THE NORTH CAROLINA HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Announces

48th annual Fall Conference and General Meeting

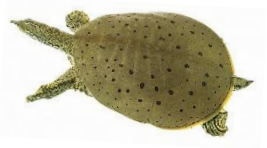
☆ ☆ **Saturday, 7 November 2026** ☆ ☆

North Carolina State University

Room 101, David Clark Labs

Raleigh, NC

Theme: **Weathering the Change: Understanding Climate Variables and their Impacts on Herpetofauna**

AGENDA

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration and Refreshments
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome and Announcements
9:15 – 9:45 a.m.	**Effects of Increasing Salinity on Freshwater Turtle Relative Abundance and Body Condition in a Region of High Coastal Vulnerability**. Elizabeth Culp, North Carolina State University
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.	**Tiny Frogs, Big Questions: Factors Influencing Distribution and Abundance of an Endangered Frog in a Coastal Freshwater Wetland in Puerto Rico.** Mary Elena Diez, NC Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, North Carolina State University
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.	**Southeast Ophidiomycosis Network: A Newly Funded Project.** Skylar Hopkins, North Carolina State University
11:15 – 11:30 a.m.	North Carolina Herpetology Hall of Fame
11:30 a.m.- 12:00 noon	**Reflections on the Life of a Sea Turtle Advocate and Legend, Jean Beasley.** Terry Meyer, The Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch and Group Photo
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Business Session
1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Live Auction
2:45 – 3:15 p.m.	**Two Years of Public Reporting—So Many Softshells!** Aubrey Heupel Greene, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
3:15 –3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	**Assessing the Response of Eastern Hellbenders to Hurricane Helene to Inform Recovery**. Cathy Jachowski and Faith Dunlap, Clemson University
4:15 – 4:45 p.m.	Photography and Creative Writing Contest!
4:45 – 5:00 p.m.	Raffle Drawing and Closing Announcements
5:45 p.m. until . . .	Group Dinner and Social (on-site)