

The Field Review



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Company Cited for Environmental Crimes and other Charges after Multi-Year Investigation

Following a lengthy investigation involving Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) and Rct. Jennings (Patrol), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and the Lincoln County District Attorney's (DA) office, Canfield issued numerous citations to a motor vehicle dismantler business east of Newport on Hwy 20 and three individuals on multiple charges including environmental crimes. This company has been under investigation for environmental crimes by OSP and DEQ for the last several years.

According to DEQ, "Vehicle dismantlers play a valuable role by recovering, rebuilding, and reselling usable parts from worn out or damaged vehicles and recycling other materials. Although generation of wastes may be unavoidable, vehicle dismantlers can help protect the health of our environment through good waste management practices."



Some of the debris, not including vehicles (above and below). Photo credits: File

The company was the focus of the investigation following numerous complaints related to water pollution, air pollution, and unlawful storage of solid waste. In addition to the alleged complaints, the company's Dismantler certificate expired July 2009. Additionally, DEQ has taken enforcement action against the owners. In October 2007, DEQ issued the company a Notice of Violation and civil penalty totaling \$32,396 for various solid waste and hazardous waste violations. After a hearing on the penalty before an administrative law judge, the owners did not comply with the judge's order to clean up the property. In May 2009, EPA conducted a time-critical removal at the company's location, using federal Oil Pollution Act funds. EPA removed approximately 500 tons of petroleum-contaminated soil from the site as well as 50 drums of used oil that threatened Beaver Creek, an essential salmonid habitat and tributary of the Yaquina River. A December 2009 DEQ inspection revealed many of the same violations, as well as additional air and water quality violations. These violations have been referred to DEQ's Office of Compliance and Enforcement.

In February 2010, Canfield cited the company and three associated people. The company was charged with **Water Pollution in the First Degree, Air Pollution in the Second Degree, Unlawful Disposal/Storage of Solid Waste, Conducting a Motor Vehicle Dismantler's Business without a Certificate, and Improperly Conducting a Motor Vehicle Dismantling Business.** Co-owner #1 was cited for **Water Pollution in the First Degree, Air Pollution in the Second Degree, Unlawful Disposal/Storage of Solid Waste, Conducting a Motor Vehicle Dismantler's Business without a Certificate, and Improperly Conducting a Motor Vehicle Dismantling Business.** Co-owner #2 was cited for **Water Pollution in the First Degree, Air Pollution in the Second Degree (two counts), Unlawful Disposal/Storage of Solid Waste, Conducting a Motor Vehicle Dismantler's Business without a Certificate, and Improperly Conducting a Motor Vehicle Dismantling Business.** A company employee was cited for **Water Pollution in the Second Degree.** The subjects were cited to appear in Lincoln County Circuit Court in March 2010. Water Pollution in the First Degree is a Class B felony. All other listed charges are Class A misdemeanors.



Dispositions

Jail Time and Ordered to Pay over \$5,000

On December 25, 2008, a subject and his father killed two blacktail deer—a doe and a fawn. Sr. Tpr. Torland's (Newport) investigation discovered the subject placed photos on the internet in October 2009 of him holding an illegally taken bobcat and an AR-15. The subject pled guilty to **Theft I** and **Taking Bobcat Closed Season**. Lincoln County sentenced the subject to \$2,743 fines, \$2,300 restitution to ODFW, 48 months probation, 150 days in jail (45 days immediately), two years hunting license suspension, and forfeit a 25-06 rifle and an AR-15 rifle.

Subject Received Diversion

In the 2009 deer season, Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) apprehended a subject who shot two blacktail bucks during rifle season. The subject's friend tagged the second buck (a respectable 3 x 3). Shugart cited the shooter with **Exceeding the Bag Limit on Deer** and **Borrowing a Big Game Tag** and the friend for **Loaning a Big Game Tag**, charging both with crimes. The shooter received a DA's diversion and was ordered to pay \$300-\$400 fines/fees and complete 25 hours community service in six months. If he completes these requirements, the court will return his rifle and drop all charges (Exceeding and Borrowing). The friend pled guilty to a violation and was sentenced to a \$350 fine.

