



BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES MEETING

JUNE 23, 2026 | F.D. ROOSEVELT STATE PARK



Proposed New Rule Chapter 391-2-1: Private Docks

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June 23, 2026





History of Private Dock Rulemaking

Previous Efforts

Stakeholder Engagement:

- Consensus Report
- Minority Report

Public Involvement:

- 2024: Public Hearing
- 2025: Public Town Hall

Board Engagement: May 2026





Private Docks

Chapter 391-2-1

- .01 Purpose
- .02 Definitions
- .03 Issuance of a Revocable License
- .04 Standards and Conditions of New Private Docks
- .05 Reconstruction and Modification of Existing Private Docks
- .06 Maintenance of Existing Private Docks Rule
- .07 Variances
- .08 General Conditions of Revocable Licenses for Private Docks
- .09 Inspections; Revocation, Suspension, or Modification of Revocable License; Penalties





Chapter 391-2-1

.01 Purpose

These rules establish an orderly and equitable process for issuing revocable licenses for the construction, reconstruction, modification, and maintenance of private docks in state-owned tidal water bottoms which meet the exemptions in O.C.G.A. § 12-5-295 (7) and (7.1). Additionally, these rules institute a process for inspecting and enforcing standards for private docks in tidal water bottoms.

.02 Definitions

Defines key terms related to private docks for clarity and consistency.



Chapter 391-2-1-.03: Issuance of a Revocable License

(1) Application requirements

- Information required to evaluate site and riparian ownership
- Engineered drawings generally not required.

(2) Conditions:

- Must be owner and riparian to the waterway
- One dock per lot/multi-family
- Must access waterways with defined channels
- Must be for water dependent recreational activities
- Must retain navigability and flow of waterway
- Multi-family docks must have a binding covenant (per CMPA)
- Must be in compliance with department (existing docks)
- Must meet provisions of this rule.



Chapter 391-2-1-.04: New Docks

- (1) Distance from property lines, dock corridors and structures**
- (2) Stop at 1st waterway ≥ 20 ft.;** span smaller waterways
- (3) Distance into waterway:** lesser of 40 ft. or $\frac{1}{4}$ width
- (4) Fixed Walkways:** 1,000 ft. maximum length and **6 ft.** maximum width
- (5) Docks to waterways less than 20 ft. wide:** 6ft. X 14 ft. pierhead
- (6) Fixed Deck:** **400** sq. ft. maximum
- (7) Boat Hoist:** one 16 ft. x 30 ft. hoist with catwalk
- (8) Floating Dock:** 600 sq. ft. for single family; 1,000 sq. ft for multi-family
- (9) Floating Watercraft Lifts**
- (10) Mooring piles/dolphins**
- (11) Roofs:** may not be used as a second story
- (12) Utilities:** proof of application for electrical permit is required
- (13) Lighting:** minimal, downcast, capped and shielded



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.05: Reconstruction and Modification

New Revocable Licenses are required.

.06: Maintenance

CRD must verify serviceability of a dock prior to maintenance; new Revocable Licenses may be required.

.07: Variances

Department may grant variances, upon justification:

- (1) Fixed walkways: up to 1,100 ft. to access the first waterway (closest to the upland) by the shortest route.
- (2) Larger or additional boat hoists with catwalks with proof of need; kayaks, canoes, etc., will not qualify.
- (3) Further extension into the waterway, not to exceed 1/3 of the total waterway width.



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.08: General Conditions of Revocable Licenses for Private Docks

.09: Inspections; Revocation, Suspension or Modification of Revocable License; Penalties

- (1) Docks are subject to inspections; as-built surveys may be required
- (2) Licenses may be revoked, suspended, modified or denied for failure or refusal to comply with rules
- (3) Any person who violates rule or an existing revocable license is subject to enforcement
- (4) Persons violating the rules shall be guilty of a misdemeanor

Public Participation Plan

- June 23, 2026 Board briefing on proposed rule
- June 24, 2026 Notice of public comment period
- July 24, 2026 Public comment period closes
- August 25, 2026 Proposed final action by Board





Thank you

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Regulation of Private Docks in Tidal Waters: 1996-2022

State Revocable License (RL)

- Responsibility over publicly-owned tidal water bottoms delegated from Governor to DNR; allows for RLs
- Grants permission to use tidal water bottoms for permanent structures, construction and other activities, including docks

