

Regional Biologist Report
Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist
June 1- July 31, 2011

Meetings and Presentations

- Attended the June meeting of the Pennsylvania Game Commission in Harrisburg and presented the annual Joe Kurz and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Awards
- Attended Pennsylvania and New Jersey Chapter Board June meetings
- Facilitated and attended the annual meeting between the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania State Chapter
- Participated in the Pennsylvania Game Commission Roundtable on hunter recruitment and retention
- Spent a week at the NWTF Summer Planning Conference in Edgefield, South Carolina
- Presented a powerpoint on accomplishments and projects in the northeast at the Summer Planning Conference
- Assisted with a Diamond Life Sponsor Dinner in New Jersey
- Attended July Pennsylvania Chapter Board meeting and Presidents Leadership Weekend and presented powerpoint updates

Writing Projects

- Wrote letters (2) for the New Jersey State Chapter in support of changes in Game Code regulations
- Prepared quarterly Board Report for NWTF National Board of Directors

Special Projects

- Traveled to Allegheny National Forest twice to check on progress on the Bobb's Fork Stewardship Agreement and Martin Run Grant work
- Monitored and inspected chain saw site preparation work conducted by contractors as part of the Martin Run Project on Allegheny National Forest
- Processed payment for contract work on Allegheny National Forest
- Completed discussions on a Partnership Agreement with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Bureau of Forestry
- Picked up bat, bluebird and wood duck nest boxes at the PGC Howard Nursery for use on Allegheny National Forest
- Prepared and arranged for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between NWTF and the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Developed a draft agreement with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries for support of our regional biologist position in the Old Dominion to be finalized at a meeting in August
- Edited and provided information, suggestions and literature citations for a draft Adaptive Wild Turkey Harvest Strategy matrix for eastern wild turkeys in Oklahoma

- Prepared a wild turkey gobbler skeleton for the Virginia Museum of Natural History
- Assisted regional biologists with issues in their respective regions especially concerning NRCS contribution agreements in New York and New Hampshire
- Assisted District Field Supervisor Ray Smith with development of materials for a “Fueling Conservation” dinner to be held in Williamsport in August
- Prepared bills for equipment and supplies related to the current Pennsylvania fall harvest rate study and submitted bills to the chapter treasurer for payment
- Continued to consult with University of Delaware researchers on turkey telemetry monitoring and nest location techniques
- Completed an application to become a Technical Service Provider (TSP) for the NRCS in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware as part of the NWTf regional biologist program
- Assisted in planning a joint “Wild About Turkeys” teachers workshop with the Pennsylvania Game Commission and New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife

Super Fund and Outreach Fund Requests

- Processed 21 Pennsylvania Super Fund request forms, 2 Delaware Chapter Super Fund requests, 2 Maryland forms and 7 New Jersey requests
- Processed 4 Outreach Fund requests for the Pennsylvania Chapter

Information Requests

- Handled 15 requests for information on gobbling, spring hunting, wild turkey nesting, aging wild turkeys, odd-colored wild turkeys, diseases, habitat management and wild turkey ecology