



NORTHEAST PARTNERS IN AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE CONSERVATION

2009 Annual Meeting
Clute Memorial Park
Watkins Glen, N.Y.
August 11-13, 2009

FINAL AGENDA

10 Years of NEPARC: Past, Present, and Future of Herps in the Northeast

August 11th (1st day)

11:30 -1:00 Registration

1:00 – 1:30 **Welcome** – by Valorie Titus (Binghamton University) our meeting host, Patty Riexinger (NYS DEC), and NEPARC co-chairs: John (J.D.) Kleopfer (Virginia Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries), Dave Golden (New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife)

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

1:30 – 2:00 **National PARC Update** – Priya Nanjappa (Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies)

Session 1

2:00 – 2:40 **A History of Herpetology In NY State** – Al Breisch (New York Dept. of Environmental Conservation)

2:40 – 3:00 Break and Silent Auction begins

3:00 – 3:10 **Update: State Wildlife Action Plans** – Mike Marchand (New Hampshire Fish & Game Dept.)

3:10 – 3:40 **Wood turtles as a Regional Conservation Concern** – Mike Jones (MA Division USFWS)

3:40 – 3:50 **Update: Roads & Road Salt** – Valorie Titus (Binghamton University)

3:50 – 4:20 **Predictors and Consequences of Highway Road-Kill Hotspots for Freshwater Turtles** – Tom A. Langen (Clarkson University)

4:20 – 4:40 **Update: State Herp Regulations** – Al Breisch (NYS DEC) and Lieutenant Richard Thomas (NYS DEC)

4:40 – 5:40 **Poster Session**

5:30 – ? *BBQ & Social (included in Registration fee)*



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August 12th (2nd day)

7:00 – 8:00 *Breakfast (included in Registration fee)*

Session 2

8:00 – 8:10 **Update: Diseases** – Joy Ware (VA Commonwealth University)

8:10 – 8:40 **Population genetics of chytridiomycosis susceptibility in the Arizona lowland leopard frog, *Lithobates yavapaiensis*** – Anna Savage (Cornell University)

8:40 – 9:30 **PARC's Important Herp Areas: Progress Toward a National Network of Conserved Habitats for North America's Amphibians and Reptiles** – Phillip deMaynadier (Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife)

9:30 – 12:00 **Breakout Sessions for Working Groups:**

- Roads & Roads Salt – Valorie Titus
- State Wildlife Action Plan – Lori Erb & Mike Marchand
- Important Herp Areas – Phillip deMaynadier
- Editorial Board – Valorie Titus

12:00 – 1:30 *Lunch (included in Registration fee) & Steering Committee meeting*

1:30 - 1:40 **Update: Box Turtle Working Group** – Lori Erb (Mass. Div. of Fisheries & Wildlife)

1:40 – 2:10 **Headstarting Box Turtles as a Viable Conservation Tool** – Nicolas Frederick (VA Commonwealth University)

2:10 – 2:20 **Update: Land Use Guidelines** – Liz Johnson (Am. Museum of Natural History)

2:20 – 2:50 **Ecologically-based land use planning: challenges and opportunities** – Andrew Raus (Bergmann Associates)

2:50 – 3:10 Break

3:10 – 5:10 **Breakout Sessions for Working Groups:**

- Box Turtles – Lori Erb
- Land-use – Liz Johnson, Andrew Raus, and Jason Babcock-Stiner
- Snakes – Scott Smith
- Emerging Diseases – Joy Ware
- Wood turtles (new group) – JD Kleopfer



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- 6:30 Depart for banquet (please try to carpool) *End of Silent Auction*
- 7:00 – ? **Banquet (included with registration fee and cash bar) at Red Newt Cellars with evening talk** – Harry Greene (Cornell University)

August 13th (3rd day)

- 7:00 – 8:00 *Breakfast (included in Registration fee)*
- Session 3
- 8:00 – 8:10 **Update: Snake Education** – Scott Smith (Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources)
- 8:10 – 8:40 **Operation Shellshock** – Lieutenant Richard Thomas (NYS DEC)
- 8:40 – 10:00 **Breakout Session Wrap-up:** J.D. as facilitator
- 10:00 - 11:00 **NEPARC Business:** Dave as facilitator
- Election of new co-chair
 - Steering Committee changes (if any)
 - Likes/Dislikes of current meeting
 - 2010 NEPARC meeting location and topic suggestions
- 11:00 - 11:30 **SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE PRIZES**
- 11:30 **Annual Meeting Ends – Lunch on your own - Optional Field trip to Watkins Glen State Park or tour of created vernal pools**

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