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Oregon Clams—a Delicacy and a Valuable Resource

Low tide series along the Oregon coast bring hundreds, if not thousands, of clam harvesters to Oregon beaches and estuaries in search of delicious razor and bay clams. The harvest of clams (and related costs to include lodging, meals, equipment, etc.) is very important to the economies of Oregon's coastal communities, bringing in nearly \$36 million annually. Protection of clams on the clam beds is equally important, so clams will sustain themselves and remain at harvestable numbers. This protection rests with Fish and Wildlife Division coastal troopers. As with other Division priorities, the enforcement goal is to achieve voluntary compliance with clam regulations.



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Clam harvesters come in all ages, shapes, and sizes, with varying harvest and clam identification skill levels. Whether after the thrill of harvesting a limit of clams or anxiously awaiting a delicious meal of fresh razor clams or bay clams for chowder and clam fritters, harvesters must comply with the regulations. Clam regulations are relatively simple and require all persons 14 years of age or older to have a valid Oregon shellfish license in possession to take any shellfish for personal use. The [2009 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations](#) state each digger (harvester) must have their own container, dig their own clams, and may not possess more than one limit of clams while in the clamming area. Additionally, removing clams from the shell prior to leaving the clamming area is unlawful. Except for unbroken butter, cockle, or littleneck clams, which may be returned only in the immediate digging area, all other clams must be retained regardless of size or condition (no high grading of other clams). Division troopers typically find that harvesters are abiding by the regulations, though on occasion find violations, including Exceeding Bag Limit, Digging Clams for Another, Diggers Not Having Their Own Container, etc. Recent low tide series along Clatsop County beaches and Netarts Bay resulted in the following enforcement contacts being made by Fish and Wildlife troopers:



Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (Banks), Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook), Rct. Vogel (St. Helens), Tpr. Schwartz, Tpr. O'Connor, and Sgt. Scroup (Astoria), along with five volunteers, conducted a weekend saturation patrol of razor clam harvesters on Clatsop County beaches. In all, more than 200 clam diggers were checked, resulting in 25 citations (three criminal) and 42 verbal warnings. Citations included **Exceeding the Daily Limit of Razor Clams x 12, Digging Clams for Another x 5, No Shellfish License x 6, Fail to Carry Own Container, and Fail to Sell Commercially Harvested Razor Clams**. More than 200 hundred razor clams were seized as evidence and donated to a local shelter.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) and Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) worked clambers on Netarts Bay. They checked multiple clambers and issued a total of five citations and 13 warnings. Four citations were for **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Bay Clams** (85 over, 20 over, 15 over, and 12 over). Multiple subjects received warnings for being one to two clams over their limit. One subject was found to be 85 clams over his limit when he and his juvenile granddaughter attempted to dump extra clams after they observed the troopers in the parking lot. Troopers cited the fifth subject for **Failure to Retain Blue Clam**, when he attempted to bury a blue clam back in the sand with a shrimp pump.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) worked the Del Rey Beach area. He observed a female giving part of her bag limit of razor clams to her husband. O'Connor contacted her and determined she was still three over her limit. The suspect admitting to the offense, saying she just had a little "clam fever." O'Connor cited her for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** and warned her for Taking Part of Another's Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams. During a contact with two other diggers, O'Connor discovered one had 19 clams and the other had 25. The suspect with the 25 clams thought he had 16. O'Connor cited both for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** and issued a warning for Taking Part of Another's Bag Limit.

Tpr. Schwartz (Astoria) also checked razor clam diggers. On one occasion, Schwartz and an OSP volunteer observed an individual dig 29 razor clams. Upon contact, Schwartz located an additional 34 razor clams in the individual's vehicle. Schwartz seized 48 razor clams as evidence and cited the digger for **Exceeding the Daily Limit of Razor Clams**. Schwartz checked two other subjects and found one had six clams over the limit and the other had 15. The subjects maintained they thought they could dig extra clams to use as surf perch bait. Schwartz cited both subjects for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams**. During that patrol, he warned four other individuals for Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit, No Shellfish License, and Digging Clams for Another.

Dispositions

Poacher Sentenced to \$50,000 Penalty, Probation, and Lifetime Suspension

U.S. District Judge Ancer L. Haggerty sentenced a Redding, California, subject to serve three years on federal probation, pay a \$50,000 penalty, and receive a **lifetime** ban from hunting and fishing in Oregon for poaching. Oregon is a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact, a group of 26 states that agree to honor hunting restrictions imposed on violators in member states. The charge stemmed from the September 2006 incident when the subject poached a trophy bull elk without a tag in the Wenaha Unit in Eastern Oregon, and the subsequent interstate transport of the elk to the subject's home in California. The Wenaha Unit is among the most sought-after trophy bull elk hunts in Oregon, with less than 1% of the applicants receiving a tag. Law-abiding hunters wait as long as 13 years to earn enough points to draw a tag for bull elk in the Wenaha Unit, or they can participate in an auction for a tag, which can cost up to \$25,000. In 2006, only five tags were auctioned statewide, with two being used in the Wenaha Unit.



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The subject was convicted of a felony violation of the Lacey Act, a federal law prohibiting the import, export, sale, or transport in interstate or foreign commerce when the wildlife was taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of any state or foreign law. The subject pled guilty before the Honorable Haggerty. "Poaching is cowardly, disrupts wildlife management, and is unfair to real hunters—who work hard and play by Oregon's hunting rules. We mean business when it comes to enforcing wildlife statutes," said U.S. Attorney Karin J. Immergut. Half of the monetary penalty will be paid to the Oregon Endangered Species Justice Fund, administered by the Oregon Zoo, to provide grants to projects supporting endangered and threatened species. The subject admitted in federal court he also illegally hunted three bears before the season began and used bait to attract the bears; illegally killed a cow elk without a tag, and then used a falsified tag to make the kill appear legal; and illegally killed a whitetail deer using a crossbow and with the aid of an artificial light; all in 2006. In addition to the monetary penalty and lifetime hunting and fishing ban, the subject must pay \$4,700 in restitution to the State of Oregon to compensate the state for the illegally taken wildlife and publish a public apology in Eastern Oregon newspapers and Oregon Hunter magazine. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Dwight C. Holton and investigated by USFWS agents and OSP troopers.

During March 2009, Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) observed clam harvesters at Netarts Bay. Guerra contacted one group, and a check of their bay clams revealed all were in one container. Guerra determined one harvester was 10 clams over his limit. The harvester came up with different stories to cover the overage. Guerra issued the harvester a citation for Exceeding the Daily Limit of Bay Clams into Tillamook County Justice Court. On April 2, 2009, the harvester appeared before Tillamook County Justice Court Judge Neal Lemery. After hearing testimony, Judge Lemery issued a verdict of guilty and actually increased the fine amount to \$500, because he felt the harvester was dishonest with Guerra upon initial contact.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) went to trial on a Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway case he had made last month on a gravel bar on the Chetco River. The suspect did not show for trial and was convicted and given a **\$2,000 fine**.