Programmatic General Permit (PGP)

- CRD issued dock permits on behalf of the US Army Corps of Engineers
- Specific to private docks exempt from CMPA
- Established private dock siting and sizing standards and conditions
- Expired in 2022



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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

Action on Proposed Grant Criteria, Regional Water Plan Seed Grants,
Chapter 391-3-21

June 23, 2026

Veronica Craw

Grant Criteria - Background

- The Fair and Open Grants Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 28-5-120 et seq., requires state agencies to publish a description of the grant program in the official rule compilation maintained by the Secretary of State
- Chapter 391-3-21, Grant Programs, contains description of the various grant programs administered by EPD
- EPD's Watershed Protection Branch is requesting approval for updates in the Regional Water Plan Seed Grant program

Regional Water Plan Seed Grant Program - Background

- The Regional Water Plan Seed Grant Program was established pursuant to the Georgia Comprehensive Statewide Water Management Planning Act
- Under this program, EPD provides funds to support and incentivize local governments and other water users as they undertake implementation of management practices or recommendations identified in the state's Regional Water Plans
- Rule 391-3-21-.07 sets out the description of this grant program

Regional Water Plan Grant Program - Proposed Changes

Amendments to the grant program description include:

- Changing the title of the grant from “Regional Water Plan Seed Grant Program” to “Regional Water Plan Grant Program”;
- Moving subparagraph (3)(a) to subparagraph (4)(b), as that provision is a term for the grant, and renumbering subsequent subparagraphs;
- Removing a specific reference to “data and information needs” in subparagraph (4)(a), as that reference is no longer needed;
- Updating language used in subparagraph (4)(c) regarding pre-application meetings;
- Removing the cash match requirement in subparagraph (4)(d), changing the reimbursement amount from 60 to 90 percent, and reducing the minimum total project match requirement amount from 40 to 10 percent;
- Updating the eligible activities for the grant in subparagraph (4)(e);
- Updating the language in paragraph (5) to clarify the selection process for awarding grants;

Regional Water Plan Grant Program - Proposed Changes

- Removing redundant language in subparagraph (5)(d);
- Updating the criteria for Council collaboration in subparagraph (5)(f);
- Clarifying the criteria regarding demonstration of additional environmental benefits in subparagraph (5)(h);
- Removing the language referencing negative scoring implications of indirect costs as match in subparagraph (5)(i)i;
- Removing the reference to a Quality Assurance Project Plan in subparagraph (5)(j), as that Plan is no longer applicable;
- Revising the criteria for a project to be awarded additional points awarded in paragraph (6); and
- Updating the methods for submitting applications in paragraph (7).



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Briefing on Proposed Revisions to the Solid Waste Rule, Chapter 391-3-4

June 23, 2026

Sarah Visser, Land Branch Chief

Purpose and Proposed Changes

The purpose of the proposed changes is to align the Solid Waste Rules with revisions made to the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act, O.C.G.A. 12-8-20 et seq., effective on January 1, 2026.

The following are substantive changes to the draft Rule:

- Clarify requirements for the written verification provided by local governments to demonstrate:
 - Compliance with local zoning and land use regulations
 - Consistency with local government solid waste management plans.
- Clarify that the public participation requirements in the rules also apply to major modifications.
- Revise provisions associated with notification for public meetings to identify the purpose of those meetings.
- Remove the restriction on regional landfills accepting waste outside of its boundaries if located in a significant ground-water recharge area.

Proposed Changes – Solid Waste Handling Permits(391-3-4-.02)

Solid Waste Handling Permits (391-3-4-.02)

- Added requirement in subparagraph (3)(c)4 & 5, and (7)(d) that written verification related to compliance with zoning/land use and consistency with solid waste management plans conform to the requirements in O.C.G.A. 12-8-24(g), which include:
 - The verification must be dated no earlier than 36 months from the date of the permit application
 - Identify the type and location of the facility
 - Be executed by:
 - Chief elected official, or
 - Administrative official/employee if authorization has been provided by ordinance or resolution
- Corrected citation in subparagraph (3)(d)4

Proposed Changes - Public Participation (391-3-4-.03)

Public Participation (391-3-4-.03)

