

**Regional Biologist Report**  
**Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist**  
**June 1, 2012-August 1, 2012**

**Meetings and Presentations**

- Attended the June Board of Directors meetings of the Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and New Jersey State Chapters, NWTF
- Developed the agenda and facilitated the annual meeting between the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania State Chapter, NWTF
- Attended the annual NWTF Summer Planning Conference in Edgefield, South Carolina
- Met with US Forest Service staff at the Bradford Ranger District Office to discuss a cooperative agreement and personnel matters
- Attended the June meeting of the Pennsylvania Game Commission in Harrisburg
- Developed the agenda and facilitated the annual meeting between the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Chapter
- Participated in the July meeting of the Pennsylvania Natural Resource Conservation Service Technical Committee in Harrisburg
- Attended the NWTF Northeast Regional Leadership Conference in State College and presented a power point on major projects and goals in the northeast region of the United States and Canada
- Assisted regional directors with the Fueling Conservation II Dinner in Williamsport
- Presented a power point on the new Super Fund splits, major accomplishments of the Super Fund, the Pennsylvania Chapter Strategic Plan and an update on the hen survival and fall harvest rate study at the western Pennsylvania Chapter Presidents Workshop in Butler
- Planned a grant funded landowner field day for early August in Jefferson County

**Special Projects**

- Provided information on gobbling rates, nest initiation dates and incubation and hatch dates to South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
- Working with Project Biologist Kristen Giger completed habitat enhancements on the National Forest Foundation Grant for work on the Martin Run and West Branch Tionesta Areas of Allegheny National Forest
- Reviewed and edited the final report on the Martin Run Project
- Continued work on the Bobbs Fork Stewardship Agreement on Allegheny National Forest including additional work on the Beanfields grassland restoration, treatment of invasive plant species, chainsaw site preparation work and installation of a bat condominium

- Arranged for judges and tabulators for the North jersey Open Turkey Calling Contest
- Met with a contractor to plan annual mowing of brood habitat areas on the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in New Jersey
- Provided information on wild turkey population monitoring techniques to officials from New Brunswick, Canada

### **Supervisory Responsibilities**

- Finalized FY 2013 budgets for northeast region staff
- Checked status of revenue and completed invoices to assure FY 2012 income goals were met
- Participated in numerous conference calls providing updates on projects in the region and discussing major initiatives for FY 2013
- Discussed an extension of the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game Agreement and finalized the extension
- Discussed partnership agreements with Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Vermont Fish and Game and Massachusetts Wildlife

### **Hunting Heritage Super Fund and Outreach Fund Activity**

- Processed 22 Super Fund request forms for the Pennsylvania Chapter, 6 for the Delaware Chapter, 3 for the New Jersey Chapter and 1 each for the Maryland and Nova Scotia Chapters
- Processed 4 Outreach Fund requests for the Pennsylvania Chapter

### **Information Requests**

- Provided information to 23 individuals on wild turkey nesting, gobbling activity, wild turkey behavior, hybridization, natural history, habitat requirements and hunting