

23rd Eastern Black Bear Workshop
Ligonier, PA
April 24-27, 2017



Agenda

Monday, April 24

- 1:00-5:30pm Arrival and Registration
- 9:00-5:00pm SEAFWA Large Carnivore Working Group meeting
2:00-5:00pm Northeast Black Bear Technical Committee meeting
- 5:00-7:00pm Dinner
- 7:30pm Ice Breaker with bonfire and Hors d'oeuvres at outdoor pavilion

Tuesday, April 25

- 7:00am Registration
- 7:00-9:00am Breakfast
- 9:00am Welcome address
- 9:15am Overview of Workshop logistics
- 9:30-10:30am Summary of State/Provincial Status Reports – *Forrest Hammond, Vermont Fish & Game*
- 10:30-11:00am half-hour morning Break
- 11:00-noon Black Bear Handling: Advancements in Immobilization – *Mark Drew, Wildlife Veterinarian, Idaho Fish & Game*
presentation (30 min)
question/discussion forum (30 min)
- Noon-1:30pm Lunch
- 1:30-2:30pm Black Bear Handling: Animal Care in the Field – *Mark Drew, Wildlife Veterinarian, Idaho Fish & Game*
presentation (30 min)
question/discussion forum (30 min)
- 2:30-3:00pm Black Bear Handling: Preparing an Agency Animal Use Protocol and IACUC Approval – *John Bryan, Southern Coop. Wildlife Disease Study SCWDS*
presentation (15 min)
question/discussion forum (15 min)

3:00-3:30pm half-hour afternoon Break

3:30-4:15pm Black Bear Handling: Pharmaceutical Management & DEA – *Mark Drew, Wildlife Veterinarian, Idaho Fish & Game*
presentation (25 min)
question/discussion forum (20 min)

4:15-5:00pm Black Bear Health & Disease: Mange in the Mid-Atlantic Region – *Justin Brown, Wildlife Veterinarian, Pennsylvania Game Commission*
presentation (25 min)
question/discussion forum (20 min)

5:00pm Adjourn

5:30-6:30pm Poster session with Hors d'oeuvres in main meeting room
(presenters required at poster displays)

6:30pm Dinner

7:30pm Bonfire and evening social, outdoor pavilion

Wednesday, April 26

7:00-9:00am Breakfast

9:00-10:15am Bear Attack Investigations – Developing an Agency Response Team –
Mark Bruscano, Wyoming Game & Fish
presentation (45 min)
question/discussion forum (30 min)

10:15-10:45am half-hour morning Break

10:45-noon Bear Attack Investigations: Basic Components of an Attack Investigation –
Mark Bruscano, Wyoming Game & Fish
presentation (45 min)
question/discussion forum (30 min)

Noon-1:30pm Lunch

1:30-3:00pm Bear Attack Mock Scenarios – *Mark Bruscano, Wyoming Game & Fish*

3:00-3:30pm half-hour afternoon Break

- 3:30-4:15pm Human Bear Conflict Resolution: Reducing Food Attractants Through Homeowner Association or Community Ordinances – *Jay Exum, Ecological Consultant at Exum Associates Inc., Florida*
presentation (25 min)
question/discussion forum (20 min)
- 4:15-5:00pm Human-Bear Conflict Resolution: Bearwise & Other Community Outreach Efforts – *Colleen Matt, contractor with SEAFWA Bearwise initiative*
presentation (25 min)
question/discussion forum (20 min)
- 5:00pm Adjourn
- 5:00-6:00pm open poster session
(presenters not required to be at displays)
- 6:00pm Banquet
- 7:30pm Bonfire and evening social
- Thursday, April 27
- 7:00-9:00am Breakfast
- 9:00-10:00am Human-Bear Conflict Resolution: Florida's Hands-On Experience Implementing Bearwise and Its Effect – *David Telesco, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission*
presentation (30 min)
question/discussion forum (30 min)
- 10:00-10:30am half-hour morning Break
- 10:30-11:30am Human-Bear Conflict Resolution: Reducing Food Attractants Through Modification of Trash Containers – *Mike Orlando, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission*
presentation (30 min)
question/discussion forum (30 min)
- 11:30am Business meeting/Updates from IBA
- 12:00pm Adjourn
Bag Lunch/Departure