



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Field Operations

Weekly Report
May 27– June 02, 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)

HALL COUNTY

On May 27th, Game Wardens Adam Loudermilk and Chris Hall patrolled Lake Lanier. During the patrol they issued citations to an individual for spearing game fish. The individual had speared 9 bass. The individual was also cited for being a non resident fishing on a resident license. Another individual was issued citations for taking game fish with a cast net and operating a vessel without PFD's.

On June 2th, Game Wardens Adam Loudermilk and Mitchel Crump responded to a boating accident on Lake Lanier. Upon arriving on scene they learned that the operator of the vessel had fled the scene on foot. With the assistance of Dawson County Sheriffs deputies, the operator was located a short distance from the scene. Upon investigation it was determined that the individual was under the influence of alcohol. The subject was arrested for the violation.

Region III- Thomson (East Central)

ELBERT COUNTY

On May 28th Sgt. Brian Carter, Cpl. Julian Wilkins, and Gwfc. Tim Butler patrolled Richard B. Russell State Park. One person was cited for consuming alcohol on a state park.

On June 2nd Cpl. Mark Patterson and Gwfc. Phillip Nelson conducted a vessel patrol of Lake Russell and Richard B. Russell State Park. Violations addressed during this patrol were violation of 100-foot rule, operating a vessel without completing boater education, and failure to obey regulatory marker.

NEWTON

On Friday, June 1st, 2018 Game Warden Schay patrolled Newton County for fishing activity. During this patrol, a violation of fishing without permission was documented.

LAKE OCONEE

On Saturday, June 2nd and Sunday, June 3rd 2018 CPL Worth, Game Warden Boles, Game Warden Rhodes, and Game Warden Schay patrolled Lake Oconee for boating activity. During these patrols, multiple violations for operating a PWC without wearing a PFD, allowing an underage child to ride in a moving vessel without wearing a PFD, operating a vessel with improper lights, and towing without an observer were documented.

Region IV- Macon (West Central)

TROUP COUNTY

On June 2nd Game Wardens Russell Epps, Charlie Follin and Sgt. Brent Railey responded to a boating incident at Yellow Jacket Beach on West Point Lake. A PWC had cut in front of a bass boat, erratically turned, and struck the bass boat causing extensive damage to both boats. No one was injured. The operator of the PWC was cited for a rules of the road violation.

Region V- Albany (Southwest)

MITCHELL COUNTY

On the afternoon of May 27th, Cpl. Greg Wade patrolled public use areas along the Flint River. During his patrol he observed two subjects discard trash into the river. Both were charged with littering.

BROOKS COUNTY

On June 2nd, while patrolling river accesses along the Little River, Cpl. Tommy Daughtrey observed two subjects discard their trash into a wooded area. As the subjects attempted to leave in their vehicle, Cpl. Daughtrey performed a traffic stop and charged both subjects with littering.

Region VI- Metter (Southeast)

LAURENS COUNTY

On May 28th Sergeant James McLaughlin and Game Wardens Dan Stiles, Allen Mills, and Rodney Horne patrolled the Beaverdam Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Fifteen violations were documented including; entering a Wildlife Resources Division property without a GA Lands Pass, violation of shooting range rules, illegal consumption of alcohol on a WMA (shooting range), driving in unauthorized area on a WMA and failure to wear hunter orange during special feral hog hunt on a WMA.

On June 2nd, Corporal Dan Stiles patrolled boat landings on the Oconee River. Seven boating safety inspections were conducted. Two citations for operating a vessel without registration were issued.

On June 2nd, Corporal Dan Stiles responded to a complaint of a feral hog in a residential neighborhood in Dublin. Cpl. Stiles responded along with Laurens County Animal Control, Dublin Police, and a local citizen with a feral hog hunting dog. The feral hog was captured to eliminate threat to local citizens.

DODGE COUNTY

On June 2nd, Game Warden Allen Mills assisted the Fisheries Section with a Kids Fishing Event (KFE) held at the Stuckey's pavilion pond. 53 kids participated in the event.



PIERCE COUNTY

On May 27th, Game Warden First Class Daniel North, Game Warden First Class Judd Sears, and Corporal Mark Pool patrolled Little Satilla Wildlife Management Area (WMA) for illegal activity. During this patrol the game wardens encountered two subjects riding ATVs illegally on the WMA. These subjects were advised the rules of operating ATVs on the WMA and checked for licenses and lands pass requirements. Violations of illegal ATV use on WMA were documented.

