



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Field Operations

Weekly Report
June 10 – June 16, 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)

No activity to report.

Region II- Gainesville (Northeast)

BARROW COUNTY

On June 16th, Cpl. Eric Isom conducted a State Park patrol at Fort Yargo. While on patrol, he made contact with multiple subjects consuming alcohol on a state park and those violations were addressed. In addition, one subject ejected from the park for consumption of alcohol and criminal trespass.

HALL COUNTY

On June 15th, Game Warden Eric Isom while on vessel patrol on Lake Lanier encountered a subject found to be boating under the influence. The subject was arrested for BUI and turned over to Hall County Detention Center.

HART COUNTY

On June 16th, Corporal Craig Fulghum and Corporal Tim Vickery patrolled Lake Hartwell in Franklin and Hart County. Citations and warnings were issued to boaters including towing a skier without a mirror/observer, allowing person to ride the bow/gunwale, failure to obey regulatory marker and operating a vessel without registration.

At approximately 19:40 hours the Game Wardens observed a boat with an individual riding the bow near the I-85 bridge in Hart County. The vessel was stopped and the Game Wardens checked the vessel for the required safety equipment. During the stop, the Game Wardens noticed several empty beer cans in the vessel and noticed that the operator seemed impaired. Corporal Fulghum administered field sobriety exercises to the operator and arrested him for Operating a Vessel Under the Influence. He was also charged with Allowing Person to Ride the Bow/Gunwale.

Region III- Thomson (East Central)

CLARKE COUNTY

On June 16, GWFC. Tim Butler documented three violations of fishing without a license.

Region IV- Macon (West Central)

PUTNAM COUNTY

On the afternoon of June 15th Game Warden Jon Segars and Sergeant Bo Kelly responded to an incident on Lake Sinclair. A PWC collided with a dock causing damage to the PWC and dock. The operator was arrested for boating under the influence and the incident is still under investigation.

Later that evening the officers stopped a vessel for a navigation light violation. Further investigation led to the operator being arrested for boating under the influence.

BALDWIN COUNTY

On the morning of June 12th Corporal Bubba Stanford participated in the annual Baldwin County Junior Deputy Camp. Corporal Stanford spoke about safe ATV use as well as boating safety to nearly 100 kids.

On the evening of June 13th Game Warden Stephen Payne and Corporal Bubba Stanford participated in the "Touch the Truck" event at North Side Baptist Church. The officers periodically spoke with children about boating safety and what game wardens do.

Region V- Albany (Southwest)

No activity to report.

Region VI- Metter (Southeast)

BACON COUNTY

On June 13th, Game Warden First Class Judd Sears and Game Warden First Class Sam Williams assisted with the annual Bacon County Junior Sheriff's Academy. The officers spoke about the duties of a game warden and firearms safety. The officers also instructed basic archery skills to the 17 young "cadets."

CHARLTON COUNTY

On June 7th, Game Warden First Class Sam Williams assisted Charlton Sheriff's Office with their annual Jr. Sheriff's Academy BB Gun competition. Throughout the day, Game Warden Williams instructed over 50 kids on how to handle and shoot firearms safely. After each gun safety presentation, the officer assisted the kids with their shooting skills and the competition part of the program.

WARE COUNTY

On June 16th, Sergeant Patrick Dupree and Game Warden First Class Sam Williams patrolled Duncan Bridge on the Satilla River. During the patrol, two subjects were observed fishing from the bank. The officers discovered that one of them was not in possession of a fishing license. The violation of fishing without a license was documented.

On June 16th, Cpl. Jason Shipes and Game Warden First Class Sam Williams stopped by Laura Walker State Park's fishing rodeo. Approximately 75 people attended the event and several fish were caught.



Cpl. Jason Shipes met the Park's mascot at Laura Walker State Park's fishing rodeo.

TREUTLEN COUNTY

Game Warden Ranger Meeks patrolled Treutlen County for fishing and boating activity for the week of June of 9-16. GW Meeks did safety checks on 23 vessels and checked 2 fishing licenses. One violation of operating a vessel without a registration, and two violations of operating a vessel with insufficient personal flotation device was documented.

APPLING COUNTY

On June 10th, Game Warden Cameron Dyal and Corporal Chase Altman were patrolling Lake Mayers and the Altamaha River for boating safety violations. Warnings for operating a vessel w/o a registration and fishing w/o a license were documented. One citation for allowing an underage child to ride in a moving vessel was also documented.

APPLING COUNTY

On June 12th, Game Warden Patrick Gibbs and Cadet Cameron Dyal were checking the public ramp at Lake Mayer when they observed a Jet Ski come by with an operator and a passenger, neither wearing Life Jackets. Violations were addressed for operating a PWC without CGA PFD's.

EVANS COUNTY

On June 12th, Game Warden Patrick Gibbs and Cadet Cameron Dyal were watching multiple fields on a crop damage permit. At around 10:00PM a truck came by their location shining a light across the fields while driving down the public road. Violations were addressed for violation of deer kill permit.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Game Warden First Class Bobby Sanders and Game Warden Randell Meeks patrolled the Oconee River for fishing and boating activity on June 16th. A total of six vessels were checked. One violation of fishing without a license and one violation of fishing without license on person was documented.

APPLING COUNTY

On June 16th, Game Warden Cameron Dyal, Corporal Chase Altman, and Sergeant Jon Barnard were patrolling the Altamaha River for fishing and boating violations. Warnings for operating a vessel above idle speed within 100 feet of an object in the water, operating a vessel with insufficient PFD's and fishing w/o a license were documented. Citations for operating a PWC w/o a CGA PFD, allowing an underage child to ride in a moving vessel, and fishing w/o a license were documented.

Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

GLYNN COUNTY

On June 15th and 16th, Corporal Kate Hargrove met with anglers during the Captain's Meeting and Weigh-in at Two Way Fish Camp for the Southern Kingfish Association Tournament. Proceeds from the sale of tournament fish were donated to a charitable organization.

On June 16th, Corporal Kate Hargrove responded to request for assistance from Glynn County Police Department for an alligator struck by motor vehicle on Highway 17. Corporal Hargrove took possession of the alligator and inspected for injuries. The alligator was released on a nearby state owned wildlife management area.

On June 16th, Corporal Kate Hargrove responded to call reporting four stranded boaters on the Altamaha River. Due to dangerous weather conditions developing at the time and hazardous currents, it was critical to quickly locate the boaters. Corporal Hargrove gained assistance from Good Samaritans, Christopher and Dalton Tatum. Corporal Hargrove and Dalton Tatum were able to locate the four individuals and remove them from the vessel. The vessel occupants were carried back to Altamaha Park aboard Tatum's personal vessel.



On June 10th, Cpl. John Evans was patrolling Paulk's Pasture WMA just after midnight. Cpl. Evans caught two men shining the clear cuts inside the WMA from their truck. While writing their citations, Evans observed another truck he was looking for enter the area. Cpl. Evans finished the citations and followed the other truck. He observed the truck mud bogging on a WMA road. Cpl. Evans stopped the truck and issued the driver citations for damaging department property and entering the WMA without a license.