

Regional Biologist Report
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January 1- March 1, 2011

Meetings and Presentations

- Attended the January meeting of the Pennsylvania Game Commission in Harrisburg
- Attended Pennsylvania State Chapter Rendezvous and Awards Banquet, New Jersey Chapter Awards Banquet and Maryland Chapter Awards Banquet
- Worked at Lower Delaware Chapter Super Fund banquet
- Attended Pennsylvania and New Jersey Chapter Board meetings
- Presented a power point on eastern coyote at the Pennsylvania Chapter Rendezvous
- Worked at NWTF annual convention and attended the NWTF technical committee meeting
- Presented a summary of the technical committee resolution on handling residential nuisance and damage complaints involving wild turkeys and worked on modifying all three resolutions
- Planned, scheduled and moderated the Wildlife Law Enforcement Officer session at the NWTF convention and sport show
- Participated in the annual Pennsylvania Chapter Super Fund Habitat Committee meeting
- Attended the annual meeting of the Northeast Upland Game Bird Technical Committee in Shepherdstown, WV
- Presented a paper on “Survival and Hunting Mortality of Male Wild Turkeys in New Jersey” at the Tenth National Wild Turkey Symposium
- Attended the January and February meetings of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance
- Participated in a pre-work conference with a contractor doing 388 acres of oak release on the Martin Run project on Allegheny National Forest
- Represented the New Jersey Chapter at an outdoor expo held at a shopping mall

Writing Projects

- Prepared an article on a donation received from Chesapeake Energy for the spring issue of “Pennsylvania Turkey Talk”
- Completed articles on turkey hunting safety and all day spring hunting for “Pennsylvania Game News”
- Prepared two NWTF biologist blogs for our website
- Wrote letters (3) in opposition of two bills in the New Hampshire legislature designed to reduce the cost of turkey hunting and other special permits that would reduce funding for the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game
- Prepared a summary of the Pennsylvania Chapter Conservation and Outreach activities for presentation at a meeting with Anadarko Petroleum
- Drew up an agreement for regional biologist funding for the West Virginia Chapter

- Developed a power point presentation on a gobbler survival and cause specific mortality study in New Jersey for the Tenth National Wild Turkey Symposium
- Prepared an application for grant funding from Chesapeake Energy for projects in Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties

Special Projects

- Reviewed resumes and conducted interviews with candidates for a NWTF project biologist position on Allegheny National Forest
- Considerable time was spent working on plans for the Stewardship Agreement and a National Forest Foundation Grant on Allegheny National Forest which includes early successional habitat and grasslands management
- Set up an interview with National Geographic television regarding a bear incident in which I was involved in New Jersey back in 1998
- Provided information to a free lance writer from Maryland on all day spring hunting techniques
- Continued to discuss wild turkey introduction and management options with interested parties in the Canadian province of New Brunswick
- Developed monthly expense projections for FY 2011 for the Northeast Region
- Assisted regional biologists with issues in their respective regions
- Prepared bills for equipment and supplies related to the current fall harvest rate study and submitted bills to the chapter treasurer for payment
- Considerable time was spent preparing a detailed report on the PA Department of Community and Economic Development grant in Luzerne County
- Provided advice to University of Delaware researchers on turkey trapping techniques and galvanometers

Super Fund and Outreach Fund Requests

- Processed 31 Pennsylvania Super Fund request forms and 2 New Jersey requests
- Processed 4 Outreach Fund requests for the Pennsylvania Chapter

Information Requests

- Handled 31 requests for information on gobbling, wild turkey nesting, aging wild turkeys, odd-colored wild turkeys, habitat management and wild turkey ecology