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DATE: August 11, 1992

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

SUBJECT: Monthly activity report - July 1992

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

**FILE**

Following are my accomplishments for the month of July:

Alligator River Reintroduction - I sent letters to the chairmen of the Board of Commissioners in Dare, Hyde, Washington, Tyrrell, and Beaufort Counties requesting to be placed on the agenda for their August board meetings to discuss the results of the 5-year project at Alligator River its and future possibilities. All my requests were accommodated. Public meetings are also set for seven communities during August. I attended a meeting in Atlanta regarding a 2-year-old red wolf Law Enforcement case involving a Dare County Commissioner. This meeting, involving the Regional Solicitor's Office, Regional Office, Law Enforcement, Refuges, and Red Wolf Project personnel, was requested because of the possible impact to public support for the red wolf program. Meeting conclusions were to continue pursuing the case and to attempt to conduct the public meetings before the hearing on the case occurs, probably in November. I reviewed and provided comments on a fact sheet on the red wolf for the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuary Program. I sent a request to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to transfer funds from the red wolf fund to Alligator River for the purchase of a vehicle.

Southern Appalachians Reintroduction - I participated in moving the family group to be released outside Cades Cove to their new acclimation pen located in the release area. The animals were also given health checks and shots. A newspaper reporter from Hendersonville, North Carolina, participated and prepared a story on the transfer.

Island Propagation - I sent a letter to island and other red wolf personnel requesting input for development of an island propagation protocol as part of a plan to increase the accountability of the red wolf program and to provide guidance for island projects.

General - I taught four classes regarding red wolf recovery at the Blue Ridge Summit for the National Wildlife Federation. The Federation provided an honorarium of \$250 for matching funds to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the red wolf fund. I also gave a presentation at the Highlands Nature Center that resulted in another honorarium of \$50 for this same fund. I reviewed and provided comments on a draft of the Canid, Hyena, and Aardwolf Conservation Assessment and Management Plan. I sent letters to a professor at Denison University regarding a request for red wolf blood samples and to an individual concerned about the safety of wolves under the "experimental nonessential" classification. I prepared a reintroduction synopsis in

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outline form and distributed it to red wolf personnel for review and input. This synopsis will be presented and distributed at a reintroduction discussion session that I will chair at the 1992 Wolf Symposium in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

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

A. Wild Populations.

1. Alligator River NWR - A female born in 1991 was caught for the first time. However, another animal from 1991 was documented, thus leaving one to two wolves of unknown sex in the wild. Also, three 1992 pups were seen from the air. One other wild litter is probable but has not been documented. Therefore, known totals are 24 to 26 wolves including 21 to 23 adults (7 males, 13-14 females, 1-2 unknown) and 3 pups.

B. Island Propagation Projects.

1. St. Vincent NWR - The adult pair was released from the acclimation pen, and the female was later found dead from unknown causes, leaving only the adult male.

C. Captive Propagation.

1. Fossil Rim, Texas - One more male pup died, leaving three adult pairs and 10 pups (4 males, 6 females), for a total of 16 wolves (7 males, 9 females).
2. Oglebay Zoo, West Virginia - One of the female pups died, leaving an adult pair and four female pups.

- D. Total - There are 203 to 205 wolves (64 adult males, 83-84 adult females, 1-2 unknown adults, 24 male pups, 28 female pups, and 3 unknown pups [adult figures include yearlings]).

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