DNA Analysis Key to First Wildlife Convictions

Wallowa County prosecuted four subjects in Sr. Tpr. Knapp's (Enterprise) November 2007 illegal elk case; and DNA results, a valuable investigative tool in solving criminal cases, were a critical component and led to the first wildlife-related convictions in Oregon. **Suspect #1** pled guilty to **Taking Elk without a Valid Tag (crime)** and was sentenced to two years hunting license suspension, two years probation, and \$2,108 fines. **Suspect #2** pled guilty to **Aiding in a Violation of Wildlife Laws (crime)** and was sentenced to two years hunting license suspension, two years probation, and \$2,008 fines. **Suspect #3** pled guilty to **Aiding in a Violation of Wildlife Laws (crime)** and was sentenced to two years hunting license suspension, two years probation, and \$2,143 fines. **Suspect #4** pled guilty to **Aiding in a Violation of Wildlife Laws (violation)** and was sentenced to two years hunting license suspension and \$1,208 fines.

Other Notable February Dispositions

A Confederated Colville Tribal member cited by Sr. Tpr. Knapp (Enterprise) for **Unlawful Take of Elk** pled guilty in Wallowa County Circuit Court. The subject contended he could hunt under the Nez Perce Tribe Treaty rights as a Colville member; however, the Nez Perce excluded them by resolution. The subject has now been admitted into the Nez Perce Tribe, and the charge was reduced to a violation. The subject was sentenced to \$267 fines and \$1,500 restitution to ODFW.

A Division trooper investigated two cases involving subjects illegally operating ATVs on Longview Timber Company (LTC) near Silverton during the 2009 archery season. In Marion County, in two different appearances, all seven suspects pled guilty to **Criminal Trespass—2nd Degree** and were sentenced to \$417 fines/fees and \$500 restitution to LTC. Personnel from LTC were at each court appearance. At the first, LTC served the five subjects with notice they are not allowed on LTC property for five years. At the second, LTC served both subjects with notice they are not allowed on LTC property for **lifetime**.

Sgt. Lea and Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) attended a Coos County trial regarding a case involving several local subjects. The first subject shot a bull elk with a rifle during bow season using another subject's tag. This subject was found guilty of **Unlawful Take Bull Elk** and **Borrowing a Big Game Tag** and sentenced to \$2,000 fines, \$750 restitution to ODFW, and two years hunting/angling license suspension. The second subject was found guilty of **Aiding in a Game Violation** and sentenced to \$500 fines, \$750 restitution to ODFW, and one year hunting/angling license suspension. A third subject who pled guilty earlier to **Exceeding the Annual Limit on Blacktail Deer (x 2)** was sentenced to \$500 fines, \$1,600 restitution to ODFW, two years hunting/angling license suspension, and forfeit seized meat and antlers.

Report Wildlife and Habitat Violators

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	Sr.	Sr. Sheriff's Office
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	SO	Turn in Poachers
BER	Boat Examination Report	Lt.	Lt.	TIP	Travel Management Area
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	TMA	Tpr.
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants	ODF	Department of Forestry	Tpr.	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
Capt.	Captain	ODFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife	UPCS	U.S. Coast Guard
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	ODOT	Department of Transportation	USCG	U.S. Forest Service
CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DA	District Attorney	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	UUMV	Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	Ret.	Ret.	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
DSL	Department of State Lands	Sgt.	Sgt.	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy
DWS	Driving While Suspended	SIU	Special Investigations Unit		

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Commercial Fish / Marine Board

Commercial Patrols Yielded Enforcement Action

Tpr. Davis, Tpr. Bowen, and Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) conducted a boat patrol on the Pacific Ocean out of Charleston. The troopers boarded and inspected four commercial crab vessels. Only three citations were issued for **No Individual Commercial Fishing License**.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) contacted a groundfish vessel at a plant and located filleted petrale sole on board. One deckhand admitted to filleting the fish, so he could take it home. He was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Petrale Sole—Taking Food Fish for Personal Use**.

Sr. Tpr. Harris, Tpr. Davis, and Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) conducted a boat patrol out of the Port of Charleston, contacting numerous sport fishing and commercial crab boats. The troopers issued one citation for **No Commercial Fishing License** and warnings for a Double Cotton Strand on Commercial Crab Pots and an Expired Boat Registration.



