

**USFWS Red Wolf Recovery Program Quarterly Report  
October 1<sup>st</sup>-December 31<sup>st</sup> 2003**

Number of collared wolves	70
Number of collared hybrids/sterile hybrids	13 (this includes coyotes)
<b>Changes in wild wolf population:</b>	
1. Births	41 confirmed to date for '03
2. Deaths	2: one by gunshot, one suspected foul play (both from same pack in Zone 3)
3. First-time captures – adults/pups	14
4. Releases from captivity	0
5. Management removals (problem animals)	0
6. Fate unknown/disappearance	4
<b>Number of captive wolves:</b>	
1. Total number of captive wolves	153 (76 males, 77 females)
2. Number of wolves on islands	7 (two on St. Vincent and five on Bulls Island)
3. <i>Sandy Ridge:</i>	
a. Number slated for release	0
b. Number of hybrids	0
c. History	N/A
d. Number of captive wolves	3
e. Number slated for breeding	1 (will be shipped to zoo in IL)
Number of wolf packs & pairs	19 known or suspected: 8 in Zone 1 6 in Zone 2 5 in Zone 3
Dispersal/displacement/wide ranging movements (wolf)	At least 8 yearlings have dispersed; all males except for one. The female is the one who had to have a front leg amputated last quarter. She has been moving through Zone 2 and was recently recaptured and found in good health. She may be consorting with a recently displaced male. Of the males, one has displaced a breeding male and 3 others may be in a position to do the same. This includes 2 males that were fostered into existing litters in 2002, one from the NC Zoo and one from ARNWR.
Dispersal/displacement/wide ranging movements (non-wolf)	One sterile hybrid moved from Zone 2 to Zone 3 and was possibly consorting with a female wolf. This male may have been displaced by another resident sterile hybrid.
Aerial or ground visuals	None
Quarterly status statement on Adaptive Mgmt. Plan	The red wolf adaptive management plan is still undergoing revision and review.
Additional management Decisions	N/A
<b>Outreach activities:</b>	
1. Events/presentations including # of attendees	10/1 College of the Albemarle, Pwr. Pt. (17) 10/10-12 North Carolina Wildlife Art Show, Booth (1,000's) 10/11 Scuppernong Festival, Booth (?) 10/15 Howling (28 registered) 10/16 Wings Over Water Howling (15) 10/17 Wings Over Water Howling (15) 10/31 Howl-O-Ween (41 reg.) 11/1 Howl-O-Ween (33 reg.) 11/10 Cheshire High School, CT, Conference Call (23) 12/11 Kitty Hawk Elementary, Presentation (aprox. 30) 12/13 Howling (14 reg.) <b>Total number of attendants registered for 2003 Howlings: 1,181</b> (figure includes Howlings cancelled due to weather and hurricane damage)

2. Media coverage for the quarter	10/15-Interviews filmed for Wolf Awareness Week coverage at NC Zoo for Fox station in Asheboro 10/31- Spy Hop Productions gathered wild footage and filmed the “Howl-O-Ween” for a short segment of National Geographic “On Assignment.” Airdate unknown. 12/10- UNCTV’s “North Carolina Now” featured an update about the 2002 fostering event- footage of fostered wolf from NC Zoo being released.
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