The Clatsop County Circuit Court recently convicted a wildlife violator of **Borrowing a Big Game Tag**. Testimony offered suggested the man had been hunting even though he was not in possession of a gun during the contact with troopers. The man was found to be in possession of his girlfriend's Saddle Mountain elk tag. A **\$327 fine** was imposed.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	Lt.	Lieutenant	SIU	Special Investigations Unit
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Sr.	Senior
BER	Boat Examination Report	ODF	Oregon Department of Forestry	SO	Sheriff's Office
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	TIP	Turn in Poachers
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants	ODOT	Oregon Department of Transportation	Tpr.	Trooper
Capt.	Captain	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	USCG	United States Coast Guard
DA	District Attorney	PFD	Personal Flotation Device	USFS	United States Forest Service
DEQ	Department Environmental Quality	Rct.	Recruit	USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	Sgt.	Sergeant	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
				WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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Dispositions

More Guilty Dispositions Received in April

In November 2008, Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) contacted several subjects with a five-point bull elk in the Turner Creek area. Investigation revealed the female subject who had tagged the bull elk did not shoot it. The female subject would not identify who shot the elk, and the subject who shot it would not come forward. She was cited for **Loaning a Big Game Tag** and **Unlawful Possession of Bull Elk**. The elk was seized and the subject's unfired rifle was seized as evidence. The subject pled guilty to Loaning a Big Game Tag and received the following sentence:

- 2 years probation
- 2 years hunting license suspension
- \$67 fines
- \$1,500 restitution to ODFW
- Rifle was forfeited to seizing agency

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- Angling Closed Stream, jail time
 - Aiding in a Wildlife Violation, 2 years hunting license suspension, \$200 fine
 - Exceeding the Bag Limit of Cow Elk (x 2), Borrowing a Big Game Tag (x 2), 2 years hunting license suspension, \$1,196 fines
 - Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging, 2 years angling license suspension, \$299 fine
 - Hunting Deer Prohibited Method, Borrowing a Buck Deer Tag (dismissed), 2 years hunting license suspension, 1 year bench probation, \$667 fines and fees
 - Hunting Prohibited Method, Attempt to Take WED as Unlawful Taking, 2 years hunting license suspension, \$300 fines and fees



Poaching impacts Oregon's natural resources. Photo credit: USFWS

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- No Angling License, \$300 fine
 - Foul-hooked Salmon (x 2), \$1,000 fine
 - Transporting Live Fish without a Permit, \$591 fine and fees
 - Unlawful Take of Goose, \$350 fine
 - Unlawful Take of Steelhead, \$250 fine and \$250 restitution
 - Waste of Goose, \$300 fine and \$50 restitution
 - Unlawful Possession of Female Crab, 2 years shellfish license suspension, \$150 fine (two subjects)
 - Unlawful Take of Game Mammal without a Tag, 2 years hunting license suspension, \$1,500 restitution (restitution is joint with co-defendant who received same sentence)

⇒ Report Wildlife Violators ▪ TIP Line 1-800-452-7888 ▪ Witnesses Can Remain Anonymous ⇐

OSP Looking for Suspects in Waste and Poaching

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) received a complaint of two tom turkeys in a dumpster at an apartment complex. Someone had removed the beards from both birds, and the legs off of one. There are no suspects.

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) received a complaint of a poached deer left to waste at Swayne Park. Allison located the deer, and it appeared to have been shot the previous night. Allison could not locate a bullet hole. The deer's throat had also been slashed and the backstraps cut out.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) responded to a complaint on Green Valley and Metz Hill Road regarding three subjects illegally shooting at turkeys on private property from the back of a vehicle while travelling down the road. The suspects fled the scene with one large tom turkey and wounded another. The complaint was received four hours after the incident and the suspects were not located.



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Up To \$1000 REWARD

By Oregon Hunters Association TIP Reward Program



UP TO \$1000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST OF THE PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UNLAWFUL TAKE OF A BULL ELK AND COW ELK SHOT AND WASTED ON ZUMWALT PRAIRIE.

LOCATION: Zumwalt Road between Tippet Corrals and Bloodsworth Ranch in Wallowa County

OCCURRED: On or around Thursday May 14, 2009

Please report any information regarding suspicious activity/persons/vehicles in this area during this time period. You can remain anonymous.

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Wildlife / Hunting

Need License to Hunt Rabbits

Rct. Keeler (Coos Bay) was checking for bear hunters in the Siskiyou National Forest when he observed a subject field dressing a rabbit he had just shot. The subject did not have a current hunting license. The subject was cited for **No Hunting License—Unlawful Take Rabbit** and the rabbit was seized. [Link to ODFW's How to Rabbit Hunt flyer.](#)

Dogs Not Allowed to Run Free in Habitat

Sr. Tpr. Merritt and Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) responded to a complaint of subjects bear hunting with dogs. Another hunter was setting up to watch a unit when two vehicles came by and were running hounds. Officers located the subjects who still had not retrieved one of the four dogs. Both denied they were bear hunting. Both were cited for **Allowing Dogs to Run at Large in / during Nesting Habitat.**

Subjects Violated Game Bird Laws

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) received a complaint of some turkey carcasses in a dumpster at an apartment complex in Medford. Collom found the carcasses. The turkeys had been breasted out and the legs left intact. Collom figured out which apartment the turkey hunter was in and contacted him. The man admitted to breasting out the turkeys and leaving the meat on the legs. He was cited for **Waste of Game Bird.**

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) received a complaint of someone interfering with a turkey hunt. A man and some youths were turkey hunting on public lands when a woman came upon them and got into an argument with the man about their turkey hunting. Later, when some turkeys appeared to be responding to the man's calls, the same woman returned and began making noise and waving plastic bags to scare off the turkeys. After interviewing all the involved, Thompson cited the woman for **Obstructing the Taking of Wildlife—Turkey.**

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) received information about an archery hunter shooting a turkey inside the city limits of Eugene. One of the homeowners contacted the subject, noting his vehicle license plate number. Maher determined the suspect did shoot a tom turkey with a compound bow while it was in the area of several homes in a west Eugene neighborhood. Maher located the suspect and interviewed him regarding the incident. Consequently, Maher cited the suspect for **Unlawful Taking of Game Bird Inside City Limits—Turkey** and seized the turkey as evidence.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) received a complaint of some turkey hunters shooting protected birds in the Sam's Valley area. Cushman arrived and contacted the reporting person who said three teenagers were shooting at blackbirds in the fields nearby. Cushman hiked up a hillside and found the three teens. Two of them saw Cushman coming and hid their shotguns. Cushman located the two hidden shotguns and also a duck the three shot and wasted. Cushman cited all three teens for **Hunting Ducks Closed Season** and warned them for various other violations including Waste of Game Bird, Hunting Protected Non-Game Birds, No Turkey Tag, and other violations.



