



NORTHEAST PARTNERS IN AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE CONSERVATION

2008 Annual Meeting

Powder Mill Nature Reserve, Rector, Pennsylvania

August 13-15, 2008

FINAL AGENDA

State Biologist Meeting

11:00 – 12:00

August 13th (1st day)

11:30 -1:00 Registration

1:00 – 1:30 **Welcome** – by Chris Urban (Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission) our meeting co-host along with the Western PA Conservancy, and NEPARC co-chairs: Holly Niederriter (Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife) and John (J.D.) Kleopfer (Virginia Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries)

- What is NEPARC/PARC? – J.D.
- Introduction of Steering Committee – Holly

1:30 – 2:00 **National PARC Update** Priya Nanjappa Mitchell (Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies) and Dr. Michael Lannoo (Indiana University School of Medicine)

MAJOR THREATS TO NATIVE REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS SESSION

2:00 – 2:30 **How are Amphibians and Reptiles Affected by Trophic Cascade in the Northeastern United States? We don't know yet, but we can find out** – Eugene R. Meyer (Natural History Society of Maryland)

2:30 – 3:00 **A Study of the Occurrence of Infectious Diseases and Malformations within an Urban Gradient** - Karen Duncan (Virginia Commonwealth University)

3:00 – 3:15 *Break & Begin Silent Auction*

3:15 – 4:00 **Threats and Conservation of Freshwater Turtles: How Globalization Affects Turtles of the Northeastern United States** – Peter van Dijk (Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Conservation Program, Center for Applied Biodiversity Science)

4:00 – 4:45 **Update on On-going NEPARC Projects:**

- **Box Turtle Working Group** – Valorie Titus (Binghamton University)
- **Emerging Diseases** – Joy Ware (Virginia Commonwealth University)
- **Forestry Certification** – Mary Beth Kolozsvary (New York State Biodiversity Research Institute)
- **Habitat Management Guidelines** – Lori Erb (Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife) and Allison Whitlock (US Fish & Wildlife)



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- **Important Herp Areas** – Mary Beth Kolozsvary (New York State Biodiversity Research Institute)
- **Land Use Guidelines** – Liz Johnson (American Museum of Natural History)
- **Roads & Road Salt** – Valorie Titus (Binghamton University)
- **Snake Education** – Scott Smith (Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources) and Alison Whitlock (US Fish & Wildlife)
- **State Wildlife Action Plans** – Lori Erb (Massachusetts Div. of Fisheries & Wildlife) and Mike Marchand (New Hampshire Fish & Game Dept.)
- **State Herp Regulations Update** – Al Breisch (New York Dept. of Environmental Conservation)

5:00 – 7:00 **Poster Session**

6:00 – whenever *Dinner & Social (included in Registration fee)*

August 14th (2nd day)

7:30 – 8:30 *Breakfast (included in Registration fee)*

CONSERVATION ACTIONS TO ADDRESS MAJOR THREATS TO NATIVE REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS SESSION

8:30 – 9:00 **Developing a Monitoring and Management Plan for the Shenandoah Salamander** - Jennifer Sevin (Smithsonian Institution, National Zoological Park)

9:00 – 9:30 **North American Amphibian Monitoring Program (NAAMP): first multi-year analysis of NAAMP frog call survey data** – Linda Weir, Ian Fiske and Andy Royle (USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center)

9:30 – 10:00 **New Jersey Pinesnake Relocation Study** - Dave Golden (New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife)

10:00 – 10:15 *Break*

10:15 – 11:30 **Breakout Sessions for Working Groups:**

- Box Turtles – Lori Erb
- Land-use – Liz Johnson
- Emerging Diseases - Joy Ware

11:30 – 12:45 *Lunch (included in Registration fee)*

1:00 – 1:45 **How Can the AZA and PARC Work Together?** – Shelly Grow (Association of Zoos & Aquariums)



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1:45 – 2:30 **Conservation of the Eastern Massasauga in Pennsylvania** - Matt Kowalski and Ryan Miller (The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy).

2:30 – 4:00 **Breakout Sessions for Working Groups:**

- Roads & Roads Salt – Valorie Titus
- State Wildlife Action Plan – Lori Erb & Mike Marchand
- Snakes – Scott Smith

4:00 – 4:30 *End of Silent Auction*

6:00 – 8:00 **Banquet (included with registration fee) with evening talk**
"Amphibian Malformations and the Collapse of Aquatic Ecosystems" –
Michael Lannoo (Indiana University School of Medicine)

August 15th (3rd day)

7:30 – 8:30 *Breakfast (included in Registration fee)*

SPECIES AND/OR HABITATS OF REGIONAL CONSERVATION NEED/PRIORITY

8:30 – 9:00 **Bog Turtle Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)** - Gian Rocco (Penn State)

9:00 – 9:30 **Virginia Mitigation Banking for Wood Turtle Habitat** – Bradley D. Helmandollar (Williamsburg Environmental Group)

9:30 – 10:30 **Breakout Session Wrap-up:** Holly as facilitator

10:30 – 10:45 *Break*

10:45- 11:30 **NEPARC Business:** J.D. as facilitator

- Election of new co-chair
- Steering Committee changes (if any)
- Likes/Dislikes of current meeting
- 2009 NEPARC meeting location and topic suggestions

11:30 - 12:00 **SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE PRIZES**

12:00 Annual Meeting Ends – Lunch on your own –
Optional field trip to Carnegie Museum (transport on your own) with arrival at museum approximately 1:30 p.m.

NEPARC Sponsors:

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