

2009 September Cuffs and Collars – Mississippi River Team

BUFFALO COUNTY: Warden Bob Jumbeck of Alma received several complaints regarding an abandon motorboat with expired registration at a local landing. The boat had been there for several weeks. Jumbeck attempted to locate the current owner without success and worked with the local police department to have the boat removed under the abandon vehicle law. Approximately a week later the current owner of the boat made contact with Jumbeck asking for the return of the boat. The owner agreed he failed to register the boat prior to using it on the 4th of July weekend. Enforcement action was taken and the owner was given the name of the towing company for the return of the vessel.

CRAWFORD COUNTY: Wardens Mike Cross (Crawford County), Marty Stone (Grant County), Deputy Warden Chuck Earhart, and Crawford County K-9 Officer Heather Gokey worked the Lower Wisconsin Riverway during the Labor Day weekend. Citations were issued for possession of glass containers and failing to provide life preservers in a boat. Additionally, one drug related violation was detected and criminal charges for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia will be referred to the Crawford County District Attorney.

Wardens Cross, Stone, Earhart, Steve Dewald of LaCrosse and Dale Hochhausen of Vernon County worked the Pool 9 and 10 area of the Mississippi River during the Labor Day weekend. Citations were issued for no fishing license, excessive boat noise, and failure to provide the proper number of life preservers. One intoxicated boater was arrested as the operator of a boat with 6 passengers, all on board were intoxicated.

LACROSSE COUNTY: Wardens Henry Bauman of Onalaska and Matt Modjeski of Sparta issued citations for boat registration violations and fishing w/o license violations on Pool 8 of the Mississippi River, a citation for operating a boat in the buoyed restricted area below Trempealeau Dam on Pool 7 of the Mississippi River, a citation for fishing w/o license on the Black River, and citations for hunting doves w/in 50 feet of roadways center on French Island. Wardens Bauman and Collison issued a citation for fish w/o license at the Lake Henry Spillway in Trempealeau County. Warden Bauman issued citations to two out of state boaters for failing to submit boat operator incident reports as required after boating incidents which occurred on Pool 8 of the Mississippi River in July.

TREMPEALEAU COUNTY: Warden John Collison, of Trempealeau, worked on baiting, littering, wildlife and environmental complaints. Citations were issued for fishing without license, overbagging on trout and baiting violations.

VERNON COUNTY: Warden Stringham of Vernon County and Warden Mike Nice of Richland County worked a Pheasant Learn To Hunt program in Westby.

Wardens Stringham and Nice issued a citation for ginseng trespass to an individual. Two citations were issued for hunting in a closed area of the state park for squirrels.

Wardens Stringham and Nice and Warden Grudzinski of Juneau County worked a ginseng case in Elroy. Nine citations were issued for ginseng violations.

Wardens Stringham and Nice wrote seventeen citations for the Month of September for ginseng violations. Over thirty pounds of dried ginseng was seized in these cases.

Warden Dale Hochhausen, of Stoddard, received an ATV complaint regarding ATV being operated on a roadway in Crawford County. Hochhausen worked the area and contacted four ATVs that were being operated on the roadway. One of the individuals was operating an ATV with a young girl riding on the ATV and no helmet. Another individual and his 10 year old son had been involved in an ATV accident about an hour earlier when they rolled the ATV on the gravel road. Both individuals sustained numerous scrapes and bruises. Enforcement action was taken for operating on the roadway, unregistered ATVs and the underage riders not wearing helmets.

Warden Hochhausen also investigated three spills, illegal filling of a wetland and illegal open burning violations. Hochhausen issued citations for fishing without a license, possession of undersize fish, fail to provide proper number of PFDs, operating an unregistered ATV, and water pollution.