

NEPARC Listserv – Terms of Use

Please read the Terms of Use for the NEPARC Listserv. This list is intended for Meeting Announcements, Call for Information (responses sent to you off-list). It is not a discussion-style list.

Rule 1: Participants may not use the forum for illegal purposes, including, but not limited to, defamation, violation of intellectual property laws, anti-trust or unfair competition laws or criminal laws.

Rule 2: Participants may not intentionally interfere with or disrupt other forum members, network services, or network equipment. Participants may not distribute unsolicited advertising, chain letters, computer worms or viruses, or use the network to make unauthorized entry into any other machine accessible via the listserv.

Rule 3: Communications should be oriented towards increasing the knowledge base of those concerned with amphibian and reptile conservation in the Northeast. The Listserv is a forum for sharing information, such as meeting announcements, call for proposals, employment opportunities.

Rule 4: Participants are permitted to request information from members of the list, but such requests should include an email address and instructions for members to reply off-list, directly to the requestor. The requestor may assemble a consolidated list of replies to submit back to the list.

Rule 5: Attachments are not permitted.

Rule 6: Postings should pertain to amphibian and reptile conservation issues only. Messages urging Listserv members to advocate for issues that do not directly relate to amphibian and reptile conservation and the work of PARC, may not be placed on Listserv, no matter how worthy the cause.

Rule 7: Participants may not use the listserv for commercial purposes. "Commercial" communications are defined here as those whose primary purpose is to advance the business or financial interests of any person or entity, or otherwise to promote a financial transaction for the benefit of the author directly or indirectly. Examples of prohibited communications include advertisements for non-PARC products or services.

Examples of messages that are allowable because they do not inure to the financial benefit of the author include news of job listings or position openings, or discussion of profession-related products or services where the listserv member conveying the information is not in the business of selling the products or services. Announcements that provide useful professional information to List members but may also have some incidental commercial benefit to the sender (e.g. an author who is a list member merely advising the List of publication of a professional book) typically would not be deemed "commercial" as defined here.

Rule 8: Participants are expected to be professional and respectful to others in correspondence. Egregious violations of this rule may warrant immediate removal.

Rule 9: NEPARC retains the right to remove users who are found in violation of the above Terms of Use. Participants are requested to report possible user violations to our listserv manager, Duncan Simpson (email: dsimpson12@gmail.com). Such reports will be investigated by listserv moderators and addressed as appropriate.

1. Upon the first violation, an email warning will be sent directly to the violator, with a reminder of the rules and an explanation of the violation.
2. In the case of a second violation, the violator will be informed of the nature of the violation, and that a third violation will result in permanent removal from the listserv.
3. Upon the third infraction, the subscriber is permanently removed from the listserv.

Rule 10: NEPARC retains the right to modify, change or update the Terms of Use at any time with notice of such updates provided to participants via the listserv.

These rules are in addition to the Google Group Terms of Service which can be found here:
<http://www.google.com/intl/en/policies/terms/>