



# GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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## LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Field Operations

**Weekly Report**  
**July 30 – August 5, 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)**

### **PICKENS COUNTY**

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. James Keener assisted the Pickens County Sheriff's Office and EMS with an ATV crash in a remote area within a large hunting club. Two teenage males were removed from the remote area and transported by ambulance with non-life threatening injuries.

### **MURRAY COUNTY**

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, RFC Mark Moyer assisted U.S. Forest Service Officer Mike Tipton with the recovery of a stolen vehicle in the Mill Creek area of Cohutta WMA.

### **FANNIN COUNTY**

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Cody Jones and U.S. Forest Service Officer Mike Tipton issued 24 citations to suspects who were driving through the woods and over berms to get around a closed WMA gate on Blue Ridge WMA. Officers have had video surveillance on the area most of the summer to document the violations.

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Cody Jones worked the hog dogging training season on Forest Service lands and dealt with 4 violations consisting of hunting without a license and hunting without a check-in slip.

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Cody Jones assisted Fannin County S.O. with locating a suspect who ran into the woods on foot after a domestic disturbance call. Cpl. Jones was in the area and observed a subject in the woods who had a similar description of the suspect. Cpl. Jones confronted the person and found that he was not the original suspect but did have active warrants for his arrest. Cpl. Jones arrested the man and transported him to the Fannin County Adult Detention Center.

### **BARTOW COUNTY**

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Jason Roberson and RFC Zack Hardy stopped a PWC without registration displayed on Allatoona Lake. The operator was found to be under the influence of alcohol. RFC Hardy discovered that the operator was arrested for BUI by Cpl. Byron Young in June and his privileges to operate a vessel were suspended. The subject was again placed under arrest for BUI and operating a vessel while privileges suspended. The operator was allowed to call some friends that were on the water to retrieve his PWC. The Wardens waited for the friends to arrive by boat. Upon arrival the Wardens immediately detected that the operator of that vessel was also under the influence of alcohol. That operator of that vessel was also placed under arrest for BUI.

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, RFC Mark Puig and Bartow County Deputy Pam Ploof were patrolling Allatoona Lake in the area of Bethany Bridge. The Officers stopped a PWC for a wake violation under the bridge. The operator was found to be under the influence of alcohol. The operator was placed under arrest and charged with BUI and Violation of a Regulatory Marker.

On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, RFC Mark Puig was patrolling Pine Log WMA in the area of Stamp Creek. While on patrol RFC Puig encountered a subject in possession of marijuana. The subject was placed under arrest for V.C.G.S.A possession of marijuana less than 1 oz. and transported to the Bartow County Jail.

On August 5, Cpl. Bart Hendrix and Ranger Frank Pucci were patrolling Allatoona Lake in the area of Bartow Carver Park. The Wardens stopped a vessel for cutting a blind point, violating the rules of the road on the water. The operator was found to be under the influence of alcohol. The operator was placed under arrest for BUI and Violation of Rules of the Road.

On August 5, Sgt. Jason Roberson, Cpl. Byron Young and Bartow County Deputy Jonathan Shirley were patrolling Allatoona Lake near the Allatoona Dam. The Officers stopped a vessel traveling without a stern light displayed. The operator was found to be under the influence of drugs. The operator was placed under arrest for BUI and operating a vessel without a stern light.

## **CHEROKEE COUNTY**

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Jason Roberson and RFC Zack Hardy responded to a boat incident near the Atlanta Yatch Club involving two PWC's. One of the operators of a PWC was transported to Kennestone Hospital with a right arm injury.

## **POLK COUNTY**

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Chad Cox checked the lake at JL Lester WMA. Cpl. Cox checked 4 fishing licenses and issued one citation for operating a vessel without a PFD. The operator of the vessel was also issued a warning for not having it registered.

## **FULTON COUNTY**

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, Cpl. Chad Cox and Ranger Ryan Locke checked several boat ramps on the Chattahoochee River in the northern part of Fulton County. The game wardens checked 14 fishing licenses and 6 vessels. They issued one citation for fishing without a license.

## **CARROLL COUNTY**

August 5<sup>th</sup>, RFC Daniel Gray and Ranger Ryan Locke patrolled on Lake Carroll and Lake Paradise for boating and fishing activity. During the patrol, the game wardens checked 13 individuals fishing and issued one warning for fishing w/o license.

## **CHATTOOGA COUNTY**

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, GWFC McConkey attended the Chattooga County High School's first day of school. The Game Warden assisted the school's principle, faculty, and school resource officer with the numerous students and parents arriving at the school.

On August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, GWFC McConkey assisted the Chattooga County Sheriff's Office with the execution of an arrest warrant in the county. One male that had been able to avoid arrest for some time was arrested on this date. The Game Warden assisted with providing a perimeter around the residence while Chattooga County Sheriff and investigators made the arrest.

## **FLOYD COUNTY**

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, Game Warden Sgt. Mike Barr checked a kayak with at Rocky Mountain Public Fishing Area that was using a trolling motor. No registration was displayed but the operator had applied for a registration and had his temporary authorization number. He stated he converted a trolling motor and could operate the kayak from his kayak seat and steer the vessel with cables on foot controls.



