



# ALASKA HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY 1ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 27, 2012

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Alaska Herpetological Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the field of Herpetology in the State of Alaska. Our mission is to promote sound research and management of amphibians and reptiles in the North and to provide opportunities in outreach, education, and citizen science for individuals who are interested in these species.



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Wood Frog  
(*Lithobates sylvaticus*)  
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[www.akherpsociety.org](http://www.akherpsociety.org) and on Facebook (Alaska Herpetological Society)

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9:00 AM** Welcome From the President  
Officer Introductions  
Member Introductions
- 9:15 AM** Overview of AHS and Alaskan Herpetofauna  
*Joshua Ream, President of AHS*
- 9:30 AM** Keynote Lecture - Some new species are found, but they are endangered too: A selective 'show and tell' of Amphibians and Reptiles of the World  
*Dr. Falk Huttmann, Assistant Professor in Institute of Arctic Biology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks*
- 10:15 AM** BREAK
- 10:30 AM** Lecture – Overwintering of Wood Frogs in Interior Alaska  
*Dr. Brian Barnes, Director of Institute of Arctic Biology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks*
- 10:50 AM** Lecture – Parasite Freeze Tolerance in Wood Frogs  
*Don Larson, M.S. Student in Biology and Wildlife at the University of Alaska Fairbanks*
- 11:10 AM** Lecture - Amphibians in Stikine Kiks.adi culture and the ability of Indigenous Knowledge to inform the field of Herpetology  
*Joshua Ream, Ph.D Student in Interdisciplinary Herpetology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks*
- 11:30 AM** Lecture – Herpetoculture in Alaska  
*Melissa Walker, President and Founder of Midnight Sun Herpetological Society*
- 11:50 AM** BREAK
- 12:00 PM** BUSINESS MEETING

"Frogs have it easy, they can eat whatever bugs them."  
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# BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

## Officer Reports

### Old Business

**Certifications:** AK Dept of Commerce and Internal Revenue Service

### Events

Amphibian Service Learning Project  
Herpetofauna Exhibit at Alaska Museum of Natural History

### New Business

Objectives of Organization  
Discuss member / community / discipline needs

### Bylaw Revision Article II Section 2

ADD: Clause F: To encourage responsible and informed herpetoculture

ADD: Clause G: To foster a community of individuals interested in amphibians and reptiles, both in the wild and as pets

### Recruitment

#### Finances

Treasury Objectives	Research Scholarship
401(c)3 Designation	Officer Discretionary Budget
AHS Events	Other

#### Activities

Regular Talks	Annual Meeting
Herp Outings	Chairman / Chairwoman
Citizen Science	Planning
Spring Migration Festival	Timing
Mother's Day Frog Walk	Juried Art Show
Social Events	Silent Auction

#### Partnerships

Alaska Amphibian Working Group (AAWG)  
Midnight Sun Herpetoculture Society  
Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (PARC)  
SYSTEMS Program

#### Elections

#### Membership Confirmation

Nominations  
Balloting  
Installation

#### Adjourn