

September 2009 Warden Web Page Report
Racine/Kenosha/Walworth Counties

Warden Randy Dunkel of Racine County worked a baited bow hunting stand in the City of Kenosha on the opening morning of the Archery Season. The hunter was hunting over the bait placed the bait for two stands. The hunter also did not have his back tag displayed or even with him. Dunkel issued a citation for hunting over a baited tree stand and failing to display a back tag.

Warden Dunkel and Warden Mike Hirschboeck of Racine County investigated a complaint of individuals on the Fox River catching fish with a cast net. Upon investigation Dunkel and Hirschboeck found the individuals were in possession of the cast net and had used it to catch fish. Wardens also found them to be in possession of 94 clams which they had harvested from the river. Enforcement action was taken.

Warden Mike Hirschboeck of Racine County investigated a complaint of a pro-fisherman having sick looking bass in a large tank used for fishing demonstrations at the Racine Sportsman's Fair. Through investigation Hirschboeck found the individual transported the fish from Ohio into Wisconsin without certificates from D.A.T.C.P. The pro-fisherman stated he caught the fish on a private pond in Ohio and then transported them to Wisconsin for the fair. The pro-fisherman stated "he knew he was taking a little chance" transporting the fish with the VHS rules in place. After the show ended, Hirschboeck seized 21 large mouth bass, 4 small mouth bass and 23 bluegills. Enforcement action was taken through the DNR as well as DATCAP.

Warden Hirschboeck responded to the customer desk at the DNR Sturtevant Office to speak with a hunter who tried registering a deer and was having problems at other registration stations. Upon further investigation Hirschboeck discovered a tagging violation, seized the deer and enforcement action was taken.

Warden Juan Gomes of Kenosha County and Warden Supervisor Niemeyer checked two fishermen along the Fox River. Through investigation one was found not to have a license. The other individual was found to have left all of his beer bottles in the weeds next to the River. Both individuals were issued citations. The person who littered spent some time cleaning up litter along the River.

Warden Gomez worked salmon fish run activities along the Pike River in Kenosha near Lake Michigan. Gomez issued many 11 citations for individuals fishing at night. Gomez also issued citations for snagging fish, taking fish by means other than hook and line and possession of a snag hook.

Warden Jason Roberts of Delavan in Walworth County responded to an ATV fatality in the Bloomfield area. The investigation is still in the preliminary stages, but it appears alcohol, speed and the terrain were all contributing factors in the accident. The victim was a 54 year old male that had more than 100 hours of experience on an ATV.

Warden Roberts investigated illegal fishing guides operating on the waters of Walworth County. Roberts made contact with one of the suspects and through investigations was found to be running a guiding service without a license. Roberts found that the suspect had not purchased a guide license since 2006 and had been guiding. Citations were issued for each of the past three years of guiding without a license. Citations totaled more than \$1000 were issued as well as a mandatory 1 year revocation of guiding license.