



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Field Operations

Weekly Report
September 3 – September 9, 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)

POLK COUNTY

On September 9th, Cpl. Chad Cox was patrolling the county listening for shots that may have been coming from hunters on dove fields. After hearing several shots the game warden located the field and several people left the field. Cpl. Cox spoke to one of hunters and had him call the other hunters that had left. After interviewing all the hunters and locating sunflower seeds on the field Cpl. Cox issued citations for hunting over bait.

CARROLL COUNTY

September 4th, Sgt. Eric Brown, RFC Daniel Gray, and Ranger Ryan Locke patrolled the county in reference to dove hunting activity. During the patrol game wardens checked one field. Two individuals were cited for hunting over bait.

Region II- Gainesville (Northeast)

No activity to report.

Region III- Thomson (East Central)

CLARKE COUNTY

On September 9th RFC Tim Butler located a hunter who was hunting deer over bait. The person who placed the bait where the hunter was hunting was cited for unlawful enticement.

ELBERT COUNTY

On September 9th Sgt. Brian Carter, Cpl. Julian Wilkins, and Rfc. Phillip Nelson cited six hunters for hunting dove over bait.

OCONEE COUNTY

On September 3rd Cpt. Stan Elrod, Sgt. Brian Carter, and Rfc. Tim Butler checked several people hunting dove. Several license violations were documented. One violation of hunting without a plug was documented.

On September 4th RFC Phillip Nelson and RFC Tim Butler located a baited dove shoot. Two hunters were cited for hunting over bait. One license violation was documented.

OGLETHORPE COUNTY

On September 4th RFC Phillip Nelson and RFC Tim Butler checked several people hunting dove. One license violation and one violation of hunting without taking the hunter education course were documented.

Region IV- Macon (West Central)

No activity to report.

Region V- Albany (Southwest)

CRISP COUNTY

On September 3rd, Game Wardens Clint Martin and Al Greer were working boating safety on Lake Blackshear when a vessel was observed being operated after sunset with improper navigation lights. A vessel stop was conducted and the operator of the vessel was arrested for boating under the influence and operating a vessel with improper lights.

On September 9th, Cpl. Tony Cox and Warden David Jones patrolled Lake Seminole for waterfowl activity during teal season. During their patrol, they cited three subjects for hunting out of season, one subject for taking a protected species, and two subjects for hunting without a federal duck stamp. Two wood ducks and a kingfisher were confiscated for evidence.

Region VI- Metter (Southeast)

TATNALL COUNTY

On August 30th Ranger First Class Clint Jarriel patrolled the county in an effort to locate dove fields located from a flight earlier in the week. Officer Jarriel was able to flag numerous fields that were baited. The landowners were contacted and made aware not to hunt the fields.



On August 31st Ranger First Class Clint Jarriel and Sergeant Chris Moore patrolled many areas in an effort to mark dove fields that were baited. The game wardens were able to flag numerous fields and made contact with the owners and advised them of the issues.



TOOMBS COUNTY

September 2nd Sergeant Chris Moore, RFC Clint Jarriel, and RFC Bobby Sanders patrolled for dove hunting activity. Several fields and hunters were checked and violations for unplugged shotguns and hunting without a license were addressed.

APPLING COUNTY

On September 2nd Ranger First Class Clint Jarriel, Sargent Chris Moore and Ranger First Class Bobby Sanders patrolled the county for dove hunting activity. The game wardens checked many fields and hunters. RFC Clint Jarriel gave verbal guidance to a child too young to hunt alone. Officer Jarriel explained to the guardian how to avoid this issue in the future.

Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

GLYNN COUNTY

On September 2nd, RFC Colte Shaske was patrolling Paulks Pasture WMA when he came across a truck parked in the road. Upon arrival RFC Shaske found 2 males who were picking Palmetto berries. The subjects stated that they were trying to make some extra money by selling the palmetto berries. Both subjects were cited for Criminal Trespass and approximately 65 pounds of palmetto berries were confiscated.

CAMDEN COUNTY

On September 3, Sergeant Chris Ridley and Corporals John Evans and Kate Hargrove patrolled state and federal waters for commercial shrimping activity. Game wardens inspected fishing gear aboard shrimping trawlers and documented violations for use of illegal gear, fishing in closed waters and fishing without commercial licenses.