



Maine Association of Wetland Scientists
VERNAL POOL ROUNDTABLE WORKSHOP (Part 2)

December 8, 2010

Augusta Elks Lodge

8:30 am to 3:00 pm

AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00 Sign In

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and Introductions

9:00 – 12:00 Q & A with Regulators (USACE, MDEP, LURC, USEPA, MDIFW, USFWS):

- Regulators provide updates on: any changes since last meeting, upcoming changes & pertinent staff changes (if any).
- CORPS changes in the newly issued (October 12, 2010) Maine General Permit
- State form revisions (discontinuance the MAWS form)
- Discuss proposed “Definition of terms”
- What is required for field work and submissions
 - DEP/MDIFW/LURC:
 - What types of features need to be reviewed and how (*e.g.* do non-natural VPs required second visits?)
 - What is required for data submissions:
 1. type of data (forms- digital or paper)
 2. GIS vs. paper maps, etc.
 - CORPS/USFWS/USEPA
 - What types of features need to be reviewed (*e.g.* do ATV ruts with one egg mass need to be located and do they require second visits? Do clearly permanent ponds need to be surveyed?)
 - What is required for data submissions:
 1. IFW forms necessary or are tables okay?
 2. GIS vs. paper maps, etc.

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch Buffet

1:00 – 2:30 Questions from the audience

2: 30 – 3:00 MAWS Vernal Pool Protocol Discussion

- Changes forthcoming (including definitions)
- Comments and suggestions from users on the first year’s use of the Protocol
- Volunteers Step Up

CEUs: The New Hampshire Board of Natural Scientists has approved 2 CEUs for this workshop.

LOCATION: 397 Civic Center Drive; Augusta, Maine.

For directions go to the Elks Lodge website: <http://www.maineelks.org/augusta.html>

COST: \$15/person for current MAWS members \$20/person for non-members

FOOD: Morning coffee & tea and a buffet-style lunch will be provided.

REGISTRATION: No pre-registration form required, but please RSVP so we can have head count for lunch.

Contact Sarah Watts (by email: sarah.watts@tetrattech.com or by phone: (207) 879-9496 Ext. 241) **no later than Friday December 3, 2010**. Let her know if you will need a certificate of attendance.

Payment will be expected at the door – make checks payable to MAWS.