

**Regional Biologist Report**  
**Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist**  
**June 1- July 31, 2010**

**Meetings and Presentations**

- Arranged and attended Anadarko Petroleum check presentation with representatives of the Susquehanna Longbeards and Bald Eagle Longbeards
- Traveled to Edgefield, SC to attend Summer Planning meeting
- Attended June and July state chapter meetings in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware
- Facilitated annual PGC/PANWTF meeting in Harrisburg
- Attended Pennsylvania Game Commission June meeting
- Met with University of Delaware graduate student to discuss an ongoing research project and provide lost poult tapes
- Attended June PA NRCS Technical Committee and GRP subcommittee meetings in Harrisburg

**Writing Projects**

- Prepared articles on fall hunting safety and the Anadarko Petroleum donation
- Prepared an article on the biological considerations for fall turkey hunting seasons for “Turkey Country”
- Drafted letters for the New Jersey Chapter based on a review of the New Jersey Black Bear Management Policy
- Prepared comment letters on fall hunting regulation changes for the Pennsylvania Chapter
- Prepared comment letters for the New Jersey Chapter in support of opening a black bear hunting season

**Special Projects**

- Reviewed the draft and final versions of the report on the gobbler banding research project to the NWTF
- Provided advice to Indiana DNR on agricultural damage by wild turkeys
- Completed a manuscript for the Tenth National Wild Turkey Symposium
- Considerable time was spent working on plans for the Stewardship Agreement on Allegheny National Forest which includes early successional habitat and grasslands management
- Discussed wild turkey introduction and management options with interested parties in the Canadian province of New Brunswick
- Continued developing budget reductions for FY 2010 and monthly expense projections for FY 2011 for the Northeast Region
- Assisted regional biologists with issues in their respective regions
- Prepared invoices for contributions from US Forest Service and state chapters
- Revised and sent second drafts of Nation Wild Turkey Technical Committee Resolutions on supplemental feeding, agricultural damage and residential problems associated with abundant wild turkeys to committee members

- Considerable time was spent managing the PA Department of Community and Economic Development grant in southwestern Pennsylvania
- Provided advice to Maryland DNR on mycoplasma in wild turkeys and test comparisons

#### **Super Fund Requests**

- Processed 21 Pennsylvania Super Fund request forms, 3 New Jersey forms and 1 Maryland requests

#### **Information Requests**

- Handled 18 requests for information on gobbling, wild turkey nesting, aging wild turkeys, odd-colored wild turkeys, habitat management and wild turkey ecology