



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Field Operations

Weekly Report
October 7 – October 13, 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.



NOTE: This week, Game Wardens from across the state responded to assist the citizens of Georgia as Hurricane Michael slammed into the Florida coast and cut a path across Georgia. Operations were coordinated from a mobile command post established in Albany. Over 120 Game Wardens conducted debris removal, road clearing, traffic control, transporting supplies, welfare checks and law enforcement patrols.

Region I- Acworth (Northwest)

FANNIN COUNTY

Since the start of Bow season, Cpl. Cody Jones has been working a hunting without permission and bait complaint. Cpl. Jones set out surveillance equipment for several weeks. Monday evening he went to retrieve the equipment and encountered a hunter in a climbing stand near the bait. The suspect had poured out multiple bags of corn and had cut down about a dozen small trees to clear a shooting lane. The complainant stated that he encountered the suspect turkey hunting without permission just a few months ago on the same property. The suspect was issued citations for hunting without permission and hunting big game over bait. He was also issued warnings for criminal trespass (cutting trees), hunting license violation, and hunting turkey without permission this past March.



Region II- Gainesville (Northeast)

Hurricane Michael detail

Region III- Thomson (East Central)

Hurricane Micheal detail

Region IV- Macon (West Central)

Hurricane Michael detail

Region V- Albany (Southwest)

Hurricane Michael detail

Region VI- Metter (Southeast)

Hurricane Michael detail

PIERCE COUNTY

On October 6th, Game Warden First Class Judd Sears received information from the Pierce county sheriff's office of a subject with possible hunting license violations. On October 7th, GWFC Sears and GWFC Daniel North interviewed the subject about the incident. It was found that this subject had illegally harvested two deer without possessing a valid hunting license or big game license. A seven-point buck was seized as evidence, and violations of hunting without a license and hunting without a big game license were documented.



CHARLTON COUNTY

On October 11th, Corporal Mark Pool checked the Waycross bear check in station to see what the day's harvest was. While at the check station a subject brought a bear in to be tagged. While looking at the subject's license Cpl. Pool determined that the subject was a nonresident hunter and only possessed a valid nonresident big game hunting license. The subject did not possess a valid nonresident hunting license that is also required to hunt black bear in Georgia. A violation of a nonresident hunting without a nonresident hunting license was documented.

On October 13th, Sgt. Patrick Dupree encountered a bear hunter near Moniac that had taken a bear the previous weekend. The hunter was observed with a rifle in his hands and was actively participating in a dog-bear hunt that was underway. With the Southern Zone bear limit being one per hunter per season, Sgt. Dupree charged him with hunting bear after obtaining the legal limit.

Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

Hurricane Michael detail