

Meet the New Executive Director

In August of 2009, the Friends of Blue Hill Bay Board of Directors hired me, Barbara Arter as their first Executive Director. This is an exciting challenge to be “the first” and I hope that I can live up to your expectations! My plan is to work with board leadership and our administrative staff to promote the organization’s mission and to strengthen the group’s collaborations with state and federal agencies, researchers, conservation organizations, harvesters, municipal governments, and community members to encourage sustainable use of the bay.

I have spent my first few months getting to know many of the partners in the bay and I have attended meetings sponsored by MERI, the Blue Hill Heritage Trust, and the Penobscot East Resource Center. One of my first goals for 2010 is to find funding to produce a bay-wide management report based on the inventory and mapping project conducted by FOBHB in 2007.

Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I have lived and worked in the quiet fishing community of Steuben (in Washington County) for the past 20 years where I have been the Project Director and Conservation Planner for BSA Environmental Consulting. I have a long history specializing in coastal watershed science and freshwater and nearshore-marine fisheries management including Taunton Bay and Narraguagus Bay.

I look forward to working with FOBHB and I hope you will continue your support for our efforts! We have included an envelope for your convenience. Please feel free to contact me anytime with ideas or questions about how we can better protect Blue Hill Bay. You can call me at (207) 546-2018 or email at [**bsarter@fobhb.org**](mailto:bsarter@fobhb.org).