

Regional Biologist Report
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September-December 31, 2008

Meetings and Presentations

- New Jersey Chapter September Board meeting was attended and reports provided
- The annual Northeast Upland Game Bird Technical Committee meeting was attended and reports presented
- Attended the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance October meeting in Clarksburg
- Met with Lancaster Conservancy, PA Game Commission and American Chestnut Foundation regarding a habitat improvement project
- Met with University of Delaware researchers and biologists from Delaware Fish and Wildlife regarding the planning and initiation of a nesting ecology study
- PA Prescribed Fire Council Steering Committee meeting was attended in Harrisburg
- PA Chapter October Board and Executive Committee meetings were attended
- Attended the September and December meetings of the Delaware Chapter Board of Directors
- Attended the December meeting of the Maryland Chapter board and Super Fund Committee
- Facilitated the annual meeting of the WMU 5A Task Force in Adams County, Pennsylvania
- Attended the October and November meetings of the New Jersey Fish and Game Council
- Met with personnel from the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife Bureau of Land Management and toured areas where ruffed grouse were trapped in the 1980's to provide the agency with management suggestions
- Attended the October meeting of the Pennsylvania Game Commission in Washington, PA
- Presented a power point entitled "Wild Turkeys 101" at a meeting of the Laurels Longbeards Chapter in southeastern PA
- Provided a power point presentation on black bears to the fall fund-raising dinner of the Susquehanna Local Chapter in Clearfield, PA
- Traveled to Baltimore to attend the annual symposium of the Wildlife Habitat council and presented the Wild Turkey Management Award to the Hatch Nuclear Facility, a Southern States facility
- Attended a strategy session on possible conservation projects within the Economic Stimulus Package held by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in Washington, DC
- Attended and photographed the sixth annual Wheelin' Sportsmen Waterfowl Hunt on Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge. The event is sponsored by the Delaware Chapter Board of Directors

Writing Projects and News Tips

- Prepared an article on the Maryland Super Fund for "Maryland Turkey Droppings"

- Wrote an article on fall turkey hunting safety for “On Target” a magazine produced by the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs
- Prepared two articles for the winter issue of “PA Turkey Talk”
- Took photographs of Redden State Forest in Delaware for “Turkey Call”

Agency Assistance

- Delivered and picked up fall turkey check station materials for the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Spent one day assisting on a bear live-trapping line
- Provided advice on equipment and scheduled a capture and handling training seminar for Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife regarding a nesting ecology and hen survival study originally scheduled to commence in 2009. The project is on hold because of internal budget and insurance issues.

Wild Turkey Woodlands

- Conducted a landowner field day and JAKES event in Fairdale, PA with the Susquehanna Branch of the Quality Deer Management Association, Northern Counties Full Fans Chapter, the Wilson Moore Chapter and the Natural Resource Conservation Service

Hunting Heritage Super Fund

- Processed 11 Super Fund requests from Pennsylvania, 42 from Maryland and 3 from Delaware
- Spent one day photographing and meeting with volunteers on the Hoda Farm Invasive Plant Species Control project near Hazelton, PA

Information Requests

- Responded to 31 requests for information on wild turkey habitat, behavior, ecology and hunting from four states