

Regional Biologist Report
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March 1, 2013-May 31, 2013

Meetings, Banquets and Presentations

- Presented power points on “Successful Spring Gobbler Hunting” at the Pennsylvania State WITO event at Camp Sloes and on “Managing Habitat to Limit Predation” at the Walking Purchase Chapter spring seminar in Northampton.
- Attended New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania Chapter March and April Board meetings
- Attended April Pennsylvania Game Commission meeting
- Worked at the Jerry Zimmerman Chapter banquet in Pennsylvania and the Spruce Run Chapter banquet in New Jersey
- Attended March meeting of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance
- Attended a breakfast with New Jersey Governor Chris Christie along with other members of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance
- Met with representatives of Chesapeake Energy and NWTF Energy For Wildlife coordinator
- Conducted an interview on wild turkey management with Bowhunter Magazine Television
- Interviewed by PCN on natural gas development and transmission line habitat enhancement potential along with representatives of Chesapeake Energy

Special Projects

- Provided information on the impact of wildlife law enforcement on wild turkey populations and law enforcement equipment use to a free lance writer working on an article for “Turkey Country”
- Worked with volunteers and staff to provide the JTA inflatable BB gun range for visitors at the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Eagle Extravaganza in Maryland
- Processed 22 bills for supplies and equipment for the Pennsylvania hen survival and fall harvest rate study
- Worked with NWTF public relations staff to develop a press release concerning a land purchase in Monroe County funded by the Pennsylvania Chapter
- Scheduled and conducted Save the Habitat Save the Hunt strategic planning meetings with the Pennsylvania and Maryland Chapters
- Picked up and arranged for delivery of Conservation Seed to New Jersey Chapter members

Golden-winged Warbler Initiative

- Worked on the Penn State Forest Landowner Conference in Altoona to generate interest in the Working Lands for Wildlife Golden-winged Warbler Initiative
- Participated in numerous conference calls and email strings regarding golden-winged warbler initiative work requirements
- Conducted 10 site visits in Pennsylvania and 6 in New Jersey and prepared 8 WHEGs (habitat evaluation forms)
- Contacted 22 landowners to determine interest in participating in this initiative and arrange site visits
- Began planning for a landowner field day to be held June 5 in New Jersey along with representatives of the NRCS and New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife

Supervisory Responsibilities

- Participated in numerous conference calls providing updates on projects in the region and discussing major initiatives for FY 2013

Writing Projects

- Completed articles on spring hunting safety, setting the spring season and the Chesapeake Energy 2012 donation for the spring edition of "PA Turkey Talk"
- Developed an article on 2013 habitat projects for the summer edition of "PA Turkey Talk"
- Drafted articles on setting the spring gobbler season dates and PANWTF/PGC cooperative projects for "Pennsylvania Game News"

Hunting Heritage Super Fund and Outreach Fund Activity

- Processed 50 Super Fund request forms for the Pennsylvania Chapter, 2 for the New Brunswick Chapter, 9 for the Delaware Chapter, 1 for the Nova Scotia Chapter, 1 for the Maryland Chapter and 1 for the New Jersey Chapter
- Processed 8 Outreach Fund requests for the Pennsylvania Chapter

Information Requests

- Provided information to 37 individuals on wild turkey nesting, gobbling activity, wild turkey behavior, hybridization, natural history, habitat requirements and hunting