



# GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Field Operations

**Weekly Report**  
**February 5 – February 11, 2017**

**This report is a broad sampling of events that have taken place in the past week, but does not include all actions taken by the Law Enforcement Division.**



## **Region I- Acworth (Northwest)**

No activity to report.

## **Region II- Gainesville (Northeast)**

### **BARROW COUNTY**

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, Ranger Chris Kernahan conducted a WMA Patrol at Wilson Shoals in Banks Co. While patrolling, he made contact with a subject who was found to be target practicing in an unauthorized area of the WMA. The violation was documented. Additionally, Ranger Kernahan found that egregious dumping of littering had also occurred on the WMA. Ranger Kernahan made contact with the subject who was responsible, and proceeded to conduct an interview. When confronted with the evidence, the subject admitted to dumping the litter. The violation was documented.

## **Region III- Thomson (East Central)**

### **WILKES COUNTY**

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Mark Patterson and RFC Tim Butler patrolled Fishing Creek WMA. A large group of individuals were found camping on the WMA. Violations addressed to the group were illegal use of an atv on a WMA, target practicing in an unauthorized area on a WMA, hunting without a license, and littering.

## **Region IV- Macon (West Central)**

No activity to report.

## **Region V- Albany (Southwest)**

No activity to report.

## **Region VI- Metter (Southeast)**

### **EFFINGHAM COUNTY**

On February 11<sup>th</sup> RFC Jordan Crawford and SGT Brian Hobbins patrolled the Savannah River in Effingham County looking for fishing activity. During the patrol several fisherman were checked with one violation for allowing an underage person to ride in a vessel without wearing a Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices documented.

### **APPLING COUNTY**

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Chase Altman responded to a call for assistance from the Appling County Sheriff's Office in searching for a fleeing suspect involved in a potential domestic violence 911 call.

### **JEFF DAVIS COUNTY**

On February 11<sup>th</sup> Sergeant Jon Barnard, Corporal Kevin Joyce, and RFC Bobby Sanders were on a vessel patrol of the Altamaha River when a violation was detected for fishing without a license.

### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

On February 11<sup>th</sup> Sergeant Jon Barnard, Corporal Kevin Joyce, and RFC Bobby Sanders were on a vessel patrol of the Altamaha River when a violation was detected for violation of the 100' rule.

## **Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)**

### **LONG COUNTY**

On February 11, RFC Patrick Gibbs patrolled the Altamaha River along with the river banks of Townsend WMA and Morgan Lake WMA. Gibbs checked a total of 10 boats, 7 commercial shad fishing license, and 5 recreational fishing license. Gibbs efforts resulted in 2 warnings for fishing without a recreational license, 1 citation for operating a vessel without CGA PFD's, and verbal guidance in reference to properly labeling commercial shad nets.



### **MCINTOSH COUNTY**

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Damon Winters, RFC Jack Thain, and RFC Tim Morris responded to a distress call of a commercial vessel on fire with three people in the water. When the Game Wardens arrived on scene the USCG helicopter was lifting the fishermen out of the water. All three victims were transported to Savannah, treated, and released in good health.