

**NORTHEAST PARTNERS IN AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE CONSERVATION**



2017 Annual Meeting  
Mountain Lake Biological Station  
Pembroke, Virginia  
August 8-10, 2017

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**“GEMS OF APPALACHIA”**

**NOTE:** Because there are on-going research projects occurring at MLBS, please do not go “herping” on-site until instructions on areas to avoid are provided.

**Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

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*Pre-meeting activities:*

- 1:00 pm – 9:00pm     *REGISTRATION*
- 1:30pm – 3:30pm     Disease Workshop -  
Conservation Photography Workshop - (Steven Johnson EMU)  
Local Field Trips – (Walter “Wally” Smith UVA-Wise; Kevin Hamed VHCC)
- 4:00pm – 5:30pm     **State Biologists meeting** – Roundtable Discussion  
Topics TBD (Funding – SWG, Section 6, NRCS, RCN, LCC)
- 6:00pm – 8:30pm     *BARBEQUE SOCIAL (provided with registration)* – (cash bar)  
Beer tasting sponsored by Devil’s Backbone Brewery
- 9:00pm – 11:00pm    Salamander survey (Alex Novarro)

**Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

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- 6:30am – 8:30am     *BREAKFAST (provided with registration)*
- 8:00am– 8:30am     *REGISTRATION (Set up Posters)*
- 8:30am– 9:30am     **Welcome** – Robert “Bob” Duncan (Director, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries), NEPARC co-chairs: Brian Zarate (NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife) & Lindsey Rohrbaugh (DC Department of Energy and Environment)
- What is NEPARC/PARC? – TBA
  - Introduction of Steering Committee – TBA
  - Introductions around the room
- 9:35am – 9:45am     **National PARC Update**
- 9:45am – 10:20am    **Update on On-going NEPARC Projects**
- 10:20am – 10:40am   *BREAK - Begin Silent Auction*
- 10:40am – 11:00am   **Regulatory Update** – Al Breisch

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**Oral Presentations**

- 11:00am – 11:50am **Presentations (2)**
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm *LUNCH (provided with registration)*
- 1:00pm – 2:15pm **Presentations (3)**
- 2:15pm – 2:30pm *BREAK*
- 2:30pm – 3:15pm **Presentations (2)**
- 3:15pm – 4:30pm **Working Group Breakout Sessions – I**
- 5:00pm – 6:00pm **Poster Session/Cocktail Hour** (cash bar)
- 6:00pm – 7:15pm *DINNER (provided with registration)*
- 7:30pm – 8:30pm *Evening Speaker*  
Whit Gibbons – Professor Emeritus of Ecology University of Georgia  
*Snakes of the Eastern United States*

**Thursday, August 10th**

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- 6:30am – 8:00am *BREAKFAST (provided with registration)*
- 8:15am **Announcements**

**Oral Presentations**

- 8:30am – 9:50am **Presentations (3)**
- 9:50am – 10:20am *BREAK*
- 10:20am – 10:40am **Presentations (1)**
- 10:40am – 12:00pm **Working Group Breakout Sessions – II**
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm *LUNCH (provided with registration)* – Silent Auction ends

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- 1:10pm – 2:00pm     **Presentations (2)**
- 2:00pm – 2:15pm     *BREAK*
- 2:15pm – 3:00pm     **Presentations (2)**
- 3:00pm – 3:30pm     **Breakout Sessions Wrap-up:** facilitator (TBA)
- 3:30pm – 3:45pm     **NEPARC Business:** facilitator (TBA)
- Election of new co-chair
  - Steering Committee changes (if any)
  - Likes/Dislikes of current meeting
  - 2018 NEPARC meeting location and topic suggestions
- 3:45pm – 4:00pm     **Distribute Silent Auction Items**
- 4:00pm                 **Annual Meeting Ends**
- 4:00pm - 6:00pm     Local Field Trips – (Alex Novarro)