



Meeting: PARC Policy, Regulation, and Trade Meeting

Date: November 2-3, 1999

Location: Merritt Island, FL

Proceedings

FINAL Minutes

Old Business

Steering Committee Update

PARC is modeled after the successful Partners in Flight program (PIF). In general there is a Steering Committee (SC) that oversees the work groups. The SC meets twice annually at the North American and the Annual Meeting of IAFWA. At their meetings they discuss the business of PARC, give direction, deal with issues, and make management decisions. Bruce and Alison attended the first SC meeting in Vermont in September 1999. Items of interest at the SC were:

- Whit Gibbons presented an overview of the structure of PARC. PARC is an umbrella for all other organizations with the goal to disseminate information; facilitate cooperation and communications. PARC is not a political entity.
- Marshall Meyers is working on determining if the PARC logo can be copyrighted.
- PIF has a series of workgroups, regional committees, and special interest committees. If anyone wants to start new PARC groups to mirror PIF they need to go through the SC.
- In the near future you will be seeing some flyers and booklets on PARC. Several of the groups (organizations) present at the SC meeting offered funding for publication of these documents.
- Walt Disney Foundation has 30K available for PARC grants.
- PARC web site is a high priority for funding.
- Geographic/Taxonomic Limits-the focus of PARC should be national not international at least initially except when international action impacts native species. Generally this only includes species that are transboundary between the U.S., Mexico, and Canada.
- Bruce reviewed the other committee's progress and indicated to the group to check the web site for updated information on other groups.

Assignments from Atlanta Organizational Meeting

Several initial assignments were made at the Atlanta organizational meeting. Following is an update of the assignments and determination of future action:

Species List. Charge to this group is to make a list of species for which conservation is compromised by differences in state regulations. Are there species for which loopholes are inherent in the regulations that allow for mismanagement?

The criteria for the list is:

- There must be a trade or take in the species.

- There must be management issues associated with different regulations-either management or enforcement.
- There must be population vulnerability as a result of trade or take.

DELIVERABLES

- Bruce will send PRT PARC email list to Paul by November 15, 1999.
- Paul and Earl will get draft list of species to PRT members by December 15, 1999.

Animal Welfare

A new committee has been established to develop the animal welfare issues paper - Joe, Marshall, Tim, Mike Demlong, Joe is lead.

The team is to first evaluate existing animal welfare policies to determine if they are responsive to animal welfare issues of herps. The team will look at human standards (use of herps for roundups, food, etc.) and commercialization (application of captive care guidelines).

DELIVERABLES

- Identify examples where animal welfare is an issue and where existing regulations are inadequate.
- Draft an issues and problems statement. January 15, 2000.
- Obtain feed back from PRT group on the draft statement.

Coordinate State and Federal Regulations

Marshall Meyers handed out the survey that they used to develop the "Controlled Wildlife Book". This survey would be amended and sent to each state through the IAFWA. PRT group needs to critique the survey and get it back to Marshall. Survey forms to states by January 1, 2000. Request return by February 1, 2000.

DELIVERABLES

- Marshall will send a draft of the survey to the PRT group for their editorial input. The response timetable will be sent with the document.
- Elizabeth and Marshall will work with Carol Pollio on the compilations of the federal reg