



NORTHEAST PARTNERS IN AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE CONSERVATION

2006 Annual Meeting

Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area, Burlington, Connecticut

August 15th – 17th, 2006

FINAL AGENDA

August 15th (Tuesday afternoon)

- 11:30 -1:00 Registration
- 1:00 – 1:30 **Welcome** – by Ed Parker, Bureau Chief (Connecticut Dept. of Environmental Protection), Julie Victoria (CT – DEP) our meeting host, and NEPARC co-chairs: Scott Smith (Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources) and Mike Marchand (New Hampshire Fish & Game Dept.).
- Introduction of Steering Committee – Scott Smith
 - What is NEPARC/PARC? – Mike Marchand
 - Introductions around the room
- 1:30 – 2:00 **National PARC Update** – Rick Bennett (PARC Joint National Steering Committee) and Priya Nanjappa-Mitchell (PARC States Agencies Coordinator)
- 2:00 – 2:30 **Spatial and Temporal Patterns of Amphibian Disease in Acadia National Park Wetlands** – Megan Gahl (University of Maine)
- 2:30 – 3:00 **Demographic Impacts of Road Salt on Vernal Pool-Breeding Amphibians** – Nancy Karraker (SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry)
- 3:00 – 3:30 **The Red-eared Slider: The Worlds Most Infamous Turtle** – J.D. Kleopfer (Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries)
- 3:30 – 3:45 *Break & Begin Silent Auction*
- 3:45 – 4:45 **Update on On-going NEPARC Projects:**
- Habitat Management Guidelines – Al Breisch (NY Dept. of Environmental Conservation)
 - Model Land Use Guidelines – Liz Johnson (American Museum of Natural History)
 - Box Turtle Working Group – Chuck Landrey (The Turtle Conservation Project)
 - Education project – Linda Weir (USGS)
 - Forestry Certification – Mary Beth Kolozsvary (New York State Biodiversity Research Institute)
 - State Herp Regulations Update – Al Breisch
- 4:45 – 5:15 **State Wildlife Action Plans & Herp Conservation Opportunities** – Alison Whitlock (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service)
- 5:15 – 6:00 **Poster Session**
- 6:00 – ? *Dinner & Social (Catered Barbecue at Sessions Woods)*



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August 16th (Wednesday)

- 7:30 – 8:30 *Breakfast*
- 8:30 – 9:00 **PIJAC's Habitattitude Program** – Marshall Meyers (Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council)
- 9:00 – 9:30 **Local Land Use Planning and Herpetofaunal Conservation** – Michael Klemens (Wildlife Conservation Society)
- 9:30 – 10:00 **Farmington Valley Biodiversity Project** – Hank Gruner (Connecticut Science Center)
- 10:00 – 10:15 *Break*
- 10:15 – 12:00 **Breakout Sessions:**
- Land Use Planning – Liz Johnson as facilitator
 - Box Turtle – Chuck Landrey as facilitator
 - Road Salt – Nancy Karraker as facilitator
- 12:00 – 1:30 *Lunch*
- 1:30 – 2:00 **Maine's Forestry Habitat Management Guidelines for Vernal Pool Wildlife** – Phillip deMaynadier (Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife)
- 2:00 – 2:30 **Chesapeake Forest: An Experiment in Sustainable Forestry** - Scott Smith (Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources)
- 2:30 – 3:00 **NEPARC Forest Certification Standards Project** – Robert Brooks (U. of Massachusetts/U.S. Forest Service)
- 3:00 – 3:15 *Break and End of Silent Auction*
- 3:15 – 5:30 **Breakout Sessions:**
- Forest Certification – Mary Beth Kolozsvary and Robert Brooks as facilitators
 - State Wildlife Action Plans – Mike Marchand as facilitator
- 6:00 – 8:00 *Banquet at Marinelli's Supper Club with evening presentation:*

***"Herping with the Taliban: the pre-9/11 experiences
of a lizard researcher in Afghanistan"***

by

Ted Papenfuss (UCLA – Berkeley)



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August 17th (Thursday morning)

- 7:30 – 8:30 *Breakfast*
- 8:30 – 9:00 **Management of a Suburban Population of Timber Rattlesnakes in Central Connecticut** – Doug Fraser (Siena College)
- 9:00 – 9:30 **A Regional Blanding's Turtle Action Plan** – Brad Compton (U. of Massachusetts - Amherst)
- 9:30 – 10:30 **NEPARC Business:**
- Election of new co-chair
 - Steering Committee changes (if any)
 - Likes/Dislikes of current meeting
 - 2007 NEPARC meeting location and topic suggestions
- 10:30 – 10:45 *Break*
- 10:45 – 11:15 **Action Items: setting tasks, assignments, and due dates** – Mike Marchand as facilitator
- 11:15 – 12:00 **Habitat Management Guidelines: Training module demonstration** – Kurt Buhlmann (Savannah River Ecology Lab)
- 12:00 **Annual Meeting Ends**

NEPARC Sponsors:

We thank Forestry Suppliers and all our generous contributors for donating items to the NEPARC silent auction.



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- 12:00 – ? Lunch on your own (not provided)
- 12:00 – ? Blanding's Turtle Working Group Meeting (not a NEPARC working group)