

**Regional Biologist Report**  
**Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist**  
**January 3, 2010- March 3, 2010**

**Meetings and Presentations**

- Attended state chapter awards banquets in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland
- Attended Pennsylvania Chapter Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings
- Presented a power point on wild turkey oddities at the Pennsylvania chapter Rendezvous in State College
- Participated in the annual Pennsylvania Chapter Habitat Super Fund Committee meeting
- Traveled to NWTF annual convention in Nashville, Tennessee
- Attended the January meeting of the Pennsylvania Game Commission
- Participated in the annual meeting of the NWTF Technical Committee and presented two draft resolutions for the committee
- Attended meetings with Region 9 personnel of the U.S. Forest Service and the Natural Resource Conservation Service at the convention
- Met with staff at Allegheny National Forest in Warren, Pennsylvania to discuss a potential Stewardship Agreement
- Attended the annual Lower Delaware Chapter Super Fund banquet in Laurel, Delaware
- Met with representatives of Anadarko Petroleum to discuss their participation in habitat projects in Lycoming and Centre Counties in Pennsylvania

**Agency Assistance**

- Reviewed and commented on several chapters of the newly developed Pennsylvania Game Commission Turkey Hunter Safety curriculum
- Worked with Pennsylvania Game Commission training field staff on techniques for handling wild turkeys and affixing telemetry transmitters safely to the birds
- Worked with Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry personnel to develop habitat projects for Sprout State forest
- Provided advice and technical assistance regarding turkey trapping techniques and radio-marking of wild turkeys to biologists in Pennsylvania and Delaware on several occasions

**Writing**

- Prepared a draft manuscript on gobbler survival and cause-specific mortality in New Jersey for the Tenth National Wild Turkey Symposium based on a five year study
- Reviewed 29 abstracts for the Tenth National Wild Turkey Symposium
- Edited a manuscript on wild turkey damage and nuisance issues for the Tenth Symposium
- Reviewed a paper on rocket-netting techniques for the Tenth National Wild Turkey Symposium

- Prepared the January northeast region report for the NWTB Board of Directors
- Submitted one article for the spring issue of “PA Turkey Talk”
- Prepared Pennsylvania Chapter comments for the January Game Commission meeting

#### **Grants and Cooperative Agreements**

- Prepared invoices for work done for the New Hampshire Department of fish and Game
- Interviewed applicants for a regional biologist position in Virginia and West Virginia

#### **Media Contacts**

- Discussed the potential for aflatoxins occurring in corn used for baiting and feeding deer and turkeys with an outdoor writer from West Virginia

#### **Super Fund**

- Hunting Heritage Super Fund request forms were processed from Pennsylvania (32), Maryland (23) and New Jersey (2).

#### **Information Requests**

- Twenty-five requests for information on wild turkey behavior, ecology, habitat management, spring hunting and interactions with bobwhite quail were handled and information provided.