

## QUEBEC-LABRADOR FOUNDATION

*With its roots in the Atlantic Region of North America, QLF engages environmental leaders worldwide to advance community-based and larger-scale conservation and stewardship of natural resources and cultural heritage.*

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As with any successful enterprise, people make all the difference. This is especially true in the life of a small organization like QLF, with its unique legacy, urgent mission, and global imperative. In addition to key program updates, this issue of Compass recognizes several individuals whose deep commitment to QLF has and will continue to embody the very essence of our Mission, Vision, and Guiding Principles. In short, its future.

Beth Alling  
President

### QLF HELPS TO CREATE & SHARE 30x30 RESOURCES

In the previous issue of Compass, we introduced QLF's role in supporting the 30x30 initiative, aka Target 3, the best known of the 23 "targets" identified in the 2022 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), in which nations of the world agreed to ambitious action targets to slow the precipitous decline of nature by 2030.

We now share information about two recently created tools intended to guide action on the 30x30 global initiative. Both were developed with significant input from QLF Senior Vice President Brent Mitchell, who serves as a Vice Chair of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA).

The first resource is *30x30: A Guide to Inclusive, Equitable and Effective Implementation of Target 3*. Created to help countries develop and execute their Target 3 plans, the broad audience for the Guide includes, among others, governmental natural resource planners and policy makers, Indigenous peoples and community-based organizations that own, govern and manage territories, and NGOs promoting biodiversity conservation. The 69-page illustrated Guide effectively walks one through the implementation of Target 3 while providing the concepts, definitions, and rationale within the Target itself. The Guide, currently being translated to French and Spanish, is loaded with links to even more detailed information. Brent led the editorial team, with partners at the World Wildlife Fund and The Nature Conservancy in a project supported by the Global Environment Facility. Download the Guide [HERE](#).

A second invaluable resource is the 30x30 Solutions Toolkit, an online site providing guidance and information on implementing Target 3. Envisioned as a clearing house of resources (and companion to the 30x30 Guide), the website features extensive resource material organized by resource type (terrestrial, marine, inland waters, etc.) and outcomes (effectively managed, ecologically representative, equitably governed, etc.). Partners include The Nature Conservancy and the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People, a group of 115 countries pledging to achieve and advocate for Target 3. While it is still being built out, you can visit the Toolkit [HERE](#).

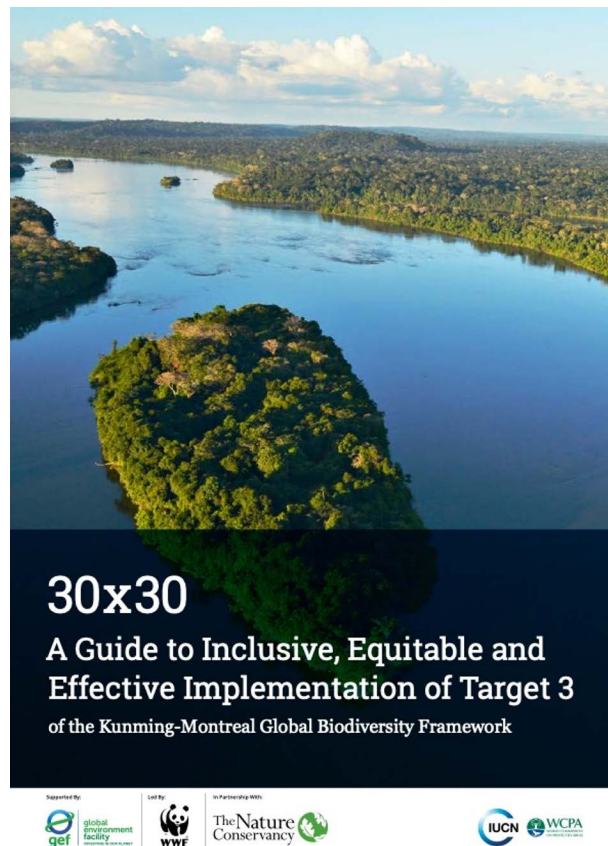


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## QLF CO-LEADING REGIONAL LANDSCAPE CONNECTIVITY SUMMIT

As part of its work as a new partner in the Staying Connected Initiative (SCI), QLF is co-convening the first-ever Northeastern North America Landscape Connectivity Summit. Slated for June 2024 in Montréal, Québec, the goal of the summit is to bring key regional and national leaders and practitioners together across borders, institutions, and cultures to identify priority strategies, opportunities, and actions that will advance ecological connectivity conservation and restoration in this globally significant region.



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SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT, QUEBEC-LABRADOR FOUNDATION

With a geographical focus on the five eastern-most Canadian provinces, seven northeastern-most U.S. states, and traditional Indigenous lands within that footprint, the Summit will bring together provincial, state, and federal agency decision-makers and staff, Indigenous leaders and representatives, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and public and private funders.

QLF's primary partner in convening the Summit on behalf of SCI is the Center for Large Landscape Conservation.

