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*Our oath of office pledges enforcement protection.
We are the guardians of Oregon's fish and wildlife.*

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In Memoriam of Senior Trooper William R. Hakim (1957-2008)

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shun responsibility nor
shrink from duty in the
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*Honor
Pride
Loyalty
Dedication*

In December, the public safety community lost two admirable officers, OSP Senior Trooper William Hakim, age 51, a Certified Hazardous Device Technician with the Arson and Explosives Section in Salem and 11-year veteran, and Woodburn Police Captain Tom Tennant, age 51, a 28-year veteran, when an explosive device detonated at a Woodburn bank. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these brave men. Woodburn Chief of Police Scott Russell was critically injured and transported to Oregon Health Sciences University. The Department sends well wishes to Chief Russell for a full recovery. A West Coast Bank employee was also injured and treated at Salem Hospital. On December 12, 2008, at approximately 10:32 a.m., a Woodburn Wells Fargo Bank received a threatening phone call from an unknown person. Bank personnel notified Woodburn PD and the bank was evacuated. With the assistance of the FBI and Senior Trooper Hakim, officers located a suspicious object that was determined to not be dangerous. During the day, the investigation led next door to the West Coast Bank. While Chief Russell, Captain Tennant, and Senior Trooper Hakim investigated a second suspicious device, it detonated at approximately 5:24 p.m. Woodburn Fire Department and officers from multiple agencies responded. An approximate three-block area was evacuated.

The Fish and Wildlife Division provided assistance in the case investigation. Northwest Region Fish and Wildlife troopers from Portland, McMinnville, Banks, Salem, Albany, SIU, and Springfield and Headquarters Fish and Wildlife troopers provided scene security at the suspect's residence near Jefferson for four days, assisted in a search warrant, and aided with other facets. Marion County SO is leading the investigation with members of the interagency Homicide Assault Response Team (HART), FBI, and ATF. The HART team members assisting are from OSP, Marion County SO, Salem PD, Keizer PD, Mt. Angel PD, Stayton PD, and Marion County DA's Office. The multi-agency investigation continues and a \$35,000 reward is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect(s) responsible for the tragic deaths and injuries.

Senior Trooper Hakim was hired on July 1, 1997, and stationed at the Klamath Falls office in Patrol Services. On March 1, 1999, he transferred to the Salem office as a detective in Arson and Explosives. He has also been involved with the OSP SWAT team, has taught other law enforcement officers about arson and bomb investigations, and was an Explosive Ordinance Disposal Diver and officer with the U.S. Navy. He leaves a wife, a 16-year-old son, and an 18-year-old daughter. Senior Trooper Hakim is the 28th trooper and second OSP Arson and Explosives detective lost in the line of duty. For Senior Trooper Hakim's obituary, please click [here](#). For all OSP troopers lost in the line of duty, please visit [OSP's memorial](#).

OSP's mission is to enhance livability and safety by protecting the people, property, and natural resources of the state. A trooper's oath of office pledges enforcement protection. Each trooper is driven by our values: Pride—we take pride in our professionalism, the courage and initiative of our workforce, and the high quality of service we provide; Loyalty—we are loyal to the agency's public safety mission and the citizens we serve, demonstrated by our unwavering commitment to integrity, accountability, respect, and responsibility; and Dedication—we are dedicated to each other, the citizens and communities we serve, our partners, and our mission of public safety. The Fish and Wildlife Division wants to thank Senior Trooper Hakim for upholding OSP's values and not shunning responsibility nor shrinking from duty in the face of danger. We not only honor him, but all public safety officers who gave their lives in fulfilling their oath to serve.

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Wildlife / Hunting

Subject Admitted to Waste of a Big Horn Sheep

While off duty fishing the John Day River, Tpr. Carothers (Fossil/Condon) contacted a sheep hunter that was hiking out of the canyon with the head and cape of a big horn sheep. Carothers was concerned the subject was not going to retrieve the carcass and called Sgt. Katzenstein (The Dalles). Sgt. Katzenstein and Sr. Tpr. McNerney (Hood River) contacted the subject and questioned him about the carcass. The subject told the troopers he hiked it out and gave it to a friend. The troopers advised the subject they would be contacting his friend to confirm the carcass had been taken. The subject called McNerney shortly after leaving ODFW and advised that he had left the carcass in the field. Carothers, along with McNerney and Sr. Tpr. Gunderson, obtained access to the area and Carothers located the carcass. The subject gutted the carcass but did not skin it, so the sheep had gone to waste. The subject was cited for **Waste of Wildlife—Big Horn Sheep**.



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Public's Help Sought in Illegal Elk Killing Case

The Fish and Wildlife Division is asking for the public's help to develop information to solve a case involving the illegal taking and waste of a spike bull elk in early December on Sand Lake Road near mp 9 just south of Sand Lake in Tillamook County. The Tillamook County Chapter of the OHA, along with the Turn-In-Poacher program, is offering up to a \$1,000 dollar reward for information leading to the arrest of the suspect(s) responsible for the crime. Information can be provided anonymously. Any person wishing to report information is encouraged to contact Sgt. Todd Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) or the Turn-In-Poacher hotline at 1-800-452-7888.