- Subparagraphs (1)(a) and (2)(a), clarify the time period for providing notification of the waste needs and siting public meeting by revising from once per week for two weeks preceding the meetings, to at least 14 days and again at least seven days preceding the meetings.
- Subparagraph (1) also provides clarification that the waste needs meeting is only required for public entities that intend to own or operate a municipal solid waste disposal facility
- Subparagraph (2) also provides information that will need to be presented at the proposed siting public meeting:
 - Location and type of facility
 - Process for providing written verification for zoning and consistency with solid waste management plans

Proposed Changes – Criteria for Siting (391-3-4-.05)

Criteria for Siting (391-3-4-.05)

- Subparagraph (1)(a) adds requirement that the written verification for "Zoning" conform to the requirements set forth in O.C.G.A. 12-8-24(g)
- Subparagraph (1)(i) proposes to remove the requirement that doesn't allow regional landfills to be located in a Significant Groundwater Recharge Area if accepting waste from outside the county where the landfill is located.

Proposed Changes – Composting and Anaerobic Digestion Facilities (391-3-4-.16)

Composting and Anaerobic Digestion Facilities (391-3-4-.16)

- Added requirement in subparagraphs (6)(b) and (7)(a)4 that written verification related to compliance with zoning/land use and consistency with solid waste management plans conform to the requirements in O.C.G.A. 12-8-24(g).
- Corrected citation in subparagraph (6)(b)2.

Timeline

- DNR Board Briefing: June 23, 2026
- Public Hearing: July 2026
- DNR Board Recommendation for Adoption: September 2026



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Briefing on Proposed Revisions to the Lead-Based Paint Rule, Chapter 391-3-24

June 23, 2026

Sarah Visser, Land Branch Chief

Purpose

The purpose for the proposed amendments to the Rules for Lead-Based Paint Hazard Management, Subject 391-3-24, (“Rules”) is to maintain consistency with the January 13, 2025, amendments to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 745 Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention in Certain Residential Structures.

- EPD is authorized to implement and enforce lead-based paint programs in lieu of EPA under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 402(a). As such, EPD must demonstrate that the Rules are at least as protective as 40 CFR 745 by January 11, 2027.
- EPD proposes to amend the Rules to meet the EPA requirements and recommendations.
- Revisions are also being proposed by the Land Protection Branch to remove references to antiquated policy and correct typographical errors.

Proposed Changes

The following amendments are required by EPA and are being recommended throughout the rules to conform with 40 CFR 745:

- Adding definitions for “Action Levels”, “Housing for the elderly”, and “Reportable level” and removing “Clearance levels”;
- Removing the terms “clearance”, “clearance standards” and “clearance testing” and/or replacing them with the terms “Action levels”, “Dust-Lead Action Levels”, “post-abatement”, “testing”, or “post-abatement testing”;
- Replacing the term “Lead Clearance Levels” with “Dust-Lead Action Levels”;

Proposed Changes (continued)

The following amendments are required by EPA and are being recommended throughout the rules to conform with 40 CFR 745:

- Reducing the “Dust-Lead Action Levels” (formerly “Lead Clearance Levels”) for floors from 10 to $5\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$, for window sills from 100 to $40\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$, and for troughs from 400 to $100\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$; and
- Adding a requirement for abatement reports to include a “dust-lead hazard statement” with specific language when post-abatement dust-lead results meet certain criteria.

Proposed Changes

The following amendments are encouraged by EPA and are being recommended throughout the rules to be consistent with 40 CFR 745:

- Replacing various terms in the rule with “children under age six”; and
- Editing language throughout the Rules to be consistent, including acronym use etc.

Proposed Changes

The following amendments are EPD recommendations:

- Removing language referencing antiquated EPD policy requiring payment for duplicate certificates, which can now be printed directly from the user's online account;
- Removing language referencing antiquated EPD policy that required postmarked mail or hand delivered documents, which are now submitted online; and
- Updating language to address typographical errors and comply with the current Secretary of State Rule Numbering System.