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License Violations Discovered during Drug Arrest

Sr. Tpr. Chambers (Patrol, Klamath Falls) arrested a California resident for drug-related charges. The subject (a former Klamath County resident) was interviewed then lodged at the Klamath County Jail. During the interview, he told investigators he still travels to Oregon to elk hunt. A review of his licensing history revealed the subject obtains Oregon resident hunting licenses. Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) went to the jail and interviewed the subject. The subject admitted to the offense and was cited for **Falsely Applying for Resident Licenses.**

Baiting Bears Is Illegal

Tpr. Stone and Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) followed up on a bear bait station officers found last year but were unable to identify any suspects. The bait station was being re-used again this season. Officers set up surveillance cameras and were able to identify the suspect from pictures of him reloading the bait barrel. Officers later discovered the suspect found one of the surveillance cameras and removed the recording tape. Officers contacted the suspect and his wife (who was also present on one of the tapes). The suspect admitted to baiting both this year and last. The surveillance tape was also recovered. The suspect was cited for **Baiting Bear** and **Tampering with Evidence.**

Bear Mortally Wounds Dog in Neighborhood

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) took a call about a cougar that killed a dog, and he contacted the complainants at their residence in Florence. They took their 8-year-old, 55-pound lab-terrier for a walk in the neighborhood. The dog acted like he smelled something and took off into a brushy gully. The owners heard the dog yelping and called the dog back. The dog was torn up, so the owners took him to a veterinarian who told them the dog was mortally wounded by what appeared to be a cougar. Salisbury checked the area of the incident and backtracked the dog's trail into the brush. He found fresh bear tracks, an altercation site, and dog tracks leaving the area. Salisbury contacted the vet and arranged to check the dog. The dog's injuries were consistent with a bear and not a cougar. Salisbury contacted neighbors and learned a bear was seen in the area a few minutes prior to the attack.

Wildlife / Hunting

Injured Deer Dispatched and Not Reported

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) and Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) responded to a coastal community on information that two subjects dispatched a deer, butchered it, and kept the meat. They interviewed a subject who said he found a deer caught in a fence with a broken neck and leg. He called another person who came to his house and dispatched the deer. The subject cut up the deer, keeping only the "usable" meat. The subject surrendered four bags of meat. He said he did not give any meat away, but he was only able to salvage about half the deer. The troopers went to the other person's house and interviewed him. He agreed to a search, but no deer meat was found. Harris checked the area where the carcass was disposed of, but the deer had been dragged off. Stinnett contacted the subject who had the meat and cited him for **Possession of Illegally Taken Game Parts**.

Cougar Reported near Residences

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) received a complaint of a cougar near residences at Nesika Beach. Upon arrival, the cougar was out of sight. The landowner said she was outside doing laundry when she heard kittens. She looked at the tree line about 50 feet from her and saw a female cougar and three kittens. When she made eye contact with the cougar, it started walking towards her. Stinnett checked the area for the cats and then contacted ODFW who stated they would follow up.

Subject Shot Doe Carrying Fawns Closed Season

Tpr. Dietz (Pendleton) investigated a report of a whitetail doe killed on private property outside the CTUIR reservation boundary south of Pilot Rock. Upon arrival, the witness, a neighboring landowner, said the subject who shot the deer identified himself as a tribal member and said it was okay to shoot the deer. The doe was carrying twin fawns, which were left at the scene. Dietz located the suspect. The investigation revealed the suspect originally thought he was within the proper boundary. Dietz cited the suspect for **Taking White Tail Deer Closed Season and Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**.

Bear Determined Public Safety

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) and Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) responded to a bear complaint outside of McMinnville. The bear reportedly threatened the landowners (husband and wife), so the husband shot and killed the bear. Upon arrival, the troopers located a large male black bear lying dead below the stairs leading to a porch on the back of the residence. Troopers learned the wife was taking compost to the back porch when she opened the door and was confronted by the bear. The wife returned inside and told the husband, so he located his 9mm pistol and went to the back door. The husband opened the door and saw the bear just feet from him, so he shot the bear. The bear then fell down the stairs, where it eventually died. Troopers determined the landowners were justified in taking the bear due to a public safety issue. Troopers seized the bear and checked it in with ODFW as a reported public safety bear.

Warned for Holding Wildlife

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo and Tpr. Young (Salem) responded to a complaint that a baby coyote was being held in captivity in the Falls City area. The coyote was reported as being about two to three weeks old. Apparently, citizens heard the young coyote crying all night and went and found it and took it into their residence, then called OSP. They were concerned that if it stayed out, a cougar may come in close to the residences. The person was warned for **Holding Wildlife in Captivity**. The coyote was taken to a rehab facility in the Salem area.



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Troopers Conducted Wolf Patrols

Baker City Fish and Wildlife troopers are patrolling the Keating area in response to wolves attacking and killing 23 lambs and injuring one calf. Sr. Tpr. Duncan has already contacted subjects on ATVs in the area with rifles and educated them on the penalties for killing a wolf. Fish and Wildlife troopers will continue to patrol the area, as ODFW and USFWS deal with the issue. Sr. Tpr. Hawkins also attended a meeting with ODFW and ODA personnel to discuss the wolves.

Poacher Aided by Two Subjects, All Cited

Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (Banks) received information that a cow elk had been killed and was hanging in a Gaston area residence. Schwartz and Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) conducted a knock-and-talk at the residence and located the elk during a consent search. They also found the suspect shot the elk out of season, and two other subjects at the residence helped pack the animal out. The suspect was cited for **Taking Elk Closed Season**, and the other two subjects were cited for **Aiding in a Game Violation**. During this investigation, troopers obtained additional information that one of the subjects killed a bull elk during deer season. The troopers followed up on this allegation, which led to one subject receiving a citation for **Fail to Properly Validate Elk Tag**.

Search Warrant Served on Wildlife Violator

Tpr. Mayer (Heppner), Sr. Tpr. Carter, Tpr. Dietz, and Sgt. Brown (Pendleton) served a search warrant on a Hermiston resident. The suspect took a deer in violation of criminal trespass during the general rifle deer season in 2008. When the suspect was confronted with the facts, he declined to turn over parts of the illegally possessed deer and a search warrant was obtained. Upon service of the warrant, the suspect turned over his rifle, deer meat, and a trophy class 5 x 7 whitetail deer rack. The deer's cape was seized the prior week at a taxidermy shop in Walla Walla, Washington, with the assistance of WDFW Officer Johnson. The suspect was cited for **Criminal Trespass I (Railroad Property)** and **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**. Additional charges are being considered.

Commercial Fish / Marine / Shellfish

Various Commercial Activities

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) cited a skipper of a commercial trawler for **Exceeding the Two-Month Limit on Pacific Ocean Perch**. He exceeded the limit by 443 pounds, or 29%.

Sr. Tpr. Harris and Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) contacted a commercial clam fisherman regarding ODFW notification of inconsistencies between his logbooks and landing tickets. The fisherman was cited for **No Fish Bait Dealer's License**.

Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) finished an investigation into a subject who sold over \$1,500 of food fish to a dealer without a license. The subject was cited for **No Commercial Fish Dealer License**.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) cited one commercial razor clam harvester for **Failure to Complete Commercial Razor Clam Logbook**. The man harvested 60 pounds of clams without documenting them in his logbook prior to leaving the digging area.

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) contacted a skipper in Charleston to cite him for **Overage of Dark Blotched Rockfish**. While on the vessel, he learned two deckhands were not licensed. Both deckhands were cited.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) cited a commercial razor clam harvester for **Failure to Sell (Bait) Razor Clams within 48 Hours**. The harvester dug razor clams several times the previous week and stored them in a personal freezer, after he could not find a licensed buyer to purchase his clams. He was also warned for Failure to Dye Bait Clams.

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) checked a crab dealer selling crab on the Depoe Bay docks. She forwarded the information to Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport). Urbigkeit contacted a dealer employee and learned they were buying crab away from their licensed location and did not possess a license. The owner was cited for **No Commercial Buyer's License**.

