



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Field Operations

Weekly Report
April 8 – April 14, 2018

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)

CARROLL COUNTY

April 14th, Sgt. Eric Brown and GWFC Daniel Gray patrolled on Lake Seaton. During the patrol 6 fishermen were checked and 3 vessels were checked. Two warnings were issued for fishing w/o license and operating vessel w/o PFD's.

FULTON COUNTY

April 9th & 11th, Cpl. Chad Cox and Cadet Garrett Pownall taught a Hunter Education Class at Sandy Springs PD. The game wardens certified 7 students.

Region II- Gainesville (Northeast)

No activity to report.

Region III- Thomson (East Central)

CLARKE COUNTY

On April 12th Sgt. Brian Carter and RFC Tim Butler issued warnings to three men for fishing without a license at the University of Georgia. Approximately 20 minutes after warning the three men, they were located fishing in a nearby park. All three men were issued citations for fishing without a license.

WILKES COUNTY

On April 14th Sgt. Brian Carter and Cpl. Mark Patterson checked an area known to be baited for turkey. A subject was located hunting over the baited area, resulting in the documentation of one hunting big game over bait violation. The Game Wardens also conducted a patrol of the Broad River WMA. During the patrol several subjects were cited for fishing without a license.

GREENE COUNTY

On April 14th, CPL Derrell Worth patrolled Greene County for Turkey Hunting and Fishing Activity. Violations for Hunting Big Game Over Bait (Turkey) and Failure to Obey Regulatory Marker were documented.

On April 14th, CPL David Allen patrolled Lake Oconee for Fishing Activity. Violations for Fishing without a License were Documented.

Region IV- Macon (West Central)

No activity to report.

Region V- Albany (Southwest)

No activity to report.

Region VI- Metter (Southeast)

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

On April 14th Game Warden First Class Jordan Crawford and Sergeant Brian Hobbins conducted a patrol of Effingham County looking for turkey hunting activity. During the patrol an area that was baited with wild bird seed was checked and two hunters were seen hunting in the bait site. Upon seeing the Game Wardens the two poachers ran from the area in an attempt to flee from the Wardens. After a short investigation both poachers were found and charged with several violations; hunting big game over bait, hunting without a harvest record, and failure to allow inspection of wildlife.



Later that afternoon Sergeant Brain Hobbins and Game Wardens First Class Jordan Crawford and Jason Miller patrolled that Ogeechee River in Effingham County. During the patrol numerous fisherman and boaters were checked with violations for operating a vessel without life jackets were documented. One suspect was investigated for boating under the influence (BUI) and subsequently arrested.

PIERCE COUNTY

On April 8th, Game Warden First Class Judd Sears was patrolling for turkey hunting activity. A vehicle was observed parked down a woods road. Game Warden First Class Sears heard five shots while waiting for a hunter to exit the woods at the vehicle. Three subjects approached the vehicle soon after and were checked for hunting license requirements. One subject was found to not possess a big game license which is required to hunt turkeys. Violations of hunting without a big game license were documented.

ECHOLS COUNTY

On April 14th, Corporal Jason Shipes observed a vehicle that appeared to have been abandoned at the river bridge at Mayday and notified Game Warden Daniel North. Both Wardens Shipes and North along with Echols County Sheriff's Office began to investigate and try to locate the owner of the car. The car was towed to Statenville until the owner could be located. When the vehicle was impounded, a small cooler containing four recently shot squirrels was located inside of the car. On April 15th when the owner arrived to pick up his car, the subject advised that the squirrels had been shot at his residence and were going to be given to a friend. Warden North educated the individual about the seasons set for squirrels. The illegally-killed squirrels were confiscated and the violation of hunting out of season was documented.



Illegally-killed squirrels in Echols County

BERRIEN COUNTY

On April 14th, Corporal Tim Hutto and Ranger Thomas Sibley patrolled Paradise Public Fishing Area in Brookfield. The officers checked numerous boaters and fisherman resulting in one violation being documented for illegal consumption of alcohol on a PFA.

LANIER COUNTY

On April 14th, Corporal Tim Hutto and Ranger Thomas Sibley patrolled Banks Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Lakeland. The officers checked several fishermen due to concerns of taking over the limit of gamefish resulting in documented violations for fishing without a license.

TOOMBS COUNTY

On April 14th Game Wardens Kevin Joyce, Chase Altman, Bobby Sanders, and Patrick Gibbs were conducting river landing checks along the Altamaha River. During the vessel checks, three vessel operators were arrested for boating under the influence. In addition, five additional charges were made for various lighting and safety equipment violations.

Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

No activity to report.