

Florida Diamondback Terrapin Working Group
Organizational Meeting, 5 February 2005 (1:00-5:00 pm)
Chelonian Research Institute (Oviedo, Florida)

Tentative Agenda

- 1:00 pm: Welcome and opening remarks (George L. Heinrich)
- 1:15 pm: Presentations (max. 15 minutes) by researchers on their research/conservation experience and interests in Florida terrapins (What have we done and where are we going?)
- Dr. Joseph A. Butler (University of North Florida) and George L. Heinrich (Heinrich Ecological Services)
- Brian Mealey (Institute of Wildlife Sciences)
- Dr. Tony Tucker (Mote Marine Laboratory)
- Dr. Roger Wood (The Wetlands Institute)
- 2:15 pm: Presentation on information needs and conservation plans of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- David G. Cook (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission)
- 2:30 pm: Break
- 2:45 pm: Discussion on status and conservation needs of terrapins in Florida (based on status survey forms); facilitated by Joe Butler
- review ranking of threats
- review conservation needs
- 3:45 pm: Discussion on feasible short and long-term projects of the Florida DTWG based on identified threats and conservation needs; facilitated by George L. Heinrich
- developing a statewide conservation plan
- additional ideas to be identified during meeting
- 4:45 pm: Wrap-up including decision on next meeting host, location and date (invite representative coastal aquatic land managers and marine science educators)
- 5:00 pm: Meeting adjourns