

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
6/11/12 – 6/24/12**

DISTRICT 1

CO Marv Gerlach assisted Commercial Fish Specialist Terry Short and Commercial Fish Investigator Shannon VanPatten with a complaint of an angler getting his downriggers caught in an unmarked net in Lake Michigan. Using side scan sonar, they were able to determine the angler did not get hung up on an illegal net, but was hitting old pound net stakes that were rising up from the bottom of Green Bay anywhere from 12 to 25 feet.

CO Jason Wicklund stopped an ORV operator who was traveling on a county roadway without a helmet. The operator was also operating on a suspended driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Painter responded to the call of a lost angler, and directed the elderly subject out of the woods with the use of the siren on his patrol truck. The angler was happy to have had his cell phone to call for help, and walked out the short distance he was from the road.

CO Jason Wicklund contacted an ORV operator with multiple violations. The operator had failed to license the ORV, was operating improperly and was operating on a suspended driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Marvin Gerlach investigated a complaint of two dogs observed killing a fawn. The witness identified the dogs as those of a neighbor who habitually allows his dogs to run at large. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Marc Pomroy, Commercial Fish Specialist Terry Short and CO Marvin Gerlach assisted with marine security on the Menominee River during the launch of a 209 foot NOAA vessel from Marinette Marine. It was estimated that approximately 3000 people attended the launch, observing from both shores and from boats on the river.

DISTRICT 2

CO Robert Crisp, along with additional local law enforcement, responded to a rollover accident in the Hiawatha National Forest. All occupants of the vehicle were gone when they arrived. They maintained the scene until Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers arrived. While there, the operator and her boyfriend arrived on an ORV. The two subjects, both intoxicated, attempted to flee the scene again but were apprehended. The female had been driving the vehicle and had two prior convictions for operating while impaired. The male subject operating the ORV was also suspended and had two prior convictions for operating while impaired as well. Both were taken into custody by the MSP.

CO Mike Evink was called at home by Manistique Public Safety. They requested his assistance with a bear that had climbed a tree in downtown Manistique. Once at the scene, CO Evink and other officers blocked off the area to prevent a large number of onlookers from accessing the bear, both for safety reasons as well as allowing the bear to climb down and leave the area. The bear left the tree later and exited the City without incident.

CO Mike Hammill was on routine patrol when he encountered a boat with several anglers on board. They indicated that they were doing quite well; however, when their fish were checked by the CO it appeared several were quite small. In the end six short walleye were discovered and a ticket was issued to the leader of the wayward group.

COs Kevin Postma and Kyle Publiski checked a boat with four subjects on board and no life jackets. A nearby boat was occupied by friends of the subjects and was hailed to come over and give them any extra life jackets that they had. An inspection of the second vessel revealed that they also did not have enough life jackets. In the end the two boat captains could only come up with one life jacket between the seven individuals aboard their vessels. Tickets were issued to both boat captains for failing to provide personal flotation devices (PFDs).

CO Kevin Postma was checking anglers in Sault Ste. Marie when he encountered a subject snagging fish with an M60 snag hook. The subject stated that he was a tribal member. Further investigation revealed that the subject was a tribal member, but was not appropriately licensed to legally allow him to snag fish. A Sault Tribal CO was contacted who responded to the scene. The Tribal CO recognized the subject as the man whom he contacted the day before and issued a warning to for the same thing. The subject was cited into Tribal court.

DISTRICT 3

While patrolling Six Mile Lake, CO Andrea Erratt checked several anglers, including one lady who decided to stop fishing after looking in the CO's direction. She had not purchased a fishing license and they had a dead boat battery. CO Erratt ticketed the woman for fishing without a license and towed the boat to the access site.

CO Andrea Erratt patrolled Susan Lake by kayak and checked several anglers catching blue gills. One angler, who said he had a license, eventually admitted that he had not purchased a fishing license since he went ice fishing last year. The license check revealed he had never purchased a license and he was ticketed for the violation.

Having received numerous complaints of anglers operating motorized vessels on the Jordan River where it is illegal to do so, CO Andrea Erratt patrolled the Jordan River by kayak from Webster's Bridge to East Jordan. She stopped the unregistered motorized canoe that was the issue of the complaint. The operator stated he had not seen the "No Motorized Boats" signs posted at the mouth of the Jordan River. CO Erratt ticketed the

angler for operating an unregistered motorboat and warned him for operating a motorboat in the Jordan River.

