



AGENDA

Tuesday, August 16th

- 2:00 – 3:00 **Pre-meeting field trip** – Tour of the USFWS Patuxent Research Refuge and USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.
~Limited to 14 people; to sign-up email Linda Weir (lweir@usgs.gov).
- 3:30 – 9:00 *REGISTRATION – including dorm assignments* (Field Hall)
- 4:00 – 5:30 **State Biologists meeting** – Roundtable Discussion – led by Holly Niederritter, Delaware DNREC
~State Wildlife Grants, Northeast Regional Conservation Needs, Landscape Conservation Cooperatives, other topics?
~ *OPEN TO ALL*
- 5:30 – 8:30 *Informal Social* – Lures Bar & Grille (cash bar)

Shuttle van to Lures

Wednesday, August 17th

- 7:00 – 8:15 *BREAKFAST*
- 8:00– 8:30 *REGISTRATION* (Field Hall)
- 8:30– 9:15 **Welcome** – Paul Peditto (Director, Maryland DNR - Wildlife & Heritage Service), Stephen Barry (Coordinator, Arlington Echo), and NEPARC co-chairs: Mary Beth Kolozsvary (NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation / NYS Museum) and Valorie Titus (Bronx Zoo)
- What is NEPARC/PARC? – Mary Beth
 - Introduction of Steering Committee – Val
 - Introductions around the room
- 9:15 – 9:45 **National PARC Update.** Priya Nanjappa (Assoc. of Fish & Wildlife Agencies), Terry Riley (National Park Service)
- 9:45 – 10:20 **Update on On-going NEPARC Projects:**
- **Box Turtle** – Lori Erb (Mass. Div. of Fisheries & Wildlife)
 - **Emerging Diseases / Roads and Road Salt** – Val Titus
 - **Landscape Conservation Cooperatives** – Dave Golden (New Jersey Div. of Fish & Wildlife)
 - **Vernal Pools** – Anne Duperault (Maine League of Conservation Voters)
 - **Photo Project** – Linda Weir (USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center)



- 10:20 – 10:40 *BREAK - Begin Silent Auction*
- 10:40 – 10:50 **Regulatory Update** – Al Breisch (PARC)
- 10:50 – 11:10 **Year of the Turtle: Development of a New Conservation Paradigm**, Al Breisch
- 11:10 – 11:40 **Shenandoah Salamander Occupancy Study Tests Historic Distribution Claims**. Jennifer A. Sevin, Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute
- 11:40 – 12:10 **Detecting Long-term Population Trends for the Eastern Box Turtle (*Terrapene c. carolina*) in Massachusetts**. Lori Erb, Mass. Div. of Fisheries & Wildlife
- 12:10 – 1:20 *LUNCH*
- 1:20 – 1:50 **Spatial Ecology of Northern Map Turtles (*Graptemys geographica*) in an Altered River System: Implications for State Endangered Species Management and Mitigation**. Teal Richards-Dimitrie, Towson University
- 1:50 – 2:20 **First Probabilistic Survey of Stream Salamanders in Maryland**. Mark Southerland, Versar, Inc.
- 2:20 – 3:10 *BREAK – Poster Session*
- 3:10 – 3:40 **Experimental Tests of Tunnel and Barrier Options for Reducing Road Mortalities of Freshwater Turtles**. Derek Yorks, University of Massachusetts – Amherst
- 3:40 – 5:10 **Working Group Breakout Sessions – I**
- Appalachian Salamander Conservation Initiative – J.D. Kleopfer, Virginia DGIF
 - Snake Education – Scott Smith, Maryland DNR
 - Editorial Board – Peter Rosenbaum, SUNY Oswego
- 6:00 – 7:00 *Social Hour* at Hellas Restaurant and Lounge (*cash bar*)
- 7:00 – 8:00 *Banquet* at Hellas Restaurant and Lounge (*cash bar*)
- 8:00 – 9:00 *Keynote: Panama Amphibian Rescue* – Brian Gratwicke, Director Amphibian and Reptile Conservation project, Smithsonian National Zoological Park

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Thursday, August 18th

7:00 – 8:15 *BREAKFAST*

8:30 – 9:00 **Using Headstarting as a Tool for Both Herpetological Conservation and for Effective and Engaging Education.** Bryan Windmiller, Consulting Ecologist

9:00 – 9:30 **Terrapin Connection – Engaging Students with Environmental Education that Leads to Stewardship.** Will Williams, Arlington Echo Outdoor Environmental Education Center

9:30 – 10:00 **Smartphone Technology and Herpetological Field Work: Results of a Youth Education Pilot Program.** William Orrico, Wildlife Conservation Society – Bronx Zoo

10:00 – 10:20 *BREAK*

10:20 – 10:50 **The Orienne Society's Appalachian Timber Rattlesnake Conservation Project.** Christopher L. Jenkins, The Orienne Society

10:50 – 12:20 **Working Group Breakout Sessions – II**

- Land Use Guidelines – Liz Johnson, American Museum of Natural History
- Wood Turtles – J. D. Kleopfer

12:20 – 1:30 *LUNCH – Silent Auction ends*

1:30 – 2:00 **Consideration of Demographic and Spatial Variation among Regional Aggregations of the Wood Turtle (*Glyptemys insculpta*) Better Informs Management Strategies.** Christina M. Castellano, The Orienne Society

2:00 – 2:30 **Reproductive Ecology, Demography, and Causes of Mortality in a Population of Eastern Musk Turtle (*Sternotherus odoratus*) in Central Massachusetts.** Lori Johnson, Clark University

2:30 – 2:50 *BREAK*

2:50 – 3:30 **Breakout Session Wrap-up:** Mary Beth as facilitator

3:30 – 3:45 **NEPARC Business:** Val as facilitator

- Election of new co-chair
- Steering Committee changes (if any)

- Likes/Dislikes of current meeting
- 2012 NEPARC meeting location and topic suggestions

3:45 – 4:00 **Distribute Silent Auction Items**

4:00 **Annual Meeting Ends**

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