



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Field Operations

Weekly Report
April 22 – April 28, 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)

HARALSON COUNTY

On April 26th, GWFC Daniel Gray completed an investigation in reference to hunting without permission on a private hunting club. Two individuals were cited for turkey hunting w/o permission.

Region II- Gainesville (Northeast)

BARROW COUNTY

On April 27th, GWFC Chris Kernahan completed an investigation concerning the illegal taking of small game. GWFC Kernahan apprehended the responsible party, and conducted interviews. Upon being confronted with the evidence, the suspects admitted to hunting squirrel out of season for numerous years. The violations were addressed.

On April 28th, GWFC Chris Kernahan completed an investigation concerning the illegal dumping of egregious litter. GWFC Kernahan apprehended the responsible party, and obtained arrest warrants.

HALL COUNTY

On April 25th, Game Warden Ryan Locke was patrolling known fishing areas on Lake Lanier. Locke observed a center console with two occupants fishing with gill nets. Locke engaged the two individuals and determined that they had one gill net on their vessel. The subjects later informed Locke that there were two-gill nets remaining in the water. Citations were issued for taking nongame fish by illegal methods and warnings issued for commercially fishing without a license. The three-gill nets were confiscated.

On April 27th, Game Warden Ryan Locke had received information that two subjects had shot two turkeys each. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the subjects had failed to record the four turkeys they had harvested. The violations were addressed.

On April 29th, GWFC Kernahan patrolled Hall Co. for fishing and boating activity. Throughout the course of the patrol, he made contact with a suspicious subject on the banks of Lake Lanier. GWFC Kernahan found the subject to be illegally in possession of a schedule IV controlled substance, as well as marijuana less than one ounce. Additionally, the subject was found to have littered. GWFC Kernahan arrested the subject, and transported him to jail.

Region III- Thomson (East Central)

No activity to report.

Region IV- Macon (West Central)

No activity to report.

Region V- Albany (Southwest)

EARLY COUNTY

On April 24th, Sgt. Bob Holley and GW Ryan Cleveland were patrolling Early County when they observed a subject burning a large quantity of trash in his yard. Upon further investigation, the subject was charged with unlawful burning of waste.

DOUGHERTY COUNTY

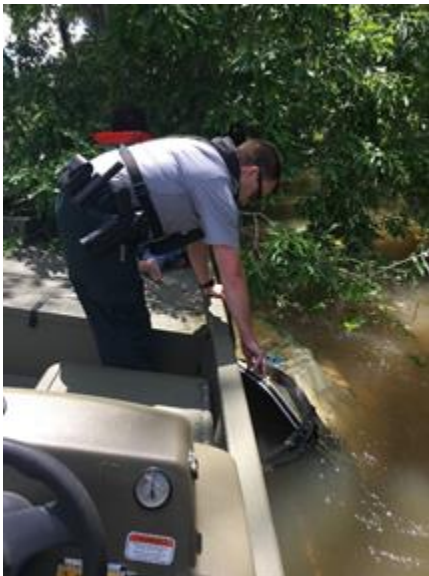
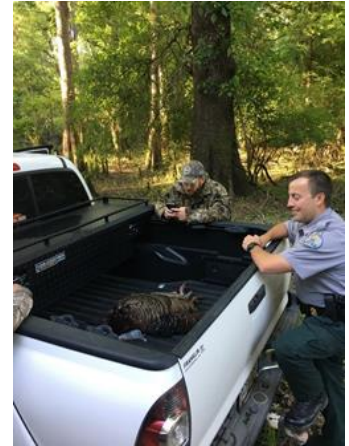
On April 28th, Game Wardens David Jones and Eric White attended the "Stickbow 100" event at Big Jim's Bow Company in Albany, where participants from across the continental US competed in traditional archery. Game Wardens assisted by answering questions and presenting a safety presentation regarding archery hunting and archery sporting events.

Region VI- Metter (Southeast)

TATTNALL COUNTY

On April 28, 2018 Game Warden Patrick Gibbs and Cadet Cameron Dyal patrolled the Tattnall County Landing for boating/fishing compliance. A total of 30 vessels were checked. Violations were addressed for operating a vessel without registration and operating a vessel without lights during hours of darkness.