While patrolling a known ORV problem area, CO Eric Bottorff contacted a subject operating in a closed area with his grandchild on the ORV. The ORV did not have a license and the operator and passenger were not wearing helmets. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking a known camping problem area on Cochran Lake, CO Eric Bottorff checked a camp that was strewn with litter, had no camp card posted, and the occupants had cut down several live trees at the site. Tickets were issued and a warning given for the litter, which was ordered to be picked up.

While patrolling Burt Lake, CO Mike Feagan observed two male subjects paddling a rowboat that had a motor. Concerned that the vessel may have broken down, the CO went to offer aid. Upon contact the occupants stated nothing was wrong with the motor, they had just decided to get some exercise. While talking with the subjects it was observed that there were no life jackets in the boat and that the registration had expired in 2010. It was also learned that one of the subjects had been fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kelly Ross received a complaint of individuals taking overlimits of panfish on Grass Lake in Montmorency County. CO Ross contacted three anglers coming in from fishing in the evening with a limit of panfish. After discussion, they admitted to catching their limit that morning. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 4

Sgt. Bob Torres and his officers assisted with two popular youth fishing events during the past week. The first one worked was in Grand Traverse County with CO Sean Kehoe and was sponsored by numerous community groups and the DNR Fisheries Division. This event, held on Grand Traverse Bay, was attended by approximately 500 youth. The second event held in Leelanau County was worked with CO Rebecca Hopkins and was again sponsored by numerous community groups and the DNR Fisheries Division. This event has also developed into a popular event attended by approximately 200 youth.

CO Brian Brosky was patrolling Lake Michigan near Ludington when he contacted a subject fishing alone in a boat running seven lines. The subject asked CO Brosky why he would be out patrolling when there were only three boats out fishing. A ticket was issued for the excessive line violation.

CO Brian Brosky was out checking anglers on Lake Michigan and checked a boat with three subjects trolling nine lines. While checking licenses, CO Brosky discovered that one of the subjects did not possess a valid fishing license. The subject's friends began defending him by saying that "he wasn't really fishing". The CO then pointed out that

there were enough lines set out for three licensed anglers to which the owner of the boat asked that he be held responsible for the excessive number of lines set. A ticket was issued for the violation.

CO Carla Soper reported that two subjects who had pled not guilty to snagging at Tippy Dam in Manistee County were found guilty at trial and sentenced to over \$600 in fines. At the time, numerous complaints were called in on this group of violators, including calls to the Report-All-Poaching (RAP) hotline, information from anglers in the parking lot and information from several anglers along the bank.

Sgt. Mike Bomay and CO Troy Mueller kayaked a section of the Hersey River that has had numerous complaints of fencing crossing the river causing a hazard to navigation. CO Mueller utilized a helmet camera to take video footage of the blockages and will present the information to the County Prosecutor for review.

CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County assisted the MSP with his jet boat on a drowning that occurred on the Pere Marquette River in Mason County. The MSP cadaver K9 was able to locate the lost angler and the dive team needed assistance to recover the victim. COs Ginn and Brian Brosky were able to launch his patrol vessel into the shallow water and loaded the victim for transport to a shoreline location. Sgt. Kevin Hackworth assisted transferring the victim once on shore.

CO Troy VanGelderren was on patrol when he stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Upon contacting the driver, the CO determined that his driver's license was suspended. CO VanGelderren detected the odor of marijuana in the vehicle and asked the driver the whereabouts of the substance. The driver indicated toward the passenger who quickly revealed the marijuana stash. CO VanGelderren also located an opened pint of whiskey under the front seat. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 5

CO Chris Bowen received information regarding an individual who took snapping turtles from the wild during the closed season. CO Bowen was able to locate a residence for the individual and, after receiving consent to search the residence, located three large snapping turtles in plastic tubs in the basement which he seized and later released. The investigation led CO Bowen to two subjects who admitted to driving around and grabbing turtles on land. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Huspen responded to a complaint of a subject cutting live trees and arrived to find the subject cutting wood without a permit, as well. The subject was acting nervous and suspicious during the contact so CO Huspen and local police, with consent, searched the vehicle. They located a substance that appeared to be a narcotic called "bath salts".

CO Chris Bowen quickly responded to a complaint of a subject dumping on state land. He arrived in time to observe a subject getting rid of a load of brush that he had cleared

from his property. The load of brush was one of many that made up a pile 8 feet high, 10 feet wide, and 200 feet long. The subject agreed to clean up the large pile from state land.