Trooper boards boat and conducts an inspection. Photo credit: File

Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) and Lt. Gifford (SW Region) contacted a commercial fishing vessel as it delivered its catch. The skipper said two crew members were in the hold shoveling fish and showed three licenses to cover him and two crew. Upon inspecting the hold, a third crew member detected was cited for **No Commercial Fishing License**.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) followed up a groundfish overage. During the interview, the skipper stated the overage was a result of the plant not sorting the species correctly. The skipper said he told the plant to resort the species after he noticed the discrepancy on the dock ticket, but they never did. O'Connor forwarded the case to NOAA for follow-up.

At Port Orford, Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) checked a commercial vessel and detected a deckhand trying to sneak off. He cited him for **No Individual Commercial Fishing License**. On another patrol, Barden contacted a crabbing vessel and issued one warning. He also learned a deckhand had a felony warrant. After Barden convinced the deckhand it was not worth it to fight, he lodged the deckhand without incident.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted the skipper and crew when they exited a commercial trawl vessel. One deckhand had a heavy-looking backpack. A consent search revealed about 35 pounds of halibut and 10 pounds of frozen petrale. Klepp cited him for **Illegal Possession of Halibut Closed Season and No Personal Commercial Fishing License**. He also cited the skipper, who was cited the week prior for an overage, for **Illegal Possession of Minor Slope and Darkblotched Rockfish—Exceeding Cumulative Two-Month Trip Limit**. The plant sold the seized rockfish (695 pounds) and issued ODFW a check.

Boat Patrols Conducted around the State

Sr. Tpr. Harris and Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) conducted a boat patrol on Tenmile Creek utilizing catarafts. They cited one for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Poles** and one for **No Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman and Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) did a drift boat patrol down the Rogue River from Gold Hill to Valley of the Rogue State Park. They checked 17 anglers, conducted five boating safety exams, and issued one citation for **No Steelhead Tag**.

Sgt. Perske and Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) did a drift boat patrol on the main Umpqua River. The troopers completed seven boat exams and checked numerous boat and bank anglers. They issued two citations for **No Angling License** and a warning for a Marine Board violation.

Tpr. Schwartz and Tpr. Vogel (St. Helens) conducted a Columbia River boat patrol and checked numerous anglers. They performed several BERs and issued two citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Poles**, one for **Failure to Attend Rod/Line**, and numerous warnings.

Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) was checking bank anglers when a boat came by, turned high speed circles in front of the bank anglers, and took off downstream. Merritt went to the boat ramp to wait for the boat. While he waited, the boat made several more circles in front of the bank anglers while exchanging finger waves and obscenities and then went upstream to the boat ramp where Merritt contacted him. Merritt cited the operator for **Reckless Boat Operation** and issued several warnings.

Northeast troopers conducted several boat patrols above and below McNary Dam. On one patrol, Sr. Tpr. Carter (Pendleton), Tpr. Jewett (Heppner), and Sr. Tpr. Connell (Hermiston) conducted four BERs, 55 visual boat inspections, and 59 angler checks. They issued three citations for **Angling Prohibited Area (USACE zone)** and six angling and boat warnings. On another patrol, Jewett, Connell, and Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) conducted checked 37 anglers and 15 boats and issued two citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hook (Sturgeon)**.

Sgt. Meyer, Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point), and Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) conducted a boat patrol on the Rogue River below Grants Pass. They checked 75 anglers on 23 boats and the bank, examined 10 steelhead, and issued several warnings. They also rescued an expensive fishing rod. Two drift boat anglers had drifted close to the bank where trees and brush hung over. They inadvertently drifted through the brush, and a fishing rod was pulled out of the boat. The rod dangled in the river attached by a short line to a lure snagged in the brush. The anglers could not maneuver close enough, and the bank was too steep. The troopers saved the day to the slight chagrin of the anglers.

Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) contacted a guide regarding him guiding without a license. Division troopers contacted him two weeks prior about the same thing. The guide said his paperwork was at OSMB. Merritt confirmed with OSMB the guide submitted his application, but he did not include all required documents. The guide called OSMB the week after OSP's initial contact and again was told he needed to submit the documents. The guide assured OSMB he would comply. Merritt's contact was a week later, and the guide still did not have his license, providing several excuses. Merritt cited the guide for **Guiding without a License** and told him to discontinue until he obtained his license.

Sport Angling and Shellfish

Southwest Ramped Up Patrols around their Region

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) contacted a drift boat on the East Fork of the Coquille River. A check of the catch revealed a wild steelhead. Davis issued one subject a citation for **Unlawful Take of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Steelhead** and seized the fish as evidence.

Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) observed an angler plunking in Tenmile Creek. Upon contact, the subject stated he was angling for trout and did not possess an angling harvest card. Lea advised the angler the stream was closed to trout angling. The subject admitted to angling for steelhead, and Lea cited him for **No Angling Harvest Card**.

Sr. Tpr. Merritt and Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) contacted a guide after receiving a call from a citizen who observed a client catch a very large native steelhead and take it up onto the shore for pictures. The client dropped the fish, and it flopped around on the rocks before the guide grabbed it and returned it to the river. The guide said the fish appeared unharmed. The citizen insisted on signing a complaint for **Fail to Immediately Release**, and the complaint was forwarded to the DA.

Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) hiked in to a remote location on the Applegate River and located an angler using bait in a no-bait area. Marchand cited him for **Angling Prohibited Method** and another for **No Angling License**. On another patrol, Marchand contacted an Idaho angler after watching him angle on the Applegate. The subject admitted he should have bought a license, but he was only going to fish for an hour. Marchand cited him for **No Nonresident Angling License**.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) observed two anglers trout fishing in Garrison Lake. When the anglers noticed him, they reeled in their lines and admitted they did not have angling licenses. Barden cited both subjects for **No Angling License**. On the Sixes River, Barden issued another subject a citation for **No Angling License** and a warning for No Steelhead Tag when the subject admitted to steelhead fishing after he initially hid his pole and said he was just "hanging out" with his friend.

While checking steelhead anglers on the west fork of the Millicoma River, Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) observed one subject land a steelhead, validate his tag, and continue to angle. When contacted, Keeler discovered the subject had two steelhead on the bank, and both fish were validated. The subject stated he did not realize he could not continue to fish after obtaining his limit. The subject stated he wanted to see if any other fish would bite. Keeler cited the subject for **Continuing to Angle after Retaining Limit**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) stopped a vehicle near Diamond Lake for a traffic violation. During the contact, Frerichs noted several fishing poles in the vehicle. The subject said he was going fishing near Bend. The subject produced a California driver license and said he still lived there. He also produced an Oregon vehicle registration in his name with a Bend address and a California PO box. Frerichs asked if he had purchased an Oregon resident angling license. The subject said no and produced a California resident angling license. Frerichs checked with ODFW and found the subject had in fact purchased both an Oregon resident angling license and harvest tag. Frerichs recontacted the subject. The subject, who was also a licensed commercial fisherman, admitted to using his parent's address in Oregon. Frerichs cited the subject for **Falsely Applied for License and Tag**.

Shellfish Enforcement Patrols Yielded Citations

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) pulled up to a crab dock in Charleston. When one crabber saw Davis, the crabber immediately bent down and started measuring the crab in his bucket. The subject threw three crab back into the water before Davis could get to him. Davis issued the subject a citation for **Fail to Immediately Release Unwanted Crabs**.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) worked the beach during a clam tide. He warned one subject for Exceeding the Bag Limit of Razor Clams. He contacted another digger who had 35 clams. This subject said the clams were inclusive of his daughters' limits; however, he admitted he dug all the clams for them. O'Connor cited the father for **Digging Part of Another's Bag Limit of Razor Clams**.

Tpr. Thomas (Patrol) made a traffic stop near Astoria. Upon contact, he noticed a large box in the pickup bed. A check revealed the box contained 23 Dungeness crab. The subject stated the crab were recently caught in recreational sport pots in the Columbia River, but he did not have a transportation slip from his "friend." Thomas seized 11 of the crab and provided the information to Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) for follow-up. The next day, Klepp contacted the subject (a deckhand on a commercial fishing vessel) and issued the man a citation for **No Transportation Receipt Shellfish—Dungeness Crab**.