Timeline

- DNR Board Briefing: June 23, 2026
- Public Hearing: July 29, 2026
- DNR Board Recommendation for Adoption: September 2026

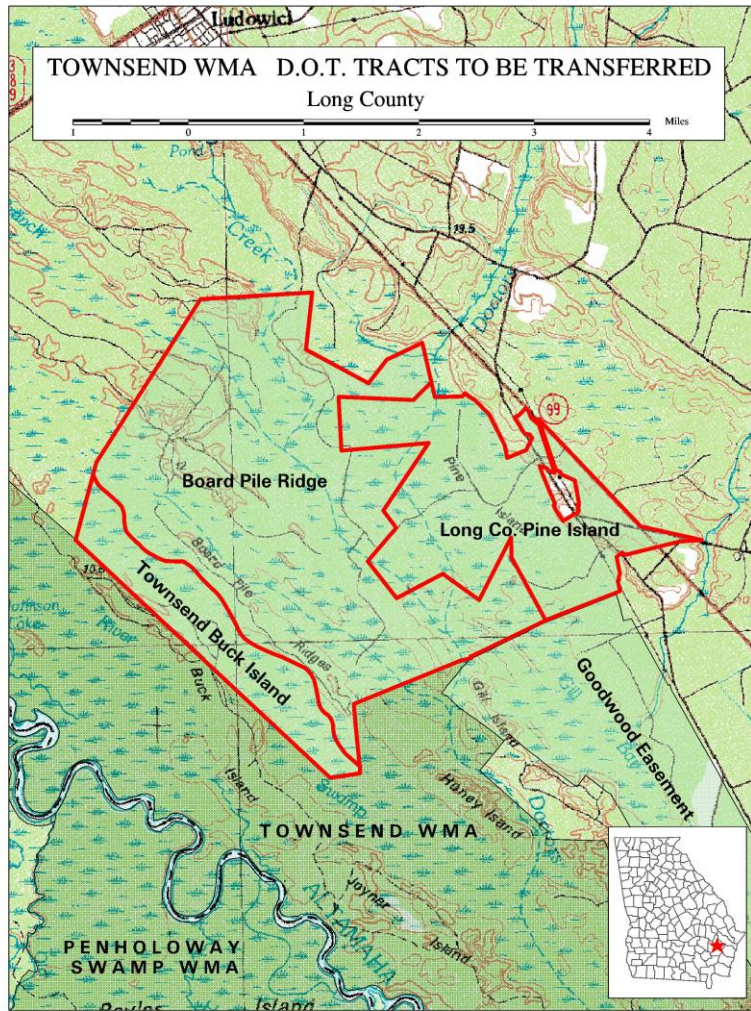


Real Estate Office

June 23, 2026

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Long Co. Pine Island

Townsend Buck Island

Goodwood Easement