OSP is seeking the public's help in several cases.

Please [visit our website](#) to view the latest news.

Remember tips can be anonymous.

Report wildlife law violators 1-800-452-7888.

Three Suspects Responsible for Waste of Cow Elk

Sr. Tpr. Kehr and retired Sr. Tpr. Hathaway (Newport) received information that a cow elk was killed off the 804 spur in the Murphy Hill area in November 2008. Suspects were developed and, in December, Kehr and Hathaway contacted them. Three suspects were determined to be responsible for the crimes. One suspect was cited for **Unlawful Take of Cow Elk Closed Season and Waste of Game Mammal—Cow Elk**. A second suspect was cited for **Aiding in a Game Offense—Unlawful Take of Cow elk and Aiding—Waste of Game Mammal**. A third suspect was cited for **Aiding—Waste of Game Mammal**. The troopers seized two rifles.

Hunter Cited for Waste of Cow Elk

Sr. Tpr. Pearson and Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) investigated a cow elk that had been killed and left to waste. After following up on several leads, they received a phone call from the **shooter** explaining that he wanted to turn himself in. The hunter did have a late season cow tag and stated he shot twice at a herd of twenty elk with his .300 Holland and Holland (H&H) Magnum, but he thought he had missed. He said he looked for blood. The troopers pointed out that there were no foot tracks in the snow and there was a good blood trail from where the elk was hit to where it died one-half mile away, next to a road. The hunter was cited for **Waste of Wildlife**.

Abbreviations and Acronyms

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

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Wildlife / Hunting

Man Cited for Knocking WED Down with Pickup

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson, Sr. Tpr. Kipper, Sr. Tpr. Pearson, and Tpr. Frazier (The Dalles/Hood River) set up two buck deer decoy sets in the Wamic area to address recent unlawful killing of large winter range buck deer in the area. Numerous past incidents involved people killing large buck deer and removing only their heads or antlers, leaving the carcasses to waste. Pearson and Frazier set up along a USFS road about four miles west of Rock Creek Reservoir. The deer was placed about thirty feet off the road in a grove of trees. A group of three vehicles came into the set heading east and illuminated the buck deer decoy with their headlights. The third vehicle in line, a jacked-up four-wheel drive pickup, drove off the road, through the ditch, and then struck the decoy with the front of his pickup, knocking it backwards twelve feet. The impact knocked off the antlers and broke two legs. Troopers stopped the suspect, a Tygh Valley man, who reportedly was out looking for a Christmas tree with his family. He told troopers he did not intend to run over the deer and only wanted to get close enough to show it to his kids and get the deer to run off. The man was cited for **Taking Deer (WED) Closed Season**, as well as **No Operators License**.



WED knocked over and damaged. Photo credit: File

Whitetail Unlawfully Imported from Montana

Tpr. Ring (Arlington) stopped and contacted two subjects after observing two large whitetail buck deer in the back of their vehicle. Ring discovered that a father and son had been on a hunting trip to Montana and killed the deer, bringing the heads/antlers back to Oregon. The meat had been boned off the carcasses. Both heads were seized, and the father was cited for **Unlawful Importation of Prohibited Cervid Parts**. The son was not present. Montana is a state with documented cases of CWD.

Tip Helped Find Deer Poachers

Sr. Tpr. Torland (Newport) followed up on a game complaint in which a male individual was out walking his dogs when he heard two rifle shots in a nearby clear-cut on Christmas afternoon. He watched one person enter the clear-cut and pack out two deer. The witness was able to get a vehicle description. Later in the day, Torland located the two suspects and, hanging in a nearby barn, two deer—a doe and a fawn. Torland cited one suspect for **Taking Blacktail Deer Closed Season** and the other for **Unlawful Possession of Blacktail Deer**.

Witness' Neighbor Cited for Unlawful Possession

Tpr. Buck (Portland) responded to a complaint of possible spotlighting in the Estacada area. The reporting party informed Buck he heard a shot fired the night before at approximately 10:00 p.m. The witness thought it was one of his neighbors and confronted the individual prior to OSP's arrival. Buck contacted the suspect's residence and interviewed one of the residents. Buck learned that the other resident had left soon after being confronted by the neighbor. Phone contact was made with the suspect resident who returned to the residence. Buck learned the suspect had taken two buck deer out of season. The hunter had left soon after being contacted by the neighbor to dispose of the deer parts, fearing he would be contacted by law enforcement. Buck cited the hunter for **Unlawful Possession of Game Mammal—Blacktail Deer**. He seized the deer, the hunter's rifle, and the parts that had been disposed of a short distance from the residence.

Subjects Picked Up Road-Killed Deer

Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) investigated two subjects who picked up a road-struck deer, transporting the animal about five miles to a location outside of Lebanon. The subjects planned to field dress the deer for meat consumption. Halsey cited both subjects for **Unlawful Possession of Big Game Animal/ Doe Deer**.

Tip Led to Suspect's Confession

Tpr. Howell and Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) received information that a subject shot and killed a spike deer on opening day of Western Oregon rifle deer season. The subject was contacted, confessed to the illegal kill, and provided the troopers with the spike deer head and meat. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Taking Spike Deer**.