CO Mike Hearn located a camp occupied by several young people. He went back to the camp after their 15 days had passed and found the campers had not yet moved on. They told CO Hearn they were homeless and had come from the Saginaw area. CO Hearn informed them of the regulations regarding dispersed camping. He later checked with local law enforcement and discovered that the MSP were looking for one of the female subjects in the camp. He was able to direct the troopers to the location.

While patrolling Wixom Lake, COs Mark Papineau and Brian Olsen checked a boat with several anglers on board. While talking with the subjects, the anglers advised the COs that they were heading back to shore after catching their limit of panfish. A subsequent count of the day's catch revealed they were actually over their limit. Tickets were issued.

COs Jason McCullough and Steve Lockwood assisted in the search for a lost two-year old child who had wandered away from his home. The search took several hours and involved numerous agencies. The child was located over two miles from his home and was safely returned to his parents.

DISTRICT 6

While on patrol on Crystal Lake in Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell stopped and checked a couple anglers fishing from their boat. Upon inspection of the live well the CO located three undersized bass. The CO issued a ticket to the owner of the boat for keeping undersized bass.

While on patrol in Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell received a complaint of a dog caught in a trap. When the CO arrived the dog was released and more traps were found. No names were on the traps so the CO made contact with the landowner. The landowner admitted to setting the traps for animals digging in his woods and garden. The landowner was ticketed.

While patrolling local lakes in Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell stopped and talked with a couple anglers fishing in their boat. When the CO asked the anglers if they had any bass they stated they only had rock bass. Upon inspection the CO located a 12 inch smallmouth bass in the live well. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Saginaw River during a music festival in Saginaw, COs Joel Lundberg and Dan Lee observed a vessel spray several other anchored vessels with mud and water from the river bottom. The COs stopped the vessel. The operator explained that the other vessels around him had been playing music from their stereos so loud that he could not hear the concerts. He thought he would teach them a lesson by spraying them as they left. A ticket was issued for careless operation of a watercraft.

COs Nick Atkin and Phil Hudson were on patrol when they checked an area in their county that had not been patrolled in quite a while. They surprised a group of three anglers who had a limit of walleye. Upon questioning the anglers about their success, they discovered that this was the angler's second trip out fishing today with a limit of fish. Enforcement action was taken for taking an overlimit of walleye.

CO Nick Atkin was on patrol when he checked a boat coming into shore at an out of the way area of Saginaw Bay. CO Atkin found the angler was in possession of an overlimit of walleye. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Wright received a tip that a person was keeping a fawn and going to raise it to butcher it in the future. CO Wright was able to make contact with the individual and recover the fawn from the person's living room. While checking the property outside the residence, Officer Wright discovered the homeowner had two raccoons that he also took from the wild. Charges are pending with the prosecutor's office for both violations.

CO Jason A. Smith received a complaint of people camping in a state game area. The subjects were located and the adult in the group was issued a ticket.

CO Nick Atkin was on marine patrol with a local college intern when they came across a large pack of boats trolling for walleye. Upon checking several of the boats, they found several undersized walleye. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 7

While conducting surveillance along an inland lake, which is open to catch and release fishing only, CO Gary Raak observed a subject stowing the fish he caught in the bottom of his canoe. As the subject came near shore, CO Raak identified himself. This prompted the subject in the canoe to head back out onto the lake and dump the fish he had illegally kept. CO Raak instructed him to head back to shore immediately. The subject refused. After the fish had been discarded he headed back to shore and proceeded to fall out of his canoe. CO Raak met with the wet subject and enforcement action was taken for keeping fish and resisting and obstructing a peace officer.

CO Mike McGee had a busy day on Pipestone Lake in Berrien County. Upon starting his patrol on the Lake, residents thanked him for coming out, stating that there were a number of ongoing violations regularly occurring. CO McGee subsequently issued four personal watercraft (PWC) operators tickets for not having boating safety certificates after observing other violations by the operators. CO McGee also saw dark smoke coming from an area just off the lake, and parked his boat and walked to the fire. CO McGee discovered an unattended fire at a residence, where the homeowner was burning shingles and other items illegally. The subject was sleeping while the illegal fire was burning. CO McGee took enforcement action.

CO Steve Mooney and Sgt. Zach Doss patrolled Lake Michigan and located two boats with anglers who were salmon fishing with too many lines. As the COs approached the

second boat, the operator was frantically reeling in one of his two extra lines. Enforcement action was taken in both situations.

