Are you interested in supporting women working to advance clean energy transitions? Join us for a Women in Energy Meetup with Island Energy Conference Panelist Veronica Rocha, President of WiRE (Women in Renewable Energy) at Thursday's Welcome Reception at Rising Tide Brewing Company in Portland.

WiRE is a Hawaii-based nonprofit that provides a forum for women who are working to bring about a sustainable Hawaii powered by clean energy. This informal conversation will focus on ways to better connect women in the clean energy field in Maine and beyond with each other and professional development resources.

## Friday Keynote

### **Martyn Forde, Rocky Mountain Institute**

Caribbean energy expert Martyn Forde will speak to the challenges communities face as they work to rebuild more sustainably in the wake of natural disasters.

Forde is an energy management consultant responsible for the knowledge exchange and capacity building component of the Rocky Mountain Institute's Islands Energy Program. In addition, he is the Community Leader of the CARILEC Renewable Energy Community (CAREC), an online platform designed to enable Caribbean utility companies and energy professionals to share their knowledge on low-carbon technologies and steward organizational knowledge development through webinars, virtual working groups, and workshops. Prior to this role, Forde was a project manager with the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI), where he was responsible for energy planning and the Island Energy Program's activities in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Montserrat. Before joining the Island Energy Program, Martyn assisted the Climate and Energy Program of the Worldwatch Institute with research for the Caribbean Sustainable Energy Roadmap and Strategy.

Prior to his work in the energy field, Martyn was a member of the Barbados National Swimming Team and represented the island in international competitions such as World Championships and the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

## Friday Session Descriptions

### **Film Screening: Sharing Solutions in Offshore Wind – 8:45 AM-9:00 AM**

Tackling complex issues in small communities can be a challenge but residents of many New England islands have learned that they don't have to go it alone. After years of networking on issues related to offshore wind development, leaders from four New England island communities

gathered on Block Island, RI to continue their discussions and tour the nation's first offshore wind farm in 2017. This short film tells the story of how Block Island leaders are informing the work of their peers in Maine and Massachusetts, sharing their strategies to navigate relationships with wind developers and identify ways to balance impacts with community benefits. *The film will be introduced by Monhegan Island resident, Marian Chioffi, and Bill Penn, board member of Block Island Power Company.*

### **Leadership for Resilient Communities – 10:30 AM-12:00 PM**

One way to build resilience is to build local understanding and leadership around issues of energy and sustainability. This session will highlight programs from around the world that are helping island and remote communities learn from each other about how to make their communities more resilient and more sustainable.

Panelists include: Larry Bean, Town of Lapointe Energy Committee, Madeline Island, WI; Kyle Coulam, Clinton Climate Initiative; George Roe, Alaska Center for Energy and Power; Andrea Russell, College of the Atlantic; *Brooks Winner, Island Institute (Moderator)*

### **Pushing the Envelope: Innovation on the Waterfront – 10:30 AM-12:00 PM**

We often say that islands are microcosms for the rest of the world that can provide a view to the future. This panel will feature island communities that are pushing the envelope, reimagining what the energy systems of the future might look like and taking bold steps to ensure that their communities are vibrant, resilient places for generations to come.

Panelists include: Chris Rose, Renewable Energy Alaska Project; Chris Smith, Monhegan Plantation Power District; Jim Wilson, Isle au Haut Power Company; *Stephanie Nowers, KIS Consulting (Moderator)*

### **Lightning Talks: Lessons Learned from the Frontlines – 1:00 PM-1:45 PM**

As Senator Angus King observed at the 2015 Island Energy Conference, “we are in the middle of an energy revolution, and islands are Bunker Hill.” At last year’s conference, we explored courses that islands are charting toward their own sustainable energy futures. This year we reflect on the key role that island communities are playing in energy transitions happening throughout the world, and the connections built over past years that make our communities stronger and more resilient together.

Panelists include: Jon Calame, Thermal Efficiency Eastport, ME; Alexis Chatzimpiros, Samsø Energy Academy/Tentou Project; Veronica Rocha, Hawaii State Energy Office; Lauren Sinatra, Town of Nantucket Energy Office; *Suzanne MacDonald, Island Institute (Moderator)*

### **Looking Ahead: A discussion about building a resilient energy future – 2:00 PM-3:00 PM**

This will be a structured conversation in small groups, allowing group members to gather information and understand possible synergies or expertise from conference attendees.

### **Bridging the Rural Efficiency Gap – 3:15 PM-4:30 PM**

Rural communities pay higher energy costs than their urban counterparts, so the case for energy

efficiency is compelling. However, it can be difficult to get energy efficiency upgrades done in rural areas. This session will feature community-based outreach models that are bridging the gap between remote places and the resources necessary to make homes warmer, more affordable, and more energy efficient.

Panelists include: Sarah Brock, Vital Communities; Natalie Hanson, Nuvista Light and Electric Cooperative; *Katie Conway, Alaska Energy Authority (Moderator)*

### **Planning for Uncertainty – 3:15 PM-4:30 PM**

In 2017, natural disasters caused over \$300 billion in damages in the U.S., a new annual record. Island communities are often some of the hardest hit when disaster strikes, and their remoteness makes it even more essential that their systems be built for resilience in an uncertain climate. This session will feature stories and lessons learned from islands that are planning for uncertainty and building resilient energy systems.

Panelists include: Tracey Fredericks, Block Island Power Company; Clay Koplun, Cordova Electric Cooperative; Heidi Jernigan Smith, Tideland Electric Membership Corporation, Ocracoke, NC; *Stephen Walls, U.S. Department of Energy (Moderator)*

## **Friday No-Host Dinner**

Please join us for a no-host dinner at [Ri-Ra, in Portland's Old Port District](#).

## **Saturday Islesboro Site Visit**

Join us on Saturday for a trip to Islesboro! This island community off the coast of Lincolnville, Maine, has made major strides on energy use in recent years. Attendees will visit newly-installed solar installations at the school and town office and hear about locally-driven energy efficiency and community planning efforts from island residents.

We will depart from Lincolnville's Ferry Terminal at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 5, and return to the mainland around 2:30 PM. **Attendees will be responsible for their own transportation to and from Lincolnville.** We will be touring many outdoor areas to view projects and hear stories, so please dress accordingly. May on a Maine island can be cool and wet, so a rain coat and close-toed shoes are recommended. Lunch will be provided. **Space is limited for this event.**