Tpr. Schwartz (Astoria) checked vessels at fish receiving plants. He cited a crew member on a groundfish trawler for **No Individual Commercial Fishing License**. Schwartz contacted a subject who got off a gillnet boat in Youngs Bay. The subject denied commercial fishing. A consent search discovered commercially taken salmon. The subject then stated he fished in the select area commercial gillnet fishery, splitting the proceeds with the boat's owner. The legally licensed vessel had a gillnet permit, but the subject was not licensed. Schwartz cited him for **No Individual Commercial Fishing License**.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) received a tip regarding "exceeders" north of Sunset Beach. Klepp worked the area in an unmarked vehicle disguised as a recreational digger. He observed the two suspects as they harvested in excess of a sport limit using clam guns. He contacted them when they returned to their vehicle. One subject had a razor clam commercial harvester's bait permit, but the second did not, but he admitted to assisting the first. The commercial harvester failed to complete a logbook entry from the day before. Klepp issued four citations: **No Commercial Razor Clam Permit, Taking Commercial Razor Clams Prohibited Method—Clam Gun (x 2), and Failure to Complete Commercial Clam Logbook**.

Shark Washed up on Beach

Sr. Tpr. Torland (Newport) responded to Lost Creek State Park regarding a shark that washed up on the beach. When Torland arrived, he discovered an 8½-foot shark, determined to be a female seven-gilled shark. The shark was loaded into a Division pickup.



Photo credit: File

Torland and Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) took the shark to the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport for examination.

Various Shellfish Activities

In addition to the violations mentioned in the cover, Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport), Sr. Tpr. Klepp, Tpr. Schwartz, and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) issued several warnings and citations for bay and razor clam violations and seized several clams. **KGW Channel 8 aired Grant McOmie's report on clam enforcement. [Click here for the story.](#)**

Sr. Tpr. Torland and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) contacted a school group from Montana clamming on the mud flats in Newport. Out of 15 clambers, only three had shellfish licenses. The group was also 155 clams over their limit. The teacher was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense—Exceeding the Daily Limit on Bay Clams**.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) received a complaint of undersized crabs dumped in a trailer park dumpster near Gold Beach. Barden located the crabs, determined to be red rock crabs. He tracked down the suspect who admitted catching the crabs several weeks prior in Charleston but forgot about them until they went bad. Barden cited the suspect for **Waste of Shellfish** and warned him for No Shellfish License.

Tpr. Barden (Coos Bay) contacted three individuals at the crabbing dock at the Port of Brookings. Upon request, the crabbers showed Barden three legal Dungeness crabs in open buckets. A consent search of their ice chest revealed four undersized crabs, which were released alive. Barden cited one subject for **Unlawful Take of Undersized Dungeness Crab** and warned three for Fail to Display Catch.

Sgt. Scroup (Astoria) observed two subjects on a Clatsop County beach returning to their vehicle carrying sacks of clams. With a keen eye, he noted the beach approach was a mere yards away from their parking spot and, instead of leaving, they drove north on the beach. He followed them for about a mile, then they pulled over and returned to the digging area with empty sacks. He contacted them 45 minutes later when they returned to their vehicle. One subject was two over the limit and the other was five over. When asked about clams in the vehicle, they denied several many they dug additional clams. They were convinced the gig was up, as Scroup observed their crime. The subjects dug 58 razor clams. Scroup cited both criminally for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams**. One subject said the next time an officer asks them a question in such a manner, they will figure he already knows the answer and provide a more honest response.

Marine Board

Violations at Hills Creek Reservoir

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) and Sgt. Hinkle (Patrol Oakridge) conducted a boat patrol on Hills Creek Reservoir. They observed a group of seven anglers near the upper end of the reservoir. Two of the anglers were angling with hand lines. When the troopers contacted the group, they discovered five of the seven anglers did not have angling licenses. Maher cited all five anglers for **No Angling License**. Also during the patrol, Maher found two anglers asleep. One subject was asleep in the back of his truck along the road and had a rod out down along the reservoir shoreline. The other angler was asleep in a tent near the same location. Neither subject was close to or was attending their rod and line. Maher cited both subjects for **Fail to Closely Attend Rod and Line While Angling**.

Photo credit: File



Boat Patrols Result in Several Citations

Sr. Tpr. Knapp and Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) conducted a three-day jet boat patrol on the Snake River in Hells Canyon. They cited two individuals for **No Nonresident Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher, Tpr. Boyd, and Rct. Imholt (Springfield) conducted a boat patrol on the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers. They checked 50 anglers, completed one boat inspection, and issued three citations for **No Angling License** and one for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**.

While on a boat patrol on the Rogue River, Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) observed two bank anglers at Dunkleberger Bar with three rods out. When contacted, one subject claimed the second rod was his and stated he was not going to lie. The subject said he had it in the pickup and decided to put it out. Van Prooyen cited the suspect for **Angling Prohibited Method—More than One Line (two)**.

Tpr. Young (Salem) and Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) conducted a boat patrol on the Willamette River from Wheatland to Newberg. They issued six citations for **No Angling License** and two for **No PFDs**. During the patrol, they contacted four subjects on the bank. One subject had an arrest warrant. The subject took off on foot and hid in the brush. The troopers took the subject into custody a short time later. The subject was lodged at the Marion County Jail by a Patrol trooper.

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) checked at Lost Creek Lake at the Takelma Boat Ramp. He had already checked several boats and was in the process of conducting another exam, when a boat arrived with four people on board. They saw Collom at the ramp and turned around and went back out in the lake. Collom believed they were either had no angling licenses or did not have enough PFDs. Collom saw the boat go around the shoreline out of view and later he saw only three people on board. Believing the boat dropped off a passenger to get the vehicle and trailer to meet at another ramp, Collom drove to that ramp and waited. The boat arrived with the three people. A young man drove a vehicle and trailer down to load the boat and Collom met them at the ramp. The boat only had three life jackets on board for the four passengers. The operator was cited for **Insufficient Number of Life Jackets**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) observed some unusual boat activity at Dexter Lake. He contacted the operator as he docked, suspecting BUII. As a result of failed tests, the operator was arrested for **BUII, BAC .14**.

While at the Port of Brookings, Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) contacted a boat displaying expired validation stickers. The operator said she just bought the boat and left the temporary registration at home. Stinnett conducted an inspection, citing the operator for **No Boater Education Card** and warned her for **No Temporary Registration on Board**.

Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) contacted the occupants of a boat at Hart Lake. The boat had expired stickers on it and the owner gave a story about paying fees but never receiving the stickers. Weaver conducted a boat examination and found there also were not enough PFDs on board for the number of occupants. Weaver cited the operator for **Insufficient Number of PFDs and Expired Boat Registration**.

Tpr. Schwartz, Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria), Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (Banks), and Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) conducted boat patrols on the Columbia River and Multnomah Channel near St. Helens. The patrols were in response to complaints received of subjects exceeding and retaining wild fish. The fishing was unusually slow in comparison to previous days. They contacted 18 salmon anglers and 10 sturgeon anglers and issued two citations for **Failure to Properly Validate Angling Harvest Card** and a warning for **No Nonresident Angling License**.

Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) and Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) conducted a boat patrol on Klamath Lake. They performed 16 BERs, checked 26 anglers, warned four subjects, and issued five citations for **Attempt to Exceed Bag Limit—Trout, Angling Prohibited Method—More than One Line (two), No Angling License, and UPCS—Marijuana**. Randall later conducted a shore patrol, checking 60 additional anglers and conducting five BERs. He cited one angler for **Angling Prohibited Method—More than One Line (three)**. On another boat patrol on Klamath Lake, Weaver and Randall conducted nine BERs, checked 20 anglers, and issued one citation for **Continue to Angl after Attaining a Daily Bag Limit**.

Sport Angling

Troopers Encounter Illegal Activities on the Coast

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) contacted a subject angling for steelhead that were pooled up at the West Fork Smith River Fish Trap. The subject was cited for **Angling at a Fish Trap** and **MIP—Alcohol**.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) contacted three boat anglers at the Port of Brookings. The anglers showed Barden four black rockfish. Barden cited one angler for **No 2009 Angling License** and warned the other for **Not Having a License in Possession**.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) and Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) contacted two subjects angling for steelhead on the Nestucca River above Blaine. This area is closed to angling for the protection of spawning native steelhead in the area. Both subjects were cited for **Angling Closed Stream**.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) contacted a boat at the sport ramp in the Port of Brookings. During the check, Barden noticed a canary rockfish in a cooler. The anglers stated they looked at the pictures in the regulations and admitted they thought it was a canary, too. The anglers said they did not know they could not keep it. Barden seized the illegal fish and cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Canary Rockfish**.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) noticed a vehicle parked where people often fish on the closed Chetco River. Barden observed a young male angling with a worm, while the angler's girlfriend kept a lookout. When Barden walked in to contact the angler, the lookout shouted, "A cop!" Barden cited the angler for **Angling Closed Season** and warned the lookout for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) was working on Tillamook Bay when he saw an Idaho registered boat arrive at the docks in Garibaldi. Thomas noticed two occupants appeared to be in a hurry and were acting suspicious. Upon contact, Thomas located two sturgeon inside the boat that the subjects had not tagged on a harvest card. Thomas cited both subjects for **Fail to Validate Sturgeon on Angling Harvest Card**.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) contacted a sport boat at the Port of Brookings with expired validation stickers. While conducting a boat examination, Barden located several pounds of rockfish fillets. The skipper openly admitted he knew he could not have the fillets on board while on the water, but said it was his only cooler and the fish were caught yesterday. Barden seized the fillets and cited the skipper for **Mutilating Game Fish**. The skipper was also warned for not having current validation stickers.

Tpr. Thomas and Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) worked the upper Nestucca River. They contacted two anglers, citing both for **Angling Closed Area**. While coming down river, the troopers stopped at the Wolf Creek boat ramp, noting a drift boat with a motor and no visible registration numbers. While attempting to have the boat row over to the ramp, the operator told the troopers he would meet them down at the next bridge and continued downstream. The other angler in the boat immediately quit fishing, sat down, and began to validate his tag. The troopers contacted the anglers downstream, while the one angler was still looking for a pen to validate the steelhead he caught. The angler was issued a citation for **Fail to Validate Combined Angling Tag**.



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Multiple Angling Complaints in the South

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) located an unlicensed steelhead angler on the Main Umpqua River. The man said he was "caught" and was hoping not to get checked this year. Stone cited him for **No Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) patrolled Little River, a steelhead spawning tributary of the North Umpqua River, and observed an angler. He learned the subject, a local resident, took a native cutthroat trout. He cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Trout—Closed Stream**.

Sr. Tpr. Allison and Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) patrolled Applegate River, when they spotted a truck parked at Palmer Creek. This area has small dams for irrigation and is closed. They watched two men angle above the upstream dam. Both were cited for **Angling Closed Stream** and warned for **Angling Closed Area—Fish Weir**.

Spring Chinook are arriving in the upper Rogue River all the way up to Cole Rivers Hatchery. Even though the numbers are small (about 300 over Gold Rey Dam), OSP has been receiving complaints of snagging. Troopers have been patrolling the area in order to monitor compliance, and they have issued several citations and warnings, including **No Angling Harvest Tag**, **Angling Closed Area**, **Fail to Validate Angling Harvest Tag—Salmon**, and **Attempting To Snag Salmon**.

Sr. Tpr. Collom and Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) observed two men angling in closed waters on the Rogue River below the Cole Rivers Hatchery. The men waded out onto an island and were attempting to snag steelhead in the closed portion of the river. They watched both men for about 45 minutes, and, during that time, they saw one of the men snag a steelhead and land it. When contacted, the troopers found the subjects had three steelhead. Both men were cited for **Unlawful Take of Steelhead—Closed Area**. The steelhead were seized.

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) worked Platt I Reservoir and observed three anglers hide their poles when he pulled up. All three initially provided false names and fabricated stories before another officer arrived and the truth was told. Stone cited one for **Angling Prohibited Method—More than One Line (two poles)** and the other two for **No 2009 Angling License**. During the contact, a small vessel with two men changed course after observing the two officers on the shore. The boat was hailed in for having no validation stickers and improper numbering. Stone cited the operator for **No PFDs** and warned for equipment violations. The passenger was cited for **No 2009 Angling License**.

Sport Angling

Increasing Angling Pressure Central and East

Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) was off duty hiking near the Big Eddy on the Deschutes River and observed some anglers who needed uniform contact. Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) responded and contacted the anglers. Hayes issued three citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait** and two citations for **No Angling License**.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) checked two 20-year-old males at the Holliday rest area pond. They were in the process of launching a small remote-controlled boat, to which they had attached a fishing line with a bobber and a fish hook. They had intended to 'troll' for trout in the pond, using the remote-controlled boat. Both were warned for No Angling License.



Brownlee Reservoir. Photo credit: BLM

Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) conducted a camp check on Brownlee Reservoir and contacted a subject angling for catfish. He produced a resident license, stating he had been an Oregon resident for 17 years. Upon further questioning, the investigation revealed he had lived in Oregon for that length of time, but he moved to Wyoming two years ago. Chandler cited the subject for **Possession of Falsely Applied for Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Hawkins (Baker City) and Sr. Tpr. Wilson (Ontario) worked Brownlee Reservoir in response to increased angling pressure. They cited six subjects for **No Angling License** and **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Lines**. They also arrested on subject for a **Parole Violation** on original charges of Assault IV and Reckless Driving. During another patrol at this reservoir, Hawkins issued four citations for **No Angling License**, three for **Angling Prohibited Method—More than One Line**, and one for **Driving While Suspended—Violation**.

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) was patrolling the Deschutes River when he saw a big splash in the water. During the contact with the man near the splash, Bean could see a fishing rod and reel lying on the bottom of the river. The man denied both fishing and throwing the rod in the water. Bean then took the man into custody for Depositing Trash within 100 Yards of a Waterway. By the time the two reached the patrol truck, the man admitted to angling and to throwing the rod in the water. The man was then cited and released for **Angling Closed Season, Depositing Trash within 100 Yards of a Waterway**, and **No Angling License**.

