

## memorandum

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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: Red Wolf Coordinator, FWS, Asheville, NC

SUBJECT: Monthly activity report - September 1992

**FILE**TO: Regional Director, FWS, Atlanta, GA (FWE/SE)  
Attention: Mr. Dave Flemming

Following are my accomplishments and other items of interest for the month of September:

Alligator River Reintroduction - I again provided a draft letter to the Regional Office for congressional representatives regarding future plans, as well as names and addresses of the representatives to be furnished the letter. I sent a request to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for disbursement of \$570 from the "Red Wolf Fund" to the North Banks Rotary Club for use in providing a stipend for an intern volunteering on the project. I again provided comments to the Raleigh Field Office on the red wolf fact sheet for the Albermarle-Pamlico Estuary Project.

Southern Appalachians Reintroduction - I spent 3 days on the project while Glen Riley was trapping canids in the area. Glen works for USDA Animal Damage Control in Texas and is one of the top canid trappers in the country. He conducted much of the first red wolf trapping in the 1960s and 70s. Mike Morris from Alligator River also spent a week on the project to benefit from Glen's experience. The remaining two yearling red wolves and one coyote were trapped by Glen. The two wolves were placed back into captivity and the coyote was instrumented and released. Another injured coyote caught by project personnel was euthanized. Glen was one of the early trappers who insisted that the red wolf and coyote were different animals and were easily identified as separate animals by looks and behavior. He was well pleased with the project animals as being representative of the red wolf that was present in Texas and Louisiana prior to removal of all red wolves. While on the project, I participated in instrumenting the red wolf pups to be released in Cades Cove with telemetry collars and in providing health care to the entire family group to be released as well as the two recaptured yearlings that were injured in retrapping. The adult female to be released had developed an abscess that accidentally resulted from a rabies shot given by a vet earlier; it is clearing up nicely. I reviewed a proposal for research on the developmental behavior of red wolf pups and provided comments to a University of Tennessee graduate student. The intra agency agreement was modified to transfer \$7,500 to the GSMNP for final payment on the educational package (video, poster, educational packet) provided to local schools. I fulfilled a request for information on the GSMNP introduction and research activities on red wolves and gave a presentation on red wolves to about 30 members of the Nantahala Hiking Club. I forwarded a memo to the project biologist adding a critical element to his performance plan regarding racism and sexual harassment.

Captive Breeding Populations - Roland Smith submitted his resignation as AAZPA Red Wolf Species Coordinator and Studbook Keeper effective January 1, 1993. Roland will continue to work in the red wolf program at Tacoma in a reduced capacity. His assistant, Will Waddell, is expected to take over the duties that Roland relinquishes. The cooperative agreement with Tacoma was amended twice to provide \$6,000 and \$10,000 for additional wolf genetic work by Dr. Bob Wayne. The \$10,000 was provided by the Rocky Mountains Wolf Project. I prepared a letter detailing considerations for 1993 red wolf pairings and locations and forwarded it to Tacoma personnel in preparation for a October 15, 1992, meeting.

Other - I updated the red wolf briefing statement for North Carolina and Tennessee for the FWE Briefing Book and forwarded it to the Washington Office. I also prepared a red wolf species narrative for North Carolina and Tennessee for incorporation into the 1992 Report to Congress on endangered species recovery. I reviewed EPA's species occurrence list for North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee and provided additional county occurrences for red wolves. I completed a trip report, as required for international travel, for the Wolf Symposium '92 held last month in Edmonton, Alberta. I filled requests for the environmental assessments for Alligator River (1) and the GSMNP (2). In a non-red wolf activity, I attended, by request, award ceremonies at Camp Lejeune for three conservation awards presented to the Base for achievements over the last three years, including red-cockaded woodpecker work initiated under my tenure as RCW Coordinator.

Following are revisions in the locations and numbers of red wolves that occurred this month.

A. Wild Populations.

1. Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP) - The two yearling females were recaptured and returned to captivity. No animals are presently in the wild.

B. Captive Propagation.

1. Sandy Ridge, Alligator River NWR - The adult female recaptured from the wild in August in the GSMNP was transferred to Sandy Ridge. Totals are now 10 adults (5 males, 5 females).
2. GSMNP - The recaptured yearlings and the adult female transferred to Alligator River results in 14 animals, with 6 adults and yearlings (2 males, 4 females) and 8 pups (6 males, 2 females).

D. Total - Same -- 203 to 205.

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