



Northeast Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation

2021 Virtual Annual Meeting – August 11-12

MEETING AGENDA

Our meeting includes a series of posters and scheduled talks on NEPARC activities and herpetological research. All posters will be shown at the provided links on Moodle throughout the duration of the meeting. Zoom links for the talks will also be posted on our Moodle page. In the agenda below, only presenters are listed; for a full list of authors for each presentation, see our complete book of abstracts. Please contact neparc2021@gmail.com with any questions or corrections.

Regular Talks

Presentations will be live and 20 minutes each, including time for a few questions at the end. Each presentation will have a corresponding Zoom link on the NEPARC Meeting Moodle site (login info will be sent to registrants during the week before the meeting.). To access the live presentation, click the corresponding Zoom link and enter the Zoom meeting. All participants will be muted except for the presenter and the host. Any questions can be typed into the chat feature at any time during the presentation, which will be answered at the end of the presentation with the help of the moderator. If there are more questions than we have time for, then there will be a corresponding Discussion Board associated with the presentation where meeting participants can ask questions. Presenters can then answer on the discussion board. Please note: presentations will NOT be recorded.

Posters

Posters will be available for viewing starting at 8am on Day 1 until 11am on Day 2. Meeting participants will be able to view the poster and ask questions via a corresponding Discussion Board on the Moodle site. Poster presenters can answer any questions on the discussion board at any point during the meeting as well. There will also be a live poster session on Day 2, which will consist of a Zoom meeting and a breakout room for each presenter and their poster. Meeting participants can enter and leave each breakout room at their leisure to ask questions directly to the presenter if they so choose.

Herpy Hour and Trivia

Come flex your herping muscles for a leisurely Northeast herp-themed quiz game, and hang out with other meeting participants.



Day 1 -- Wednesday, August 11

- 8:00am All posters will be accessible
- 12:30-12:45pm **Welcome and Meeting Info** – Andy Adams (NEPARC Chair, Harford Community College)
- 12:50-1:05pm **What is PARC?** – Michelle Christman (PARC Federal Coordinator, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service)
- 1:10-1:25pm **ARC Summary and Update** – JJ Apodaca (ARC Associate Executive Director & Director of Science)
- 1:30-1:45pm **Department of Defense PARC Summary and Update** – Chris Petersen (DoD PARC National Representative)
- 1:50-2:05pm **Emerging Diseases Working Group Overview** – Jim Julian (Emerging Diseases WG Chair, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources)
- 2:05-2:20pm **BREAK**
- 2:20-2:40pm **The Collaborative to Combat the Illegal Trade in Turtles: Addressing a Critical Conservation Threat with a Call to Action** - Scott Buchanan (RI Department of Environmental Management)
- 2:45-3:05pm **Informing Spotted Turtle (*Clemmys guttata*) Conservation Ecology and Management on Department of Defense Installations** – Jessica Meck (Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute)
- 3:10-3:30pm **Cricket Frog Extirpation in the United States Based on Historical Records from 1960-2020** - Elise Edwards (Cornell University)
- 3:35-3:55pm **Development of a Skin Probiotic to Mitigate Chytridiomycosis in Eastern Newts in Massachusetts** - Brady Inman (University of Massachusetts)
- 4:00-4:30pm **Conservation Award Ceremony, and a few words in memory of Peter Rosenbaum** - Andy Adams (NEPARC Chair, Harford Community College), Al Breisch, and Dave Collins
- 4:30-5:00pm **Herp Happy Hour and Trivia** (Everyone is invited! Bring a beverage and your obscure herp knowledge!)



Day 2 -- Thursday, August 12

- 8:30-8:40am **Day 2 Introduction** - Andy Adams (NEPARC Chair, Harford Community College)
- 8:45-9:00am **Turtle Working Group overview** – Lori Erb (Turtle WG Chair, Mid-Atlantic Center for Herpetology and Conservation)
- 9:05-9:35am **Live Poster Session**
- 9:40-10:00am **American Turtle SAFE: Building the Path from Confiscation to Conservation in Real Time** - Dave Collins (Turtle Survival Alliance)
- 10:00-10:15am **BREAK**
- 10:15-10:35am **Nest Characteristic Comparison between Developed and Enhanced Sites Selection of Diamondback terrapin (*Malaclemys terrapin*)** - Courtney E. Parks (Saint Joseph University)
- 10:40-11:00am **Vegetative Indicators for Habitat Preferences of Wood Turtles (*Glyptemys insculpta*) in Central Appalachian Forests** - Steven Krichbaum
- 11:05-11:25am **Evaluating Novel Methods to Detect Bog Turtles and to Characterize Population Demography and Abundance** - Michael D. Knoerr (Tangled Bank Conservation)
- 11:30-11:50am **Minimizing Impacts of Stream Restoration Projects On Bog Turtles: Case Studies From Maryland** - Scott Smith (Maryland Department of Natural Resources)
- 11:55am-12:10pm **Meeting Wrap-up, Presenting Student Awards** - Andy Adams (NEPARC Chair, Harford Community College)
- 12:15-12:45pm **Q&A with the NEPARC Steering Committee** (Everyone is invited!)