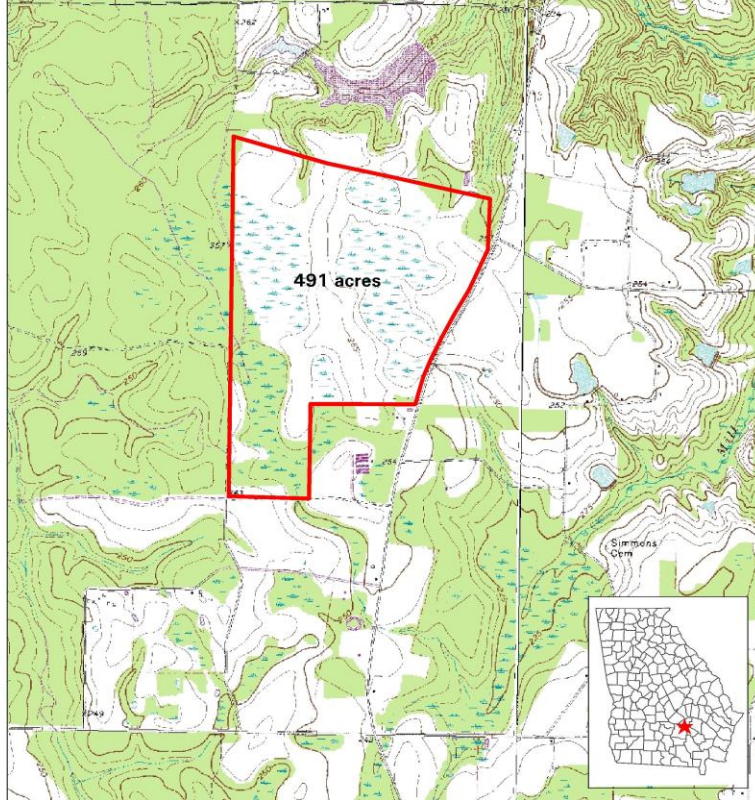
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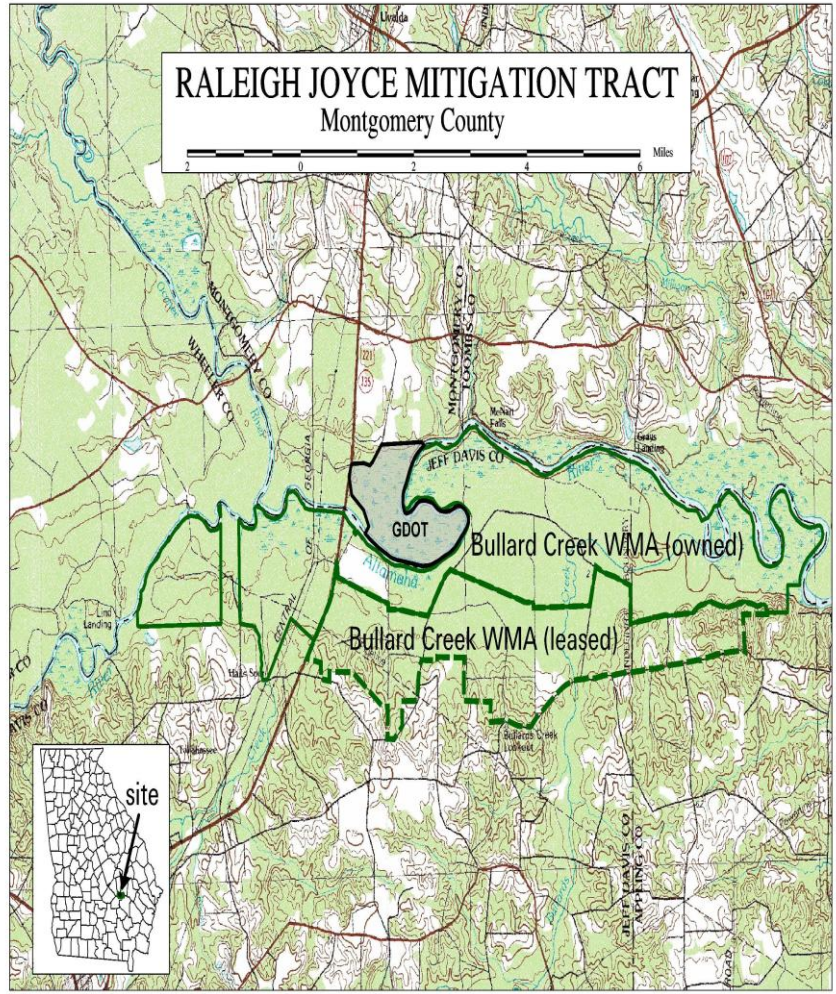
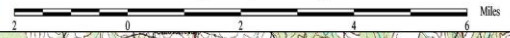


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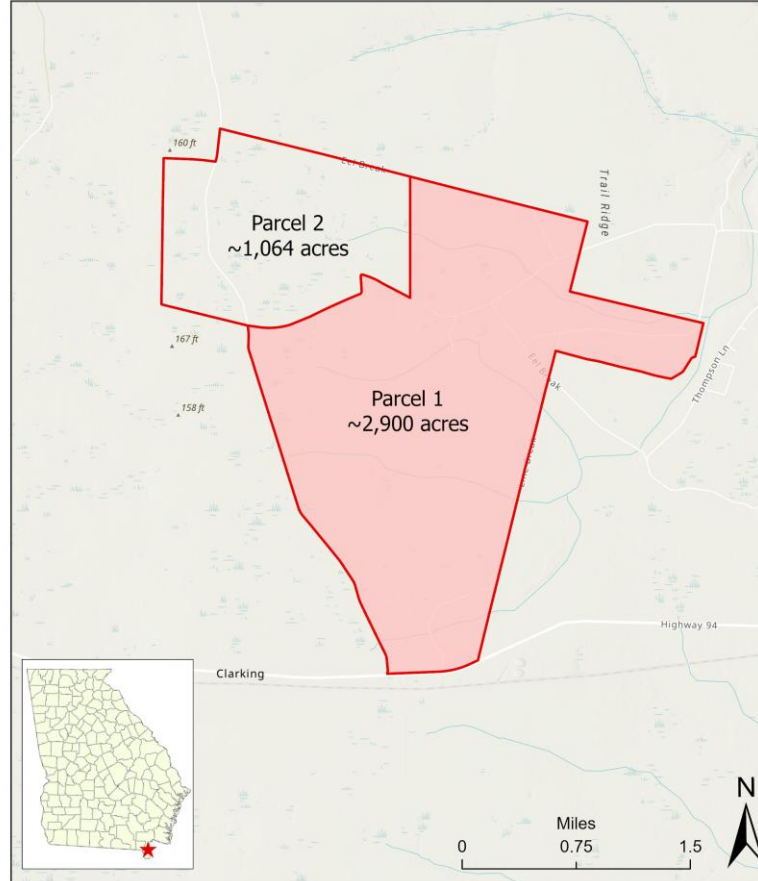
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Montgomery County



