



NEPARC 2005: Annual Meeting Agenda
Biden Environmental Education Center
Cape Henlopen State Park, Delaware
August 23rd – 25th, 2005

August 23rd (Tuesday afternoon)

- 11:30 -1:00 Registration
- 1:00 – 1:30 **Welcome** – by Holly Niederriter (DNREC) our meeting host and NEPARC co-chairs: Scott Smith (MD-DNR) and Linda Weir (USGS).
- What is NEPARC/PARC?
 - Introductions around the room
- 1:30 – 2:00 **National PARC** – Ernie Garcia (PARC Federal Coordinator) and Priya Nanjappa (PARC States Coordinator)
- 2:00 – 3:00 **Updates on ongoing NEPARC projects:**
- Herp Regs – Al Breisch (NY-DEC)
 - Risk Assessment – Linda Weir
 - Education project – Stafford Madison (US-EPA)
 - Habitat Management Guidelines – Joe Mitchell (U. of Richmond)
 - Model Land Use Guidelines – Liz Johnson (American Museum of Natural History)
 - Forestry Certification Standards – Mary Beth Kolozsvary (New York State Biodiversity Research Institute)
 - State Agency Summary of Herp Projects – Scott Smith
- 3:00 – 3:30 *Break*
- 3:30 – 4:00 **Iridoviruses of chelonians and other emerging pathogens of reptiles and amphibians** – April Johnson (University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine)
- 4:00 – 5:00 **Discussion** with Holly as facilitator
- 6:00 – 7:00 *BBQ Dinner*
- 7:00 - ? **Field trip** – Jim White (Delaware Nature Society) as leader, location ponds near park



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August 24th (Wednesday)

- 7:30 – 8:30 *Breakfast*
- 8:30 – 9:00 **CWCS- Northeast State's Wildlife Strategies** – Alison Whitlock (US-FWS)
- 9:00 – 10:00 **Discussion** with Alison as facilitator
- 10:00 – 10:15 *Break*
- 10:15 – 10:45 **Conserving Box Turtles: we need to do more** – Chris Swarth (Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, Maryland)
- 10:45 – 12:00 **Discussion** with Holly as facilitator
- 12:00 – 1:00 *Lunch*
- 1:00 – 1:45 **Poster Session**
- 1:45 – 2:15 **Mitigation measures to reduce highway mortality of turtles and other herpetofauna at Lake Jackson, Florida** – Matt Aresco (Florida State University)
- 2:15 – 3:00 **Discussion** with Linda as facilitator
- 3:00 – 3:30 *Break*
- 3:30 – 4:15 **Discussion** continues
- 4:15 – 5:00 **Action Items: setting tasks, assign, and due date**
- 6:00 – 8:00 *Banquet with evening presentation:*

***"Amphibian Brothels, Unpronounceable Plant Names
and Whale Wallows: What the Heck is a Delmarva Bay?"***

by

Jim White & Bill McAvoy

of

Delaware Nature Society and DNREC, respectively



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Breakfast

8:30 – 9:00

Using GIS Technologies to Protect Vernal Pools and other Wetland Habitats in New Jersey – Dave Golden (NJ-DFW)

9:00 – 10:00

Discussion with Scott as facilitator

10:00 – 10:30

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Break

10:30 – 11:30

NEPARC business:

- Election of new co-chair
- Likes/Dislikes of current meeting
- 2006 NEPARC meeting in Connecticut & topic ideas