



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Field Operations

Weekly Report
September 9 – September 15, 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)

MADISON COUNTY

On September 9th RFC Shane Sartor located a subject hunting over bait on Broad River WMA. The subject was a new deer hunter and was not aware that the new law change did not apply to state owned lands. The subject was issued a warning for hunting over bait and removed all the bait he placed.

On September 15th RFC Shane Sartor checked a dove shot that consisted of two individuals. The field was baited with wheat and both subjects were aware of the bait. One subject received a citation for hunting over bait, a warning for hunting without license and a warning for hunting without Georgia migratory bird license. The other subject received a citation for hunting over bait.

Region III- Thomson (East Central)

NEWTON COUNTY

On September 13th, GWFC Schay and SGT Gartright patrolled Newton County for hunting activity. During this patrol, a violation of hunting without a license was documented.

WALTON COUNTY

On September 15th, SGT Gartright and CPL Allen patrolled Walton County for dove hunting activity. During this patrol, violations of hunting over bait were documented.

ELBERT COUNTY

On September 15th Sgt. Brian Carter and Cpl. Julian Wilkins located a dove shoot with six hunters and determined it was baited. Violations documented were unlawful enticement of game and hunting over bait.

OCONEE COUNTY

On September 14th Gwfc. Tim Butler completed an investigation on illegal trapping of raccoons. Violations documented were trapping out of season, failure to carry a .22 rimfire weapon while trapping, failure to carry a choke stick while trapping, failure to stamp a trap, and littering.

Region IV- Macon (West Central)

No activity to report.

Region V- Albany (Southwest)

MITCHELL COUNTY

On September 9th, Warden Eric White received a complaint regarding two subjects shooting dove from the roadway, while riding in a UTV. The complainant was able to provide several photographs of the subjects committing the violations and a description of the UTV. Warden White was able to locate the subjects and after a brief interview, both admitted to the violations. Warden White charged the subjects with hunting from a public road, hunting from a vehicle, and issued warnings for hunting without a Georgia migratory bird stamps.

Region VI- Metter (Southeast)

DODGE COUNTY

On September 9th, Game Warden Allen Mills patrolled Dodge County Public Fishing Area for boating/fishing activity. Three vessels and seven anglers were checked for safety equipment and license requirements. Violations for operating a vessel without a throwable device and operating a vessel without a fire extinguisher were documented. Later that day, Game Warden Mills checked creeks and bridges for fishing activity. Two anglers were checked for license and creel limit compliance. Violations for fishing without permission (fishing 100 yards up the creek on private property) were documented.

On the night of September 13th and early morning hours of September 14th, Game Warden Dan Stiles patrolled the Dodge County Public Fishing Area during an alligator hunt on the property. One hunter was checked for license and equipment compliance. No violations were documented.

On the night of September 15th, Game Warden Rodney Horne patrolled the Dodge County Public Fishing Area during an open alligator hunt on the property. No hunters were encountered. One angler was checked for license compliance and boating equipment. No violations were documented.

TOOMBS COUNTY

On the morning of September 9th Sergeant Jon Barnard and Game Warden First Class Bobby Sanders were patrolling for hunting activity when a deer hunter was discovered to be hunting without a license, big game license, and was hunting with a high-powered rifle. The appropriate charges were documented.

On the evening of September 9th Game Warden First Class Bobby Sanders was patrolling the county for dove hunting activity. Sanders found a dove hunter in a field that had been found to be baited the previous week. Citations were written the previous week and the hunter was one of the same people cited then. He was given another ticket for hunting over bait.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

On the morning of September 15th, Corporal Kevin Joyce was on routine patrol searching for dove hunting activity. Cpl. Joyce checked one field along with four adult hunters for licenses and bag limit compliance. After further investigation of the field it was determined the field was previously baited. Violations were documented for the unlawful enticement of game and hunting without a migratory bird license. The field owner was provided with the proper signs and information to post the field against hunting.

TATTNALL COUNTY

On September 15th Game Warden First Class Clint Jarriel patrolled Big Hammock WMA for fishing and hunting activity. Numerous people were checked and citations were written for fishing without a license and entering state owned property without a lands pass.

Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

CHATHAM COUNTY

On September 14, Sgt. Miller and Game Warden Chambers patrolled the salt water rivers and creeks of Chatham County. Individuals were cited for operating a vessel with improper personal flotation device and commercial fishing without a commercial fishing license.

BRYAN COUNTY

On Sunday September the 9th, 2018, Sgt. Scott, RFC Thain and RFC Morris patrolled the salt waters of Chatham, Bryan, and Liberty Counties checking boaters and fishermen. As a part of the patrol the Game Wardens boarded a small shrimp trawler near St. Catherine Sound. The boarding included checks of the appropriate licenses and fishing gear. Checking the gear designed to push a sea turtle out of the net is one important part of the checks. This small stern trawler had two nets and two turtle excluder devices (TED's) to be checked. This commercial fisherman had all appropriate licenses and no violations with any of the gear. Photos of the Game Wardens on the trawler are seen below:



LIBERTY COUNTY

On Saturday, September 15th, 2018, RFC Morris patrolled Liberty County checking boating and fishing areas. While checking the Sunbury boat ramp one fisherman was found with no fishing license. The man was cited for the offense.

BRANTLEY COUNTY

On September 1st CPL John Evans and Game Warden Colte Shaske responded to a call in reference to a group of people camping on private property near Teston Lake. When the wardens arrived, they found three tents set up along the water's edge. While interviewing the subjects another subject walked out of the woods with a rifle in hand. The subject was checking a raccoon trap set in the woods. The Wardens secured the weapon and continued the interviews. Wardens were able to determine that the subject who came out of the woods had Marijuana on him along with other paraphernalia. The subject was arrested for Possession of Marijuana, Possession of a Stolen Firearm, Trapping without a trapping License, Trapping Out of Season.



Game Wardens John Evans and Colte Shaske were returning from patrolling dove fields in the county when they heard a call come out about a domestic dispute involving a firearm just down the road from their location. They responded to assist Brantley County Sheriff's Officers and GA State Trooper Sherman McClain with the incident. Officers arrived and separated the people on scene. The man with the gun had already left but two of the men were still arguing. The man, his ex-wife, her sister, and his uncle all occupy different parts of the same house. The front side of the house is occupied by another couple who also operates their Vintage Yard and Junk Sale business out of the home. Officers had to make the man who was mowing the grass in the dark with no lights stop long enough to hear everyone and make the scene safe. The Game Wardens advised all parties involved that they needed to get their own place and quit fighting with each other.

GLYNN COUNTY

On September 3rd, Game Wardens David Brady, Colte Shaske and Cpl. John Evans responded to a call of an overturned sailboat in St. Simons Sound. The Game Wardens responded to the area and found a large Hobie Cat sail vessel overturned in the sound, but were unable to locate anyone in the area. After contacting Sea Tow Brunswick, it was determined that USCG Charleston had been notified the day prior, but had failed to notify USCG Brunswick or the local Game Wardens. The vessel was removed from the scene by SeaTow and it was determined that it had broken loose from a dock.