On this same day, the Game Wardens patrolled Big Hammock WMA for turkey hunting activity. A total of 9 hunters were checked. One harvested turkey was checked. Violations were addressed for hunting big game from a road and failure to record harvest.



JEFF DAVIS COUNTY

On April 27, 2018 Cadet Cameron Dyal and Game Warden Patrick Gibbs attended a job fair at Jeff Davis County High School. Game Wardens provided information on becoming a Game Warden and answered various fish and game related questions from citizens.

Also, the Game Wardens responded to a sunken vessel on the Ocmulgee River. Upon arrival Game wardens assisted the vessel operator with securing his vessel from sinking or drifting any further into the main channel and documented the incident.

DODGE COUNTY

On April 25th, Game Warden Allen Mills responded to a littering complaint. Game Warden Mills met with the complainant on scene and collected evidence. The violator was located and issued a citation for littering.

Litter Location



Later that day, Game Warden Mills was contacted to assist the Dodge County Sheriff's Office with searching for evidence in a double homicide case. Evidence pertaining to the case was located.



Officers preparing to search wooded area.

WHEELER COUNTY

On April 28th, Sergeant James McLaughlin located a non-resident turkey hunter attempting to harvest a turkey over bait. The hunter was hunting in a location that had a wildlife feeder spreading corn. Violations were documented for hunting big game over bait and not having a harvest record.

LAURENS COUNTY

On April 21st, Corporal Dan Stiles located trash that was dumped at a location. On April 23rd Cpl. Stiles located the subject responsible for the litter. One violation for littering was documented and the trash was cleaned up by the violator.



On April 19th, Ranger First Class (RFC) Rodney Horne conducted a fishing and boating safety patrol at the Hugh M. Gillis Public Fishing Area. RFC Horne checked two fishermen and documented two violations for fishing without a license and one violation for operating a vessel with an expired registration.

On April 22nd, Corporal Dan Stiles patrolled the Hugh M. Gillis Public Fishing Area (PFA). Nine anglers were checked for license and creel limit compliance. One violation was documented for fishing in closed waters on a PFA. The violator was caught fishing in a closed pond reserved for kids fishing events.

On April 26th, Ranger First Class (RFC) Rodney Horne conducted a vessel patrol at the Hugh M. Gillis Public Fishing Area. RFC Horne checked two fishermen and documented three violations. The violations were for fishing without a license on person, one for possession of illegal size fish (largemouth bass), and one for operating a vessel with an expired registration.

On April 28th, Game Wardens Dan Stiles and Chris Thompson patrolled the Hugh M. Gillis Public Fishing Area (PFA). Twenty anglers were checked for fishing license and creel limit compliance and five vessels were checked for registration and boating safety equipment. Two violations were documented for possession of over the creel limit (bream) on a PFA and one violation was documented for fishing without a license.

CHARLTON COUNTY

On April 28th, Game Warden Sam Williams was patrolling in the St. George area for turkey hunting activity, when the officer encountered two subjects dressed in camouflage clothing driving around inside a hunting club. Upon speaking with the subjects, the officer learned that they had been turkey hunting earlier in the morning and were scouting another area of the club for turkey activity. Upon checking the licenses of both hunters, it was determined that one of them did not possess the required hunting licenses. The violations for non-resident hunting without a license and non-resident hunting without a big game license was documented. Verbal guidance was given to the second hunter for having an expired harvest record.

On April 28th, Sergeant Patrick Dupree, Corporal Mark Pool, Game Wardens Sam Williams, Daniel North and Joseph Cowart were conducting a vessel patrol of the Satilla River in the area of Burnt Fort. While on patrol, GWs Williams and Cowart observed a vessel with six occupants on board. One of the children that appeared to be younger than thirteen years of age was not wearing a PFD. A vessel stop was made and the violation of allowing underage child to ride in moving vessel without wearing a PFD was documented. Later that evening while at the boat landing, another vessel was observed approaching the boat dock without any navigation lights. Corporal Pool and Game Warden Cowart made contact with the operator and a violation of operating a vessel after hours of darkness without navigation lights was documented.

CLINCH COUNTY

On April 28th, Sergeant Patrick Dupree and Game Warden Joseph Cowart encountered several hunters training hounds west of US441. Two hunters did not possess a hunting license and were issued warnings for training dogs without a hunting license.

Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

No activity to report.