Hunter Took Deer Outside of Property Using LOP Tag

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) located vehicle tracks leading into a road closure. Bean followed the tracks and found where a deer had been killed and loaded. He followed the tracks to a residence. The resident had not killed the deer but provided further information. Bean located the shooter and determined the deer was shot using an LOP tag, but the hunter was outside of his property. Bean cited the shooter.

Trophy-Class Blacktail Seized

Tpr. Boyd and Rct. Imholt (Springfield) followed up on an anonymous complaint of three buck deer killed by an individual. The troopers located the suspect who showed them the three buck heads, one of which was a very large trophy-class blacktail. The suspect stated he found the largest buck dead in the woods and he killed the other two in the 2007 and 2008 deer seasons. The troopers asked for the tags for the bucks he harvested and the suspect could only present a 2008 unvalidated tag. The troopers checked ODFW records and learned the suspect had been issued a valid 2007 deer tag. The suspect was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Deer Parts** for the deer head he said he found in the woods and **Failure to Validate Tag** for 2008. The trophy blacktail head was seized.

Wildlife / Hunting

Hunter Exceeded Limit of Cackling Geese

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) followed up on a complaint from the ODFW goose check station at the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area. A hunter who came to the station had not recorded his harvested geese on his Northwest Oregon Goose Hunting Permit record card as required. The hunter was also found to have exceeded the daily limit Cackling Canada geese. The daily limit is only two geese and the hunter shot four. Maher contacted the hunter, issued him a citation for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Cackling Canada Geese (NW Permit Zone)** and a warning for Failing to Record Harvest, and seized the two extra birds.

For information on the difference between a Canada goose and Cackling goose, please visit [ODFW's website](#). For other goose identification, please visit [ODFW's website](#). For a Canada goose identification video, produced in partnership with WDFW, please visit [WDFW's website](#). All goose hunters in the Northwest General Zone, in addition to the Northwest Permit Zone, are required to take the Northwest Oregon Goose Test. Goose hunters in the Northwest General Zone must carry their Northwest Goose hunting permit while hunting. General zone hunters do not need to carry a goose harvest card and **do not** need to check geese at check stations. For more information on hunting waterfowl in Oregon, please visit [ODFW's website](#).

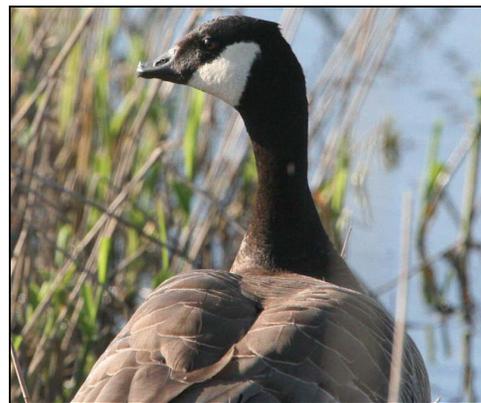


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Blizzard Discouraged Duck Hunters

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) used the 14-foot skiff to conduct lower Columbia River waterfowl patrols from Tongue Point to Aldrich Point. The blizzard conditions seemed to discourage hunters, with few boats out. Nine hunters were contacted. One citation was issued for **No 2008/2009 Waterfowl Validation** and one for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit—Pintail Duck**. The duck was seized.

Hunter Cited for Using Illegal MOJO Duck

Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) and Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) received a complaint from ODFW that someone was hunting waterfowl with a motorized decoy. They located the hunters as they were leaving the pond. The troopers learned the hunters were using a MOJO duck decoy, knowing it was illegal, and the reason was because it is motorized. The owner of the decoy was cited for **Hunting Waterfowl Prohibited Method—Motorized Decoy** and the decoy was seized.

Suspect Took Deer on Private Property

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) received information of a trespass complaint during deer season and contacted the landowners who have been out of town. The landowner said while they were away, a neighbor heard a shot and went next door to see a vehicle backed up to the locked gate and a man behind the barbed wire fence starting to gut a deer that was lying in the driveway. The owners said they would like to file charges against the violator. Stinnett went to the two witnesses and received a description of the suspect and the vehicle's license plate number. The first witness on scene said the shooter was alone and very nervous when confronted, saying he did not see any signs. Stinnett went to the suspect's residence. The suspect admitted to shooting the deer, saying it ran across the road onto the hillside. He also told Stinnett he did not see any signs. When asked for his tag, he could not find it. Stinnett criminally cited the suspect for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**. When Stinnett returned to the office, he discovered the suspect did not have a 2008 deer tag. He will follow up with another citation for **No Big Game Tag—Deer**.

Five Hunters Cited at Fern Ridge

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) received a complaint of duck hunters at the Fern Ridge Wildlife area (Kirk Park Unit) on a closed day. The area is only open on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday for hunting. Sgt. Hulett (Springfield) and Maher traveled to the area and found five hunters in the parking lot. They all admitted hunting that morning, taking a total of 6 ducks. All five were cited for **Hunting Closed Day—Fern Ridge Wildlife Area**. The readerboard at the parking area was posted with the appropriate regulations and closures.