CHARLTON COUNTY

On, May 27th, Game Warden First Class Sam Williams was patrolling in north Charlton County when he observed an open gate and fresh tire sign going into a hunting club. While following the tire tracks through the club, the officer encountered a group of dog hunters actively hunting hogs. The hunting licenses were checked for each hunter and it was discovered that two of them did not possess a valid hunting license. Citations for non-resident hunting without a license were issued to each subject.

On May 28th, Game Warden Joseph Cowart and Game Warden First Class Sam Williams were patrolling the St. Mary's River near the Old River boat landing when they observed an individual fishing on the bank of the river. GWFC Williams checked the individual and learned that he did not possess a fishing license. A fishing without a license violation was documented.

On May 28th, Game Warden Joseph Cowart and Game Warden First Class Sam Williams were patrolling the St. Mary's River near Trader's Hill boat landing when they observed an individual operating a personal watercraft (PWC) without wearing a personal flotation device (PFD). The officers asked for the vessel registration and a serviceable fire extinguisher. The PWC operator did not have the required fire extinguisher on board. Operating a PWC without wearing a PFD as well as operating a vessel without a fire extinguisher were documented. Later that afternoon, Game Warden Joseph Cowart and GWFC First Class Sam Williams remained at Trader's Hill boat landing when RFC Williams noticed a subject fishing at the boat dock. The fisherman did not possess a valid fishing license. Fishing without a license was documented.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

On May 27th Game Warden First Class Jordan Crawford, Sergeant Brian Hobbins, Corporal Shaymus McNeely, and Corporal Mike Wilcox responded to a boating incident on the Savannah River in Effingham County. Four people were stranded after their boat swamped and capsized. All victims were safely transported back to Tuckassee King landing. The vessel's operator was cited for operating an overloaded vessel.

On May 28th Game Wardens First Class Jordan Crawford and Jason Miller patrolled the Savannah River near Tuckassee King landing several boaters were checked with three violations documented. Violations included operating an overloaded vessel, operating a vessel with improper lights during the hours of darkness, and operating a vessel without a fire extinguisher.

JENKINS COUNTY

On May 31, Cpl. Mike Wilcox was patrolling private property when he encountered two individuals fishing without permission. Cpl. Wilcox documented two violations of fishing without permission.

Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

GLYNN COUNTY

On June 2, Game Wardens David Brady and John Evans were working a concentrated patrol at the Lanier Boat Ramp. While working the detail, one subject was charged with allowing underage child to ride without wearing PFD for the four children on board the vessel and one subject was arrested and charged with boating under the influence.

BRANTLEY COUNTY

On June 2, Game Warden David Brady received a call from Brantley County 911 regarding a vessel that was found lodged in the trees on the Satilla River. Brady responded by vessel and was able to locate the abandoned vessel. Game Warden John Evans responded by land and attempted to make contact with the subject whom the Wardens were able to learn owned the vessel. Contact was finally made with the owner and Brady was able to take him to the boat to assist in recovering it, due to the rising flood waters.

While on the abandoned vessel call, Brady observed a male subject operating a PWC without a lifejacket. The subject was stopped, along with another PWC and the man was subsequently arrested for outstanding warrants. Citations were written for Operating a PWC w/o PFD, 100' violations and operating vessel w/o registration.

CAMDEN COUNTY

On June 2, Game Warden David Brady received a call from Camden County regarding a deputy that had stopped a truck on the side of Interstate 95 that he believed to be illegally hunting hogs. Brady responded to the area and conducted interviews of the men. Both subjects were charged with hunting w/o permission along with charges from Camden County for underage consumption of alcohol and providing alcohol to a minor.

CHATHAM COUNTY

On May 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th, Sgt. Miller, Cpl. Britt, Cpl. Toney, and Game Warden Chambers were on salt water patrol in Chatham County for Memorial Day weekend. Several boaters were cited for multiple boating safety violations that included failure to obey regulatory marker, age requirements to operate a PWC, age requirements to operate a vessel over 16 feet, not wearing PFDs, not having enough PFDs, operating at night without lights.

On June 1st, Cpl. Toney was on salt water patrol in Chatham County with Sgt. Miller. During his patrol he cited several boaters for violations that included registration, not wearing PFD's, 100-foot law, and failure to obey regulatory marker. While patrolling several boat ramps Corporal Toney also cited several fishermen for fishing without a license.