At a local reservoir, Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) just started watching one subject sitting in a lawn chair with four poles around him, when two subjects on bikes rode past Collom over to where the first subject was fishing. Collom could tell these two subjects mentioned something about seeing him on the other side, because he saw the first subject and two others immediately begin searching in his direction and then, as fast as they could, reel in their fishing lines. Collom then contacted the anglers. He cited two of the subjects for **No Angling License** and warned the first subject for **Angling with Two Poles**.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) followed boot prints into the Wood River Day Use Area and then followed them north onto private property. When he finally located the anglers, he was able to sit, watch, and listen as they discussed whether or not to keep a trout they just caught. The river was closed to all angling at this location. As they decided to keep it, Niehus stepped out and requested they release the fish, and they did so without a complaint. They admitted to catching and killing another fish. Niehus cited one subject for **Taking Trout Closed Season** and the other for **Angling Closed Season**.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) contacted two subjects angling on the Rogue River. Bennett discovered one subject caught two steelhead; one fin-clipped, one nonadipose fin-clipped (wild). Anglers can retain wild steelhead over 24 inches in this area, with a limit of one per day and five per year. Bennett asked the anglers if they measured the wild steelhead. The anglers said they had, and it measured 25 inches. Both fish were properly tagged. Bennett, with the keen eyes he has, questioned the length of the wild fish. Bennett measured the fish at 23½ inches. He examined the angler's tape measure. The fish did measure 25 inches using their measuring tape. Bennett warned the anglers and instructed them to get a more accurate tape.

Sport Angling

Angling Violations Noted in Northwest Region

Rct. Herman (Astoria) watched a subject steelhead angling on Gnat Creek for about 10 minutes. When Herman contacted the subject, a consent search located an untagged steelhead in a garbage bag inside the subject's backpack. The subject said he caught the steelhead about 15 minutes prior to the contact and planned to tag it. Herman cited the subject for **Fail to Immediately Validate Tag**.

Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) responded to a complaint of two subjects keeping oversized sturgeon and failing to validate their combined angling tags. Upon contact with the two subjects, Schoenborn examined both sturgeon and discovered they were both of legal size; however, one subject did not validate his tag. Consequently, Schoenborn cited the subject for **Fail to Immediately Validate Tag**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) and Sgt. Martin (Springfield) worked Crescent Lake and Hills Creek Reservoir for anglers. The troopers noted little activity due to poor weather conditions. One subject was contacted angling near the upper end of Hills Creek Reservoir. The subject had four trout in possession on a stringer. One trout retained was not adipose fin-clipped as required on this reservoir. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Taking of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Trout**.

Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) contacted a subject angling for steelhead on the Nestucca River. During the contact, the subject presented Shugart with a 2010 resident angling license and a 2010 resident combined angling harvest card. The subject initially told Shugart he lived in Oregon, but then he advised he had only lived in Oregon for two weeks. Shugart cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Falsely Applied for Resident Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) worked the McKenzie River. Martin Maher checked seven anglers and inspected two boats. Two subjects were located angling with bait in a section of the McKenzie River restricted to the use of artificial flies and lures only. Out of the six sections on the McKenzie River, the use of bait is not allowed in five of the sections. Marshall Maher issued two subjects citations for **Angling with Bait where Prohibited**.

Rct. Herman (Astoria) patrolled the Klaskanine River and contacted three subjects steelhead fishing. Herman discovered all three subjects did not have licenses or combined angling tags. Herman also learned one of the subjects also had a suspended angling license for previous wildlife-related violations. Herman cited this angler criminally for **Angling while Suspended and criminally for No Valid Harvest Tag—Steelhead**. He cited one other subject as a violation for **No Valid Harvest Tag—Steelhead**.

Tpr. Fromme (Portland) contacted a subject angling on the Willamette River at George Rogers Park in Lake Oswego. When contacted, the subject handed Fromme a 2010 resident angling license, a 2010 resident harvest card, and a current Washington driver license. As a result of Fromme's further investigation, he discovered the subject used his son's address in Beaverton. The subject had been helping fix up his son's house and planned on moving into it within the next few months. Fromme cited the subject for **Possession of a Falsely Applied for License** and seized the license.

East Region Troopers Worked Rivers

Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) observed two subjects angling well inside the restricted buoy line above the McNary Dam on the Columbia River out of their boats. Jewett contacted both subjects and cited each for **Angling Prohibited Area**.

Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) and Sr. Tpr. Connell (Hermiston) conducted angler checks on the John Day River from Service Creek to Spray. At the Muleshoe parking lot, a subject was observed filleting a steelhead on the tailgate of his pickup. When asked, the subject said it was a wild steelhead, and he did not know he could not keep wild fish. The remaining carcass was retrieved from out of the brush. The adipose fin was still intact. The subject was cited criminally for **Unlawful Possession of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Steelhead**.



