

Regional Biologist Activity Report
March through May 2008
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Agency Assistance

- Maintained and baited trap sites for the tri-state gobbler banding research project
- Processed and paid 19 bills submitted by PGC regional staff for bait, equipment and supplies for the banding project
- Consulted with Penn State researchers and Ohio Division of Wildlife staff members about the possibility of Ohio withdrawing from the research project
- Submitted a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Economic Development for habitat enhancement work on state game lands in Armstrong, Butler and Washington Counties
- Presented a power point on wild turkey habitat management to a meeting of PGC land managers in the Southeast Region
- Consulted with regional staff from PGC on the planning process for State Game Lands 205 in Lehigh County
- Participated in a video conference on Stewardship Contracting at Allegheny National Forest that was aired throughout Region 9 of the US Forest Service
- Planned and conducted a landowner workshop with the Delaware Forest Service
- Provided advice and assistance regarding wild turkey harvest management, planning and diseases to biologists in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Minnesota

Writing Projects

- Prepared articles on spring hunting safety for the spring issues of “Pennsylvania Turkey Talk” and “PA Outdoor Times”
- Prepared an article on a Wheelin’ Sportsmen deer hunt at the Raystown Lake facility for the spring issue of “Pennsylvania Turkey Talk”
- Prepared an article on diseases affecting wild turkeys for the summer issues of “Maryland Turkey Droppings” and “Pennsylvania Turkey Talk”
- Prepared articles on prescribed fire and the North American Wild Turkey Management Plan for the summer issue of “Pennsylvania Turkey Talk”
- Prepared letters for chapters in support of maintaining or increasing hunting opportunities on the Erie (PA), Wallkill and Supawna Meadows (NJ) National Wildlife Refuges as part of the USFWS planning process

Meetings and Presentations

- Attended the March Pennsylvania Chapter Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings
- Attended March meeting of the Delaware Chapter and the April meeting of the New Jersey Chapter
- Attended the April Pennsylvania Game Commission meeting
- Participated in a meeting of the New York DEC Bureau of Wildlife meeting in March where the Wayne Bailey Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Fred Evans, retired technician with the agency

- Attended the Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference in Galloway, New Jersey
- Participated in a planning meeting for habitat enhancement at Nescopeck State Park in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania along with representatives from the park and Game Commission
- Attended fund raising dinners held by the Jerry Zimmerman Memorial Chapter in Pennsylvania, the Kittatinny Gobblers and the Sussex County Sportsmen's Federation in New Jersey

Super Fund Activities

- Processed 170 Super Fund request forms from Pennsylvania, 14 from Maryland and 4 each from New Jersey and Delaware

Special Projects

- Participated in the spring Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association conference by taking an outdoor writer spring gobbler hunting
- Worked on filming segments for "Turkey Call" and "Get in the Game" in New York
- Filmed an interview on wild turkey harvest regimes and population management for "Bowhunter Magazine Television"
- Conducted spring hunting safety and techniques seminars for the Walking Purchase Chapter in Pennsylvania and New Jersey State Chapter
- Began planning with New York DEC for a Thanksgiving media event involving capture and release of wild turkeys in the New York media market
- Conducted interviews about wild turkey harvests, behavior and biology with outdoor writers and reporters from three New Jersey and two Pennsylvania newspapers

Information Requests

- Handled 24 requests for information from Pennsylvania and New Jersey on wild turkey harvest, behavior, natural history, ecology and management