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## Applying the North American Model to Amphibians and Reptiles: Ensuring Sustainable Use

A Summit Sponsored by the  
AFWA Amphibian & Reptile Subcommittee and AFWA Law Enforcement Committee

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Atlanta, GA

### Agenda

- 8:00 – 8:05**      **WELCOME**      **Gordon Myers (NC)**
- Welcome to the group from the Chair of the Amphibian & Reptile Subcommittee
- 8:05 – 8:15**      **Introduction, Purpose and Goals**      **Priya Nanjappa (AFWA)**
- Introduction to the Issue, Reasons for Meeting, Goals for the Day
- 8:15 – 10:00**      **Background, Threats and Pressures**
- 8:15 – 8:35      Herpetofauna 101: Why do we care?      *Dr. Whit Gibbons (SREL)*
  - 8:35 – 8:55      USFWS Import/Export Control System      *Eddie McKissick (FWS-LE)*
  - 8:55 – 9:15      Trade Pressures: US Native Species Exports      *Bruce Weissgold (FWS)*
  - 9:15 – 10:00      **Invited Speaker: Reptile Smuggling**      **Bryan Christy**
    - *Economic Impacts, User Demands, and Internet Trade Practices*
- 10:00 – 10:20**      **Q&A Panel & Discussion**      **Morning Speakers**
- 10:20 – 10:40**      **Break & Book Signing**  
Bryan Christy will sign copies of his book, *The Lizard King: True Crimes and Passions of the World's Greatest Reptile Smugglers*
- 10:40 – 11:30**      **The North American Model for Wildlife Management & Herpetofauna**
- **Keynote:**      The North American Model & Its Seven Sisters:
    - *Applying the Model to Herpetofauna*      **Dr. John Organ (FWS)**
- 11:30 – 12:00**      **State of the Union: Herpetofaunal Regulations**      *Polly Conrad (NV)*
- 12:00 – 12:30**      **Lunch (Provided)**
- 12:30 – 1:00**      **State of the Union continued: Working Lunch Discussion (if needed)**
- 1:00 – 2:40**      **Enforcing Laws and Developing New Regulations:  
Integrating Law Enforcement and Biology**
- 1:00 – 1:20      Case Study: Operation Shellshock (NY)      *Lt. Richard Thomas (NY)*
  - 1:20 – 1:40      Case Study: Operation Twice Shy (KY)      *Sgt. James Bingham (KY)*
  - 1:40 – 2:00      Getting started: 10 years of data via permits      *Dr. Matt Wagner (TX)*
  - 2:00 – 2:20      Regulating Turtle Take: The Process      *Bill Turner (FL)*
- 2:20 – 2:40**      **Q&A Panel & Discussion**      **Afternoon Speakers**
- 2:40 – 4:00**      **DISCUSSION: Recommendations for Solutions**      **All**
- 4:00**      **Adjourn**

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