

## Don Heckman, PANWTF Interim Vice President's Report - March 3 - June 5, 2008

Report of vice-president activities, action items, decisions, ideas, completed items. I will have one copy of my report on Saturday for our Secretary.

Emailed, spoke to NWTF Staff about final PA Edition NWTF Turkey Hunting Success and Safety brochure

Talked to Robb Miller, officially removed my name from further consideration for PGC District 6 Commissioner seat

Worked with Bob Eriksen to put finishing touches on PA Edition NWTF Success and Safety brochure

Received both the low resolution and high resolution PA Edition NWTF Success and Safety brochure

Emailed NWTF Executive Staff thanking them for their professional work on completing the PA Edition NWTF Safety brochure

Emailed Joe Drolet PA Edition NWTF Success and Safety brochure to put on www.panwtf.org public internet web site along with the PGC/PANWTF poster sign Positively Identify Your Target

Emailed Dr. Kennamer for NWTF position on Global Warming - Emissions Controls. Explained what I need advice and NWTF feedback for PFSC Convention end of March

Attended March 1-2 Executive Committee Meeting and Sunday's Board Meeting. highlight of my weekend was our orange burning

Session, after 17 years we accomplished what Rob Keck told us back in 1991-1992 we needed to do

Received email communications from Dr. Kennamer stating NWTF position on Global Warming - Emissions Controls, will use at PFSC Convention is asked, will forward to PA Chapter NWTF Board and Staff

Emailed letters to 12 state Senators opposing HB 1214, supporting HB 2255, and slow mailed letters asking Senators for consideration for PGC hunting license increase fees package including turkey hunting license and pheasant stamp

Emailed Safety and Education Committee on request for actions on distributing PA Edition NWTF Success and Safety brochure

Emailed Legislative Committee on request for actions to develop legislator buddy system

March 9th attended March 9 PA Sportsmen's Coalition Meeting as PANWTF representative

Emailed Brook Lenker, DCNR - PANWTF News Release - PA Chapter NWTF commits more than \$100,000 on improving wild turkey habitat in state; Brook will distribute news release to his DCNR contacts that met with PANWTF back in

February

Sent PGC Executive Staff PA Edition NWTF Success and Safety brochure for use in second spring gobbler tag mailing envelopes

Talked to Carl Roe to confirm PGC Hunting Digest 2 pages for brochure, and Second Spring Gobbler License mailings with safety brochure

Received request to write recommendation letter for Joe Stefko PGC WCS for 2008 Western Pennsylvania Environmental Award on behalf Pennsylvania Chapter NWTF, completed recommendation letter and emailed to Roxane Palone and Sally Tarhi

Tracking PA Bulletin Volume 38 looking for PGC Regulation Change for 2008 Spring Gobbler Season Orange Requirement

Working on my regular commitments to HPA forums covering wild turkey management, wild turkey hunting and safety, and PA Chapter NWTF forum for all kinds of PANWTF and NWTF information to be distributed via message boards

Worked on clarification of PA Bulletin requirements PGC Regulation Change for 2008 Spring Gobbler Season Orange Requirement

Worked on my usual commitment to HPA PA Chapter NWTF Forum for question and answer sessions

Posted both PA Edition NWTF Turkey Hunting Success and Safety brochure and PGC/PANWTF Positively Identify Your Target poster sign on HPA forums

Emailed Wild Turkey Management Committee on request for action to distribute PA Edition NWTF Success and Safety brochure

Talked to Terry Hyde, and emailed Terry to work out the problem between PA Outdoor Times and PANWTF to get their April issue a turkey hunting safety article, used my reduced size 600 word safety article that will be in TT spring issue

Talked to PFSC ED Melody Zullinger, and emailed request to Melody to email two site links for brochure and poster sign to PFSC member sportsmen's clubs, delegates, officers and directors distribution - Melody completed my request

Mailed 38 letters to legislators on my comments on legislative bills, hunting license increase, and turkey hunting license

Emailed PA Sportsmen's Coalition review of hunting license increase fees package with detailed information on turkey hunting license to be included in legislative bill proposal, talked to several Coalition members for their current status

March 18 attended MYB Local Chapter Board reorganization meeting, reviewed issues with what's left of local chapter leadership

March 28, meet with Bob Boyd, PGC BWM NWTF Technical Rep, wild turkey management plan, turkey hunting license, planning and communications

March 26, sent email to PANWTF Board distribution NWTF News Release on Rob Keck CEO resignation, and firing of Carl Brown and Dick Rosenlieb, including article from Southern Sporting Journal; phone was busy this week

Attended March 28-30 PFSC Spring Convention and Delegate voting session

Distributed PA Edition NWTF Turkey Hunting Success and Safety brochure to PFSC Board and Delegates

Presented PA Chapter NWTF report on wild turkey management, turkey hunting safety, and PANWTF recommendations for future PGC Commissioners consideration.

