



# GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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## LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Field Operations

**Weekly Report**  
**March 5 – March 11, 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)**

No activity to report.

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

No activity to report.

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

### **McDUFFIE COUNTY**

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, Game Wardens Cpl. Brian Adams and Sgt. Doyte Chaffin patrolled the Little River for fishing activity. Game Wardens checked over twenty vessels and forty fishermen. Game Wardens documented several violations from fishing without a license, no vessel registration and no PFD's.

### **COLUMBIA COUNTY**

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, Game Warden RFC Bobby Timmerman patrolled Riverside Park. While on patrol RFC Timmerman found one subject fishing from the CSX train trestle. An investigation by RFC Timmerman revealed that the subject was a non-resident fishing without a license, fishing without permission and that the subject was in possession of eight hydrocodone pills without a prescription. The subject was committed to the Columbia County Jail for non-resident fishing without a license, fishing without permission and VGCSA felony.

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

No activity to report.

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

No activity to report.

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

### **EMANUEL COUNTY**

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, Ranger Randell Meeks was patrolling the Ogeechee River for fishing and boating activity. Upon doing a vessel inspection in the Coleman's Lake area, Ranger Meeks documented one person operating a vessel with insufficient PFD.

### **BEN HILL COUNTY**

On March 6<sup>th</sup>-March 11<sup>th</sup>, Ranger First Class Rodney Horne and Ranger Lamar Burns attended and completed Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training. RFC Horne and Ranger Burns learned how to recognize the signs and symptoms of a person in a mentally ill crisis and how to properly obtain help for that individual.

### **WHEELER COUNTY**

On March 5<sup>th</sup> Ranger Lamar Burns and Corporal Dan Stiles responded to a complaint of racing boats at the bridge on Highway 280. Upon arrival Ranger Burns and Corporal Stiles issued two citations for operating a vessel without registration and two citations for operating a vessel above idle speed within 100 feet of an object.

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

### **GLYNN COUNTY**

Game Wardens from Region VII assisted the Coastal Resources Division and Keep Glynn and Golden Isles Beautiful in a marsh clean up on Hey 17 in Glynn County.

### **BRIAN COUNTY**

On the afternoon of March the 5<sup>th</sup>, Game Warden Tim Morris patrolled Bryan County checking boat ramps and fishing areas. Several boats were checked for safety equipment and any wildlife on board. While at Ft. McAllister State Park, one angler was cited for possession of 3 undersized Spotted Sea Trout.

### **CAMDEN COUNTY**

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, RFC David Brady concluded a commercial crabbing investigation which began March 5 in which he had located multiple illegal crab traps. The suspect was charged with commercial fishing with illegal gear and the illegal traps were returned to the suspect.



### **GLYNN COUNTY**

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, RFC David Brady concluded a commercial crabbing investigation that he began on February 14. Multiple commercial traps had been located in the closed water of Turtle River and after investigating further Brady determined that several of the traps had been stolen from another commercial fisherman. The suspect was charged with placing crab traps in closed water, working traps of another without permission, theft by receiving stolen property and operating boat without having commercial numbers displayed. The stolen traps were returned to the rightful owner.

