

Regional Biologist Activity Report
June through July 2008
Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist

Agency Assistance

- Prepared agenda for annual PGC/PANWTF meeting
- Processed and paid 3 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
- Provided advice and assistance regarding wild turkey harvest management, turkey nesting and diseases to biologists in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island
- Discussed funding and arranged a meeting on improving disabled hunter access with US Forest Service staff at Allegheny National Forest

Writing Projects

- Prepared letters for New Jersey Chapter in support of funding in the FY09 budget for certain Division of Fish and Wildlife programs
- Drafted an article on the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation/NWTF Grant to improve habitat on Game Lands in southwestern Pennsylvania for "Game News"
- Prepared a letter for the New Jersey Chapter in support of improved access to state owned lands through the Yards Creek generating station in Warren County

Meetings and Presentations

- Attended the June Pennsylvania Chapter Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings
- Attended June meetings of the Delaware and New Jersey Chapters
- Met with US Fish and Wildlife Service personnel at Wallkill National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey to plan a disabled hunter access improvement project
- Participated in a meeting of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance
- Facilitated the annual meeting between the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania State Chapter
- Attended the summer regional biologist supervisors and regional biologists meetings in Edgefield

Super Fund Activities

- Processed 22 Super Fund request forms from Pennsylvania, 7 from Maryland and 4 from New Jersey and 3 from Delaware
- Researched and prepared a summary of Pennsylvania Chapter Super Fund investment in habitat projects on state game lands between 2004 and 2008
- Prepared figures for a revision of the Pennsylvania Chapter Super Fund brochure

Special Projects

- Conducted a wild turkey habitat walking seminar at the Martins Creek PP&L facility in Northampton County, Pennsylvania

- Began planning for a cooperative landowner field day in Fairdale, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. The event will be a joint effort between the Wilson Moore Chapter, the Pennsylvania State Chapter and the Susquehanna Branch of QDMA
- Continued planning with New York DEC for a Thanksgiving media event involving capture and release of wild turkeys in the New York media market

Information Requests

- Handled 19 requests for information from Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey on wild turkey harvest, behavior, natural history, ecology and management