March 31, forwarded articles to PFSC - ON TARGET, PA OUTDOOR TIMES, PA OUTDOOR NEWS editors for publication consideration in their May issues

March 31, forwarded email request to Larry Holjencin and his reply to Walt Young, Bob Schmid, Jon Pries, Dave Burge detailing Larry's agreement to send Turkey Talk Spring Issue digitized cover photo to Walt

April 3rd attended House Game and Fisheries Committee public hearing on PGC Annual Legislative Report

Coordinating May issue PA Outdoor Times by April 15 for PA Chapter NWTF Safety article with Bob Eriksen; I did the April issue safety article, the NWTF membership application looked okay to me, no mistakes this time around

Completed the cover letter and sent to Joe Drolet for the PA Edition NWTF Turkey Hunting Success and Safety brochure .pdf file to be sent to local chapter presidents and/or banquet chairman; sent to Joe Drolet for his distribution

April 6th attended QDMA board meeting to review turkey hunting license, hunting license increase, PFSC state-wide organization

April 7th attended Legislative Rally Day on Capitol Hill for Pro Gun Legislation representing PA Chapter NWTF

April 7th attended PA Sportsmen's Coalition meeting as PANWTF representative

April 8th sent email to Treasurer for POWA Supporting member dues \$100, and Wild Turkey Article sponsorship fee \$150. Payment has not been received for 2008 supporting member dues; and wild turkey article sponsorship fee is being mailed

April 23rd completed coordination of 2 POWA payments with Treasurer Panaro and Bob Lollo; reviewed spring gobbler season PANWTF safety news release with Bob Kasun and Bob Eriksen; and worked with Jim Nyce to complete Glatfelter Project land acquisition in 2008 \$10,000 contribution, and postpone Waggoner's Gap Project land acquisition \$2000 contribution to January-February 2009

April 27th provided PFSC ED concept wording for supporting HB 1676 - alternative revenue funding

May 4th participated with PA Sportsmen's Coalition leadership on new legislative proposal for mentored hunting, any first time hunter, one time charge, all seasons with appropriate licenses, tags, Senate legislation to be written and submitted

May 6th provided Central Pennsylvania Conservancy [CPC] update on our 2008 CPC Waggoner's Gap Project funding

May 7th talked with new PGC District 6 Commissioner nomination from Governor's Office - Ron Weaner

May 22nd represented PANWTF at CPC Waggoner's Gap fund raising program. Special note for the evening, there will be a new Blue Mountain [Kittatinny Ridge] property fundraising to be announced this summer.

May 25th emailed NWTF Wild Turkey Management Strategic Plan for Pennsylvania to PANWTF Board

May 28th emailed Walt Young and Bob Schmid three articles for PA Turkey Talk Summer Issue review

Reminded Mary Jo Casalena, would appreciate update on wild turkey population model status, data, and preliminary report

Reminded Mary Jo Casalena, would appreciate bullet updates on wild turkey management 47 strategies for board meeting and full 6 objective/47 strategy report for June PGC/PANWTF Staff meeting

Reminded Mary Jo Casalena, would appreciate update on spring gobbler season information, HRSI's reported, 2008 leg band study status and 3 year update report

Reminded Mary Jo Casalena about my 5 Questions

May 29th - emailed replied to Jon P. suggested Executive Committee agenda additions

June 2nd - emailed House State Government Committee Members letter to vote against SB 740 and any amendments concerning land title transfer, HB 1657, or HB 2572, as offered by Representatives or Senators supporting the sale of the property to PSU, and support land title transfer to PGC

June 3rd - PA Sportsmen's Coalition is officially dead and buried. SSS group replaces

June 3rd - email replied to Bob E. my PGC Staff meeting agenda changes, suggestions and ideas

Posted 26 NWTF - PANWTF news items on HPA PA Chapter NWTF Forum, and several on Turkey Hunting Message Boards

January to March I said I sent/replied 150 or so other state chapter emails; March to June I must of sent/replied to over 400+ emails.

Tell The Story - Pass It On.

Think Safety - Hunt Safely.

Don.