**A converted kayak motorized with a trolling motor. The operator had obtained the required registration and had his life jacket.**

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Game Warden Sgt. Mike Barr and Parks Officer Matt McDaris closed an investigative case from May 2017 of indecent exposure and alcohol on Rocky Mountain Public Fishing Area. The officers met with two suspects who admitted to violations that were corroborated with evidence. The officers completed charges.

## **GORDON COUNTY**

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, Game Wardens Cpl. Shawn Elmore and Ranger Nolan Callaway checked the Oostanaula River at the Sugar Valley boat ramp around 230am. They located four teenagers at the boat ramp. The teens were drinking Natural Light and throwing their beer cans in the woods. The game wardens located four open beer cans hiding beside the vehicle in an attempt by the teens to hide evidence of them drinking. All four were arrested and charged with underage possession of alcohol, littering, and possession of an open container of alcohol at a department boat ramp. They were turned over to the Gordon County Jail.

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

### **HALL COUNTY**

On August 4<sup>th</sup>, Game Wardens Kevin Goss, and Chris Kernahan patrolled Lake Lanier for boating and fishing activity. During the patrol, they made contact with a subject who was found to be operating a vessel while under the influence. Game Warden Kernahan arrested the subject. Due to the subject being highly intoxicated, he was transported to the local Medical Center for evaluation. The subject had a blood alcohol concentration approximately five times the legal limit for operating a vessel. Upon the subject being released from the Medical Center, he was transported to jail.

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

No activity to report.

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

No activity to report.

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

### **CLAY AND HENRY COUNTIES, ALABAMA**

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, Game wardens Cpl. Scott Carroll and RFC Quinn Fogle assisted Henry County Sheriff's Department in the Alabama waters of Walter F. George Lake, in the search of a possible drowning victim in Thomas Mill Creek. RFC Eric White also responded with Region 5's sonar equipment. Sonar searches for the victim were unproductive.

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

### **IRWIN COUNTY**

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Dan Stiles and Ranger Lamar Burns patrolled the Alapaha River Wildlife Management Area. No violations were detected.

### **WHEELER COUNTY**

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, Corporal Dan Stiles and Ranger Lamar Burns patrolled the Alligator Creek Wildlife Management Area. No violations were detected.

### **LAURENS COUNTY**

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, Corporal Dan Stiles gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Laurens County Commissioners about the GA Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division.

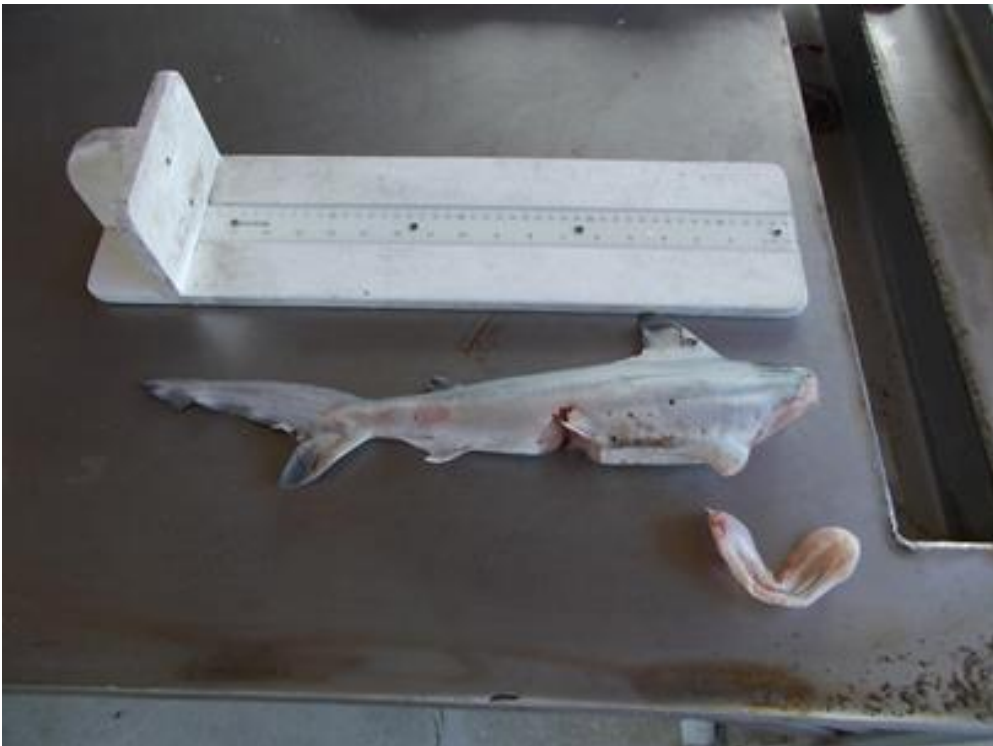
## Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

### GLYNN COUNTY

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, RFC David Brady and Sgt. Chris Ridley were working a fishing complaint on the St. Simons Island Pier when they encountered a male subject that was in possession of two undersize Scalloped Hammerhead Sharks. The subject was charged with Possession of undersize sharks and fishing without a license.



On July 31st, RFC David Brady was again working the illegal fishing complaint on the St. Simons Island Pier when he encountered a subject that was in possession of an undersized Fine Tooth Shark. The subject was charged with Possession of undersize shark.





On August 1<sup>st</sup>, RFC David Brady participated in Brunswick and Glynn Counties National Night Event in Downtown Brunswick. Brady provided boating safety and fishing information to the general public.

