

Regional Biologist Report
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January 1, 2013-February 28, 2013

Meetings and Presentations

- Presented a power points on “Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt” at Pennsylvania and New Jersey State Chapter meetings and Pennsylvania Chapter Awards Dinner
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- Attended New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapter January Board meetings and Pennsylvania Executive Committee meeting
- Attended January Pennsylvania Game Commission meeting
- Participated in January Pennsylvania NRCS Technical Committee meeting
- Presented a power point entitled “Wild Turkeys 101” at a dinner sponsored by Air Products Incorporated in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania
- Attended the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter Habitat Committee in Pleasant Gap
- Worked at NWTF Annual Convention and Sports Show and attended the NWTF Technical Committee meeting
- Presented “Successful Spring Gobbler Hunting” power points at Bass Pro Shop in Harrisburg (2), the Garden State Outdoor Show in Edison (3) and at the Annual Wild Game Feast at First Baptist Church in Kittanning
- Attended February meeting of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance

Special Projects

- Determined procedures for shipping BB guns and air rifles to New Jersey for the state chapter JTA trailer
- Provided information on the safety of hunting on public lands to a free lance writer working on an article for “Turkey Country”
- Drafted an article in technological advances in wildlife research for “Biologically Speaking” in “Turkey Country”
- Made arrangements for volunteers and staff to work with the JTA inflatable B B gun range at the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Eagle Extravaganza in Maryland
- Worked at the Heron Glen Golf Course Wheelin’ Sportsmen Deer Hunt in Flemington, New Jersey sponsored by the Spruce Run local chapter
- Arranged for presenters for the annual Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers’ Session at the NWTF convention
- Secured donations to fund a hospitality social for law enforcement officers at the NWTF annual convention

- Processed 8 bills for supplies and equipment for the Pennsylvania hen survival and fall harvest rate study
- Discussed modifications to the Bobbs Fork Stewardship Agreement with USFS Allegheny National Forest staff, Pennsylvania Game Commission personnel and NWTF staff
- Worked with Pennsylvania Game Commission staff to secure funding for a land purchase in Monroe County

Golden-winged Warbler Initiative

- Met with District Conservationist for Bradford and Sullivan Counties in Towanda
- Participated in numerous conference calls and email strings regarding golden-winged warbler initiative work requirements
- Conducted site visits and prepared WHEGs for properties in Sullivan and Pike Counties
- 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
- Met with new project biologist regarding golden-winged warbler work

Writing Projects

- Began work on articles for spring edition of "PA Turkey Talk"

Hunting Heritage Super Fund and Outreach Fund Activity

- Processed 44 Super Fund request forms for the Pennsylvania Chapter, 1 for the New Brunswick Chapter, 39 for the Maryland Chapter and 1 for the New Jersey Chapter
- Processed 1 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