

## VERMONT ENDANGERED SPECIES COMMITTEE

### MEETING AGENDA

April 14, 2022, 9:00 AM – 1:15 PM

Hybrid Meeting – in person in the Catamount Room at National Life

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9:00 Call to Order

9:01 Comments from the public not related to the agenda

9:03 Additions, deletions, or changes to the agenda

9:05 Approval of minutes from the [20 January 2022 meeting](#)\*

9:10 Commissioner's Report – FWD Commissioner Chris Herrick

- Update on ESC Committee membership

9:40 Secretary's Report – ANR Secretary Julie Moore

10:00 Discussion of Recovery Plans for semi-charismatic species (Kent McFarland and Allan Strong)

10:45 Sally Laughlin Award – updates and call for nominations (Alan Calfee)

11:00 [Formation of a Bryophyte SAG \(Dorothy Allard\)](#)

11:15 [Protection for non-game, non-avian species \(Jim Andrews\)](#)

11:45 Pond Slider – a new non-native species in Vermont (Jim Andrews)

[Reptile and Amphibian SAG recommendation to ESC](#)

[Invasive species worksheet](#)

12:00 Lunch break

12:30 New permit applications (Bob Popp and Jon Kart)\*

- [VTrans, 16-mile section of VT-22A in Fair Haven, Orwell and Benson](#). Potential incidental take of Rattlesnakes and Ratsnakes during patching and filling ruts and resurfacing pavement on 16-miles of Rt-22A.
- [VELCO St. George. Propose taking of up to 10 plants of hairy lettuce \(\*Lactuca hirsuta\*\)](#) to facilitate pole replacement.
- [Sheppard Colchester. Propose taking of 46 individuals of Houghton's flatsedge \(\*Cyperus houghtonii\*\)](#) to facilitate construction of a 28 unit housing development. This was discussed at the Jan 2022 meeting prior to getting input from Flora Advisory Group.
- [Merrick Mt Horrid, Rochester](#). Amateur plant breeder proposes to collect seeds from roseroot (*Sedum rosea*) to germinate and grow them to determine whether they can be grown commercially as a medicinal source. This one warrants further discussion.

1:10 New Invertebrate SAG member: [Spencer Hardy](#) (Kent McFarland)\*

1:15 Adjourn