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Charlton County





Agreement Renewal Between DNR and the North Georgia Mountains Authority (NGMA)

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Ellen Graham,
Chief of Resource Management

Agreement Renewal Between DNR and NGMA

- Renewal of the agreement between DNR and NGMA due to expire in May 2027, revised to extend through May 2036
- Revisions reflect the changes to operational management of George T. Bagby, Smithgall Woods, and Hardman Farm from NGMA back under DNR
- Seeking DNR and NGMA Board approvals to the revisions within the revised agreement

Thank You





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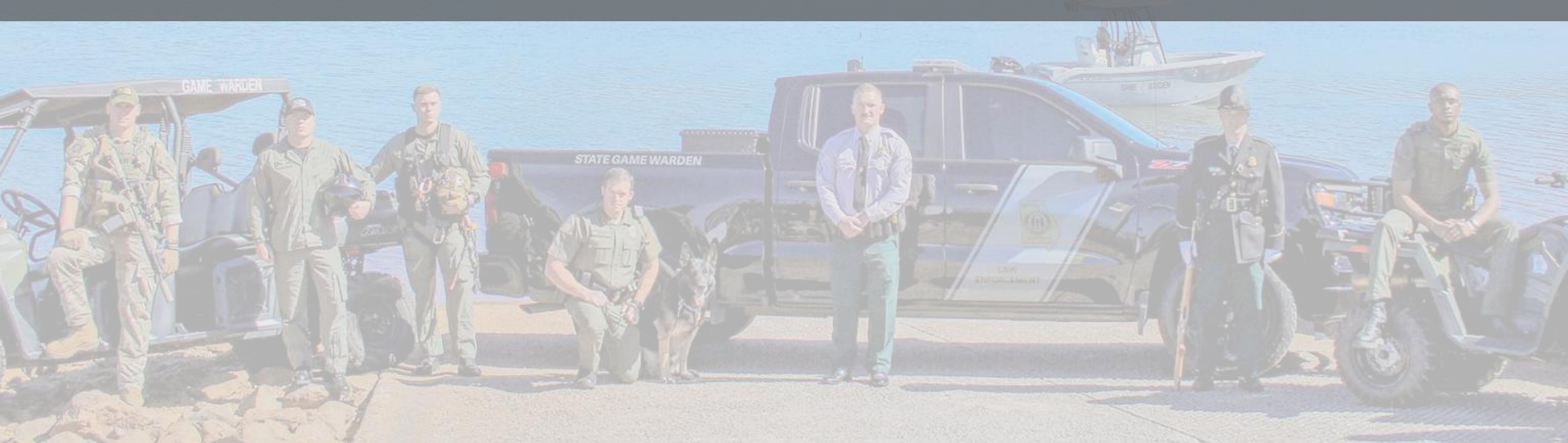


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2026 Boating Stats; Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange;
Promotions; Haralson County Trout Fishing Rodeo; Recognitions



