



NORTHEAST PARTNERS IN AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE CONSERVATION

2007 Annual Meeting
Mountain Lake Biological Field Station, Virginia
August 20th – 22nd, 2007

Meeting Agenda

August 20 (Monday Night)

6:30 - 8:30 **Registration**
BBQ Social, Poster Session, start of Silent Auction
and Raffle

August 21 (Tuesday)

6:30 – 8:00 Breakfast at Biological Station

7:30 – 8:30 **Registration**

8:30 – 9:00 **Welcome and Logistics** – Co-chairs and meeting host;
J.D. Kleopfer (Va. Dept. of Fish and Game and Inland
Fisheries)

- Greetings from Mountain Lake Biological Field Station – Butch Brodie (Director of MLBS)
- What is NEPARC/PARC? – Mike Marchand (NH Fish & Game Dept., NEPARC Co-chair)
- NEPARC Progress overview since last meeting – Holly Niederriter (DE Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, NEPARC Co-chair)
- Performance Evaluation: 6 major issues – Mike Marchand

9:00 – 9:15 **National PARC Update** – Holly Niederriter

9:15 – 10:00 **Working Group Updates (progress since 2006 meeting)** – Working Group Chairs (~ 5 minutes each)

Ongoing working groups

- State Herp Regulations Update – 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)
- Forestry Certification – Mary Beth Kolozsvary (New York State Biodiversity Research Institute)



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New Working Groups (2006/2007)

- Habitat Management Guide distribution – Scott Smith (MD DNR, Natural Heritage Program)
- State Wildlife Action Plan – Hank Gruner (The Connecticut Children’s Museum)
- Important Herp Areas – Phillip deMaynadier (Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife)
- Roads and road salt – Valorie Titus (Binghamton University)
- Regional Initiatives
 - Mapping – J.D. Kleopfer
 - Monitoring – Al Breisch

10:00 – 10:15 *Break, poster session*

Major Threats Session

10:15 – 10:45 **Forest Management Practices and Amphibians: Threats and Opportunities** – Dr. Carola Haas (Virginia Tech)

10:45 – 11:15 **Maryland Route 30 Hampstead Bypass: Planning and Design of a Green Highway** – Bill Branch (MD State Highway Administration).

11:15 - 12:00 **Influence of Feeding Ecology on Blood Hg Concentrations in Four Species of Turtles** – Dr. William Hopkins (Virginia Tech)

12:00 – 1:00 *Lunch*

1:00 – 1:15 Ideas of New Products/Working Groups – Open discussion

1:15 – 2:45 **Working Group Breakout Sessions**

- Roads & Road Salt
- Important Herp Area
- New Group proposed?

2:45 – 3:00 *Break*

3:00 – 3:15 Working Groups report back to main group



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Species Conservation Session

- 3:15 – 3:45 **Diamondback Terrapin Habitat Creation Project**
– Holly Niederriter (DE Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program)
- 3:45 - 4:15 **Hard Times for a Suburban Viper: The Canebrake Rattlesnake in Virginia**
– Dr. Alan Savitzky (Old Dominion University)
- 6:00 – 7:00 *Tuesday Night Dinner*
- 7:15 – 8:00 **Natural History of the Mountain Lake Area and some Herpetological Research at the Station**
– Dr. Henry Wilbur (University of Virginia)

August 22 (Wednesday)

- 7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast at Biological Station

Management & Inventory Session

- 8:30 – 9:30 **State Wildlife Grants in Action for Herps: a case study**
– Chris Urban (PA Fish and Boat Commission)
- 9:30 – 10:00 **Urban Herpetology: Challenges and Opportunities for Education, Research, and Conservation**
– Dr. Michael Dorcas (Davidson College in NC)
- 10:00 – 10:30 **Stream Salamander Occupancy in Dendritic Ecological Networks: Is branchy better?**
– Evan Grant (US Geological Survey)
- 10:30 – 10:45 *Break*
- 10:45 – 11:00 Ideas of New Products/Working Groups – Open discussion
- 11:00 – 12:15 **Working Group Breakout Sessions**
- Box Turtle
 - Land Use Guidelines
 - State Wildlife Action Group
 - Other or new working groups



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- 12:15 – 1:15 *Lunch (Silent auction and Raffle ends)*
- 1:15 – 2:30 **Working Group Breakout Sessions**
• Continuation of working group sessions
- 2:30 – 2:45 **Working Groups Report Back to Main Group**
- 2:45 – 3:00 *Break*
- 3:00 – 3:30 **Role of Reptiles and Amphibians in Conservation Medicine**
– Dr. Joy Ware (Virginia Commonwealth University)
- 3:30 – 4:00 **NEPARC Business**
• Election of new co-chair
• Steering Committee changes (if any)
• Likes/Dislikes of current meeting
• 2008 NEPARC meeting location
- 4:00 – 4:45 **Action Items: setting tasks, assignments, and due dates**
– Holly Niederriter (facilitator) and newly elected co-chair
- 6:00 – 7:00 *Wednesday Night Dinner*
- 7:15 – 8:00 **The Civil War, Virginia's Battlefields, and Reptiles and Amphibians**
– Dr. Joseph Mitchell (Mitchell Ecological Research)

August 23 (Thursday a.m.)

7:00 – 8:30 *Breakfast at Biological Station*

Y'all have a safe trip home

Field Trips

Because of the location, organized field trips are not necessary. Mountain Lake Biological Station is located in the heart of salamander country. Approximately 20 species of salamander occur in Giles County. Many of which are found in the region surrounding Mountain Lake. If you can, stick around on Thursday and explore the area.



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