

NEXT meeting is Sunday Feb 27th at 7PM. This is a general meeting, club delegates, club president and/or any other member are encouraged to attend and participate.

NEC Q4 General Meeting

Sunday, Feb 27th 7:00 – 8:30pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/qkz-bgaw-jwr>

Or dial: (US) +1 401-903-8052 PIN: 248 699 709#

Share your club info, learn what other clubs are doing and planning, hear updates on NEC committees and events. You can join by computer or phone.

2022 NEC calendar

*General NEC meetings are held at 7:00 PM and BOG meetings are held at 7:30 PM (unless otherwise noted) The NEC does not coordinate dates for club events, but does publish this calendar for your convenience. The NEC advertises for NEC clubs and National/International Organizations in the NEC calendar.

Mar 12th - South Coast Tropical Fish Society Springtime Swap/Auction, New Bedford, MA

Mar 20th – NAS winter auction, CT

Mar 25-27, 2022 - NEC Aquatic e-Ventio

Mar 27th – SJGG all species auction, Princeton, NJ

April 3rd – EAS spring auction, Erie, PA

April 30th – NECA Spring Auction, CT

April 30th – CNYAS Auction, Syracuse, NY

May 15th – OVAS annual auction, Rutland, VT

May 21st – EAS swap meet, Lake City, PA

July 27-31, 2022 – ACA, ALA, AKA, NA ANGFA - Combined Triple Crown Convention, Louisville, KY

Aug 5-6, 2022 – SJGG will host IFGA show

Sept 23-25, 2022 – Keystone Clash, Morgantown, PA

Oct 30th – EAS fall auction, Erie, PA

See club websites or Facebook pages for more info, flyers also shared on NEC Facebook page

2022 NEC Meeting Calendar: The following dates were approved as the BOG and General Quarterly Meeting Schedule for 2022, all meetings are conference calls or online meetings:

BOG meetings at 7:30

~~1st quarter Wednesday, Jan 26~~

2nd quarter Wednesday, April 27

3rd quarter Wednesday, August 24

4th quarter Tuesday, Nov 15

General meetings @ 7PM

1st quarter Sunday, Feb 27

2nd quarter Sunday, June 5

3rd quarter Sunday, September 18

4th quarter Sunday, Dec 4

See google meet info above, you can just call in, or be on the computer with audio and camera.



NEC Aquatic e-Vention update!

The NEC convention will be held virtually again in 2022 and you can expect a truly exciting event! Although an in person event is what so many of us want, the reality is there is too much uncertainty at this time. So we are planning the best virtual convention yet with new and innovative ways to connect with fellow hobbyists and legendary speakers too! There will be no registration cost and hope everyone takes advantage of this outstanding opportunity. We do hope many will take advantage of the outstanding Raffle we have, you can pay for tickets thru PayPal here: [Get Raffle Tickets](#)

Please sign up for our convention mailing list where important updates and reminders will be distributed. This will be thru Mailchimp, signup here: [e-Vention mailing](#) list.

Online auction: Just like last year, there will be multiple exchange locations with the NEC coordinating the delivery among the different locations, so everyone can bid on all lots! Details at <https://auction.fish/auctions/nec-aquatic-e-vention-auction/> Pickup will be Saturday April 2, see rules for locations and time. Bidding opens March 19th and closes March 31st.

Spread the word far and wide! All info at <https://northeastcouncil.org/basic-page/nec-aquatic-e-vention-2022>

Legislation Update

The Facts of the Lacey Act Amendments in the COMPETES Act of 2022 (H.R.4521)

There has been considerable conversation, and unfortunately also some incorrect interpretations, over the past days concerning amendments to the Lacey Act that are included in the COMPETES Act of 2022, and we want to set the record straight. The fact is that these amendments are still included in the legislation that will be considered by the Senate, they were not removed prior to H.R. 4521 passing in the House. And the more important fact is that these amendments pose a significant threat to everyone who owns, breeds, raises, transports, sells, or provides products and services to care for all animals other than cats and dogs.