The Staying Connected Initiative is an international public-private partnership that works to maintain a well-connected landscape for nature and people across the Northern Appalachian – Acadian region of the U.S. and Canada. To learn more, click [HERE](#).

### PERFECT PARTNERS: QLF & BARB GENGE OF TUCKAMORE LODGE

Partnership – “Two entities being in a relationship that is more than just transactional—one partner cares about, supports, and provides value to the other and vice versa.”

One would have to look far beyond the Quebec-Labrador region to find a better partnership than the collaborative efforts between QLF and Barb Genge of Tuckamore Lodge in Main Brook, Newfoundland. Barb built the internationally known destination in 1986, about the same time she first learned of QLF's summer internship program.

As a Northern Peninsula native and business owner, Barb has always sought to help protect the natural environment. In QLF, she has the perfect partner.



Located in the heart of the Great Northern Peninsula, Tuckamore Lodge offers Scandinavian-style accommodations and some of the highest quality outdoor experiences in Atlantic Canada. For more than a decade, Barb has created a home-away-from home for QLF's summer Interns at the ski hut, one of the buildings operated by Tuckamore Lodge.

What began with QLF Interns making classroom presentations grew into beach cleanups, local advocacy, and multi-year data gathering projects targeting the region's natural resources, endangered birds, and aquatic life. These activities still define the core elements of a well-coordinated campaign to engage area residents, businesses, and officials in conservation.

According to Barb, the key to QLF's success in the region is its trained staff. The early Newfoundland-based programs were blessed with passionate and energetic leaders, a legacy now carried on under the direction of Dr. Kathleen Blanchard.

Through her trusting embrace of QLF, Barb



BARB GENGE  
PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF BARB

effectively opened doors for QLF throughout the region. In one early case, bush planes were used to ferry QLF Interns from Newfoundland to Labrador to deliver goods and participate in conservation activities.



TUCKAMORE LODGE, MAIN BROOK, GREAT NORTHERN PENINSULA OF NEWFOUNDLAND  
PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF BARB GENGE

In Barb's view, QLF helps communities see themselves differently and value the protection of their natural resources.

"I can't thank QLF enough," says Barb Genge. And QLF can't thank you enough either, Barb!

For more information on Tuckamore Lodge click [HERE](#).

