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Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

--A Net Loss-- While patrolling the Gulf of Mexico out of Rockport, game wardens made contact with a shrimp boat approximately 7.5 miles off-shore in Texas waters. Upon inspection of their shrimp nets and required TEDs (turtle excluder devices built into nets that allow sea turtles to escape), it was found that all four TEDs were in violation. The vessel with its cargo of over 5,000 pounds of illegally taken shrimp was escorted to Port Aransas where the shrimp and nets were seized. Numerous citations were issued.

--Just Can’t Make This Stuff Up--A game warden patrolling Lake Corpus Christi for fishing and water safety violations inspected a small aluminum boat and then checked the fishermen’s licenses and catches. When he asked the fishermen what they were using as bait they said woodpecker. Sure enough, there were three dead woodpeckers in their cooler. Further investigation led to the fishermen admitting to killing an eight point buck the previous year, without a license, and using it as fish bait as well. Water safety, fishing and hunting citations were issued. Charges and restitution for the deer and birds are pending.

--Caught With His Pants Down--A Comal County game warden responded to a call for assistance from the Comal County Sheriff’s Office after deputies received a shots fired call. The officers located an individual in a residential neighborhood on the south side of the lake who appeared to have fresh blood on his tactical boots, but did not have a firearm. A search of his vehicle was conducted and two assault rifles were located in the vehicle as well as small drops of blood on the driver and passenger seats. After a brief interview with the suspect, the warden discovered

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that there were numerous deer shot and killed along the golf course neighborhood throughout the night. The warden was also able to determine that another individual was involved and was hiding out in the woods. The first suspect was asked to contact the individual in the woods via cell phone and to wait along the roadway for a deputy to pick him up. The suspect hiding in the woods was not wearing any boots or pants. It was later determined he had removed them to conceal blood evidence. The warden continued to interview the suspects and determined that they had killed at least two white-tailed does and wounded another one. The suspects could not provide a specific number of animals shot, but believed it to be more than 10 animals. Cases and restitution for these cases are still pending.

--Get Off My Brush Pile--A Smith County Warden began an investigation into a possible fisherman harassment case on Lake Tyler after victims caught a video of a homeowner circling their boat because he was angry that they were fishing “his brush pile.” After the confrontation, the victims intentionally prop washed the suspect’s boat house before leaving. Game wardens received confessions from both the suspect and for the prop wash from the victims. Charges for fisherman harassment for the suspect and hazardous wash or wake on one of the victims are pending.

--Don’t Text and Poach--During a public outreach event, game wardens were provided information about deer being killed throughout the hunting season by the same two suspects. A warden was able to make contact with the suspects from the incident and was given a confession that in addition to killing one deer in January, another whitetailed doe was killed on the north side of Canyon Lake. The shooter admitted to killing the deer from a roadway, and at night, with a 20-gauge shotgun. The shooter also admitted to cutting the head off with a hatchet and disposing of the head in a wooded area. During the investigation, game wardens confiscated the shooter cell phone, and a search warrant was completed on the phone which uncovered numerous pictures and videos from another deer being killed in late December. The videos included the deer carcass being mutilated by both individuals. Two assault rifles, one shotgun, numerous knives and a hatchet were seized related to the illegal killing of whitetailed deer. Cases and restitution are pending.

--That Ain’t Bait--A game warden was patrolling the Navidad River off Lake Texana when he found trotlines and throwlines baited with blue and channel catfish. After setting up in a location to observe the lines that evening, the game warden was able to find the suspect and cite him for using game fish for bait.

--Can’t Hide Miles of Line--While conducting a Natural Resource Damage Assessment patrol in the Gulf of Mexico near the U.S. and Mexico border, Cameron and Hidalgo County game wardens came across illegal longline gear set by Mexican commercial fishermen. The illegal gear was located approximately 1 mile north of the U.S./Mexico Exclusive Economic Zone and stretched west approximately 4 miles toward Boca Chica Beach. Numerous black drum, redfish, sharks and stingrays were caught on the gear; many of which were released alive.

--Inanimate Bobcat--Red River County game wardens set out a bobcat decoy during a county wide predator hunt. Later that evening, a side-by-side ATV illuminated by an aftermarket LED light bar approached their location. The ATV stopped and fired three rounds from the county road with a suppressed .22 caliber pistol, striking the decoy once. Several cases are pending.

--Don’t the Season--A Sutton County game warden was patrolling the county checking turkey hunting camps when he made contact with an individual that had bobwhite quail in a trap. The quail were released and the hunter was cited for possession in closed season and illegal means and methods.

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*Use whole-wheat pasta – whole grains are an important component of a healthy diet
*Incorporate lean protein – add grilled chicken, fish or turkey to increase the dish’s protein content
*Pile on the fruits and veggies – they add a great texture to pasta and give the dish a nutritional boost
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This recipe for “Chicken Fajita Pasta with Hass Avocado” works to incorporate all of these tips. The inclusion of avocados in this dish offers an unexpected twist and increases the meal’s nutritional benefits.

**Chicken Fajita Pasta**

**With Hass Avocado**

**(Serves: 4)**

**Ingredients**

1 (16-oz.) package whole-wheat fettuccini
4 tsp. canola oil, divided
2 tsp. ground cumin, divided
1 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes, divided
1 large yellow onion, thinly sliced
1 red bell pepper, membrane and seeds removed, thinly sliced
1 (16-oz.) package diced chicken breast
2 bell peppers, membrane and seeds removed, thinly sliced
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 Tbsp. lime juice
1 tsp. cumin
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. chili powder
1 tsp. sugar
1 tsp. salt
1/3 cup chopped cilantro
Salt and pepper, to taste

**Instructions**

1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil over high heat. Add fettuccini and cook according to package directions. Drain and cover to keep warm.
2. Place half the oil in a large skillet over high heat. Stir in half the cumin and crushed red pepper. Add onions and cook until soft and just beginning to brown, about 4 minutes.
3. Add peppers and garlic and cook for an additional 4 minutes. Place mixture in a bowl and cover to keep warm.
4. Add remaining oil, cumin and crushed red pepper to skillet and cook until lightly golden, about 5 minutes. Return onion mixture to skillet along with lime juice, oregano and cilantro. Stir to combine. Remove from heat and season with salt and pepper.
5. Add avocado and gently stir into chicken mixture. Serve over whole-wheat fettuccini.

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