Month-Long Investigation Led to Multiple Charges

Tpr. Olsen (Salem) concluded a month-long investigation into five Corvallis residents who were harvesting geese in the Northwest Permit Zone, failing to check the birds in at ODFW check stations. The five subjects were charged with multiple counts of **Fail to Check Harvested Geese into Check Stations**. In addition, one subject was cited for one count of **Waste of Game Birds** for nine ducks and geese that had been discarded in the trash, allowing them to spoil. Each count of "Fail to Check Harvested Geese into Check Stations" stems from a full-day of harvesting geese in the Northwest Permit Zone during the months of November and December.

Video Taken by Witness Identifies Turkey Poacher

In October 2008, Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) responded to a complaint of a subject that had shot three wild turkeys. The complainant took video of the subject shooting the turkeys and loading them up in his vehicle; however, the suspect was unknown at that time. Information was received from a local law enforcement agency regarding the subject in the video. In December, the shooter was contacted and subsequently admitted to shooting three turkeys without valid tags. Turnbo cited the suspect for **Taking Turkey with No Valid Tag and Borrowing a 2008 Turkey Tag**. Also in December, the suspect's father was contacted and admitted to loaning his son his 2008 Fall Turkey Tag. Turnbo cited the father for **Loaning a 2008 Fall Turkey Tag**.

Wildlife / Hunting

Cougar Shot in Foothold Trap

Tpr. Young (Salem) investigated a complaint from ODFW regarding suspicious circumstances with a cougar that was taken in the North Santiam Canyon. Young discovered that a subject shot a cougar that was caught in a foothold trap. Young contacted the subject who admitted to the offense. Young cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Cougar** and seized the cougar hide.

Photo credit: File

Two Suspects Illegally Took Cougar

Sr. Tpr. Cushman and Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) investigated an illegal cougar kill. A cougar checked in at ODFW appeared to have bullet wounds from a .22 and the tag was not validated correctly (two dates were removed from the tag). After conducting many interviews, one suspect was cited for **Illegal Take of Cougar—With Prohibited Weapon and Borrowing a Big Game Tag** and another for **Loaning a Big Game Tag**.

Hunter Trespassed to Kill Bull Elk

Tpr. Davis and Rct. Keeler (Coos Bay) followed up on a trespass case where the individual killed a bull elk. The subject admitted to killing the elk and trespassing on private property to retrieve the animal. The subject was observed later in the day still hunting. The subject was cited for **Trespass While in Possession of a Firearm and Hunting with a Centerfire Rifle without a Valid Elk Tag**.

Elk Taken Closed Area Donated to Mission

The Portland Water Bureau contacted Sr. Tpr. Moore (Portland) regarding a hunter requesting permission to track and recover a wounded cow elk that had traveled into the Bull Run Watershed. One of their security officers took the subject into the watershed and located the dead elk. Moore responded to the scene and discovered that the hunter had shot the elk in a closed area. The hunter was cited for **Taking Elk Closed Season**. The elk was seized and donated to the Portland Rescue Mission.



Two Cited for Spotlighting

Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) received a spotlighting complaint in the Langell Valley. The registered owner of the suspect vehicle was a local juvenile. The investigation revealed that he had been aided by an 18-year-old male. Both subjects were cited for **Hunting with the Aid of an Artificial Light**.

Bobcat Caught in Coyote Set

ODFW received a call from a log truck driver who observed a bobcat caught in a trap. Upon arrival, ODFW made contact with a subject who just shot and killed the bobcat. Sr. Tpr. Griffin (La Grande) learned the bobcat had been caught in a coyote set. The shooter called the subject who owned the trap and he suggested the bobcat be shot. The shooter was cited for **Taking Bobcat Closed Season** and the trapper was cited for **Trapping with an Unbranded Trap**.

Unsolved 2007 Trapping Case Solved

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) worked a trapping case in December 2007 where a subject was using unbranded traps without jaw spacers and sight bait in the Upper Deschutes Unit. Recently, Hayes was in the area and heard some shooting and decided to investigate. He contacted and interviewed a subject. The field interview resulted in the subject being suspected of the illegal trapping case from 2007. Hayes' further investigation resulted in the subject being issued a citation for **Trapping Prohibited Method** for the 2007 case. In addition, the subject was advised to remove some other trap sets until he became compliant. The subject was also issued a warning for Shooting Pine Squirrels.

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Commercial Fish / Marine / Sport Angling

Over 3,000 Pounds Undersized Crab Discovered

Tpr. Davis, Sr. Tpr. Harris, and Rct. Keeler (Coos Bay) checked a commercial crab vessel off-loading in Charleston. The vessel had 60,000 pounds of crabs onboard and 5.3% of its catch was found to be undersized. Tpr. Maher, Tpr. Boyd, and Rct. Cutsforth (Springfield) responded to assist with the check. The skipper, who is on a release agreement for prior commercial crabbing offenses, was arrested for **Unlawful Take—Undersize Commercial Dungeness Crab** and lodged at the Coos County Jail. Four deckhands were issued criminal citations for **Unlawful Take—Undersize Commercial Dungeness Crab** and released.

