



NORTHEAST PARTNERS IN AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE CONSERVATION

2014 Annual Meeting
Allegany State Park
2373 ASP Route 1, Salamanca, NY 14779
August 13–15, 2014

2014 NEPARC AGENDA

NOTE: All activities except field trips will occur in Allegany State Park at the Camp Allegany group camp.

Wednesday, August 13th

Pre-meeting activities:

10:00 – 12:00 & 1:00 – 3:00

Both field trips will take place at these times so attendees can choose one morning trip and one afternoon trip. Meet at Camp Allegany Classroom at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.. (*Bring your own lunch.*)

Visit Hellbender Rearing Facility – See hellbenders ready for release into the Allegany watershed at the Seneca Nation of Indians' Hellbender Rearing Facility.

Survey Historic Amphibian Study Sites – Sites were surveyed in the park in the 1920s by Sherman Bishop and 1950s by Meg Stewart. We will resurvey these classic sites to observe changes in amphibian occurrences.

3:30 – 9:00 **REGISTRATION** – Camp Allegany, Classroom

4:00 – 5:30 **State Biologists Meeting** Open to all – Roundtable Discussion – Camp Allegany, Classroom
Topics TBD

6:00 – 8:30 **DINNER SOCIAL** (*provided with registration*) – Camp Allegany, Dining Building (cash bar)

Thursday, August 14th

6:30 – 8:30 **BREAKFAST** (*provided with registration*) – Camp Allegany, Dining Building

8:00 – 8:30 **REGISTRATION** (*Set up posters*) – Camp Allegany – Classroom

8:30 – 9:15 **Welcome** – NEPARC co-chairs: Andrea Chaloux (NY Natural Heritage Program) & Lori Erb (MACHAC)

- Welcome to Allegany State Park – NY State Parks
- Setting the stage and introductory remarks – Al Breisch
- What is NEPARC/PARC? – Andrea
- Introduction of Steering Committee – Lori
- Introductions around the room – Lori

9:15 – 9:45 **National PARC Update** – Priya Nanjappa and Jen Williams (PARC)

9:45 – 10:00 **2014 Year of Salamander** – Mary Beth Kolozsvary (Siena College)

10:00 – 10:10 **BREAK** – *Begin Silent Auction*

10:10 – 11:10 **Update on On-going NEPARC Projects**

- Editorial Board
- Vernal Pools
- Wood Turtles
- Roads
- Emerging Diseases
- Hellbender & Mudpuppy
- PARCA
- Blanding's Turtles



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- Photo Project
- History of NEPARC

- 11:10 – 11:20 **Regulatory Update** – Al Breisch
- 11:20 – 11:35 **NY Natural Heritage Program** – Julie Lundgren
- 11:35 – 11:55 **A citizen science initiative to track the breeding phenology of the Spotted Salamander and the Wood Frog**
– Stephen F. Spear
- 11:55– 12:15 **Using the Endangered Species Act to Protect Rare Amphibians and Reptiles in the Northeast.** – Collette L. Adkins Giese
- 12:15 – 1:15 *LUNCH (provided with registration) – Camp Allegany, Dining Building*
- 1:15 – 1:35 **The North Atlantic Vernal Pool Data Cooperative: Compiling and Modeling Location Data for Conservation Planning** – Steven Faccio and Kent McFarland
- 1:35 – 1:50 **NEPARC Guidance Document** – Lori Erb
- 1:50 – 2:00 *BREAK*
- 2:00 – 3:30 **Working Group Breakout Sessions I** – Camp Allegany
- Wood Turtle
 - Hellbender/Mudpuppy
 - Vernal Pools
- 3:30 *Set up posters* – Camp Allegany, Recreation Room
- 4:00 – 6:00 **Poster Session/Cocktail Hour (cash bar)** – Camp Allegany, Recreation Room
- 6:00 – 7:15 *DINNER (provided with registration) – Camp Allegany, Dining Building*
- 7:30 – 8:30 **Featured Presentation:** Dr. Thomas Pauley, Marshall University – Camp Allegany Classroom

Friday, August 15th

- 6:30 – 8:15 *BREAKFAST (provided with registration) – Camp Allegany, Dining Building*
- 8:15 **Announcements** – Camp Allegany, Classroom
- 8:20 – 8:40 **The Importance of Forest Habitat Connectivity for Species of Ambystomid Salamanders, Focusing on the Eastern Tiger Salamander** – Valorie R. Titus
- 8:40 – 9:00 **Seeing Spots: Population and Reproductive Monitoring of Spotted Salamanders (*Ambystoma maculatum*) in Central Ontario** – Patrick D. Moldowan
- 9:00 – 9:20 **Comparison of movement patterns in captive–released eastern hellbenders (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis*) using three different release methods** – Julie Boerner
- 9:20 – 9:40 **Unisexual Salamanders: Known Knowns, Known Unknowns, Unknown Unknowns** – Noah D. Charney



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- 9:40 – 10:00 *BREAK*
- 10:00 – 10:20 **Prevalence of Ranavirus in Wood Frog (*Lithobates sylvaticus*) Breeding Ponds in Delaware, Maryland, and New Jersey** – Scott A. Smith
- 10:20 – 10:40 **Blanding’s Turtle Conservation in the Northeast: An Example of Regional Partnerships for Rare Reptiles and Amphibians** – Mike Marchand
- 10:40 – 12:10 **Working Group Breakout Sessions II** – Camp Allegany
- Emerging Diseases
 - Blanding’s turtle
 - PARCA
- 12:10 – 1:10 *LUNCH (provided with registration)* – Camp Allegany, Dining Building – Silent Auction ends
- 1:10 – 1:30 **Environmental Associations of Herpetofaunal Communities in the Pitch Pine–Scrub Oak Barrens of Albany County, NY** – Lisa Pipino
- 1:30 – 1:50 **The Salamander Species Assemblage and Environment of Forested Seeps of the Allegheny High Plateau, Northwestern Pennsylvania** – Charles E. Williams
- 1:50 – 2:10 *BREAK*
- 2:10 – 2:30 **Understanding Factors that Influence the Distribution of the Endemic Shorthead Garter Snake in Northwestern Pennsylvania** – Julie Mibroda
- 2:30 – 2:50 **The Salamander Trajectory: Local Knowledge, Ethnoherpetology & Biodiversity Conservation** – Michael Caron & Lauren Kekahbah
- 2:50 – 3:30 **Breakout Sessions Wrap-up:** Lori as facilitator
- 3:30 – 3:45 **NEPARC Business:** (New co-chair) as facilitator
- Election of new co-chair
 - Steering Committee changes (if any)
 - Likes/Dislikes of current meeting
 - 2015 NEPARC meeting location and topic suggestions
- 3:45 – 4:00 **Distribute Silent Auction Items**
- 4:00 **Annual Meeting Ends**