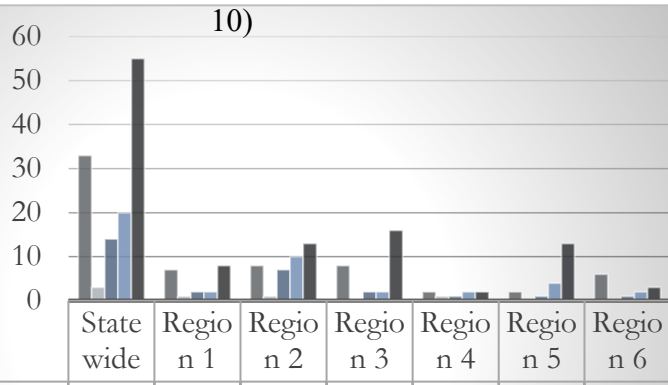
Colonel Chris Hodge

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June 2026

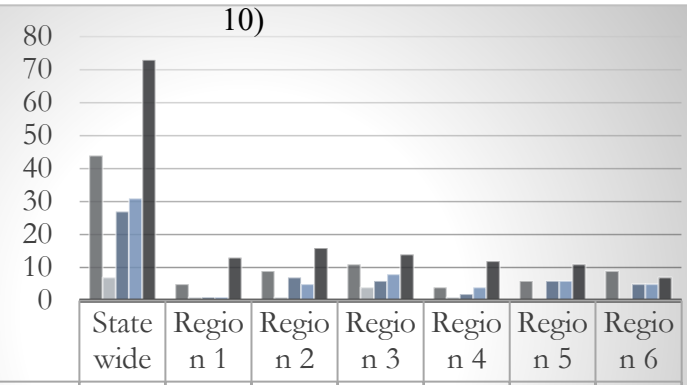
2026 Boating Stats Analysis (YTD)

2026 (Jan. 1-June)



	State wide	Regio n 1	Regio n 2	Regio n 3	Regio n 4	Regio n 5	Regio n 6
■ Boating Incidents	33	7	8	8	2	2	6
■ Boating Fatalities	3	1	1	0	1	0	0
■ Boating Injuries	14	2	7	2	1	1	1
■ Drownings	20	2	10	2	2	4	2
■ BUIs	55	8	13	16	2	13	3

2025 (Jan. 1-June)



	State wide	Regio n 1	Regio n 2	Regio n 3	Regio n 4	Regio n 5	Regio n 6
■ Boating Incidents	44	5	9	11	4	6	9
■ Boating Fatalities	7	1	1	4	1	0	0
■ Boating Injuries	27	1	7	6	2	6	5
■ Drownings	31	1	5	8	4	6	5
■ BUIs	73	13	16	14	12	11	7

GILEE

- On May 21st, LED hosted four police officers from Austria as part of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE)
- GILEE is a Georgia homeland security program that works continuously to improve public safety by enhancing inter-agency cooperation, partnerships and professional educational training among the world's top law enforcement communities.
- To date, it has offered more than 200 special briefings to more than 32,000 law enforcement officers, corporate security personnel and community leaders. GILEE has carried out more than 450 programs and produced more than 1,500 graduates.



Promotions

- Captain Al Greer from Region V-Albany was promoted to Major at HQ to fill the vacancy created after Major Doyte Chaffin's retirement
- Sgt. David Brady, from Region VI, was promoted to Captain of that region
- Sgt. Jeremy Bolen was promoted to Captain and will lead Region V



Major Greer



Captain Brady



Captain Bolen

Haralson County Trout Fishing Rodeo

- On May 9th, Cpls. Brock Hoyt and Amy Smith, and GWs Ryan Shorter, Chandler Traylor, Joe Ballard, Hunter Galloway and Eli Burnham attended the 44th Annual Haralson County Trout Fishing Rodeo
- The event included several activities including archery for the kids.



Recognitions



On June 6th, Cpl. Jonathan Segars received the Game Warden of the Year award from SCI at their annual banquet in Smyrna. He was selected for this award after receiving the state Investigative Game Warden of the Year award.



On June 9th, the Glynn County Exchange held its annual Law Enforcement Officer of the Year awards. During this ceremony, Game Warden Lucas Barnard was selected as the DNR Officer of the Year.

Questions



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Parks & Historic Sites Update

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

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Georgia Power Partnership at Tallulah Gorge



Region 2 Manager Matt Owens, Tallulah Gorge Park Manager Lieren Merz, Georgia Power Land Management Manager Lennie Brame, Georgia Power Lake Resources Manager Jeff Jackson, PHSD Director Angie Johnson, and Engineering & Construction Director Brent Vendola.





Joe Yeager Golf Cup

OBB Jr Ranger Camp at Sweetwater Creek



Ranger In Training at F. D. Roosevelt



A quote from Clary Anne: *"I have thoroughly enjoyed working at FDR so far, and I am excited to continue to learn and grow within the park!"*



Savannah, Americus & Montgomery Railway - SAM Shortline



Thomas the Train



Japanese

Annual Interpretive Training



Thank You



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