Violations In the Willamette Valley

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) followed up on a case which began at Leaburg Lake. A female was contacted at a residence in Springfield who loaned her and her boyfriend's angling license to her sister to use. She was cited for **Loaning an Angling License**. Maher contacted the suspect's daughter and sister at their residence in Springfield. The sister admitted to borrowing her sister's license for her niece to use and her sister's boyfriend's license for her boyfriend to use. The sister was cited for **Aiding in Angling Violation—Borrowing an Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (Banks) and Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) contacted two subjects angling at Henry Hagg Lake. Upon contact, the subjects (husband and wife) showed the troopers resident angling licenses. During the contact, both subjects indicated they just moved to Oregon from Nevada. The investigation revealed the subjects moved to Oregon less than six months ago and were not eligible for resident licenses. The husband was cited for **Unlawful Possession Falsely Applied for Resident Angling License** and both illegal licenses were seized.

Tpr. Boyd and Rct. Imholt (Springfield) checked multiple anglers on the McKenzie River. So far this year, the compliance rate on this river has been extremely low. Of 26 anglers checked, they issued five citations for **No Angling License**, seven for **Unlawful Take of Trout**, eight for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**, two for **Angling Prohibited Area**; gave out multiple warnings; and seized 21 trout. Sgt. Hulett (Springfield) cited two anglers for **Unlawful Taking Trout** that morning; and, of eight anglers checked earlier the same week, warned two for Unlawful Use of Bait and cited three for **Unlawful Use of bait**, two for **Unlawful Take of Trout**, and one for **No Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) contacted two anglers in a bass boat on the water at Cottage Grove Reservoir. One of the anglers claimed to have left his angling license at home. After directing the boat to shore, the operator showed Maher a largemouth bass taken from the live well. The operator then threw the bass overboard and grabbed another large bass and was going to throw it overboard also. Maher ordered him to not throw any more of the bass into the lake until the rest of the bass were inspected. Maher found a total of five bass ranging in size from 16" to 18" onboard. Given the fact this reservoir has a special regulation where no bass greater than 15" in length may be kept, Maher cited the operator for **Unlawful Taking of Bass—Greater than 15" in Length**. He cited the other angler for **No Angling License**. All five bass were released unharmed.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) worked the Middle Fork Willamette River below Dexter Dam, for ODFW recently released steelhead smolts from Dexter Ponds. Along the south shore of the river below the dam, Maher observed three males angling and two females seated on the rocks. One of the males was observed to land two steelhead smolts. As the subject would reel in the fish, one of the females on the rocks would unhook the fish and kill it. The female acted nervous; and, at one point, some other people walked up to the area while she had a fish in her hand, so she hid it behind her leg until they left the area. Maher contacted the group and cited one of the subjects he had seen angling for **No Angling License**. The male subject he had seen catch the fish was cited for **Unlawful Taking of Trout** and the female who was helping him was cited for **Aiding in a Game Violation—Unlawful Taking of Trout**.

Environment / Habitat

Fish and Wildlife Troopers are Responsible for Enforcing Environment and Habitat Laws



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Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) was checking an area for bear baiting, when he found a spring fed pond with non-native goldfish in it. The pond appeared to flow into the Umpqua River drainage. The pond's location was reported to ODFW to follow up.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) worked on several water pollution complaints. One involved people living in camp trailers along a creek and possible sewage running into the creek. Thompson, along with DEQ and DSL, checked the site. DEQ and DSL wanted some violations fixed and they will monitor the site and ensure the violations are corrected. Another involved someone working heavy equipment in a creek causing turbidity. Thompson determined the turbidity came from vehicles driving on a dirt road that runs through the creek.

Sr. Tpr. Torland and Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) checked a camp off of USFS 3210 and found nine dogs that appeared to be abandoned. A large amount of garbage was accumulated. The dog owner was contacted and arrangements were made to revisit the camp the next day with Lincoln County SO Animal Control. Torland and Sgt. Thompson (Newport) and LCSO contacted the dog owner at the camp. LCSO seized seven dogs and took them to the shelter. OSP cited the suspect for **Offensive Littering** and LCSO cited her for **Fail to License Dog**.

Shady Cove PD stopped a vehicle and learned the operator had two bear claws. The driver told the officers he helped a friend skin out a bear and was given the claws. The officers called OSP after they found out where the bear was skinned. The hunter turned out to be one known by troops. The next day, Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) contacted the hunter while Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) contacted the subject with the bear paws. The hunter said he shot the bear up West Fork Elk Creek Road and had the tag correctly validated with the meat. He said he cut the claws from the paws, giving the claws to the subject, and he threw the carcass in the woods. About an hour later, Allison received a complaint of bear parts at a park in Shady Cove. He found two paws missing claws, a hide, and a carcass tossed off the road. Allison tracked down the hunter again, who told Allison he had thrown the waste into the woods. Allison asked if the subject would take him there, because he needed a DNA sample. He said the area was not too far and then admitted he threw the waste off the road near the park. He promised he would pick up the waste and was warned for Offensive Littering.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) received a complaint of a garbage dump found in the Hamlet area during the local OHA chapter's annual forest litter pick-up. O'Connor located a name and contacted the owner. He learned two subjects offered to take the trash to the dump for the owner. O'Connor contacted the subjects, citing them for **Offensive Littering**.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson and Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) responded to a complaint of a Caterpillar working in Graves Creek causing turbidity downstream. Thompson and Meyer contacted the owner of the Cat and determined it had not been working. The source of the turbidity could not be determined, but it may have been someone downstream working a suction dredge outside the in-stream work period.

Tpr. Thomas and Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) completed an investigation into a Tillamook subject who moved from his Bay City rental to a Tillamook and then dumped his personal trash by a Stimson Timber gate. Thomas contacted the subject who admitted to the dumping. Thomas cited the subject for **Offensive Littering**.



Tpr. Boyd and Rct. Imholt (Springfield) were patrolling near Cottage Grove and saw two ATVs behind a gate in an area closed to ATVs. They opened the gate and contacted **nine** riders on ATVs. Five of the ATVs were on Weyerhaeuser property and the other four were on a closed portion of BLM's. All nine of riders were cited for **Criminal Trespass II** and warned for Causing Unlawful Damage with an ATV.

While driving up on Anderson Butte on a complaint, Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) found garbage over the embankment. Sifting through the garbage, he found evidence with a name. He contacted this person and her daughter at their residence, and they both told him they paid an unknown man to take the garbage to the dump. They only knew him by his first name and what vehicle he drove. They reached an agreement that the area on Anderson Butte would be cleaned up within the week.

Sgt. Allori (Portland) checked anglers at Lewis and Clark State Park on the Sandy River for anglers, observing two people drinking beer. One subject finished his beer and tossed the can into the river. While Allori watched the can float downriver, he saw subject snort cocaine using a key. A few minutes later, the subject smoked the cocaine from a pipe and shared it with the person with him. Allori and Tpr. Buck (Portland) contacted the two subjects. Allori lodged the first subject for **UPCS Second Degree—Cocaine** and **Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of Water** and cited the second for **UPCS Second Degree—Cocaine**.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) followed up on a complaint from an ODFW employee at Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area who located two freshly dumped bags of garbage on the refuge near a viewing area. Based on the tire tracks, O'Connor found the subject pulled off onto the gravel to accomplish the dumping. O'Connor located an invoice for vehicle maintenance in the garbage and contacted the subject named on the receipt. The subject initially stated the garbage must have blown out of his truck, but when the subject was confronted with the evidence found at the scene, he admitted he intentionally dumped the garbage just to get rid of it. Sr. Tpr. Moore (Portland) cited him for **Offensive Littering**.

