



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Field Operations

Weekly Report September 23 – September 29, 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)

No activity to report.

Region II- Gainesville (Northeast)

BANKS COUNTY

On September 28th, Game Wardens Chris Kernahan and Ryan Locke patrolled Commerce Watershed. The Game Wardens made contact with multiple subjects who were in possession of marijuana. The violations were addressed.

BARROW COUNTY

On September 29th, GWFC Kernahan patrolled Barrow Co. for hunting activity. While on patrol, he made contact with a subject who was hunting without a license, hunting without a big game license, and had violated recording and reporting requirements for game animals. The violations were addressed.

Region III- Thomson (East Central)

OGLETHORPE COUNTY

On September 23rd Gwfc. Phillip Nelson and Gwfc. Mark Stephens taught a waterfowl and hunter development program at the Oglethorpe County Recreation Department. In attendance were 45 children and 30 adults.

Region IV- Macon (West Central)

No activity to report.

Region V- Albany (Southwest)

CALHOUN COUNTY

On September 28th, Game Wardens Tommy Daughtrey and Eric White were investigating a complaint on Chickasawhatchee Wildlife Management Area regarding a subject illegally placing bait on the WMA. During their investigation they observed a subject getting preparing to hunt and in possession of corn which he was baiting the area with. Warden White charged the subject with illegally placing bait on a WMA.

THOMAS COUNTY

On September 28th, Game Warden Eric White responded to a landowner complaint regarding a subject fishing without permission. After speaking with the landowner, Warden White charged the subject in question with fishing without permission.

Region VI- Metter (Southeast)

JEFF DAVIS COUNTY

On September 23rd Game Warden First Class Bobby Sanders patrolled Bullard Creek WMA and encountered a group of individuals parked on the area. Violations were detected for Illegal Consumption of alcohol on a WMA as well as entering WRD Lands without a license/ Lands Pass.



PIERCE COUNTY

On September 23rd, Game Warden First Class Judd Sears responded to a complaint of illegal burning that came from Pierce county 911. GWFC Sears arrived on scene along with Pierce County Sheriff's Office and fire department personnel. Pierce Fire extinguished the pile of illegal materials. GWFC Sears educated the subject that started the illegal fire of the materials that could legally be burned and how to dispose of the materials that could not be burned. Violations for unlawful burning of egregious litter less than 500 pounds were documented.

ECHOLS COUNTY

On September 25th, Sergeant Patrick Dupree and Game Warden Daniel North conducted patrols for bear hunting activity around the Toms Creek Road and Woodpecker Route area. During this patrol, Wardens Dupree and North discovered a boat that had been abandoned in the road ditch. Upon further investigation, it was discovered via the Hull Identification Number that the boat was a brand new 2018 model year boat that had been stolen from the Jacksonville Florida area, stripped of all of the components, motor, names and decals and abandoned in Georgia. The boat was turned over to the Echols County Sheriff's Office for further investigation.



Recovered Stolen Vessel



ECHOLS COUNTY

On September 26th, Game Warden Daniel North received information about an individual who was observed dumping several plastic bags full of fish carcasses and newspapers into a creek on Hwy 135. It appeared that the individual had been dumping the same items in the same area for a long time based on the buildup of old trash bags in the creek, under the bridge and in the nearby woods. Utilizing the provided tag number, the person was tracked down and he confessed to dumping the trash there. Violations of littering were documented.

Litter at Creek on Hwy 135

WARE COUNTY

On September 29th, Game Warden Joseph Cowart was patrolling a hunting club near Swamp Road and witnessed a hunter outside of his truck with hounds. The hunter was not wearing a daylight fluorescent orange vest. The hunter stated he was hunting bear. Hunting bear without fluorescent orange was documented.

DODGE COUNTY

On September 29th, Game Warden First Class Allen Mills received a call from Corporal Dan Stiles in reference to an in-progress fishing without permission complaint. Game Warden Mills contacted the complainant and drove to the location. After a search of the area, no one was located at the pond, but two individuals were observed across a dirt road sitting in a pickup truck. Game Warden Mills approached the vehicle and spoke with the two suspects. While doing so, Game Warden Mills saw a glass pipe on the middle console and could smell possible marijuana. Searching the vehicle, Game Warden Mills located both suspected marijuana and Methamphetamine on the dash of the truck in a cigarette pack. The two suspects were arrested and transported to the Dodge County Law Enforcement Center by Dodge County officers and turned over to the Oconee Drug Task Force. Violations for VGCSA (violations of the Georgia control substance act) were documented for felony possession of methamphetamines and misdemeanor possession of marijuana less than one ounce.



Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

No activity to report.