Angler releasing steelhead. Photo credit: [Spappy Jones/Flickr/Creative Commons](#)

Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) and Sr. Tpr. Coggins (Enterprise) conducted an ATV patrol into Rondowa (where the Grand Ronde and Wallowa Rivers meet) to check steelhead anglers. They checked about 20 anglers. Chandler issued citations for **No Angling License** and **No Nonresident Angling License**. Coggins and Chandler performed another ATV patrol into Rondowa. They issued three citations for **Fail to Validate Steelhead Tag**, one for **Unlawful Possession of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Steelhead**, and one for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** on the Wallowa River. Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) also issued two citations on the Wallowa River in a separate area for **Possession of Falsely Applied for Angling License**.

Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) and Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) patrolled the John Day River between Service Creek and Kimberly. While observing five anglers in the Muleshoe area, they noticed one subject, with the help of another, land a steelhead. The subjects knocked the fish on the head, gave a few high fives, and posed for a picture. The subject put the fish in nearby bushes and continued to angle. Upon contact, the troopers learned the subject did not have a 2010 harvest card and cited him for **Taking Steelhead without a Valid 2010 Harvest Card**. They warned the person who assisted for Aiding in a Wildlife Violation and cited another for **No 2010 Resident Harvest Card**. The troopers patrolled the banks to Kimberly, checking 22 anglers and issuing citations for **Taking Steelhead—No Valid 2010 Tag, No 2010 Resident Harvest Card, Taking Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Steelhead**, and a drug-related violation and warnings for Aiding in a Wildlife Violation and Allowing Juvenile to Angle for Steelhead—No Harvest Card. They seized and donated two steelhead to the Senior Center.

Wildlife / Hunting

OSP Looking for Help to Solve Tillamook County Poaching of Three Elk — \$3,500 Reward

The Humane Society of the United States and The Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust (HSUS/HSWLT) are offering a \$2,500 reward related to a Division investigation to help solve the illegal kill and waste of three elk in the Trask Unit near Tillamook. This reward is also in conjunction with a reward of up to \$1,000 offered by the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) for information leading to an arrest and conviction in this case. On the weekend of February 13, 2010, a hunter came upon fresh elk remains in the roadway on Clear Creek Ridge Road, and a dead spike and cow elk about 40 yards off the roadway. The information was provided to the Tillamook office several days later. On February 17, Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) responded to the complaint and found three dead elk (one spike and two cows) in the area. The area was open to an emergency hunt at the time.

"Reward offers from organizations like the HSUS/HSWLT and OHA can be a huge boost in helping to generate tips to solve cases such as this irresponsible poaching of elk in Tillamook County. We appreciate this help and hope it will provide the key link to identifying who is responsible," said Capt. Walt Markee. Anyone with information is asked to call Sr. Tpr. Lalo Guerra at 503-815-3315 or the Turn in Poacher (TIP) number at 1-800-452-7888. Questions regarding the HSUS/HSWLT reward can be directed to Liz Bergstrom, HSUS, at 240-751-0659, or bergstrom@humanesociety.org. To view their news release, please visit www.humanesociety.org/poaching. Questions regarding the OHA reward can be directed to Duane Dungannon, OHA, 541-772-7313, or dungannon@ccountry.net.



Three elk poached near Tillamook. Photo credits: File

Troopers Checked Trappers

Sgt. Cyr and Sr. Tpr. Hawkins (Baker City) located a trap line in Baker County with numerous violations including several unbranded traps and #3 traps without proper jaw spacing. They contacted the trapper and issued citations for **Unbranded Traps** and **Unlawful Trapping—#3 Traps without Proper Jaw Spacing**.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) followed up on a complaint of a subject trapping muskrats inside the Klamath Falls city limits. The traps were pulled; and, coincidentally, the trapper was waiting for Niehus at the local boat ramp. The trapper was unaware the city limits went as far out as they did. Niehus warned the trapper and returned his traps.

Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) received information from the local government trapper that someone had taken a coyote out of a snare he had set. The trapper located evidence near the snare that led Chandler to the suspect. Upon contact, Chandler determined the suspect took the coyote after he shot it. Chandler cited the suspect for **Disturbing the Snares of a Licensed Trapper**.

