

## **Peshtigo Team Warden Web Report – September 2009**

### **Wausaukee:**

**Warden Dave Oginski Jr. of Wausaukee issued several ATV citations over the Labor Day Weekend for illegal operation on the roadway, registration, and speed. Six citations were within an hour and a half.**

**Warden Dave Oginski Jr. of Wausaukee investigated an ATV accident involving an on duty Marinette Co. Sheriff's Dept. deputy who hit a tree, but was not hurt.**

**Warden Dave Oginski Jr. of Wausaukee worked on Lake Noquebay with Marinette County Sheriff's Department. One citation was issued for no safety certificate. One citation was issued to a PWC spraying people on a dock. The operator stated that he did not understand why he should be receiving a citation. He stated that we should be going after the people who are operating recklessly. Another citation was issued to a fisherman who did not have a license. The fisherman observed the officers dealing with the PWC and started to pack up and was stopped by the officers. The fisherman then insisted that he had a license, but did not.**

**Warden Dave Oginski Jr. of Wausaukee turned over a bear hunting trespass complaint to Marinette County and assisted with the investigation. Warden Oginski located the kill site of the bear, which was 40 feet in on county land, but the hunters trespassed to get there and to remove the bear. Marinette County will continue with the investigation.**

### **Crivitz**

**Warden Matt Meade of Crivitz wrote several citations for hunters placing out more than 2 gallons of bait and placing out bait prior to the archery season.**

**Warden Matt Meade of Crivitz and Byron Goetsch Regional Warden checked a goose hunter who had not reported his early season goose kills as required by law. Enforcement action was taken.**

### **Lakewood**

**Warden Joe Paul of Lakewood contacted several people who were picking ginseng on the National Forest in the Townsend area. It is illegal to pick ginseng on the National Forest. Warden Paul seized about 2 lbs of ginseng. State and federal charges are pending. One subject had warrants and resisted arrest. The subject went to jail and will likely be charged with resisting a conservation warden.**

**Warden Joe Paul of Lakewood received a complaint about a subject harassing goose hunters in the Townsend area. The subject approached the hunters and told them to leave. The same subject was warned in 2008 for the same offense, a citation for interfering with hunting was issued.**

**Warden Joe Paul of Lakewood received a complaint of illegal bear bait in the Lakewood area with a hunter hunting illegally with a crossbow over illegal deer bait consisting of approximately 60 gallons of mineral block, apples and cracked corn. Enforcement action was taken.**

**Warden Joe Paul of Lakewood observed duck hunters in the Mountain area having a pretty good morning. So good that they each shot a limit of wood ducks and felt the need to return in the evening to shoot over their bag limit of wood ducks. Enforcement action was taken.**

**Warden Joe Paul of Lakewood and Water Regulation Specialist Robert Rosenberger issued a citation to a business on Chute Pond for placing rip rap in Chute Pond without a permit. The subjects were told ahead of time their permit would be denied, but they did the work anyway. Several other cases are pending on Chute Pond for the same offense.**

**Warden Joe Paul of Lakewood issued various citations for illegal ATV operation this month. Several people were issued citations for riding their ATV several miles down HWY T in the Townsend area. Warden Paul also participated in an ATV group check where Wardens issued about 20 citations to ATV riders including two that were arrested for operating under the influence in the Lakewood/Townsend areas.**

**Warden Joe Paul of Lakewood testified at trial regarding a subject from the Mountain area that was found guilty riding his ATV on Heisler Road. He was ordered to pay his fine.**

**Warden Joe Paul of Lakewood closed a case where a subject from Pound who had intentionally poisoned wild turkeys was convicted in Oconto County Circuit Court on charges of two counts misdemeanor crimes for mistreatment of animal's and a felony count which was suspended for 2 years. The felony charge will be dismissed in the future if the subject successfully completes 2 years of state probation and stays crime free. He was also ordered to pay a \$3,500 fine to the wild animal surcharge account (198 turkeys died) and complete 200 hours of community service that benefits wildlife.**

**Warden Joe Paul of Lakewood and Warden Matt Meade of Crivitz closed a case where a subject from the Pound area was found guilty of poaching related charges. The subject was found guilty and ordered to pay \$2108.00. A gun and bow were confiscated by the court and the subject was revoked for another 3 years. Warden Meade had caught the same subject poaching deer in 2006. The subject also had poaching related charges pending in Marinette County and the State of Michigan.**

**Warden Joe Paul of Lakewood contacted a group of bear hunters on Elbe road who had just killed a large bear on private property without permission. Warden Paul was later contacted by the property owner who asked that trespass tickets be**

written to the hunters. Warden Paul documented the kill site and assisted the Oconto Sheriff's Dept. at the bear hunting camp where they issued several citations.