CO Andy Bauer responded to a RAP complaint and observed a subject fishing with too many lines on the pier in St. Joseph. Upon contact, the subject stated that he had been told by another angler that what he was doing was illegal and that he was going to report him if he didn't stop fishing with too many lines. The subject stated that he only fished with too many lines when he wasn't taking up too much room on the pier. CO Bauer explained that law and issued the subject a ticket for the violation.

CO Mike McGee received a RAP complaint of a subject fishing and keeping too many steelhead on the pier in St. Joseph. Upon arrival and making contact with the subject, it was discovered that the subject had kept six steelhead, but had shuttled four of the fish to a residence. CO McGee followed the subject to the residence and verified the overlimit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Rodgers of Kent County contacted a subject with a large pickup truck who was operating illegally in the Lowell State Game Area (SGA). The operator was tearing up vegetation in a large sand blow area and, when contacted, indicated he had been there before. CO Rodgers ticketed the driver for illegal operation. The driver was also suspended and operating with improper plates and no insurance.

CO Patrick McManus conducted a late night patrol in the Allegan SGA and encountered a vehicle parked in a secluded area. Upon contact with the subjects he found multiple violations including open intoxicants, possession of marijuana, minor in possession and furnishing alcohol to minors. Enforcement action was taken on the single adult in the group and the parents were contacted to pick up the minors.

CO Chuck Towns and county deputies responded to a disorderly person complaint in the Pine Point campground in the Allegan SGA. The subject was eventually stopped in a vehicle outside the campground and arrested for operating while impaired. CO Towns visited the subject's campsite and issued a ticket to the remaining camp member for possession of alcohol and evicted the camp.

CO Andy Bauer received a RAP complaint on Thursday about subjects fishing with extra lines on the pier in St. Joseph. CO Bauer responded and observed the anglers; however, he did not see any violations at that time. On Friday evening, CO Bauer and Sgt. Zach Doss returned and observed one of the subjects from the complaint fishing with three extra lines and actually land a fish on one of the extra lines. Contact was made, and CO Bauer recognized the subject from a previous contact, where the subject had been ticketed at the same location for the same violation. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andy Bauer was on marine patrol on an inland lake when he observed a ski boat purposely making waves for a following PWC to jump. CO Bauer observed the subjects for 150 foot rule violations, and eventually observed the PWC operation close enough to

the boat to get the occupants inside the boat wet with the spray from the PWC. CO Bauer made contact and found that the operator of the PWC did not have a boater safety certificate as required, in addition to the observed violation. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Cary Foster contacted two anglers on Sessions Lake during the Free Fishing weekend. While the anglers were unaware of the special fishing license exception this weekend, CO Foster also found they were in possession of two undersized bass. CO Foster was able to release the bass with a warning to the anglers and engage in a period of education with respect to DNR fishing regulations.

COs Greg Patten and Chris Simpson conducted a marine patrol on Muskegon Lake and Lake Michigan where they ticketed two persons for fishing without licenses and arrested one subject on a warrant for outstanding child support.

CO Ivan Perez responded to a report of two bow anglers shooting and leaving rough fish in the water on Lake Macatawa and the Black River. While CO Perez did not witness the angler shoot any fish and they denied having any success, CO Perez located blood on one of the angler's arrows. After a brief investigation, CO Perez issued tickets to the vessel operator for no fishing license and for no PFDs.

CO Ivan Perez was fishing with his family along the Grand River in the Bass River Recreation Area when several persons arrived and began to use bottle rocket type fireworks within the recreation area. CO Perez contacted the sheriff's department and assisted a deputy who ticketed the users for illegally using fireworks on state lands.

CO Steve Orange, while working with an intern, came across a boat which was starting to burn as it was being towed by a vehicle on the highway. CO Orange notified Kent County Dispatch and fire equipment was dispatched as he attempted to extinguish the fire with two fire extinguishers without success. The fire had started near the bow of the aluminum boat and it was unclear what the initial cause of the fire was at the time.

Sgt. John Jurcich was observing a training exercise with the White Lake Fire Department when members were sent to investigate a large smoke coming from a wooded area. They discovered and extinguished a large tire fire on private property where a subject was illegally burning tires from the rims, in 90 degree heat in very dry conditions. Sgt. Jurcich ticketed one person for illegal disposal of solid waste after burning 17 tires and rims. In addition, 49 more tires were at the site to still be burned. Sgt. Jurcich further gave the property owner 60 days to properly dispose of the remaining tires and provide record of the disposal for a future inspection date or face additional charges relating to storage and disposal violations.

