

# Passamaquoddy People

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## Who Take Care of the Land

reclaim our exclusive and sovereign right to design and create socially responsive projects on our own lands. We reject any claim by Quoddy Bay LLC to interfere with, usurp or disrupt these rights. Self-determination must be the basis for all development and positive change in our homeland.

## Exercise Sovereignty

Proactive social and economic planning means that we consider the long-term impacts of our choices, and how these choices either support or strain the limitations of our environments.

We vow to protect our basic human rights to clean air, clean water, abundant wildlife and other

renewable resources as proposed by the “seventh generation” amendment.

## Monitor Development

Passamaquoddy people need to achieve self-development & self-determination and work towards local self-sufficiency in order to break the chains of dependency on external sources.

To ensure that our sovereignty is respected and that our goals are realized, Nulankeyutmonen Nkitahkomikon (People Who Take Care of the Land) commits to the following actions:

- 1) We will provide direction for our community & economic development campaign by speaking for ourselves and determining what is best for us.
- 2) Make a coordinated approach to address the environmental and social threats of unsustainable

development on tribal lands and territorial waters.

3) Increase knowledge and understanding of the issues relating to large-scale projects that involve Passamaquoddy people.

4) Foster a cross-disciplinary understanding of Passamaquoddy people and the holistic contexts in which we live.

## & Engage Culture

Passamaquoddy people following a democratic and open decision making process, have rights to:

- 1) Use, control and manage their resources;
- 2) Prior informed consent to any proposals which affect our land and/or resources; and
- 3) Reject any proposal that negatively impacts our human and ecological health rights.