What we do know is that these amendments would: authorize the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to prevent interstate transport of species listed as injurious; create a white list of import-approved species and any

animal not listed would be considered injurious and banned by default; and enable the Secretary of the Interior to use an "emergency declaration" to prohibit importation of a species suspected to be injurious to humans, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, wildlife, or wildlife resources for up to three years with no public or Congressional input.

What this means is that importing or transporting across state lines animals would immediately become unlawful, should those species not have cleared the complex and lengthy process of being deemed "not injurious". And at any time, a species could be banned on short notice for years via a variety of factors that cause it to be considered injurious. This would trigger a domino effect across the live animal economy, devastating not only those businesses and farms that sell those species, but also manufacturers, distributors and retailers who produce and sell products to grow or care for them.

The COMPETES Act is now in the Senate after passing the House on February 4, 2022. What we do not yet know is whether the Senate will take up the House bill for consideration or opt to reconcile it with their own bill that passed this past summer, the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act (USICA) (S. 1260).

Our call to action is this: Please watch closely for communication from the organizations that have signed this letter and monitor their websites. When the time comes to act there will be a very short period during which we can effectively counter this effort.

Mike Bober, CAE
President/CEO, Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council

Jim Parsons
President, National Aquaculture Association

Phil Goss
President, United States Association of Reptile Keepers

Andrew Darmohraj, CAE
Interim CEO, American Pet Products Association

NEC Dues are Due!

Invoices are being sent out to all member clubs for payment of annual dues. You don't have to wait for an invoice, keep your club in good standing by mailing a check for \$50 made out to the NEC to Treasurer Janine Banks, 315 US Route 2, Grand Isle, VT 05458 or pay via PayPal at neconvention@northeastcouncil.org.

NEC Slide and Videos

All video and slide presentations are available to any NEC club to use as their monthly meeting program. Any other use should be discussed with the NEC slide and video chairman prior to the request. Please make requests as far in advance as possible to allow for scheduling and regular mail delivery. The NEC will pay for standard postage to the requesting NEC club. Any NEC club requesting expedited delivery will need to pay for that postage. The NEC club requesting the program is responsible for postage back. Failure to return the program will result in a \$50 replacement charge. Please return programs within 14 days after the scheduled meeting. Requests should be made to: David Banks, 315 US RT 2, Grand Isle, VT 05458, Email: dbanks@together.net or 802-372-8716 Last published library listing: May 15, 2020 NEC Newsletter and on the NEC website: <http://northeastcouncil.org/basic-page/nec-lending-library>

Breeder Participation Program – please submit all entries to dbanks@together.net If you have questions let me know. If you have not participated in the past, it is never too late to start. Let other clubs know you have breeders in your club! Point can be submitted by individuals or clubs. Annual prizes for top breeders, and cumulative plateaus too.

Article Competition - Please send all submissions to: Dave Hardenbrook, Articles Chair, david.hardenbrook@cox.net

NEC MEMBER CLUBS:

Aquarium Club of Lancaster County ACLC
Boston Aquarium Society BAS
Brooklyn Aquarium Society BASNY
Bucks County Aquarium Society BCAS
Capital Cichlid Association CCA
Central New York Aquarium Society CNYAS
Cichlid Club of York CCY
Connecticut Aquatic Plant Enthusiasts CAPE
Connecticut Betta Club CBC
Danbury Area Aquarium Society DAAS
Diamond State Aquarium Society DSAS
Erie Aquarium Society EAS
Greater City Aquarium Society GCAS
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society JSAS
Koi Organization International K.O.I.
Long Island Aquarium Society LIAS
Long Island Killifish Association LIKA
Metropolitan Area Killifish Association MAKKA
Nassau County Aquarium Society NCAS
New England Cichlid Association NECA
New England Fancy Guppy Association NEFG
Northeast Livebearers Association NELA
North Jersey Aquarium Society NJAS
Norwalk Aquarium Society NAS
Otter Valley Aquarium Society OVAS
PA Guppy Club PAGC
Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society PVAS
Pioneer Valley Water Garden & Koi Club PVWG&K
Skylands Aquarium & Water Garden Group SAWGG
South Jersey Guppy Group SJGG Southern
New England Killifish Association SNEKA
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington TFCB
Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island TFSRI
Upstate NY Killifish Association UNYKA
Worcester Aquarium Society WAS

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