Photo credit: File



Various Investigations Resulting in Citations and Warnings Issued

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) cited an Umpqua River angler for **No 2008 Angling License or Tag** after the man told him that was his second steelhead trip that week and he was just planning on waiting until “next year” to buy a license and tag.

Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) completed an investigation into a commercial fisherman who had been landing salmon without making the proper landing notifications to ODFW. Howell cited the subject for **Fail To Make Required Notification To ODFW—Landing Salmon Taken From Columbia River Ocean Management Area**.

The Clackamas ODFW office recovered a Combined Angling Harvest Card covered in ballpoint pen and turned it over to Sr. Tpr. Hanson (Portland). The angler filled out an affidavit for a duplicate tag, certifying he had only one entry on the sturgeon portion of the tag. Hanson used some cleaner and found a second entry on the tag. He contacted the angler and cited him for **Falsely Applying for a Duplicate Combined Angling Tag**.

Tpr. Schwartz (Astoria) was monitoring several crab deliveries in the Warrenton/Astoria area. During one offload, Schwartz boarded the commercial vessel for a closer inspection of the crab holds and totes present on the back deck. While inspecting those areas, Schwartz noticed one of the deckhands becoming extremely nervous. Closer inspection of the crews’ quarters revealed a garbage can hidden in the bathroom area, containing 38 (50 pounds) of undersized Dungeness crab. The deckhand was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Undersize Commercial Dungeness Crab** and warned for other violations.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) and Sgt. Cyr (Coos Bay) conducted commercial crab boat inspections at the Port Orford docks. They warned one skipper for not having his logbook on board. His wife brought it to the docks and it was up to date minus that day’s landing. They also warned another skipper for undersized crab. They boarded one commercial vessel and checked the boat and licenses. The skipper had all required licenses, except his commercial license. Cyr confirmed with ODFW the skipper had a valid license and warned him for not having it in his possession. When asked for his commercial logbook, he said it was at home and admitted he had not made any entries this season. He said he made landings every day except on two days. Stinnett cited the skipper for **No Commercial Crab Logbook**.

Sgt. Cyr and Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) contacted several clam diggers in the Charleston area. One subject was cited for **No Commercial Bait Fishing License**. The cockle clams he dug were released back into the bay.

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) contacted a commercial clam digger at Crown Point who had approximately 65 pounds of cockles. The clammer was cited for **Failure to Maintain Commercial Clam Logbook** and warned for other offenses.

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) contacted three individuals in Haynes Inlet who were crabbing. Davis located 44 undersized crabs. Davis cited two of the individuals for **Unlawful Take Undersized Dungeness Crab** and **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Dungeness Crab**.

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) completed an investigation into a citizen’s report of four people snagging salmon at Smith River Falls. The suspects reportedly kept four live salmon, but released them when the reporting party contacted them. As a result of the investigation, Harris cited one subject for **Harassing Wildlife (Salmon)** and another for **False Application for a Resident Angling License**.

When Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) was conducting commercial Dungeness crab delivery checks, he encountered a small delivery harvested from the Columbia River at an Astoria fish processing plant. Upon measuring the 247 pound delivery, 18 pounds were undersized. Klepp cited the skipper for **Illegal Possession of Undersized Commercial Dungeness Crab**. The undersized crabs were seized and sold, and monies were forfeited to ODFW.

Sgt. Allori (Portland) responded to an angling complaint on the Willamette River in Oregon City where a fisherman reportedly caught and retained a foul-hooked sturgeon. Allori contacted the suspect and found evidence the sturgeon had been hooked in the tail. Allori advised the angler he would be seizing the sturgeon and issuing him a citation for **Unlawful Take of Sturgeon**. Allori returned to his patrol vehicle, which was parked a short distance away to write the citation. While Allori was writing the citation, the angler threw the sturgeon over a wall back into the Willamette River. This led to a second citation being issued to the angler for **Tampering with Evidence**.

Environment / Habitat

Offensive Littering Case Led to Wildlife Charges

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) received information from a City of Astoria employee regarding a fork-antlered deer carcass disposed of on city property. Klepp arrived and discovered a Western Deer rifle tag (belonging to a female residing nearby) still attached to the antlers. The tag was also not properly validated. Klepp contacted the female immediately afterward and conducted an interview. The female revealed she had loaned her deer tag to one of her sons after he harvested a forked horn deer. Klepp also determined that a total of three buck deer were taken by her two sons this year. Klepp then interviewed one of the sons, who provided the location where the head from a spike deer was buried in a nearby backyard. Klepp was able to retrieve the head. Further investigation revealed that pictures displayed at a local country store were entered in a "Big Buck Contest." The mother was charged with **Loaning Western Rifle Deer Tag**. One son was charged with **Exceeding Bag Limit of Deer**. The other son was charged with **Offensive Littering** and **Borrowing Western Rifle Deer Tag**.

Remodeling Debris Dumped

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski (Madras) was attempting to locate a carcass dump site near Redmond, when he observed two subjects in pickup with trash in the bed driving through the trees. The subjects were located a short distance away dumping various items from a house remodel. The subjects were contacted and a second dump location was found. One subject was cited for **Offensive Littering**.

