

# Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division

Field Operations

**Weekly Report**  
**July 10 – July 16, 2016**

**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- Calhoun (Northwest)**

No activity to report.

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

No activity to report.

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

### **LAKE OCONEE**

On July 13, Cpl. David Allen assisted Putnam County Sheriff's Office. A car drove into the lake. The driver was still in the vehicle as it went under. It was later determined the subject drowned and was suffering from a mental illness.

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

### **BALDWIN COUNTY**

On Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Bo Kelly and RFC Ronnie Beard responded to a Boating Incident involving an individual who suffered a broken arm while tubing on Lake Sinclair.

### **BLECKLEY COUNTY**

RFC Ronnie Beard patrolled Ocmulgee WMA as well as the Ocmulgee WMA Shooting Range with no violations detected.

### **HARRIS COUNTY**

On July 10<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Mitch Oliver received a complaint from a concerned fisherman that there may be some illegal fishing taking place on the north end of Lake Harding. The caller advised that it appeared 3 to 4 subjects were spearing fish along the shoals of the river. Cpl. Oliver explained to the fisherman that it was legal to spear fish if the subjects were meeting the necessary legal requirements. Cpl. Oliver responded to the area and after observing the fishermen for a period of time, determined that they were indeed using homemade spear guns to spear fish. Cpl. Oliver waited for the subjects to exit the river and checked the types of fish the men were spearing and their fishing license. All 4 subjects had a valid fishing license, but all of the fish in their cooler were game fish. In all, there were 2 Shoal Bass, 19 Largemouth and Spotted Bass, 1 White Bass, 1 Crappie, 8 Bream, 4 Striped Bass, and 1 Bowfin. The fishermen were issued citations for spearing game fish and the fish were confiscated.

### **HOUSTON COUNTY**

Cpl. Robert Stillwell patrolled Flat Creek PFA on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, with no violations detected.

### **PUTNAM COUNTY**

On Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Bubba Stanford responded to and assisted Putnam County Sheriff's Office with an investigation into a stolen ATV.

Sgt. Bo Kelly patrolled BF Grant WMA on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, with no violations detected.

### **TALBOT COUNTY**

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Jeremy Bolen was checking fishing activity at Rush Creek reservoir in Talbot County. A fisherman came back to the boat ramp and Cpl. Bolen inspected his fish on board the boat. The fisherman stated that he believed he caught 26 crappie. After counting the fish, Cpl. Bolen determined that the individual possessed 37 crappie, which is 7 more than the daily creel limit. The subject was issued a citation for possession over the daily creel limit for crappie and the fish were confiscated. The fish were donated to a local food shelter.

## **WILKINSON COUNTY**

RFC Michael Crawley patrolled Balls Ferry State Park for boating and fishing violations. No violations were detected.

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

No activity to report.

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

### **LAURENS COUNTY**

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Dan Stiles patrolled fishing locations on Turkey Creek. Nine anglers were checked for fishing licenses and creel limits. Two subjects were cited for fishing without licenses.

Also on July 16<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Stiles conducted a late evening and night patrol of the Hugh M. Gillis Public Fishing Area. Three vessels were checked for boating safety equipment and registration. Eight anglers were checked for licenses and creel compliance. One subject was issued a citation for operating a vessel without personal floatation devices (life jackets) and also given a verbal warning for remaining and or fishing on a Public Fishing Area after sunset.

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

No activity to report.