



NORTHEAST PARTNERS IN AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE CONSERVATION

2010 Annual Meeting

Schoodic Education and Research Center

Acadia National Park, Maine

August 10-11, 2010

2010 MEETING AGENDA

Monday, August 9th

7:00 pm **Evening Social** (light snacks provided, donations for beverages)

Tuesday, August 10th

7:00 – 8:00 **Breakfast** (*Included with registration*)

8:00 – 8:30 Registration

8:30 – 9:15 **Welcome** – by Phillip deMaynadier (Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife) our meeting host, and NEPARC co-chairs: Dave Golden (New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife) and Mary Beth Kolozsvary (New York State Museum)

- What is NEPARC/PARC? – Dave
- Introduction of Steering Committee – Mary Beth
- Introductions around the room

9:15 – 9:40 **National PARC Update** - Priya Nanjappa (Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies)

9:40 – 10:20 **Update on On-going NEPARC Projects:**

- **Important Herp Areas** – Phillip deMaynadier (MDIFW)
- **Box Turtle Working Group** – Lori Erb (Mass. Div. of Fisheries & Wildlife)
- **Emerging Diseases** – Valorie Titus (Bronx Zoo)
- **Land Use Guidelines** – Liz Johnson (American Museum of Natural History)
- **Roads & Road Salt** – Valorie Titus (Bronx Zoo)
- **Snake Education** – Angelena Ross (NYSDEC)
- **Blandings Turtle** –Mike Marchand (NH Fish & Game Dept.)
- **Vernal Pools** – Mary Beth Kolozsvary (NY State Museum)

10:20 – 10:40 **Break** - *Begin Silent Auction*



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- 10:40 – 10:50** **Regulatory Update** – Al Breisch (NYSDEC)
- 10:50 – 12:00** **Landscape Conservation Cooperatives** – Andrew Milliken (US Fish and Wildlife Service)
- 12:00 – 1:05** **Lunch** (*Included with registration*)
- *working lunch for NEPARC steering committee members***
- 1:05 – 1:40** **Poster Session** – Authors at posters for questions/discussion
- 1:40 – 2:10** **Nesting Movements and the Use of Anthropogenic Nesting Sites by Spotted Turtles (*Clemmys guttata*) and Blanding's Turtles (*Emydoidea blandingii*)** - Frederic Beaudry (Department of Wildlife Ecology, University of Maine)
- 2:10 – 2:40** **Spatial Variation in Eastern Box Turtle (*Terrapene c. carolina*) Population Densities and Movement Patterns in Central Massachusetts** - Lisabeth L. Willey (Department of Natural Resources Conservation, University of Massachusetts)
- 2:40 – 2:55** **Break** (Snacks provided)
- 2:55 – 3:25** **A Multi-Scale Evaluation of Eastern Hognose Snake (*Heterodon platirhinos*) Habitat Selection at the Northern Extent of its Range** - Celine Goulet (Department of Natural Resources, University of New Hampshire)
- 3:25 – 3:55** **Specialization in a Generalist Snake: Movement and Habitat Ecology of the Northern Black Racer (*Coluber constrictor constrictor*) in Maine** - Jonathan Mays (Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife)
- 3:55 – 4:55** **Breakout Sessions for Working Groups:**
- **Vernal Pools** – Mary Beth Kolozsvary (NY State Museum)
 - **Emerging Diseases** – Valorie Titus (Bronx Zoo)
 - **Snake Education** – Angelena Ross (NYSDEC)
- 6:00 – 7:30** **Evening Reception & Dinner** (*Included with Registration*)

Keynote Presentation - How Amphibians Conquered the North – Dr. David Green (Redpath Museum, McGill University)

Wednesday, August 11th

- 7:30 – 8:30 **Breakfast** (*Included with registration*)
- 8:30 – 9:00 **Potential Effects of Chytrid Fungus Infection**
(*Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*) for Northeastern North
American Amphibian Populations - Megan K. Gahl (University
of New Brunswick Saint John, Department of Biology)
- 9:00 – 9:30 **Incidence of *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* in Rhode**
Island Anuran Populations - Mandy Gaudreau (Antioch
University New England)
- 9:30 – 10:00 **Antimicrobial Properties of Skin Secretions Produced by the**
Mink Frog, *Rana septentrionalis*, and its Relatives -
Catherine R. Bevier (Department of Biology, Colby College)
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Break**
- 10:15 – 10:45 **Influence of Landscape Connectivity on Genetic Structure**
of a Vernal Pool-breeding Amphibian - Adrienne I. Kovach
(Department of Natural Resources and the Environment,
University of New Hampshire)
- 10:45 – 12:00 **Breakout Sessions for Working Groups:**
- **Roads** – Valorie Titus (Bronx Zoo)
 - **Box Turtle** – Lori Erb (Mass. Div. of Fisheries & Wildlife)
 - **Land Use Guidelines** – Liz Johnson (American Museum of
Natural History)
- 12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch** (*Included with registration*) – *Silent Auction ends*
- 1:00 – 1:30 **Road to Perdition: Impacts of Road Adjacency and Runoff**
on Wetland Amphibians - Steven Patrick Brady (School of
Forestry and Environmental Studies, Yale University)
- 1:30 – 2:10 **Breakout Session Wrap-up:** Mary Beth as facilitator

- 2:10 – 2:40 **NEPARC Business:** Dave as facilitator
- Election of new co-chair
 - Steering Committee changes (if any)
 - Likes/Dislikes of current meeting
 - 2011 NEPARC meeting location and topic suggestions
- 2:40 – 3:00 **SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE PRIZES**
* **Break** (snacks provided)
- 3:00 – 5:00 SWG Roundtable Discussion
- 5:00 **Annual Meeting Ends**
- 6:00 **Dinner** (*Included with registration*)

Thursday, August 12th

- 7:00 – 8:00 **Breakfast** (*Optional – Payment of \$10 directly to SERC*)

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