General Law / Interagency Cooperation

Multiple Agencies Concerned about McKenzie

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield), Jim Houseman (NMFS), and Jeff Ziller (ODFW) monitored the removal of over 100 cubic yards of riprap that were blocking a very important side channel on the McKenzie River. In November 2008, the riprap "dam" had been placed without a permit by two separate homeowners concerned with loss of riverbank. The side channel that had been blocked is unique in that it contains some of the best spawning area for Chinook salmon on the McKenzie River. An emergency removal of the blockage was authorized by DSL and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The removal was thought to be the best action to take by all of the involved agencies and will not minimize the original violations of the Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act. Ziller performed an assessment of the blockage impact to the listed upper Willamette river drainage system Chinook salmon. Houseman, Boyd, and other agencies involved are planning a permanent solution to the issue.



Chinook salmon in the McKenzie River. Photo credit: USDA Forest Service/Dave Bickford

Unlicensed Anglers Attempted to Elude Officers

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) worked the Willamette River below Dexter Dam and Dexter Reservoir and observed a pickup parked at the Hampton campground gate. Maher checked the river and discovered three people across the river from the campground unlawfully angling with bait. He contacted the anglers and asked them to return to the south side of the river via the railroad bridge where they had crossed. The anglers began walking toward the bridge but then went up the bank toward North Shore Road and disappeared. Maher called USFS law enforcement officer Mel Carver to assist in looking for the anglers. Carver drove the road they had walked to and did not find them. A continued search of the area revealed the anglers walked east along the road to a large gravel pit then walked back toward the railroad tracks, about a 1/4 mile away from where Maher had asked them to meet him at the railroad trestle. During the contact, one of the anglers was found to have an outstanding felony arrest warrant. In addition, none of the subjects possessed angling licenses. All three anglers were cited for **No Angling License** and **Angling With Bait Where Prohibited**. The angler with the warrant was lodged at the Lane County Jail.

Vessel's Captain Arrested

Sgt. Cyr, Sr. Tpr. Harris, Tpr. Bowen, and Rct. Keeler (Coos Bay) coordinated with USCG to check a fishing vessel when it arrived in port. USCG towed the vessel across the bar due to a damaged rudder. Upon arrival, the captain was taken into custody on a probation violation warrant, based on the captain's arrest the week prior for commercial crab violations.

Stubborn Cow Disturbed Freeway Traffic

Sr. Tpr. Hawkins (Baker City) responded to assist Baker City Patrol troopers with a bovine cow on the freeway. The cow's owner and ODOT were also on scene. They made several attempts to herd the cow off the freeway, which resulted in the cow charging people and jumping the center barrier nearly causing vehicle collisions. Due to impending darkness, visibility through the curves, and traffic conditions, the decision was made to dispatch the cow. The owner agreed it was the best decision under the circumstances, and the cow was dispatched by Hawkins. The owner arranged to salvage the cow.

General Law / Interagency Cooperation

Suspects Arrested for Numerous Wildlife Violations

Tpr. Timko and Tpr. Hutchison (Patrol, John Day) were working in northern Grant County regarding a reported party and past illegal hunting complaints. The troopers parked near the property and walked to an area where they heard over 30 gunshots coming from within the property. They ran back to their car and saw a vehicle enter Hwy 402. They initiated a stop for a traffic violation; however, the driver attempted to elude but stopped after a short pursuit. Four subjects were arrested for **numerous wildlife violations**. After handcuffing all four suspects, one suspect got up and ran off into the nearby woods with his hands handcuffed behind his back. They discovered the other three suspects were in possession of a large mule deer buck and several firearms. They called for assistance and Tpr. Ring (Arlington), as well as a Grant County deputy, responded to salvage the deer and assist. They were unable to locate the suspect who fled. Timko did locate additional evidence (a fresh deer head), uncovering additional wildlife violations. They lodged the three subjects in jail and also charged the driver with **Attempt to Elude—Vehicle**. Additional firearms violations are anticipated.

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Help from SO and Hunters Found Waste

Retired Sr. Tpr. Carver (Tillamook) completed an investigation of the waste of a spike elk. During second coast bull elk season, Tillamook County SO contacted three subjects while they were transporting three spike elk out of the Trask River area. The elk were in the back of a pickup with their hides intact. A day later, hunters complained that the three elk were still in camp and the suspects still had not removed the hides. Carver learned all three elk were taken to a meat cutter where one elk was not accepted since it spoiled. Carver contacted one of the three suspects who confessed to the waste and to burying the entire elk. Carver cited this subject for **Waste of a Game Mammal**.

