

Florida Diamondback Terrapin Working Group

Regional Meeting, 10 February 2007 (1:00-5:00 pm)

**U. S. Geological Survey, Florida Integrated Science Center,
600 Fourth Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701**

Agenda

- 1:00 pm: Welcome
Dr. Kristen Hart, USGS
- 1:10 pm: Welcome and opening remarks
Dr. Joseph A. Butler, University of North Florida; Co-Chair, Diamondback Terrapin Working Group
- 1:15 pm: Update on the progress of the National Diamondback Terrapin Working Group
Dr. Joseph A. Butler, University of North Florida; Co-Chair, Diamondback Terrapin Working Group
- 1:30 pm: Presentations on Florida terrapin research and conservation projects (max. 15 minutes)
- Decreased Nest Mortality for Diamondback Terrapins Following Raccoon Removal
Eric Munscher (University of North Florida)
- East Central Florida Aquatic Preserves Diamondback Terrapin Monitoring Update
Sharon Tyson (Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas, East Central Florida Aquatic Preserves)
- Searching for the Diamondback Terrapin in Northwest Florida
Rick O'Connor (Washington High School, Pensacola) and Molly O'Connor (Roy Hyatt Environmental Center, Pensacola)
- Survey of the Distribution and Population Status of the Ornate Diamondback Terrapin in the Big Bend Region of Florida.
Dr. Joseph A. Butler (University of North Florida) and George L. Heinrich (Heinrich Ecological Services)
- Mangrove Terrapins, March 2006
Dr. Roger Wood (The Wetlands Institute)
- Ecologic Assessment of Diamondback Terrapins in the Tidal Creeks and Mangrove Swamps of the Ten Thousand Islands, Florida
Jeff R. Schmid (Conservancy of Southwest Florida) and Keith Laakkonen (Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve)
- Everglades Terrapins—How did they fare after Hurricane Wilma?
Dr. Kristen M. Hart (U.S. Geological Survey)

- 3:15 pm: Break
- 3:30 pm: Florida DTWG discussion
- 1) discussion of *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission* Diamondback Terrapin issues team proposal, including potential Bycatch Reduction Device (BRD) regulations
 - 2) review of potential short and long-term projects identified at the 2006 regional meeting
 - 3) setting annual goals for FL DTWG
- 4:30 pm: Wrap-up including decision on next meeting host, location, and date
- Closing remarks (*Dr. Kristen Hart, USGS*)
- 4:45 pm: Meeting adjourns

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