Sgt. John Jurcich was on patrol when he observed a boat being loaded on to a truck at a small lake where regular complaints are received on subjects retaining illegal bass. As he approached the vehicle, a subject quickly turned to the lake and a splash was heard. Sgt. Jurcich quickly went to the water to recover a five gallon bucket as the

angler asked if there was a size limit on bluegill. Sgt. Jurcich responded, "No, not since the 40s but there is a size limit on bass." The angler was ticketed for retaining an 11 inch largemouth bass, as he was apologizing for his actions.

Several District 7 conservation officers were requested to assist Parks and Recreation Division and the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department with a security detail at Holland State Park for a campaign visit involving presidential candidate Romney. COs provided security in the day use area and assisted in the closure of the Lake Macatawa Channel for a period of time surrounding the visit by approximately 2000 spectators.

DISTRICT 8

While patrolling back to his residence from the Maple River, CO Rich Nickols encountered a pickup truck in the ditch on a back road. Two people were standing outside the truck and looked very confused. The subjects turned out to be migrant farm workers from a nearby dairy farm and spoke very little English. Both subjects appeared to be intoxicated. Deputies arrived on scene a short time later and through a rather lengthy and confusing interview the driver was arrested for operating while impaired.

While on marine patrol, CO Rich Nickols checked two subjects in a small boat. Neither subject had a fishing license and one of the subjects was on probation. Part of his probation order was to have no contact with the other subject in the boat. A ticket was issued and the subject's Probation Officer will be contacted about the probation violation.

CO Damon Owens responded to a complaint of someone in possession of a spotted fawn. CO Owens was able to locate the subjects who had been previously convicted for non related wildlife violations. The fawn was turned over to CO Owens and relocated to a licensed rehabilitator. Enforcement action was also taken.

COs Dan Bigger and Derek Miller patrolled the Bennett Lake chain on PWCs. The COs were able to make 71 marine contacts, 21 angler contacts, and give several warnings. Each CO wrote a ticket for no registration and an arrest for an outstanding warrant.

CO Pete Purdy observed a boater creating a wake on a slow, no-wake lake. The vessel operator advised that while he was coming in from the lake he started to have engine problems so he wanted to quickly get back to the launch. CO Purdy pointed out the vessel's registration was expired. The vessel operator advised he noticed the expired registration decal when he was launching, however decided to take the gamble. The vessel operator was also in possession of several bluegills without a fishing license, he had no type IV PFD, and no usable fire extinguisher. In addition he was a CPL holder and didn't immediately disclose to CO Purdy that he was in possession of a handgun at the time. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pete Purdy, while on his PWC, observed a vessel displaying a 2008 registration. After contacting the operator, it was discovered that the vessel's registration had in fact

expired in 2008. In addition, the vessel had no fire extinguisher, an inadequate amount of PFDs on board, and the operator also had an outstanding misdemeanor traffic warrant. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster responded to a RAP complaint of an individual fishing on a local lake who was suspected of taking overlimits of panfish. The complainants stated that he was seen fishing there quite frequently and often left with a full basket of fish, and that he also used too many lines. CO Webster responded to the area to observe the subject and waited for him to return to shore. After a couple hours CO Webster had observed the man fishing with five lines off his vessel and catch well over his limit. Upon making contact, the man stated that his son had just left the vessel which is why he had so many fish. CO Webster clued the subject in on how long he had been watching and stated he knew no one else had been out there with him. The subject admitted no one else was with him, but stated that he was from Florida and wasn't aware of Michigan's rules. CO Webster located 55 panfish, 30 over the limit, and one short largemouth bass. A check of the subject's minnow basket revealed another eight small panfish that the angler stated he was going to release in a pond. The subject's 20 ft. pontoon boat was also without a type IV PFD. The smaller panfish were released back into the water. When asked how many years he had been fishing in Michigan the angler stated he had been coming to this lake over 50 years. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Damon Owens checked boaters within Jackson County and issued one verbal warning. While checking anglers near a local mill pond, CO Owens observed a subject casting and reeling several times attempting to catch an elusive fish. As the CO made contact with the subject, he immediately stated he was only testing his pole and always purchases a fishing license; however this year had not had time. Further investigation revealed that the subject had no record of RSS history in the system. CO Owens informed the subject of his findings and the subject agreed that he has been fishing for years and planned one day to actually purchase a fishing license. Enforcement action taken.

