

Poynette Team Web Report – September 2009
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Warden John Buss of Sauk and Deputy Warden Travis Hilliard checked some illegal campers along the Wisconsin River on DNR property closed to camping. Warden Buss had issued the same group citations on the same piece of property last year. Warden Buss had also issued the group citations for illegally operating a vehicle on state property last year. The subjects were from out of state and they did not cooperate with Wardens Buss and Hilliard. The subjects did not want to give Wardens Buss and Hilliard identification. Wardens Buss and Hilliard called for back up. The subjects were eventually issued several citations.

Warden John Buss of Sauk received a complaint of people dumping fish guts in the Wisconsin River. Warden Buss responded to the complaint and checked a group of anglers. Warden Buss found a 30 inch lake sturgeon tied up next to the group of fisherman. One suspect was issued several citations for the illegal sturgeon.

Warden Heather Gottschalk of Beaver Dam assisted the Waukesha County Wardens and Wildlife staff with a Waterfowl Youth Hunt Educational Day held at Warren Valley. Warden Gottschalk talked to the kids about water safety as well as the use of dogs while waterfowl hunting to include the hazards they can present in small crafts if untrained.

Warden Heather Gottschalk of Beaver Dam requested the Dodge County Courts to revoke a Deer Farm Fence Certificate belonging to a local deer farmer. Warden Gottschalk made several visits to the property over a period of several months, each visit showed a failure to come into compliance with the state deer fencing laws. After issuing a citation, Warden Gottschalk explained the extreme circumstance of this case to the courts, who later revoked the certificate. Since the revocation the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection has been notified by the Department of Natural Resources that the farmer no longer possesses the necessary certificate to legally hold deer.

Warden Michael Green of the Dells coordinated a river clean-up below the Dells Dam with the Dells Hunter safety instructors as part of the class. The group picked up bags of garbage that filled the box of Warden Green's Squad Truck. The kids did a great job and several commented on how they were surprised that people would leave garbage on the river bank. The Mayor of the Wisconsin Dells and his wife provided an ice cream treat to the class after the clean-up at their café along the river. The instructors did a great job.

Warden Michael Green of the Dells and Deputy Warden Sean Neverman of Poynette arrested an individual for operating a Jet Ski while intoxicated on the Upper Dells with a young child as a passenger. When asked how far away from Wardens patrol boat he thought he was the operator stated he was at least 200' away and that he was good with distances because he is a jack hammer operator. The channel was less than

200' wide with the two boats in it. The wardens asked him if was going about 40-45 mph and he replied "at least 65".

Warden Dave Horzewski of Reedsburg organized a trap shoot and listening session with the La Valle & Ironton Amish community. Horzewski brought the Advanced Hunter Safety Trailer for the trap shoot. Approximately 30 Amish men in the community attended the trap shoot. Afterwards, Horzewski explained the upcoming deer season structure along with additional hunting questions.

Warden Dave Horzewski of Reedsburg and Deputy Warden Joel Green of Poynette worked ATV enforcement in the Cazenovia area. Wardens Horzewski and Green stopped one ATV for illegal operation on a highway. During the contact 6 ATV's operated near a trail crossing. Horzewski observed multiple youth passengers without helmets. Of the 6 ATV's, four had youth passengers under the ages of 11 without headgear and one ATV had an 11 year old operator without a safety certificate and headgear. Wardens Horzewski and Green issued several citations to the group.

Warden Dave Horzewski of Reedsburg and Deputy Warden Joel Green of Poynette cited one female fisherman for possession of an illegal size fish. The lady caught and kept on ice an undersize walleye. The lady cited stated that she always measures the fish but this time she thought that it was long enough without measuring.

Warden Dave Horzewski of Reedsburg stopped a boat for being over capacity, which had 11 people for a boat listed only for 7. Horzewski then arrested the operator for operating while intoxicated. The operator tested more than two times the legal blood alcohol content. Citations were issued for the intoxicated operation and for being over the capacity of the boat.

Warden Paul Nadolski of Poynette took numerous complaints this month including shooting and hunting within 50 feet of the center of the road, illegal transportation of firewood, illegal operation of vehicles on state property, illegal baiting and feeding of deer, and hunting with illegal weapons. Warden Nadolski also assisted at a fatal UTV accident in Green Lake County.

Warden Paul Nadolski of Poynette and Warden Heather Gottschalk of Beaver Dam completed several of the cases involving the "raccoon bashing" incident that took place earlier this spring. Many of the individuals involved received hefty fines and revocation of hunting and fishing privileges.

Warden Paul Nell of Horicon was working salmon run enforcement on the Pike River in Kenosha when he saw a fisherman snag two salmon in the tail. The fishermen would then place the hook into the mouth after landing the fish. Warden Nell saw two other fishermen near the suspect fishermen yell at him in regards to the snagging. Warden Nell contacted the suspect fishermen before the argument escalated with the concerned fishermen. A citation was issued.