

**Regional Biologist Activity Report
January and February 2008
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Agency Assistance

- Consulted with Pennsylvania Game Commission and Vermont Fish and Wildlife biologists on the NE wild turkey population model and participated in a conference call with the model designer
- Consulted with Pennsylvania Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit on banding procedures for gobblers
- Participated in gobbler capture and banding for the Pennsylvania Game Commission Southeast Region (29 gobblers and 10 hens captured so far)
- Processed 16 bills for trapping equipment and supplies for the Pennsylvania Game Commission
- Provided advice and suggestions on wild turkey harvest management to the New Jersey Fish and Game Council at the request of the agency director

Writing Projects

- Produced articles on wild turkey oddities and the Zimmerman family visit to SGL 211 for “Pennsylvania Turkey Talk”
- Completed a final report for the Wildlife Forever grant that assisted with purchases for the gobbler banding project
- Wrote copy and edited the first and second versions of the Turkey Hunting Success and Safety brochure
- Prepared letters for the Pennsylvania Chapter in support of the acquisition of the Glatfelter Tree Farm Number One. Letters were sent to Senators Casey and Spector and Representative Platt.
- Drafted a letter for the New Jersey Chapter in support of management alternative “B” for the Walkkill National Wildlife Refuge, an alternative that allowed for land purchase and opened more area to hunting

Meetings and Presentations

- Attended January executive committee and board meetings for the Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey Chapters
- Attended the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Chapter Awards Dinners in January
- Participated in the January meeting of the New Jersey NRCS Technical Committee
- Attended the January meetings of the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the New Jersey Fish and Game Council
- Participated in the annual Pennsylvania Chapter Habitat Committee meeting
- Presented power points on “Wild Turkeys 101” and “Black Bear Management” at the New Jersey Vegetable Growers Association meeting and the Pennsylvania Chapter Rendezvous
- Attended the NWTF Technical Committee meeting and provided three power point presentations

Woodland Owners Field Days

- Participated in a landowner field day in Cambridge, Maryland at which 70 people attended
- Began preparation for a landowner field day in Georgetown, Delaware scheduled for April

Hunting Heritage Super Fund

- Processed 25 Maryland Super Fund requests, 9 Pennsylvania requests, 4 Delaware requests and 2 New Jersey requests.

Information Requests

- Provided information via email, letter or telephone to 23 individuals from 9 states. Information requests ranged from habitat management advice to questions about differentiating between subspecies.