



Call for Presentations – Southeast Biodiversity Conservation Forum

in partnership with the NatureServe Network, North Carolina Natural Heritage Program, North Carolina Botanical Garden, and Southern Conservation Partners

Chapel Hill, North Carolina, March 6-8, 2018

Submit presentation information to Meredith Wojcik at Meredith.wojcik@ncdcr.gov.

Deadline to submit presentation abstracts: **December 15, 2017.**

Unless otherwise noted, presentation times are 15 minutes. If more time is needed for your presentation, panel, or discussion, indicate length of time in your summary.

Include:

Session title (choose from list below)

Presentation title

Presenter(s) name(s), organization, email, and phone number

Indicate: presentation, panel discussion, or moderated group discussion

Brief summary (1 short paragraph)

Session Titles (choose one from below or suggest a new session). If your session would fit in more than one session, choose all that apply, and conference organizers will decide on the best fit.

1. Communication Among Partner Agencies

Suggested topics may include: Finding common purpose, Building interagency trust, Holding difficult conversations.

2. Marketing and Outreach

Suggested topics may include: Marketing biodiversity information; Reaching new audiences; Talking to funding sources, legislators, students, or general audiences; Effective social media strategies; Tools from the NatureServe network; Cross-marketing within the Network

3. Communication for Biologists and Data Managers

Suggested topics may include: Giving presentations to lay audiences, What is “natural heritage?”, Talking about “Why is biodiversity important?”, Discussions around species listing with partners (federal, state, and NGOs)

4. Application of Biodiversity Data in Protection Prioritization

Suggested topic: Case studies of biodiversity data being employed to affect conservation actions.

5. Botany Working Group

Round-table, moderated discussion: Taxonomy, GRank work session, G1s and G2s that might warrant federal protection, Unprotected single-site endemics. Powerpoint presentations are also welcome.

6. Botany Lunchtime Updates. 5-minute updates from field botanists, with or without powerpoint slides, followed by group discussion.
7. Zoology Working Group
Round-table, moderated discussion: Taxonomy, Data standards and management for special cases (e.g. alligator, elk, wolf), Discussion of sensitive records management for specific species (chosen ahead of time), Marine mammal programs. Powerpoint presentations are also welcome.
8. Zoology Lunchtime Updates. 5-minute updates from field zoologists, with or without powerpoint slides, followed by group discussion.
9. Ecology Working Group
Round-table, moderated discussion: Advances and directions in national classifications, mapping, and assessment; Community classification updates from the states; EO ranking discussion – developing standards for types. Powerpoint presentations are also welcome.
10. Ecology Lunchtime Updates. 5-minute updates from field ecologists, with or without powerpoint slides, followed by group discussion.
11. NatureServe Environmental Review Tools and VISTA.
Suggested presentations: Demonstrations of available tools, followed by panel discussion about implementation in states.
12. Partnerships between NHPs and Regulatory Agencies.
Suggested topics: Experiences engaging in public land management planning, Data sharing with partner agencies (wildlife, USFWS, NOAA, NMFS, USFS), Collaborations and contracts with regulatory partners. Presentations from partner agencies are also encouraged.
13. Rethinking Conservation Priorities in View of Emerging Issues.
Suggested topics include: Adapting work flow and incorporating climate change, species decline, regulatory changes, unsustainable harvest, etc, into program operations
14. Fees Workshop
Suggested topics: Pros and cons of charging fees, Review of programs' fees, Examples of laws and rules (what works and what doesn't, proposed rules), Strategies for implementation of data fees. Followed by group discussion.
15. Partnerships between NHPs and Nonregulatory Agencies
Suggested topics: Engagement with private industry (forestry/biomass), Engagement with conservation NGOs, Collaborations and contracts with private industry and NGOs. Presentations from partner agencies are also encouraged.

16. Data Collection

Presentations and demonstrations of field data collection apps and tools; field collection and integration into Biotics. This session will include a presentation session (indoors) and a hands-on session (outdoors).

17. Regional Collaboration

Suggested topics: Case studies of landscape-level conservation and current regional projects.

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