

Minutes from North Carolina Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (NCPARC)
Policy, Regulation, and Trade (PRT) Working Group Meeting April 15, 2008

1-4pm North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) Centennial Campus

Those attending included:

Dave Davenport
John Groves
Dennis Herman
Tanith Tyrr
Kendrick Weeks
Ann Somers (conference call)
Phil Bradley
Jeff Hall
Andrew Wyatt

Dave Davenport opened the meeting with a summary of a meeting between Senator Jones, Dave Davenport, and Andrew Wyatt about Senate Bill (SB) 1477. Senator Jones agreed to remove reptiles from the bill and introduce Article 55A (Wyatt's rewrite of Article 55) in 2009 under one condition - require registration with animal control or local law enforcement.

Phil Bradley mentioned that Article 55A was well received by North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences (NCMNS) staff.

There was discussion about getting agency endorsements for Article 55A, but this was considered a bit early. Something like this should be sent when it is up for consideration in the legislature in 2009. John is still working on training materials. Tanith and Phil had suggestions (see Action Items).

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Turtle regulation update: For snapping turtles (*Chelydridae*), mud and musk turtles (*Kinosternidae*), the 10/day 100/year limit rule will be adopted by NCWRC.

Kendrick talked about possible future resolutions regarding diamondback terrapins since the Blue Crap FMP will be reviewed next year. He also updated the group on current work being done on diamondback terrapins.

Comments to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding proposal to list Burmese python (*Python molurus bivittatus*) as injurious wildlife under the Lacey Act (42 U.S.C. §18) are needed by April 30, 2008;

http://www.fws.gov/contaminants/ANS/pdf_files/ConstrictorRIN1018-AV68.pdf

Andrew suggested addressing the Everglades problem with the PARC model.

Action Items:

1. John Groves is continually developing materials for training animal control and law enforcement; everyone interested is to create a short list of items they would like to see addressed and send them to John.
2. Comprehensive legal summary for amphibians and reptiles in North Carolina; Jeff Hall will use the presentation he developed for NCMNS as a core product.
3. Diamondback terrapin BRD resolution write up for future consideration- Kendrick Weeks