

## September 2009 Monthly Report Waukesha Milwaukee Team

Warden Sanidas was contacted by Washburn County Wardens to assist with a pan fish over bagging case. Warden Sanidas responded to a residence in the City of Milwaukee and seized 557 blue gills. The suspect possessed additional blue gills at his cabin in Washburn County. The suspect was observed by Warden's Spaight and Swanson taking pan fish in excess of the daily bag limit and additionally was found to possess fish in excess of the possession limit. The suspect was cited and charged restitution for the fish.

Warden Sanidas was working fishing enforcement along Lake Michigan in Milwaukee County. Warden Sanidas contacted an individual fishing from the McKinley Pier and who was in possession of a brown trout. Warden Sanidas learned that the individual did not possess a Great Lakes Trout stamp approval and subsequently discovered that the individual's hunting, fishing and trapping privileges are revoked for previous DNR violations. The individual has a long history of DNR violations and has continued to purchase approvals and engage in prohibited activities while revoked. Criminal charges are pending.

Warden Blankenheim and intern Marenas contacted a subject who was warned for fishing without a license along the Milwaukee River. It was found that the subject also had a warrant for cocaine possession. When the subject was told that he was being held on the warrant, he refused to cooperate. Warden Blankenheim was able to physically control the subject, placing him in handcuffs and turning him over to the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department.

Warden Drake contacted two males fishing from shore on Pewaukee Lake. The subjects both said they had their licenses in their respective cars. Upon checking the cars both subjects presented licenses. However because of Drake's keen observation skills and field experience he noted that one of the subjects was not a 50 year old female as stated on the license. The subject said he must have grabbed his mother's license by accident. It was found that the subject did not have a license and was cited.

Drake checked a boat with several fishers in it and found a 24 inch northern (size limit is 26 inches). The subjects said they were told by the bait store that the limit was 25 inches and it was close enough. Upon further checking Drake also found that they had kept an 11 inch bass (size limit is 14 inches). A citation was issued.

Drake and Regional Warden Mickelberg checked two fishers in a boat. When asked, the subjects had to dig through their boat to find one wearable PFD that was too small. They said the other PFD's were under a false floor in the boat. The subjects dug and dug but all that came out from under the false floor was a 6 inch bass. The

subjects said they were not intentionally keeping the bass but that it had flopped under the floor and they did not get it out. A citation was issued.

Wardens Drake, Groenier and Zeihen along with wildlife management staff and Wern Valley Sportsman Club put on a learn to hunt waterfowl program. Twenty kids learn about ducks, duck hunting, shooting, and safety. A week later they hunted with mentors and many had success.

Warden Groenier received a complaint about three hunters goose hunting on Nagawicka during the closed season. Groenier investigated the complaint and located the hunters. Groenier issued a citation for hunting during the closed season.

Warden Groenier investigated a goose hunting complaint on Nagawicka Lake that involved open water hunting. Groenier contacted the hunter and determined that the hunter was about 200 feet from shore in a boat when he was shooting at the geese. The hunter was issued a citation for open water hunting