

**Regional Biologist Report**  
**Bob Eriksen, NWTF Regional Biologist**  
**July 28, 2013-September 30, 2013**

**Meetings, Banquets and Presentations**

- Conducted the Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt Strategic Planning meeting on July 30 in Delaware
- Attended the July Pennsylvania Chapter Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings
- Presented power points on Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt, the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and 2013 Super Fund projects at the Pennsylvania Chapter presidents' leadership workshop
- Presented three sessions on careers in the wildlife field at Bradford/Sullivan County Schools Green Career Day held at Mt. Pisgah State Park in Troy
- Worked with New Jersey Chapter volunteers and the JAKES Take Aim BB gun range at New Jersey Wild Outdoors Expo and had over 400 shooters
- Prepared a continuous loop power point on Pennsylvania projects, a summary of State Chapter accomplishments and a summary of energy partner contribution accomplishments for the October 2nd "Energizing Conservation" dinner

**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
- Participated in a conference call developing plans for an "Energizing Conservation" dinner in Pennsylvania with Pennsylvania staff and representatives of the natural gas industry
- Provided information on spring gobbler hunting impacts to the US Fish and Wildlife Service Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge staff in New Jersey
- Secured judges and tabulators for the New Jersey Open Wild Turkey Calling Contest and served as a judge for the contest
- Conducted an oak mast survey on State Game Lands 35 for the Pennsylvania Game Commission
- Completed Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt SWOT analyses for Delaware and New Jersey Chapters

- Prepared bills for payment of bait purchases and travel associated with the current hen study

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

- Participated in numerous conference calls and email strings regarding golden-winged warbler initiative work requirements
- Conducted 4 site visits in Pennsylvania and 4 in New Jersey and prepared 8 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
- Completed 9 CAP 142 golden-winged warbler habitat plans with the assistance of three other biologists
- Ordered seed for golden-winged warbler habitat work on New Jersey Audubon Society property

### **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"
- Completed an article on diseases affecting wild turkeys for "Turkey Country"
- Developed articles on fall turkey hunting safety and Save the Habitat, Save the Hunt for "Pennsylvania Turkey Talk"
- Provided information and photographs on the New Jersey Pine Barrens to a free lance writer preparing an article for "Turkey Country"
- Provided information and photographs to a free lance writer working on an article concerning poaching for "Turkey Country"
- Prepared letters on fox and coyote trapping regulation changes for the Delaware Board of Directors
- Prepared an article on Golden-winged Warbler Habitat opportunities for the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs publication, "On Target"
- Prepared the Pennsylvania State Chapter comments for the September Pennsylvania Game Commission meeting

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

- Processed 32 Super Fund request forms for the Pennsylvania Chapter, 4 for the Delaware Chapter and 9 for the New Jersey Chapter
- Processed 2 Outreach Fund requests for the Pennsylvania Chapter

**Information Requests**

- Provided information to 38 individuals on wild turkey nesting, gobbling activity, wild turkey behavior, hybridization, natural history, habitat requirements and hunting