



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY of AMATEUR HERPETOLOGISTS (Inc)
(Member of the Australasian Affiliation of Herpetological Societies)

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2001 - A Herp Odyssey

Dear Herpetologist,

This year will be a very interesting one for those interested in herpetology and particularly if you want to keep. After a decade of lobbying we have moved a significant step closer to attaining our primary goal - a pet amphibian/reptile keeping system in Western Australia. Once in place, WASAH will require a new direction.

On 23 December 2000 in the *West Australian* you may have read the call for public comments on proposed *Wildlife Conservation (Reptiles and Amphibians) Regulations 2000*. You may have also seen the media coverage on TV. If you missed out we enclose a copy and urge you to send a submission to CALM. Make sure you access your copy of the draft regulations. Everybody needs to have their say, as this will affect all those wishing to keep amphibians and reptiles privately in this state. You will note the closing date for submissions is 28 February 2001 so there is plenty of time. We still have a long way to go but every positive submission will help our cause.

For those who support the changes but prefer not to prepare their own submissions we include for your convenience a standard affirmative response for CALM requiring only that you insert the date, your name, address and signature.

WHAT ABOUT WASAH?

A good question - we apologise for not organising a final meeting for 2000. It was unfortunate, as we do need to maintain contact, especially in light of what lays ahead of us. If all goes as planned WASAH will need to move in a different direction. Initially, our first objective is to ensure that WASAH establishes itself as a provider of information to those pet shops wishing to sell frogs and reptiles, and anyone else for that matter. This will have the additional benefit of improving our financial situation - if you read the minutes in the last newsletter you will have noted that we are not strapped for cash. You will also find attached a membership renewal form for 2001. We need your support so send it off immediately with the fee.

The current executive has remained almost unchanged since WASAH's beginning. Obviously this can be somewhat draining on those people who are performing the same tasks every year. With this in mind, if you are interested in becoming involved or performing certain tasks, i.e. you may be perfect for fund raising ideas or planning field excursions, please let us know.

Some of the possible changes, until more people put their hands up, may be abolishing the newsletter and replacing it with a flyer to inform members of meetings and coming events. Other ideas are sharing the president's duties at meetings. That way you wont know who you will get - sounds like fun! Hey, who wants to look at the old Perenty all the time? We suspect that another election of executives may end like the last one - not a single nomination being received.

Anyway, these are some ideas being tossed around at the moment. In the meantime, it is important for you to have a say and get that submission into CALM.

Remember WASAH is your society.

Keep Wriggling,



WASAH Committee

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

**Draft Wildlife Conservation (Reptiles and Amphibians) Regulations 2000.
Draft Wildlife Conservation Amendment Regulations 2000.**

The Executive Director of the Department of Conservation and Land Management advises that draft Wildlife Conservation (Reptiles and Amphibians) Regulations 2000, and draft Wildlife Conservation Amendment Regulations 2000 are available for public comment.

The draft Wildlife Conservation (Reptiles and Amphibians) Regulations provide the framework for a licensing system to allow for the keeping (as pets), dealing, taking, importing and exporting of native reptiles and amphibians.

The draft Wildlife Conservation Amendment Regulations 2000 are amendments to the existing Wildlife Conservation Regulations 1970 and make provisions for the existence of the reptile and amphibian regulations. Minor amendments are also proposed for the provisions relating to the caring for sick, injured or otherwise incapacitated fauna.



Copies of the draft regulations and associated information material can be:

- ◆ downloaded from the CALM web site at <http://www.naturebase.net>
- ◆ posted to you if you telephone CALM Wildlife Branch (08) 9334 0455 during business hours; or,
- ◆ obtained directly from CALM State Operations Headquarters, 17 Dick Perry Avenue, Western Precinct of Technology Park, Kensington WA 6151

Submissions should be directed to the Executive Director, Department of Conservation and Land Management, Locked Bag 104, Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6003, and marked to the attention of the Manager, Wildlife Branch.

The closing date for submissions is Wednesday 28 February 2001.

WALLY COX
Executive Director
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT



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**WASAH
GENERAL MEETING**

7.30pm
Friday
9 February 2001
at

Perth Zoo Ed Centre
Labouchere Road, South Perth

Slide Show:

by

Brad & Rob

After their recent visit to Qld,
“Queensland Herp”



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With the new WA reptile/amphibian keeping system shortly to be implemented, now is your opportunity to join WA's herp society for 2001.

Membership Form

2001

(Western Australian Society of Amateur Herpetologists Inc)
Address to: The Secretary, WASAH, 169 Egina Street, Mount Hawthorn 6016

I wish to become a member of WASAH and in so doing agree to abide by the rules and constitution of the Society. Membership entitles me to an annual subscription to the journal of the Australasian Affiliation of Herpetological Societies, *Herpetofauna* and the Society's newsletter.

Surname (Ms Miss Mrs Mr).....

Given names.....

Postal address.....

Post Code.....

Telephone number (H)..... (W).....

Remittance enclosed (\$20/year to a maximum of 5 years).....

Constitution & rules will be forwarded to you upon joining

Date.....

Signature.....

Date:

From:

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The Executive Director
Department of Conservation and Land Management
Regulations Submissions Attention: Manager, Wildlife Branch
Locked Bag 104
Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6983

Dear Sir

**Re: Proposed *Wildlife Conservation (Reptiles & Amphibians) Regulations 2000*;
and
Proposed *Wildlife Conservation (Amendment) Regulations 2000*.**

I/We have read the draft *Wildlife Conservation (Reptiles & Amphibians) Regulations 2000* proposing a licensing system to allow residents of Western Australia to conditionally keep, deal, take, import and export native amphibians and reptiles.

I/We fully support this proposal and commend CALM in their efforts to make this a reality. These changes will bring us into line with the rest of the country and this system will ensure practical regulation of herpetoculture in WA, which will ultimately benefit all those concerned and improve our knowledge and understanding of this State's herpetofauna.

Yours sincerely,

Sign: