



POACHING IS STEALING



Poachers are cheating and stealing from the citizens of Alabama. They are robbing us of our favorite recreational opportunities and putting an important part of our children's future in jeopardy.

Operation Gamewatch is a program designed to stop fish and game law violators in Alabama. Citizen involvement is and always has been the key to its success. The problem is serious. Many of Alabama's natural resources are declining under the increasing pressure.



The poacher is not a sportsman. He may use high-speed vehicles, spotlights, cell phones, CB radios, and illegal traps to capture his prey. To a poacher, giving fish and game a fair chance is a waste of time. He is motivated by profit, laziness, or to gain an advantage over lawful, ethical hunters and anglers. Everyone suffers from this kind of greed.

The more information, the better. Tracking poachers is difficult and dangerous work. Poachers are considered armed and potentially dangerous. The details you provide aid in the swiftness of arrest and increase the safety of enforcement officers. Try to provide the following information if you can:



- ◆ Name and Description of Suspects ◆ Vehicle or Boat Description ◆ License Plate Number
- ◆ Boat Registration Number ◆ Clothing Description ◆ Time of Your Observation
- ◆ Area Being Poached ◆ Patterns You Observed.

Critical information that leads to an arrest and conviction in one of six categories makes you eligible to receive a reward from \$50 to \$2,500. The categories are:

- ◆ Big game – deer and turkey ◆ Small game and furbearers ◆ Fishing, both freshwater and saltwater
- ◆ Protected, endangered and threatened species
- ◆ Selling fish and game ◆ Intentional, malicious destruction of fish and game habitat.



Reward amounts are based on the scope of the violation and are awarded after a conviction. The Alabama Wildlife Federation's Operation Gamewatch Committee will administer reward payments after a careful review of the nature and impact of the poaching violation(s) and will base amount of the reward on those factors.



TO REPORT VIOLATORS (24 hours a day/7 days a week):

CALL: 1-800-272-GAME



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