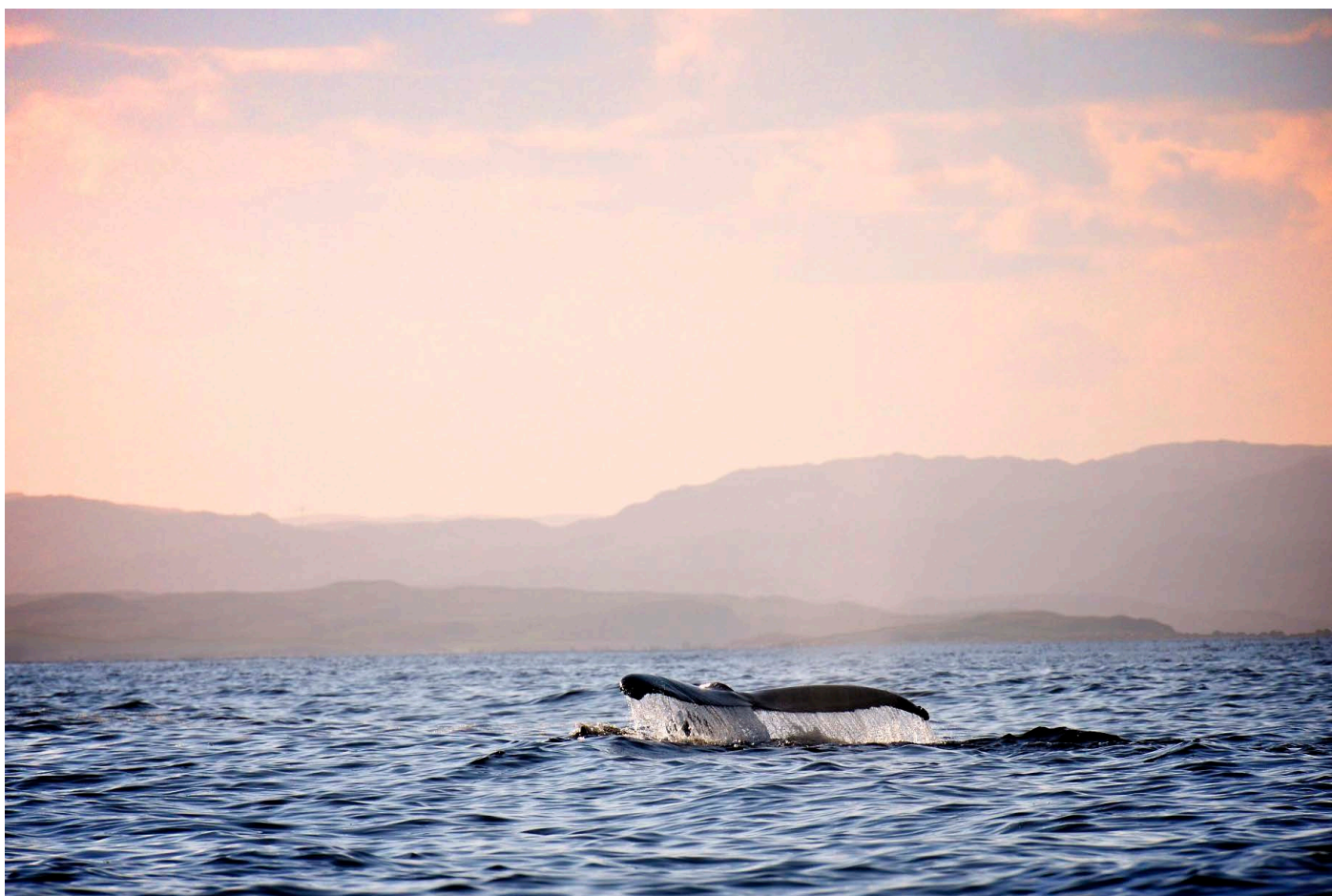
## CONSERVATION INTERNSHIPS

QLF's flagship program, Conservation Internships, promotes individual leadership and next generation leaders through fieldwork, research, and reporting on Biodiversity Conservation. We are pleased to present the following links to recent articles written by young professionals:

*Climate Benefits of Protecting Whales* Cassia Foley

*The North Atlantic Right Whale* Isabelle Pharand

*Disappearance of Leatherneck Sea Turtles* Caroline Gay



HUMPBACK WHALE OFF CONCHE NEWFOUNDLAND  
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## QLF LEADERSHIP NEWS

Throughout its 60+ year existence, QLF has been blessed by the dedication and support of many individuals. With our deepest thanks and gratitude, we recognize the manifold contributions of Rosemary Furfey and The Right Reverend A. Bruce Stavert.

### ROSEMARY FURFEY: A CAREER OF SERVICE TO QLF

Following nearly 50 years of “doing it all” with QLF, Rosemary Furfey retired from the QLF-U.S. Board at the fall Annual Meeting (October 2023). In 1976, she became the first woman to serve as an Intern on the staff of the Living Rivers Program in Tabusintac, New Brunswick. She went on to direct Living Rivers in the early 1980’s. After her assignment with the Peace Corps, she returned to QLF as Director of the Intern and Volunteer Program.



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Long a close friend of QLF Founder Bob Bryan, Archbishop Stavert passed away on 11 September 2023 after a life of service to others through the Anglican Church of Canada.

Ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Quebec in 1965, Bruce Stavert followed his calling to Labrador and later to the Quebec Lower North Shore. He became a strong believer of the organization, especially Bob’s Aviation Ministry and flew with Bob often to visit communities along the Coast. He was a regular on the winter trip occurring each February or March.



Bruce served for three decades on the QLF Council and was a trusted advisor to staff members across the organization. Following his retirement to Hudson, Québec, Bruce and his wife, Diana, attended QLF events with visits to the Montréal office.

## QLF-U.S. WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

### SETH JAMES BRYAN OBED, ESQ.

Born in Labrador of Inuit descent and raised in Maine, Seth has deep roots in Atlantic Canada and New England. Seth's mother, author Ellen Bryan Obed, first went to Labrador with her



FORMER QLF COUNCIL MEMBER BRUCE STAVERT (LEFT) WITH QLF FOUNDER BOB BRYAN, 1993  
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Uncle Bob Bryan in the summer of 1965. She shared her love of Labrador with Seth who is excited to join QLF's long-standing efforts to serve community-based conservation in regions which have shaped his identity and heritage.

Seth is the Founder and Principal of Obed Law, PLLC in Alexandria, Virginia. He earned degrees from Bowdoin College and Washington and Lee University School of Law.

### KATHARINE LITKA

Katy joins the QLF-U.S. Board with hands-on experience having served as a Co-Manager of Young Professionals at the second QLF Alumni Congress (2016) in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain. In addition, she served as a Manager of the Southeast Asia Conservation Exchange Program and the Global Leadership Network (GLN). Some of Katy's favorite memories were interviewing QLF Alumni: "Beth and Larry would always pop into my office at the end of the Skype call and chat with Alumni. It was clear during these impromptu conversations that QLF was a place where passionate people developed and



SETH OBED  
PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF SETH



maintained genuine connections and lifelong friendships."

Katy is an Attorney who graduated from Emory University School of Law in 2022. She attended St. Lawrence University for her undergraduate studies.



KATY LITKA  
PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF KATY

## QLF AWARDED CANDID GOLD SEAL OF TRANSPARENCY

QLF is pleased to announce that it has earned a 2023 Gold Seal of Transparency from Candid (formerly GuideStar), an information service specializing in reporting on U.S. nonprofit corporations. The designation acknowledges QLF's ability to instill trust and confidence in those who support its work.

The Candid recognition complements that of Charity Navigator, which awarded its coveted 4-star rating to QLF over three consecutive years.



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