

**Regional Biologist Report**  
**Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist**  
**October 1, 2012-December 31, 2012**

**Meetings and Presentations**

- Presented a power point on NWTF activities in the northeast region for a re-organization meeting of the Lower Delaware Chapter in Greenwood, DE
- Lectured on wild turkey ecology and management to a wildlife ecology class at Stockton College in New Jersey
- Met with officials representing the Union County (PA) Sportsmen's Club regarding the club hosting a fund-raising event next summer
- Attended and facilitated the annual WMU 5A Task Force meeting at Michaux State Forest in Pennsylvania
- Spoke with PA Representative David Maloney of Berks County on the subject of wild turkey management and harvest strategies
- Assisted New Jersey biologists with developing methods of determining the age of wild turkeys by collecting legs at checking stations
- Attended the annual New Jersey Chapter Board of Directors dinner
- Attended NWTF Winter Planning Conference in Edgefield, South Carolina
- Met with the forest supervisor at Allegheny National Forest to discuss the future of the cooperative biologist position there

**Special Projects**

- Provided information on gobbling rates, nest initiation dates and incubation and hatch dates to South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
- Continued work on the Bobbs Fork Stewardship Agreement on Allegheny National Forest
- Provided information on wild turkey population monitoring techniques to officials from New Brunswick, Canada
- Prepared, received and delivered three sign orders for habitat enhancement projects on state lands in Pennsylvania
- Prepared an invoice for a major donation from Chesapeake Energy to the Pennsylvania Chapter Super Fund
- Participated in GIS and GPS training with all northeast region NWTF conservation staff
- Began working with an orchard manager in Lehigh County to develop rodent bait stations for the orchard
- Continued work on the American Chestnut Foundation tree planting grant

- Worked with PA NRCS personnel to arrange for Working Lands for Wildlife Golden-winged Warbler Initiative training workshops in Bedford and Milesburg
- Provided information on current wild turkey management needs to a free lance writer preparing an article for “Turkey Country”
- Spoke with a reporter from California concerning wild turkeys in suburban neighborhoods
- Worked on a Veterans Day Pheasant Hunt event in Warren, PA
- Began planning for the annual Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers’ Session at the NWTFC Convention and Sport Show
- Conducted a site visit on the Atlantic County Game Preserve property to provide habitat management suggestions to members
- Provided information on wildlife damage in vineyards to researchers at Ohio State University
- Provided information on wild turkey molting patterns affecting the shape of tails for “Ask Dr. Tom” in “Turkey Country”
- Ordered Conservation Seed for the New Jersey Chapter
- Transported two rocket net boxes from Pennsylvania to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation
- Prepared Seed Subsidy requests for Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey Chapters

#### **Golden-winged Warbler Initiative**

- Attended and participated in training and field site visits on golden-winged warbler habitat management held in Bedford and Milesburg, PA
- Participated in numerous conference calls and email strings regarding golden-winged warbler initiative work requirements
- Conducted site visits to seven properties in Lycoming and Monroe Counties, PA evaluating potential for GWWA work in preparation for developing plans for the properties
- Reviewed resumes for individuals applying for project biologist positions to work on this initiative in PA, WV and VA

#### **Supervisory Responsibilities**

- Participated in numerous conference calls providing updates on projects in the region and discussing major initiatives for FY 2013
- Invoiced USFS for cooperative biologist position on Allegheny National Forest
- Invoiced New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game for final phase of the shared position there

**Writing Projects**

- Prepared articles on a major donation from Chesapeake Energy to the PA Chapter for the Pennsylvania Chapter newsletter and on The Working Lands for Wildlife Golden-winged Warbler Initiative for the winter issue of “Pennsylvania Turkey Talk”, “Maryland Turkey Droppings” and for the New Jersey Chapter newsletter
- Prepared a press release concerning the Chesapeake Energy donation to the Pennsylvania Chapter Super Fund
- Completed the final report for the American Chestnut Foundation Tree Planting Grant and submitted the report and an invoice for payment

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

- Processed 13 Super Fund request forms for the Pennsylvania Chapter, 1 for the New Brunswick Chapter, 1 for the Nova Scotia Chapter and 5 for the New Jersey Chapter
- Processed 2 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