CO Todd Thorn worked a marine patrol along the Grand River in Lansing and Eaton Rapids where he found three separate instances of people fishing without a license. During one of those instances, three males were seen fishing along the shore of the river and when contacted, CO Thorn found that none of them had a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau and CO Todd Thorn worked a marine patrol where they contacted 10 anglers along the shore of one lake. The COs were alerted to the fact that two of the anglers dropped their fishing poles and attempted to walk away when they saw the COs. The subjects were contacted and did not have fishing licenses. One of the men was from Florida and did not wish to purchase a non-resident license, the other had a warrant. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau observed two anglers around 10 a.m. on a local mill pond that connects to the Kalamazoo River. As Sgt. Bahlau approached them, one of the

subjects threw a large beer bottle into the woods behind him. Sgt. Bahlau made contact and found one of the two did not have a valid fishing license. Sgt. Bahlau found that both subjects were in their mid 20s and asked why they threw the beer in the woods. The subjects stated they thought it was illegal to drink beer that early in the morning. Sgt. Bahlau had them clean up the litter and issued a ticket for the fishing and littering violations.

CO Brian Fish is working with sheriff's deputies on an assault of a swan on Duck Lake. The swan was attacked by a male on a three person PWC. Witnesses were unable to obtain the MC numbers and did not feel the subject was a lake resident. The subject left via the access site and the investigation is continuing.

CO Kyle Bader investigated a complaint where people were dredging a channel off Dragon Lake without a permit. CO Bader completed his investigation and forwarded the information to a detective with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) who will be in the county this week to follow up.

DISTRICT 9

During a marine patrol of the Sandy Creek area of the Sterling State Park channel, CO Mark Ennett observed a passenger in a motor vessel with his hand dangling over the side covering the registration decal underneath. CO Ennett stopped the boat and saw that the vessel had expired registration decals. CO Ennett ticketed the boat owner for operating an unregistered vessel.

CO Mark Ennett responded to a fishing complaint of a subject keeping short bass. CO Ennett was able to arrive in time to conduct surveillance on the small group of anglers at the Detroit River fishing pier. The subject was seen with a specific bucket that included one nine inch bass. The angler claimed he thought it was a perch. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett was talking with deputies on a sheriff's department patrol boat while on marine patrol at Plum Creek in Lake Erie when all three officers observed a PWC take off at high speed, very close to the shore, other vessels, and swimmers. CO Ennett took off after the PWC and stopped it. A brief investigation yielded a total of four violations including no boating safety certificate and three for his speed and wakes while operating. Subject was ticketed for operating within 100 feet of swimmers at a greater than slow, no-wake speed and was warned for the other violations.

CO Lacelle Rabon received a RAP complaint on an environmental violation of the illegal cutting down of trees, shrubbery and other plants and the dumping of the debris into a drainage ditch blocking the flow of water. A check of the drainage ditch revealed that the wooded area had been cut down as reported and wood chips were put in the drainage ditch completely blocking it, causing a back up of stagnant water. CO Rabon conducted a canvass of the neighborhood which revealed a person of interest. An interview of the person revealed the subjects responsible for the damage. CO Rabon

contacted local officials, and the investigation is ongoing pending prosecution and clean up.

CO Mike Drexler responded to a complaint at the Belleville Dam where two anglers broke through the fence to fish from the dam. CO Drexler arrived on scene a short time later and observed both subjects fishing from a closed off structure on the dam. The anglers ripped the fence off a concrete structure of the dam, where very large "No Trespassing" signs were painted on the concrete. Both anglers received tickets for trespass.

CO Kris Kiel responded to a RAP complaint of a white-tailed deer fawn in captivity. Upon arriving at the residence, the fawn was located in a dog cage under a shade tree. No one was around. While taking photographs, a car pulled into the driveway. The CO contacted the occupant, who was the girlfriend of the suspect. She told the CO that her boyfriend had picked it up at a job site and brought it home. CO Kiel requested the cell phone number of the boyfriend and called him. He stated that he took the fawn home because it was left all alone and would not move out of their way. The fawn was transported to a licensed rehabilitator and enforcement action will be taken.

While working a night time fishing patrol on the St. Clair River near the Bluewater Bridge, CO Ben Lasher observed a vessel with dim navigation lights. As the CO pulled up alongside the vessel to identify himself, the operator of the vessel turned away from the CO. CO Lasher activated his vessel's emergency lights and stopped the vessel. The operator attempted to get to a cooler on the boat; however, the CO stopped him. Upon inspecting the contents, CO Lasher found 11 walleye. The subject also had a felony warrant out of Texas; however, there was no extradition. Enforcement action was taken and the subject released.