



GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Field Operations

Weekly Report
May 5 – May 11, 2019

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

May 11th, Sgt. Eric Brown, Cpl. Chad Cox, GWFC Daniel Gray, and GW Ryan Shorter assisted with the 38th annual Haralson County Kids Fishing Rodeo. During the event, anglers had the opportunity to catch trout and catfish. Kids also had the opportunity to sharpen their skills at the DNR BB gun tent and archery range. This event is hosted each year and is free of charge for all participants.

Region II- Gainesville (Northeast)

BANKS COUNTY

On May 11th, Game Wardens Eric Isom, and his K9 partner Colt, participated in Maysville's first kids catfish fishing rodeo. Approximately 100 kids turned out for the event and prizes were given out to four different age groups.

Region III- Thomson (East Central)

WILKES COUNTY

On May 4th Game Warden Nolan Calloway observed a vehicle failing to maintain its lane. Game Warden Calloway initiated a vehicle stop and determined the driver was under the influence of alcohol. Additionally, the driver had a suspended driver's license. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence, driving with a suspended driver's license, and failure to maintain lane.

ELBERT COUNTY

On May 6th Sgt. Brian Carter and Cpl. Tim Butler patrolled Vaughter WMA. Violations addressed during the patrol were consumption of alcohol on a WMA, operating a vessel without personal flotation devices, and fishing without a license.

Region IV- Macon (West Central)

HOUSTON COUNTY

On the afternoon of May 8th Game Wardens Josh Cockrell and Kevin Hurley patrolled Flat Creek PFA. After checking numerous anglers, two warnings were written for fishing without a license. The anglers who were given warnings bought the licenses and continued fishing for the day.

HARRIS COUNTY

On May 7th, Game Warden Dean Gibson patrolled F. D. Roosevelt State Park. While checking Lake Delano, he observed two fishermen in a kayak and checked their fishing licenses and creel. Gibson observed they didn't have any PFD's onboard the kayak. The violation was documented.

On May 8th, Game Warden Dean Gibson received a call from the Newnan Georgia State Patrol dispatch in reference a homeless person living on someone's private property near Flat Shoals Creek. The caller explained the subject was fishing from the shoreline and had built a shelter using a blue tarp and other materials. The caller also expressed concern over the amount of trash that was collected around the subject's campsite and thought the individual had been living there for a long time. Game Warden Gibson located the subject, violations of fishing without permission and littering were documented, and the subject was given 24 hours to remove the shelter and leave the property.

JONES COUNTY

On the afternoon of May 5th Corporal Bubba Stanford and a DNR LED intern patrolled Lake Lucas at the Macon Water Authority. Several fishermen were checked and two were arrested for possession of marijuana as well as felony warrants from Bibb County.

MUSCOGEE COUNTY

On May 5th, Corporal Mitch Oliver and Game Warden Dean Gibson checked the Lake Oliver Marina for fishing and boating activity. While he was checking some anglers, a small boat approached the dock with two children and an adult male. Neither child had on a PFD. Upon further investigation, it was determined the operator did not have any PFD's on board and did not have a valid vessel registration or numbers displayed. The violations were documented and the operator was given verbal instructions on boating safety.

On May 8th, Game Wardens Ethan Franklin and Dean Gibson participated in radio interviews advertising the Piedmont Hospital "Safe Kids" event to be held on May 11th. Additionally, approximately 1000 life vests of various sizes were donated to be given out to kids who attend and complete the event on May 11th.

PIKE COUNTY

On the evening of May 8th Game Warden Ken Lalumiere was made aware of a special needs juvenile having been reported as missing. He responded to the scene and assisted with the search. Sadly, the child was found in a beaver pond several hundred yards from where the child went missing.

TROUP COUNTY

On May 8th Sgt. Brent Railey assisted the Troup County Sheriff's Office in the search for two male subjects that were wanted for a chase on the Interstate. One of the subjects had run into the woods and the second escaped by vehicle. Neither suspect nor the vehicle was located. On the morning of May 9th Railey located the suspect's vehicle abandoned on a road some distance from the original location. The vehicle was turned over to the Troup County Sheriff's Investigators for further investigation.

Region V- Albany (Southwest)

CRISP COUNTY

On May 10th, Wardens Clint Martin and Logan South responded to an unlawful burning complaint and located a subject burning trash that contained carpet, bed mattresses and numerous sheets of wood paneling. Warden South issued the subject a citation for unlawful burning of egregious litter (less than 500 pounds/100 cubic feet).

Region VI- Metter (Southeast)

LAURENS COUNTY

On May 11th, Corporal Dan Stiles and Ranger First Class (RFC) Rodney Horne patrolled the Hugh M. Gillis Public Fishing Area. Twelve visitors and fisherman were checked for license compliance. Two violations were documented for entering into a designated Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) area without WRD Lands Pass. One fisherman had a violation documented for fishing without a license and a violation for fishing in a closed pond on a Public Fishing Area.

WARE COUNTY

On May 5th, Game Warden First Class Sam Williams patrolled boat landings along the Satilla River near Waycross for fishing and boating activity. While on patrol at Hwy. 84 boat landing, the officer encountered a subject fishing on the bank that did not possess a fishing license. The violation was documented. A little while later the officer checked a boater who had been fishing near Jamestown Boat Landing and discovered that the operator of the boat did not have a fishing license. The violation was also documented.

CHARLTON COUNTY

On the evening of May 11th, Game Warden First Class Sam Williams and Sergeant Patrick Dupree patrolled the St. George area for dog hunting activity. During the patrol, a group of dog hunters were encountered fox hunting. One of the participants was discovered not to be in possession of a hunting license. The violation of training dogs without a hunting license was documented.

PIERCE COUNTY

On May 11th, Game Warden First Class Judd Sears patrolled FFA Camp landing on the Satilla River for fishing and boating activity. During this patrol eleven vessels were checked for creel limits and safety equipment. Three vessels were found to have PFD (lifejacket) violations. Violations of operating a vessel with insufficient PFD's and operating a vessel without coast guard approved PFD's were documented.

TATTNALL COUNTY

On May 11th, Game Warden First Class Clint Jarriel and Corporal Kevin Joyce conducted boating safety and pan fish creel patrols on the Altamaha and Ochoopee Rivers. The efforts resulted in several violations being documented for operating a vessel without registration, operating a vessel without life jackets, operating a vessel without a fire extinguisher, and fishing without a license.

JEFF DAVIS COUNTY

On May 11th, Game Wardens Cameron Dyal and Bobby Sanders performed vessel patrols on the Oconee and Ocmulgee River concentrating on pan fish creel limits and boating safety compliance. Multiple violations were addressed for operating a vessel without a valid registration and fishing without a license.

APPLING COUNTY

On May 11th, Game Wardens Cameron Dyal and Bobby Sanders patrolled boat landings along the Altamaha River. Several violations were detected for fishing without a license.

Region VII- Brunswick (Coastal)

No activity to report.