General Law / Other

As Fully-Trained Officers, Fish and Wildlife Troopers Routinely Handle General Law Issues

At Empire Lakes, Sgt. Cyr (Coos Bay) contacted an angler who fled on foot upon request for identification. After a foot pursuit, Tpr. Young (Patrol) intercepted the suspect nearby. The suspect was lodged in the Coos County Jail on **Escape III, Interfering with a Peace Officer, MIP—Alcohol, UPCS—Marijuana, and No Angling License.**



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Roseburg officers worked with the aircraft for spotlights in northern Douglas County. They observed a vehicle slowly working a clear-cut area with its headlights just after midnight. The vehicle then moved on but suddenly went dark. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs and Tpr. Baimbridge discovered the vehicle went off the roadway and crashed. Both subjects were intoxicated and admitted they were out looking for a bear. Troopers found a large caliber rifle in the vehicle. They turned the driver over to a Patrol unit who arrested him for **DUII and DWS.**

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) came on duty at 3:00 a.m. to conduct a boat patrol at Odell Lake. Shortly after leaving the Oakridge office, they were notified about a possible crash in the Willamette Pass area. The subject's family was talking to the driver via cell phone and lost contact before could get a location. Officers checked Hwy 58 along with the Crescent Cut-Off Road, but could not find a crash. A continued effort at daylight resulted in finding the vehicle off the road at the Hwy 58/Crescent Cut-Off junction. The subject was under the influence of alcohol. Sr. Tpr. Smith (Patrol, Gilchrist) arrived and arrested the driver for **DUII, BAC .12.** Later that morning, the Maher's conducted the patrol at Odell Lake and contacted 52 anglers and checked 21 boats with BERs.

Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (Banks) was checking two anglers on the Wilson River when they encircled him. Fearing he was going to be assaulted, Schwartz broke contact and returned to his vehicle. A check of both angler's records revealed one of the anglers had three misdemeanor arrests warrants with one caution. Schwartz called for assistance and moved about a 1/4 mile away where he could wait for cover and watch the subject's vehicle in case the subject tried to leave. Schwartz then saw the subject trying to leave. He saw the wanted subject sneak up behind the truck in his rear-view mirror. He confronted the subject and had him lay face down on the ground until Sr. Tpr. Oriet (Patrol, Banks) arrived. The subject was lodged without incident in the Tillamook County Jail on warrants and charges for **PV—DUII and Theft II (x 2).**

While on I-205, en route to conduct angling checks, Rct. Fromme (Portland) stopped an out-of-state vehicle for an Unsafe Lane Change that nearly resulted in a crash into his truck. A records check found the driver had a felony arrest warrant for Fraud, Impersonation, and Identity Theft I, out of Washington State. The driver lodged without incident.

Sr. Tpr. Harris and Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) responded to a complaint of a subject operating a vehicle on a closed beach and the occupants were pointing a firearm out the window. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was arrested for **DUII** and cited for **Operating Vehicle in Violation of Posted Restrictions.** The driver and passenger were warned for Shooting on the Ocean Shore.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) received an angling complaint from the North Santiam River. The witness observed two anglers catch and fillet a fish and provided OSP with the boat description and vehicle license number. After attempting to locate the vehicle on Hwy 22 and I-5, Turnbo responded to the vehicle owner's residence and waited for the subjects. About 15 minutes later, a vehicle matching the description arrived. No fish were located, but the driver was arrested for **DUII** and **Driving While Suspended—Misdemeanor** and later cited for **BAC Refusal.**

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) received a menacing complaint that occurred on the Rogue River at McGregor Park. A subject and his son were angling when two men arrived and angled near them. This upset one of the original men, so he began throwing rocks, sticks, and a bottle in the river to scare the fish. The late-comers argued with the subject. The son walked to their truck and retrieved two guns, giving one to the subject who then threatened to kill the late-comers with it. The late-comers left and called the police. Cushman contacted the subject and cited him for **Menacing**, seizing his .40 caliber pistol as evidence.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) contacted two subjects after an ODFW employee observed them unlawfully enter the Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area. The subjects told ODFW they saw an elk enter the refuge that had just "dropped" an antler and they wanted to see if they could find it. O'Connor cited both subjects for **Unlawful Entry into Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area** and one subject for **Driving While Suspended—Misdemeanor**, relating to a prior contact with O'Connor regarding a separate hunting complaint. The subject possessed a hardship permit allowing him to drive for "on the job" purposes only.

After a three-month investigation by Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles), stemming from crimes occurring occurred 2 1/2 years ago, five suspects were indicted by a Wasco County Grand Jury. The crimes involved the shooting of a registered angus bull between the eyes, burglary of the Tygh Valley Store, and break-in and theft of a hood off of a Honda Accord. The Honda had been sold and Sr. Tpr. Gunderson tracked it down to Yelm, Washington. The first suspect was indicted for **Theft First Degree (x 2), Criminal Conspiracy (x 2), Aggravated Animal Abuse First Degree, Criminal Mischief First Degree, and Burglary Second Degree;** the second and third for **Theft First Degree and Criminal Conspiracy;** the fourth for **Burglary Second Degree and Criminal Conspiracy;** and the fifth for **Theft First Degree.**

Interagency Cooperation

Interagency Patrols, Investigations, and Assistance



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Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) assisted USFWS Officer Huckel with a trespass/littering case on Siletz Bay in the refuge. In March, someone drove around a "No Public Access" sign and dumped two refrigerators, an oven, a mattress, tires, and stereo equipment. A suspect was developed and contacted. Kehr cited the suspect for **Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway—Siletz River**; Officer Huckel cited the subject for **Trespass**. USFWS and SOLV volunteers cleaned up the site.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) transported ODFW staff out to Miller Sands on the Columbia River for their annual goose nesting survey. Upon returning to the office, O'Connor located a stolen vehicle. Sr. Tpr. Pierce (Patrol, Astoria) and Astoria PD arrested the occupants.

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) and a BLM ranger patrolled the North Umpqua and observed two boat anglers using two lines on Soda Springs Reservoir. Stone cited both the month prior for taking and wasting a goose. Both were cited for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Lines**.

While working local lakes, Sr. Tpr. Cushman and Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) met a Jackson County Deputy chasing a man wanted for Menacing. The man ran across Hwy 62 and the deputy could not cross in his car. Cushman and Collom drove up behind the man who was watching the deputy. They detained the man until the deputy arrived.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) assisted Lane County SO with a suspect living in a motor home at a vacation home without permission. Tpr. Goldsmith (Patrol) also assisted and found some items suspected stolen. Salisbury interviewed the suspect who showed him the seven locations from where he stole the items (kayaks, electronics, tires, golf clubs, boat motors and seats, a 40' ladder, plus others). Most victims were located/contacted. Most of the items had not been reported stolen, for the owners were out of the area. Salisbury lodged the suspect on warrants and charges for **Burglary I**, **Burglary II** (x 4), **Theft I** (x 5), **Criminal Trespass I** (x 5), and **Criminal Trespass II** (x 3).

