

# The First Statewide Conference on Alaska's Amphibians

## Juneau, Alaska Final Agenda

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**-Tues. March 30-  
Centennial Hall Convention Center  
101 Egan Drive  
Egan Room**

*Morning emcee – David Tessler  
Afternoon emcee – Kim Trust*

- 8:30 *Welcome and Opening Remarks - Bill Hanson, USFWS*
- 8:40 *Introduction to Statewide Amphibian Conservation Planning Session – David Tessler, ADF&G*
- 8:50 *Morning Featured Speaker: Stephan MacDonald, Univ. of Alaska Museum- *Alaska's Herpetofauna: Content, Context, and Conservation**
- 9:45 BREAK
- 10:00 *Tracey Gotthardt, AKNHP – *Update on the Cook Inlet Amphibian Monitoring Project & NAAMP**
- 10:30 *Poster Session and Informal Discussion Time*
- 12:00 LUNCH
- 1:30 *Afternoon Featured Speaker: Brian Barnes, UAF Institute of Arctic Biology - *Overwintering Biology of Wood Frogs**
- 2:15 BREAK
- 2:30 *Walter J. Sadinski, USGS ARMI - *Sensitivities of Amphibians to Climate and Monitoring for Effect**
- 3:30 *Sandra Talbot, USGS – Alaska Science Center – *Genetic Characterization of Wood Frogs in Alaska: What do we do now?**
- 4:00 *Bruce Wing, NOAA – *Alaska Marine Turtles: An update**
- 4:30 DAY WRAP-UP / ADJOURN

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**-Wed. March 31-**  
**Centennial Hall Convention Center**  
**Egan Room**

*Morning emcee – Blain Anderson*  
*Afternoon emcee – Tracey Gotthardt*

- 8:30 Opening Remarks:
- 8:40 Morning Featured Speaker: Michael J. Adams, USGS - *The US Department of the Interior's Amphibian Research and Monitoring Initiative (ARMI)*
- 9:30 Kim Trust, USFWS – *Abnormal Amphibians on the Wildlife Refuges in Alaska: What do we know?; Where are we going?*
- 10:00 BREAK
- 10:10 Richard Carstensen, Bob Armstrong, Mary Willson, Discovery Southeast- *Habitat Use of Amphibians in Northern Southeast Alaska*
- 10:55 Ann Post, ADF&G – *Southeast Alaska Amphibian Curriculum: It's not easy being green*
- 11:25 David Tessler or Mary Rabe, ADF&G Nongame Program
- 12:00 LUNCH
- 1:30 Afternoon Featured Speaker: Brian G. Slough, Canadian Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Network, Frogwatch – *Recent Amphibian Surveys and Research in the Yukon and Northern BC*
- 2:15 BREAK
- 2:30 Ed Grossman, USFWS - *Recent work on Amphibians in SE Alaska - Past, Present, & Future*
- 3:00 Blain Anderson, NPS - *An Opportunistic Amphibian Inventory of Alaska's National Parks 2001-2003*
- 3:30 Kellie Peirce, US Army Alaska - *Frog Monitoring Efforts on US Army Lands in Alaska*
- 4:00 *Introduction to Tomorrow's Breakout Sessions, Session Leaders*
- 4:15 ADJOURN

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Please note the change of location for the third day to the Federal Building. You will need a driver's license or a federal ID to get through security; there is a metal detector to pass through

**-Thurs. April 1-  
Federal Building  
709 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St.  
Room 150  
(bring ID to get through security)**

8:00 *Fieldwork and Identification Workshop– Discovery Southeast*  
Life history slideshow, conservation mapping, database demonstration, "Toad Parties"  
Mapping for the Conservation Planning Session

9:45 BREAK

## ***Statewide Amphibian Conservation Planning Session – AK Dept. of Fish & Game***

10:00 *Breakout Sessions (4 Concurrent Sessions A-D)*

A - General Conservation and Species Experts to Draft Objectives

B - Genetics - Issues, Priorities, Threats Related to Genetics

C - Deformities, Toxicology, Disease, and Other Direct Threats

D - Habitats - Identify Important Habitats, Habitat Issues, Threats, and Concerns

12:30 *Working Lunch* - This will be an opportunity for folks to move around and provide input and discussion to the breakout groups they did not attend.

1:30 *Break Out Session (3 Concurrent Sessions E-G)*

E - Inventory and Monitoring - Measures, Targets, Strategies, Plan, and Timeframes.

F - Education and Outreach

G - Conservation and Management - Develop Management Oriented Conservation Actions

4:00 *Group Reports and Wrap Up*

5:00 MEETING ADJOURN