

Florida Diamondback Terrapin Working Group

Regional Meeting, 4 February 2006 (1:00-5:00 pm)

Mote Marine Laboratory (Sarasota, Florida)

Tentative Agenda

- 1:00 pm: Welcome (Dr. Tony Tucker, Mote Marine Laboratory)
- Welcome and opening remarks (George L. Heinrich, Regional Representative, Florida Diamondback Terrapin Working Group)
- 1:15 pm: Update on the progress of the national Diamondback Terrapin Working Group (Dr. Joseph A. Butler, Co-Chair, Diamondback Terrapin Working Group)
- 1:30 pm: Presentations on Florida terrapin research and conservation projects (max. 15 minutes)
- Everglades Terrapins: Genetic and Ecological Profiles of Diamondbacks from Big Sable Creek, Florida
Dr. Kristen M. Hart (U.S. Geological Survey)
- Field Work on Mangrove Terrapins, March 2005
Dr. Roger Wood (The Wetlands Institute)
- The Effectiveness of Bycatch Reduction Devices on Crab Pots at Reducing Capture and Mortality of Diamondback Terrapins (*Malaclemys terrapin*) in Florida
Dr. Joseph A. Butler (University of North Florida) and George L. Heinrich (Heinrich Ecological Services)
- Raccoon Removal and Terrapin Nest Success
Eric Munscher and Zach Mullin (University of North Florida)
- Status of the East Central Florida Aquatic Preserves Diamondback Terrapin Project
Sharon Tyson (Florida Department of Environmental Protection)
- Proposed Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Diamondback Terrapin Conservation Issue Team
David G. Cook (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission)
- 3:30 pm: Break
- 3:45 pm: Setting a course of direction for the Florida DTWG; facilitated by George L. Heinrich
- 1) review of potential short and long-term projects identified at the 2005 regional meeting
 - 2) selection and development of a specific project or projects

3) identification of project leader(s)

4:45 pm: Wrap-up including decision on next meeting host, location and date

Closing remarks (Dr. Tony Tucker, Mote Marine Laboratory)

5:00 pm: Meeting adjourns

Directions to Mote Marine Laboratory (Sarasota, FL)

From I-75, take exit #210 West (Fruitville Road) and continue 5.6 miles. Turn left on N. Tamiami Trail (US 41) and immediately get into the right lane. Turn right on Gulf Stream Avenue (789 North). Cross Intracoastal Waterway and stay on 789 North. Turn right on Ken Thompson Parkway. We will meet in the New Pass Room of the Keating Building located on the left side of the street. *You can follow signs from I-75 to Mote Marine Laboratory.*

Lodging

Options include:

Wellesley Inn (N. Tamiami Trail): (941) 366-5128

Coquina on the Beach (N. Tamiami Trail): (941) 388-2141

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