

Minutes from North Carolina Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (NCPARC)
Policy, Regulation, and Trade (PRT) Working Group Meeting December 19, 2008
1-4pm North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) Centennial Campus

Chair: Dave Davenport- Ecoquest Travel, Inc.
Jeff Hall- NCWRC
Kendrick Weeks- NCWRC
Ann Somers- UNCG
Lance Paden- UNCG
Phil Bradley- NC Museum of Natural Sciences
Keith Farmer- NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher
Ted Williams- House of Scales

Dave Davenport opened the meeting with agenda items:

1. Approval of last meeting minutes from November 25, 2008- *Approved*
 2. Revisit policy review after Jeff's meeting with Daron
 - A. Adding species to 15A NCAC 10B .0123 POSSESSION OF CERTAIN SPECIES OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES
 1. Red-eared sliders (*Trachemys scripta elegans*); Ted brought up the "designer" sliders; Keith brought up the issue of current owners; discussion of special exclusions such as grandfathering; Discussion of NCDA jurisdiction on turtle farming and how that might affect rule effectiveness. PRT members voted to proceed with recommending the addition of RE sliders to this regulation, but with the acknowledgement that hobbyists with rare genotypes/morphs could retain these using a possession permit. The final language to support this idea still needs to be fleshed out.
 2. *Anolis sagrei* ; Phil agreed to do extensive literature search and Jeff agreed to contact experts. PRT members held mixed opinions about whether to add this species to the regulation. Agreement was reached to continue researching the issue and to revisit in the future.
 - B. *Clemmys guttata* language change will take effect no earlier than June 2009; No recommendations for changes
 - C. 15A NCAC 10H .1301 COMMERCIAL TAKE OF CERTAIN TURTLES AND TERRAPINS PROHIBITED; Jeff explained the language of "No native turtles or terrapins shall be purchased or sold without a permit" as meaning "any" permit.
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- D. 15A NCAC 10H. 1302 POSSESSION OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS; The main issue is what data is needed from the permit reports and what will be done with the information collected. Jeff brought example reports to show inconsistencies in reporting. Everyone was tasked with ideas for redesigning the permit report forms for the next meeting. Keith suggested that reporting forms should be available online.
 - E. G.S. 106-763.1 PROPAGATION AND PRODUCTION OF AMERICAN ALLIGATORS; Jeff contacted the NCDA and dicussed the workings of the only farm in NC.

F. A quick overview of other regs/statutes such as depredation permits, gamelands permits, Lacey Act and CITES that wil be disussed at future meeting.

Next meeting set for Thursday, January 15, 1-4 at the WRC building in Raleigh.

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