



SCHOLARS
STRATEGY NETWORK

Climate Change Is an Existential Problem for Indigenous Mainers

Darren Ranco, University of Maine

Here in Maine, climate change could be devastating, especially for Indigenous people. **Studies show** that Indigenous Nations like the Abenaki, Maliseet, Mi'kmaq, Passamaquoddy, Penobscot and Wabanaki will face some of the most destructive impacts of the climate crisis.

Let's be clear: Climate change is already happening. Wabanaki people, for instance, are currently in the midst of **climate adaption planning** to prepare for environmental issues now and down the road. I interact with other Wabanaki folks on a daily basis, and climate change is a serious concern. Of particular concern is erosion, ongoing access to healthy fish and game and environmental impacts on drinking water and power supplies.