Joint Search Warrants Discovered Wildlife Crimes

Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) assisted Union County SO with serving a search warrant on a convicted felon in possession of firearms. During the investigation, Chandler discovered the suspect and his girlfriend had muzzleloader elk tags. The suspect filled both of their tags using a centerfire rifle. He seized the elk and cited the suspect for **Taking Elk Prohibited Method and Exceeding the Bag Limit—Elk**. Chandler contacted a subject who assisted and located deer and elk in his freezer. The deer was from a road kill. Chandler cited him for **Illegal Possession of Deer** and **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

Sr. Tpr. Chandler and Sgt. Tucker (La Grande) assisted Union County SO with serving another search warrant on a convicted felon in possession of firearms. Two plastic bags of deer meat were located in a freezer. The suspect advised he loaned his chainsaw to a friend who in turn gave him about a quarter of a deer. He did not know if the deer was lawfully taken. He was cited for **Illegal Possession of Deer**. The suspect's partner, a Umatilla Tribal member, had eagle parts in her possession. The information was given to Umatilla Tribal Police for follow-up. Since the tribal member was living off the reservation, it was referred back to OSP. Upon re-contact, they confirmed she did not have the appropriate federal documents to possess those parts. Four eagle heads, two talons, and various other eagle parts were seized. She was cited for **Illegal Possession of Protected Bird Parts**.

Joint Search and Rescue Efforts

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) assisted Douglas County SO with a water rescue. A transient had become stuck on what turned into an island due to the fast rising river. When search and rescue personnel went to retrieve him with a cataraft, they also became stuck due to the high fast water. The subjects were all eventually rescued.

Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) responded to Hwy 130 to a motor vehicle crash where a car was seen fully submerged in the Little Nestucca River. The subject lost control, left the roadway, then entered the river. The subject became trapped while the vehicle started to fill with water. The subject eventually got the passenger side window to roll down where he then swam out of the vehicle to the riverbank.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) assisted with locating some missing/overdue hunters. The hunters had called 911 on cell phones, advising they became lost and disoriented while hunting (late archery deer season). The cell signal was lost and attempts to re-establish communication failed. O'Connor checked the area in his game pickup as snow began to accumulate in the area and eventually located the subjects walking in circles on an area logging road behind locked gates.

Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (Banks) and Rct. Vogel (St. Helens) responded to a search and rescue operation, involving Washington County and Multnomah County Search and Rescue teams, that was searching for two subjects driving a Toyota pickup that were missing since the early afternoon the day before. The last known location was rural Washington County. Schwartz and Vogel located vehicle tracks in the snow that led up an un-maintained road into state forest land. They followed the tracks until the road became inaccessible via their OSP pickup, then they proceeded on foot. After about a half hour, they located a Toyota pickup, which had slid down an embankment into a small drainage. The two missing men were inside the pickup. Schwartz and Vogel hiked out with the men who were then treated by medical personnel standing by.

Public Relations

OHA Donated Equipment to OSP

Protecting Oregon's fish and wildlife resources does not just end once the sun goes down. Once darkness sets in, the challenge is magnified. A recent donation is helping troopers in western Oregon see illegal hunting activity that tries to avoid detection at night. OHA Yamhill County Chapter and Tillamook County Chapter helped Fish and Wildlife troopers find nighttime illegal hunters with the purchase and donation of night vision goggles. Each OHA chapter purchased a pair of Generation III night vision goggles for use by the Mid-Coast Fish and Wildlife Team in Tillamook, Yamhill, and Washington counties. "Both chapters felt they could help and assist enforcement efforts with this equipment to apprehend wildlife violators," said Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook). The Mid-Coast team recently drafted a blacktail deer plan approved by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. Recent enforcement efforts involved 11 nighttime deer decoy operations during the Western Oregon buck deer season and the arrest or citing of 12 suspects for hunting deer at night. The Fish and Wildlife Division would like to thank OHA for their generous and continued support of our mission to be the guardians of Oregon's fish and wildlife.



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Meetings, Presentations, and Events

Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) gave a presentation to Oregon State University's steelhead class. Halsey answered many questions regarding big game, angling, and the Fish and Wildlife Division.

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) and Special Agent Murray Bauer (NMFS) gave a presentation to the USCG Orcas crew as part of their fisheries training. Topics included joint enforcement, current events, boarding issues, jurisdiction, and capabilities.

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) delivered a \$200 TIP reward to an informant who observed a suspect shoot a spike blacktail deer during the general coast buck season. The informant had the suspect remain at the scene and gut the animal prior to OSP's arrival. The suspect pled guilty and was ordered to pay \$800 to ODFW, \$200 to the TIP program, and \$600 in additional fines. The meat was given to charity.

With generous donations from merchants, individual donors, and the American Association of State Troopers, several OSP troopers, other state and law enforcement agencies, and volunteers participated in Shop with a Cop at various retail locations around the state, brightening the holiday for almost 700 children. "Raising funds is always the hardest part of this event, but those who donated really shined through and made it possible to brighten the lives of each child," said Fish and Wildlife Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport). Local and state family service agencies helped select the participating children. Santa was on hand to take pictures with the kids before they were off to go shopping. All involved expressed their gratitude to the generosity of Walmart, K-Mart, and Target for hosting the event and donating money, supplies, and support.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) gave a commercial fish class to the USCG at the Siuslaw station in conjunction with the USCG commercial fish team. About 17 USCG members attended.

Tpr. Van Meter and Sgt. Thompson (Newport) gave a presentation to a Newport High School outdoor class of about 30 students. Topics were hunter ethics, hunter safety, and information about the Fish and Wildlife Division.

