

Regional Biologist Report
Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist
June 1, 2013-July 23, 2013

Meetings, Banquets and Presentations

- Developed agenda, attended and facilitated the annual meeting between the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania State Chapter
- Attended New Jersey State Chapter June Board meeting
- Facilitated the Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt Strategic Planning meeting in New Jersey
- Planned the Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt Strategic Planning meeting for July 30 in Delaware
- Attended June Pennsylvania Game Commission meeting and awards luncheon
- Worked at the New Jersey State Chapter awards banquet in June
- Missed the Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware Chapter June Board meetings due to illness

Special Projects

- Arranged for photos of Pennsylvania Game Commission officers using turkey decoys to be sent to Edgefield for use in a “Turkey Country” article
- Handled the extreme paperwork involved in bringing the JAKES Take Aim BB guns and pellet rifles into New Jersey and picked sixteen guns up at a local FFL
- Conducted a literature review of information on hen turkey nest abandonment for New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Sent requests for invoices and bills to 32 chapters that received funding for habitat projects on state game lands in order to help PGC acquire Pitman- Robertson Funds
- Scheduled and conducted Save the Habitat Save the Hunt strategic planning meetings with the Pennsylvania and Maryland Chapters
- Picked up and delivered sorghum seed to the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Participated in a conference call developing plans for an “Energizing Conservation” dinner in Pennsylvania with Pennsylvania staff and representatives of the natural gas industry

Golden-winged Warbler Initiative

- Participated in numerous conference calls and email strings regarding golden-winged warbler initiative work requirements
- Conducted 3 site visits in Pennsylvania and 3 in New Jersey and prepared 6 WHEGs (habitat evaluation forms)

- Worked with New Jersey NRCS biologist and New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife zoologist to develop the basics of golden-wing plans for landowners
- Conducted a well attended landowner field day on June 5 in New Jersey along with representatives of the NRCS and New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Completed 9 CAP 142 golden-winged warbler habitat plans with the assistance of three other biologists
- Presented a power point on the Working Lands for Wildlife Golden-winged Warbler Initiative to the Manzanedo Rod and Gun Club in Monroe County, Pennsylvania

Supervisory Responsibilities

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

Writing Projects

- Completed fall hunting forecasts for Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey for an upcoming issue of "Turkey Country"
- Began work on an article on diseases affecting wild turkeys for "Turkey Country"

Hunting Heritage Super Fund and Outreach Fund Activity

- Processed 20 Super Fund request forms for the Pennsylvania Chapter and 8 for the New Jersey Chapter
- Processed 2 Outreach Fund requests for the Pennsylvania Chapter

Information Requests

- Provided information to 17 individuals on wild turkey nesting, gobbling activity, wild turkey behavior, hybridization, natural history, habitat requirements and hunting