



Northeast Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation  
 2016 Annual Meeting  
 Green Mountain College, Poultney, VT  
 August 9-11, 2016

## 2016 NEPARC Meeting Agenda

### Tuesday, August 9

	<b>Field trips</b>
9:00-12:30	Turtle Trapping- Jim Andrews, Kehoe Hike- Doug Blodgett, Buckner Preserve- Kiley Briggs
12:30-1:30	Lunch on own
1:30-5:00	Stream Salamanders- Jim Andrews and Steve Faccio, Kehoe Hike- Doug Blodgett, Buckner Preserve- Kiley Briggs
3:30-9:00	<b>Registration</b> in Withey Hall
5:00-6:30	<b>State Biologists meeting</b> (open to all) in Withey Hall
6:30-9:00	<b>Dinner social</b> (provided with registration) in Dining Hall

### Wednesday, August 10

7:00-8:30	<b>Breakfast</b> (provided with registration) in Dining Hall
7:00-8:30	<b>Registration</b> in Withey Hall
8:30-9:30	<b>Welcome</b> in Gorge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NEPARC 2016 - co-chairs Kathy Gipe and Brian Zarate</li> <li>• Welcome to Vermont and GMC – Val Titus (meeting host) and Bob Allen, GMC President</li> <li>• What is NEPARC/PARC? – Kathy Gipe</li> <li>• Introduction of Steering Committee – Brian Zarate</li> <li>• Introductions around the room – Kathy Gipe</li> </ul>
9:30-9:45	<b>Welcome to Vermont</b> – Louis Porter, Commissioner, Vermont Fish and Wildlife
9:45-10:00	<b>National PARC Update</b> – Priya Nanjappa (PARC)
10:00-10:20	<b>Break</b> – Begin silent auction
10:20-11:10	<b>Update on Ongoing NEPARC Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PARCA – Phillip deMaynadier (ME Dept. Inland Fisheries and Wildlife)</li> <li>• Roads and Road Salts – Lisa Hazard (Montclair State University)</li> <li>• Emerging Diseases – Jim Julian (Penn State Altoona)</li> <li>• Wood Turtles – Michael Jones (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blanding's Turtles -- Michael Marchand (NH Fish and Game)</li> <li>• Hellbenders and Mudpuppies – Noelle Rayman (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)</li> </ul>
11:10-11:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Regulatory Update</b> – Al Breisch (retired, NY Dept. Env. Conservation)</li> </ul>
11:20-12:00	<p><b>Vermont Keynote:</b></p> <p><i>Vermont Herp Atlas</i>- Jim Andrews (Vermont Herp Atlas)</p>
12:00-1:00	<b>Lunch in Dining Hall</b> (provided with registration)
1:00-2:15	<p><b>Special Topic: Herp Atlas Updates</b></p> <p>Maine-Trevor Persons (5)</p> <p>New Hampshire-Michael Marchand (5)</p> <p>Rhode Island-Written (1)</p> <p>Massachusetts-Scott Jackson (5)</p> <p>Connecticut-TBA (1)</p> <p>New York- Al Breisch, (10)</p> <p>Pennsylvania- Marlin Corn (15)</p> <p>New Jersey-Brian Zarate (1)</p> <p>Delaware-TBA (1)</p> <p>Maryland- Glenn D. Therres (20)</p> <p>West Virginia-TBA (1)</p> <p>Virginia-J.D. Kleopfer (1)</p>
2:15-2:35	<b>Break</b>
2:35-2:50	Benefits From Cooperation With The State Herp Atlas (PARS) At A Guard Installation In Pennsylvania- <i>Rebecca Piccone, Temple University</i>
2:50-3:10	The Spiny Softshell Turtle: A Threatened Species in Vermont- <i>Steven G. Parren, Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department</i>
3:10-3:30	Combining Citizen Science and Traditional Research Reveals Regional Declines in Diamondback Terrapin Populations in the Northeast- <i>Stephanie Egger, Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey</i>
3:30-3:50	Conserving Snake Species of Greatest Conservation Need Threatened by an Emerging Fungal Skin Disease- <i>Anne G. Stengle, University of Massachusetts, Amherst</i>
3:50-5:20	<p><b>Working Group Breakout Session I</b> – Upstairs meeting rooms or outside</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wood Turtles (and more)</li> <li>• Hellbenders and Mudpuppies</li> </ul>

	Poster presenters should set up posters during a previous break or at this time
5:20-6:30	<b>Poster Session/Refreshing Beverage Hour</b> - Gorge
6:30-7:30	<b>Dinner in Dining Hall</b> (provided with registration)
7:30-9:00	<b>Awards Presentation</b>  <b>Featured Presentation: Jed Merrow- "The Spiny Softshell in Vermont"</b>
9:00-?	<b>Social</b> – Dining Hall

### Thursday, August 11

7:00-8:30	<b>Breakfast</b> (provided with registration) in Dining Hall
8:30-8:50	Featured Presentation: Linda Weir
8:50-9:10	The North Atlantic Vernal Pool Data Cooperative: A Regional Framework to Advance Conservation Planning - Steve Faccio, Vermont Center for Ecostudies
9:10-9:30	High-resolution Mapping of Potential Vernal Pools using LiDAR and Object-based Image Analysis- <i>Sean W. MacFaden, Spatial Analysis Laboratory, University of Vermont</i>
9:30-9:50	Amphibian Community Composition and the Occurrence of Disease in <i>Lithobates sylvaticus</i> - <i>James T. Julian*</i> , Division of Mathematics and Natural Science, Penn State University-Altoona College
9:50-10:10	Understanding the Abundance, Detection Probability, Survival, and Dispersal of the Wood Turtle ( <i>Glyptemys insculpta</i> ), a Long-lived, Threatened Emydid Species- <i>Thomas Akre, Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute</i>
10:10-10:30	<b>Break</b>
10:30-12:00	<b>Working Group Breakout Session II</b> – Upstairs meeting rooms or outside <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emerging Diseases</li> <li>• Blanding's Turtles</li> </ul>
12:00-1:00	<b>Lunch in Dining Hall</b> (provided with registration)
1:00-1:20	Spotted Turtle ( <i>Clemmys guttata</i> ) Mark-recapture Results 2004-2015 at a Pennsylvania National Guard Training Site- <i>David K. McNaughton, Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs</i>
1:20-1:40	An Historical Approach to Conservation of the Eastern Hellbender ( <i>Cryptobranchus alleganiensis</i> ) in New York and Pennsylvania- Robin L. Foster, SUNY Buffalo
1:40-2:00	Pitfalls of Analyzing Pitfall Data on Amphibian Orientation- <i>Kristine Hoffmann, Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Conservation Biology, University of Maine</i>
2:00-2:15	Break

2:15-2:35	An Evaluation of Residents' Perceptions of Timber Rattlesnakes ( <i>Crotalus horridus</i> ) in Central Connecticut- <i>Lindsay S. Keener-Eck, Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, University of Connecticut</i>
2:35-2:55	The Orianne Society Launches a Great Northern Forests Initiative- Christopher L. Jenkins, The Orianne Society
2:55-3:15	Hatch Rates in a New Jersey Wood Turtle Population are influenced by Maternal Identity as much as Random Environmental Factors- Thomas J. Duchak, Department of Biology, Hofstra University
3:15-3:40	<b>Breakout Sessions Wrap-up</b> – Kathy Gipe
3:40-4:15	<b>NEPARC Business</b> – Brian Zarate
4:15	<b>Annual Meeting Ends</b>