

**Woodruff Team  
Warden WEB Page Report  
For September 2009**

Warden Kelly Crotty, of Florence, reports that he worked Labor Day enforcement in Florence and Vilas Counties, gave a Hunters Safety presentation in Niagara, and issued citations for personal watercraft, PFD, ATV, water skiing, and firearm transportation violations. Warden Crotty also investigated a complaint of a Fallow deer sighting in northern Marinette County. The deer has not been observed since.

Warden Brad Dahlquist, of Crandon, reports that he issued citations in the month of September for various fishing, ATV, and hunting violations. Warden Dahlquist aided in the search for an ATV operator that fled from Warden Andy Dryja of Antigo near the Forest/Langlade county line.

Warden Tim Ebert, of Minocqua, reports that he worked deer baiting complaints, anglers, and hunters. In one instance a walleye fisherman was contacted on Swamsauger Lake. Ebert located three walleyes in the angler's live well. Of the three walleyes, one was 15 inches, another was 13.5 inches, and the third was 14.5 inches. The size limit is 15 inches on this lake. The angler stated he planned to release the fish near his dock and was not going to eat the fish. Ebert issued the angler a citation for possession of undersized fish. In another case, Ebert checked an angler on Lake Tomahawk in possession of 11 smallmouth bass. The bag limit is 5. Seven of the bass were under the legal size limit. Twenty one additional bass were found in the angler's freezer. The angler stated he believed the smaller fish were rock bass and not smallmouth bass. Citations, including restitution, were issued.

Warden Jim Jung, of Rhinelander, reports that he investigated an illegal bear shot and killed and left in the woods near Monico (investigation continues). Warden Jung investigated a road hunting complaint which resulted in violations of an untagged deer, failure to keep deer intact prior to registration and shooting from a roadway. Warden Jung and Northern Highland American Legion State Forest Ranger Mark Kubisiak interviewed a business owner regarding a litter violation on the state forest. Enforcement action was taken and the debris cleaned up. Warden Jung was involved in hunter education classes, a court trial, a team firearms shoot and responded to a spill at a construction site. Warden Jung took enforcement action on an individual for transporting aquatic weeds on a vehicle which contained the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Eurasian Water Milfoil. The individual had been on Lake Winnebago and was made aware of the AIS concern at fishing tournaments he had been involved in. Warden Jung issued citations for boating and fishing violations, fraud license and illegal feeding of deer.

Warden Tim Price, of Eagle River, reports that he assisted Warden Jim Jung, of Rhinelander, with the 2nd annual Rhinelander Youth Day event. Warden Price ran the National Archery in the Schools station.

Warden Mike Sealander, of St. Germain, reports that low water levels in the St. Germain area seem to have resulted in lower local duck numbers for the beginning of the waterfowl season. Many hunters reported seeing significantly fewer birds than in recent years and had difficulty launching boats in many areas also.

Warden Rich Thole, of Boulder Junction, reports that he and Warden Tim Price of Eagle River worked boating enforcement on the Manitowish Chain of Lakes. The wardens stopped a pontoon boat operator that was operating on Stone Lake without any lights displayed after dark. The subject was found to be intoxicated and was arrested. The subject's blood alcohol level was .10. The subject was cited for operating a boat while intoxicated and operating a boat without the required navigation lights displayed. Warden Thole and Deputy Warden Water Guard John Pruess gave presentations to over 600 fishermen at the orientation of the Musky Classic fishing tournament held in Vilas County. The wardens spoke about fishing and boating regulations and aquatic invasive species. Warden Thole contacted two subjects fishing from a boat on Oxbow Lake. One of the subjects told Thole he kept a smallmouth bass that measured 14 inches. Thole measured the fish and found that

it was only 11.5 inches long. Thole released the fish back into the water and cited the subject for possession of an undersize fish.