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) and a BLM ranger conducted a joint patrol. Next to the closed Canyon Creek, Frerichs observed two subjects using a large treble hook with weight attached attempting to snag a steelhead in a pool of several spawning. When the angler observed the officers, he tossed the pole into the blackberries. When contacted, the angler admitted he was angling and did not realize it was closed. He was cited for **Attempting to Take Steelhead Closed Stream** and his pole and illegal gear were seized. The officers then patrolled the Boomer Hill area for ATV enforcement, when they contacted a subject on an ATV without a current decal. The subject's driver license was suspended and the ATV's VIN number had been ground off and painted over. Frerichs cited the subject for **Driving while Suspended** and seized the ATV for inspection. While at this location, the ranger observed two vehicles leaving with firewood. The subjects did not have any permits and were cited for **Unlawful Cutting/Transport of Minor Forest Products**.

Sr. Tpr. Moore and Rct. Fromme (Portland) were on a boat patrol on the Willamette River, when Multnomah County SO notified them a boat had crashed into the Hawthorne Bridge. The SO was an hour away, so OSP responded, along with USCG and Portland FD. A 30-foot sailboat with a 49-foot mast was traveling under engine power when the top of the mast hit the underside of the bridge, becoming pinned. The current held the boat in place, causing it to list badly. Two occupants climbed aboard a USCG boat unharmed. OSP assisted with scene control and towed the boat after the mast was freed. Moore issued the operator a citation for **Failing to Maintain Proper Lookout while Operating a Boat** and two marine board warnings. The bridge was not damaged.



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Sr. Tpr. Collom, Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point), and Dan Van Dyke (ODFW) worked an action written by Collom to check boats/trailers for invasive species at the Howard Prairie and Hyatt Lakes opener. They checked 30 boats and 40 anglers and conducted 14 boat exams.

Sr. Tpr. West and Lt. Scorby (Baker City) responded to the south Harney County area by aircraft in response to an Amber Alert. They made it as far as the north end of the Steens when they were notified a Nevada deputy and USFWS agent stopped the vehicle and recovered the child. Sr. Tpr. Culp (Salem) also responded from Salem.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) observed a vehicle parked along the North Umpqua River. The vehicle's owner has been involved in selling mushrooms. He contacted a Douglas County SO deputy, and they conducted surveillance. They observed two subjects carrying a large backpack 1 1/2 hours later. A search found 7 pounds of morel mushrooms. Neither had a permit. Both were cited for **Unlawful Harvest of Special Forest Products** and the mushrooms were seized.

Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) was off duty when he passed a boat ramp on the Wilson River and saw a vehicle and boat trailer parked belonging to a "known" suspended subject who purchased a 2009 angling license and tag while suspended. Sgt. Hoodenpyl, Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook), and Tillamook County SO contacted the violator upstream from the boat ramp. The subject was cited for **Angling While Suspended**.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) concluded an investigation involving an ODFW kill permit. In April, WDFW received a tip about elk remains dumped in the woods near Cathlamet, Washington. When WDFW Sgt. Chadwick and Officer Anderson contacted the vehicle owner, the subjects were cutting up the elk meat. One subject told the officers she obtained the elk from her parents in Astoria. Officers learned the parents possessed an ODFW kill permit allowing them to take three elk. WDFW went back and seized the elk meat. Officers learned the parents shot three elk and took two elk to the local meat processor specified on the permit and the third to Cathlamet. Tpr. Schwartz (Astoria) and volunteer Joe Warwick assisted. The permit holder was cited for **Violation of the Terms of an ODFW Kill Permit**.

Public Relations



Troopers are Active in the Community

Sr. Tpr. Kehr and Sgt. Thompson (Newport) set up a booth at the Lincoln County OHA annual banquet. About 90 people attended.

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Troopers Teach Youngsters

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) assisted with a field trip for Oakridge Elementary first graders at the Buckhead Wildlife Area near Westfir. He gave a presentation about local wildlife and helped the children hang up songbird boxes. USFS Middle Fork Ranger District personnel also participated in the field trip.

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Presentations and Meetings

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) spoke at Mazama High School. One student's senior project was on poaching and he asked Collom to speak.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo and Tpr. Young (Salem) assisted at the Boy Scout derby at Walter Wirth Pond in Salem. About 175 people attended.

Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) gave a presentation at an OHA hunter education class at Myrtle Point Gun. Bowen answered many questions.

Sr. Tpr. Mc Nerney (Hood River) and Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) conducted their annual boat inspection day at The Dalles Marina. The troopers inspected 31 boats and all passed!

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson, Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles), and Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) staffed the Trailer of Shame at The Dalles Cherry Festival. Hundreds of people visited the trailer and it was well received.

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) attended the Steens Mountain Mule Deer Initiative meeting in Hines. Several topics relating to protecting mule deer were discussed, and the next meeting will be a public forum.

Tpr. Schwartz (Astoria) met with Clatskanie's Tiger Town Preschool. The children asked many curious questions regarding deer, whales, and even elks! A tour of his patrol vehicle was attended well, with plenty of siren noises, emergency lights, and little fingers touching everything.

Sr. Tpr. Randall, Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls), and Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) worked the Klamath Fishing Derby. They conducted numerous checks, issued several warnings, and cited one subject for **No PFD—Child**. Niehus assisted Klamath County SO with a boat rescue.

Tpr. Barden and Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) attended an ODFW meeting in Gold Beach regarding regulation proposals for the Fall 2009 south coast fisheries. During the meeting, an intoxicated subject became loud and semi-aggressive towards ODFW staff while trying to get his point across. The troopers defused the situation.

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) spotted several youngsters from different camp sites at Rogue Elk Park angling in the closed section of Elk Creek. He rounded up the young violators and their parents, and they had a lesson on the reasons why some areas were closed to fishing. Everyone seemed happy with the impromptu class and overjoyed to receive OSP stickers and badges.

Sgt. Pond and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) gave a presentation at a hunter education conference in Bend.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) attended the Annual Youth Fishing Clinic at Camp Baldwin. Approximately 25 kids attended.

Sr. Tpr. Hawkins (Baker City) gave a presentation at the community college in Walla Walla and was invited back for the fall class.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) attended a Rogue Valley OHA meeting and gave a briefing on what the Division has been doing.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl and Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) gave a presentation to a Pacific University class about salmon protection and the media.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) gave a class to four different 5th grade classes (about 100 kids) on a series they are doing with the ODFW angler education booklet. The kids asked many good questions.

Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) displayed the Trailer of Shame at the Tillamook OHA banquet in Tillamook. Over 200 people attended the banquet, and Thomas spoke with many of them about the Division.

Sr. Tpr. Johnson (John Day) and Sgt. Brown (Pendleton) attended a Murderers Creek Mule Deer Initiative meeting in John Day. This was the first of many public meetings on mule deer recovery in the unit.

Sr. Tpr. Carter (Pendleton) spoke to a hunter education class in Milton-Freewater. The students were in the final phase of their education. He spoke about various issues the Division responds to in regards to young hunters. The students were interactive and asked many questions.

Ret. Burkholder and Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) set up a display at the Sportsman Show at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany. The show was small and attendance was very low. Burkholder and Halsey answered questions and provided information to the attendees.

At the request of DSL, Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) taught a class designed for DSL employees covering personal safety, situational awareness, tactical analysis, threat assessment, risk vs. reward, verbal judo, and some defensive tactics moves to get them out of potential situations encountered while contacting customers in the field. The talk was well received and approximately 30 people attended.

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