Sgt. Meyer and Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) attended a natural resource group meeting. Natural resource partners from Jackson County and Josephine County attended, including DSL, DEQ, Water Master, County Code Enforcement, ODFW, Planning Department, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, and others. Local issues are discussed at this round table meeting which is held twice a year.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) was invited to speak to about 60 members of a local chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA), a non-profit comprised of hundreds of recreational fresh and saltwater anglers interested in the conservation and restoration of our coastal marine resources, at their monthly meeting in St. Helens. He spoke for an hour and a half about how the Division enforces commercial gillnet regulations on the Columbia River. He answered many questions and perceptions some members had about commercial activity, particularly the commercial spring tangle net fishery. The information was well received and he was invited back to speak again. Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) also gave a PowerPoint presentation on what the Fish and Wildlife Division does to a local chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association. About 15 members attended.

Dispositions

December Guilty Dispositions

Retired Sr. Tpr. Drynan (Bend) received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another. The subject was ordered to pay \$447 in fines and fees.

Sgt. Pond (Bend) received a disposition on a subject he arrested for Hunting Prohibited Method and Waste of Game Bird—Canada Goose. The subject was sentenced to \$357 in fines, fees, and restitution.

In November 2008, a Washington resident pled guilty to a violation in Lincoln County Circuit Court for one count of Unlawful Use of Commercial Crab Pot with non-approved Release Mechanism. The defendant was ordered to pay \$3,000 in fines. This is the result of an investigation from last February that was conducted with the help of WDFG Enforcement Vessel Corliss.

Sr. Tpr. Madison (Prineville) received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another. The subject shot a buck on ranch property he did not have permission to hunt on. When the subject attempted to leave the area he struck a ranch employee's vehicle. The subject pled guilty and was sentenced to the following:

- Twelve months probation
 - \$633 in fines and fees
 - \$800 restitution to ODFW
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Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) received a court disposition on a subject that he arrested for the Unlawful Sale of Wildlife Parts—Taxidermy Mounts. The case was the result of an investigation from a Craigslist "for sale" listing. The subject received the following sentence:

- 15 day in jail (credit for time served)
 - Forfeiture of mounts (one bear and one antelope)
 - Two-year hunting license suspension
 - \$607 in fines and fees
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Sr. Tpr. Wilson (Ontario) received a complaint approximately one month ago regarding the Take of a Buck Mule Deer Closed Season. The investigation led to an Idaho man whom had taken the buck, transported it to Idaho, and then in fear of getting caught, dumped the buck in the Snake River. Wilson completed the investigation and cited the man in December. The man immediately pled guilty and was sentenced as follows:

- \$299 fines and fees, Aiding in a Game Violation—Taking Deer Closed Season
- \$299 fines and fees, Waste of Wildlife
- \$250 fines and fees, Placing Offensive Substances in Waterway
- \$800 restitution to ODFW
- \$600 TIP reimbursement
- 24-month hunting license suspension

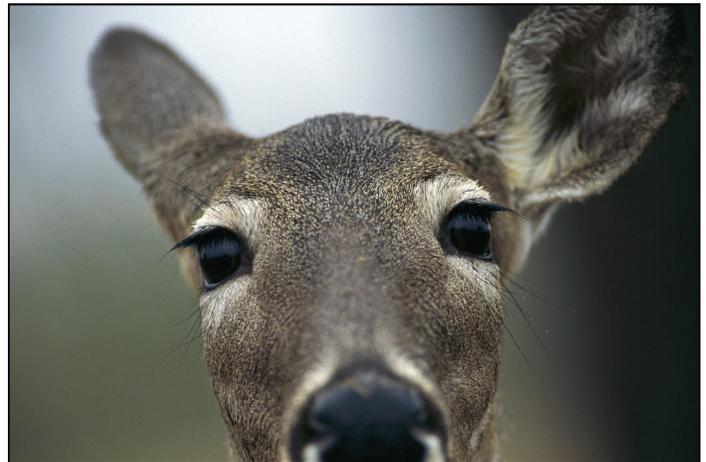


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Other Guilty Dispositions Received in December:

Taking Deer with No Valid Tag

- \$67 fine, \$800 restitution, forfeit weapon, two-year hunting license suspension

Aiding in Commission of Wildlife Crime—Waste of Buck Deer

- Fine, 12-month probation

Waste of Game Animal—Buck Deer

- Fine, 12-month probation

Loaning a Big Game Tag

- Fine, 12-month probation

Casting Light from Motor Vehicle on Game Mammal while Armed (two subjects)

- Each subject was sentenced to \$299 fines and a two-year hunting license suspension

Unlawful Possession of Falsely Applied for Resident Hunting License/Elk Tag

- \$299 fine, two-year hunting license suspension

Exceeding Bag Limit—Elk, Taking Elk without a Valid Tag—LOP Tag on Another's Property

- \$1,500 restitution (x 2), fines, and two-year hunting license suspension

Taking Deer Closed Season (two subjects)

- The first subject was sentenced to \$299 fines and fees, \$400 restitution, two-year hunting license suspension, and forfeiture of weapon used.
- The second subject was sentenced to \$299 fines and fees, \$400 restitution, and two-year hunting license suspension.



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