Wardens Joe Paul of Lakewood, Jason Happe of Green Bay, Chris Kratcha of Sturgeon Bay, and Matt Meade of Crivitz investigated illegal ginseng harvest in the Townsend area. One subject was turned over to the Forest Service for illegal harvest. Two weeks later, the Forest Service issued a citation to another subject for illegal harvest of Ginseng in the same general area.

#### Oconto Falls

Warden Mike Stahl of Oconto Falls received a hotline in reference to a van that was allegedly road hunting in an Oconto County forest area. The suspects may have been involved in shooting a barred owl. The owl was located injured and had to be euthanized as x-ray confirmed it was shot. Wardens Stahl and Paul continued to look for the suspect vehicle but were unable to locate it. Veterinarian service and rehabilitator assistance was volunteered.

Warden Mike Stahl of Oconto Falls received a complaint of a subject hunting deer with a bow without the required back tag displayed. The cooperater was out with the subject who was trespassing and had cut some trees to make a shooting lane. The suspect was cited for failure to wear the back tag while hunting.

Warden Mike Stahl of Oconto Falls worked the Stiles Dam in regards to ongoing over bagging problems with panfish in low water years. One subject was cited for 30 bluegills in his possession. The daily bag limit is 25mph.

#### Oconto (vacant)

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#### Shawano East

Warden Mark Schraufnagel of Shawano made contact with an individual who was driving his ATV through the Pigeon River and tearing up the banks of the river, a citation issued for operating on the bed of the river.

Warden Mark Schraufnagel of Shawano attended the J&H Youth and Ladies Day event in Navarino. Over 400 youth attended the event.

Warden Mark Schraufnagel of Shawano investigated a non-fatal hunting accident in the Navarino Wildlife Area. A squirrel hunter observed a squirrel briefly and then lost sight of the squirrel. Moments later the hunter observed movement through the woods and fired one shot, striking his hunting partner behind the ear. The victim was flown to St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay and survived the incident. A report will be submitted to the DA's office for review.

Warden Mark Schraufnagel of Shawano investigated several environmental complaints for the month. Citations were issued to a developer and contractors for

**failing to provide erosion control measures on a development project in Shawano. Warden Schraufnagel investigated an unlicensed salvage yard and an unlicensed landfill. Reports were submitted to environmental staff.**

### **Shawano West**

**Warden Jim Horne of Shawano fielded numerous calls regarding rifles to be allowed in the SW corner of Shawano County. Many were referred by the DNR info number. Following the spring hearing process this rule normally would not go into effect until 2010 but the legislative input moved this to be effective for the gun deer season in 2009 to allow rifles in the Tigerton area west of HWY J.**

**Warden Jim Horne of Shawano worked with the Shawano County Highway Department personnel with a piece of re-rod that was sticking out of the water below the MMM bridge. There was a concern that an unsuspecting boater or skier would hit it. It turned out to be attached to a huge chunk of concrete probably from when the bridge was rebuilt. After several attempts the re-rod was no longer a danger.**

**Warden Jim Horne of Shawano assisted in the Wolf River boat enforcement check on the lower Wolf River. Several citations were written for loud or reckless operation of boats.**

**Warden Jim Horne of Shawano picked up several bears hit by cars. One was over 400 pounds. Warden Horne attended the annual J&H Youth and Ladies day where several hundred kids and women are given the opportunity to fire shotguns, muzzleloaders, fish or experience other outdoor activities under one on one instruction. Another huge success!**

**Warden Jim Horne of Shawano assisted Warden Schraufnagel on a hunting accident on the Navarino Public Hunting Grounds.**

**Warden Jim Horne of Shawano assisted the Shawano County Sheriff Department in locating a lost hunter. The hunter had gotten turned around in a cedar swamp on the way to his stand and spent about 7 hours walking until he found his way out. A Sheriff Deputy responding to the area found him walking down the road.**