Fort Rock Attracted Rabbit Spotlighters

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) received a call from a Fort Rock-area landowner regarding a group of subjects spotlighting rabbits on his property and BLM property for two consecutive nights. Bean responded and located the subjects as they were heading back to their camp. He determined the subjects were shooting their .223 rifles in a populated area. Bean cited all three subjects for **Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light**.

Sr. Tpr. Bean responded to another report from a Fort Rock landowner about a group of subjects in a 4 x 4 pickup driving cross-country through the sagebrush hunting rabbits on BLM land and trespassing on his fenced property. The subjects had their children in the back of the truck shooting as they drove around. Bean located the suspects in a camp about 12 miles away. They admitted to "accidentally" hunting on the victim's property and shooting from the vehicle as they chased the rabbits in the truck. This area is posted as a sensitive area by BLM and closed to all off-road travel. Bean cited the vehicle driver for **Unlawful Operation of ATV Where Posted Restricted** and for **Aiding in a Game Violation—Hunting with the Aid of a Motor Vehicle**. The other father was cited for **Hunting with the Aid of a Motor Vehicle** and **Aiding in a Game Violation—Shooting from the Vehicle**. The three children standing in the bed of the vehicle were less than 10 years old.



Fort Rock is an extinct volcanic tuff ring and a heritage site in Lake County. Photo credit: Gary Halvorson, Oregon State Archives

Wildlife / Hunting

Applied for False License/Tags

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) cited a Washington subject who used his parent's Douglas County address to obtain resident deer and elk tags and a hunting license in 2008 and 2009. The man figured it was okay, since he allegedly did not purchase any licenses during that period in Washington. He did confess to living in Washington since 2007 and knowing the difference between a resident and nonresident of Oregon.

During archery season, Sr. Tpr. Carter (Pendleton) checked a subject with a resident license and tags but was operating a vehicle registered in Idaho. Carter forwarded the information to Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande), because the suspect showed a La Grande address. Chandler learned the suspect lived in Washington during 2008 and in Idaho during 2009, but he bought resident licenses and tags in Oregon during those years. The suspect was recently located in Bend and cited for four counts of **False Application for Resident License and Tags**.

Trespassed and Impersonated Officer

Sr. Tpr. Carter (Pendleton) and Sr. Tpr. Connell (Hermiston) contacted a suspect in trespass case from bull elk season. The landowner caught the suspect leaving his property and alleged the suspect showed a police officer's badge as identification. The suspect was eventually located. After consulting with the Umatilla County DA, the suspect was cited **criminally for Criminal Trespass with a Firearm and Refusing to Allow Inspection of License/Tags by Landowner**. Additional charges of **Criminal Impersonation of a Peace Officer** and **Possession of False Law Enforcement ID Card** will be presented to the DA.

Mistakes Discovered

Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) and Rct. Galusha (Tillamook) responded to a complaint about a subject who was cow hunting and accidentally killed two elk. Upon arrival, the troopers found the subject, a Master Hunter, had in possession two elk he had shot. The subject was cited for **Exceeding Bag Limit Elk**, and the extra elk was salvaged.

Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) followed up on a complaint of an illegal elk kill. A subject reported he killed a spike during a cow-only rifle hunt. The subject said he picked out what he thought was a smaller, young cow from the herd standing in a pasture and shot it. When he got up to it, he discovered it had approximately six-inch spikes. Merritt salvaged the elk, with the subject's assistance, and warned the subject.

Tpr. Clement (Albany) and Tpr. Olsen (Salem) responded to a report of a subject who accidentally killed a branch bull elk during antlerless season. The subject said he had shot at and killed an antlerless elk and inadvertently hit and killed a branch bull. The subject called OSP to turn himself in. The troopers cited the suspect **Exceeding the Bag Limit** (violation) and salvaged and donated the bull to the Mission.

Suspect Cited for Illegal Take and Waste of Trophy Bull Elk

Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) completed a complex investigation of a trophy bull elk illegally taken and wasted in October 2009 during Western Oregon deer season. The investigation began on October 31 when Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) responded to a report of the illegal killing and waste of the trophy bull off the Aldercrest Road system in a clear-cut just north of the Wilson River near Tillamook. The poacher removed the bull's antlers and left the carcass to waste. A news release was sent out asking for the public's help to identify a suspect. A tip led Howell, with the assistance of Thomas, to identify a suspect in the case. As a result of the investigation, Howell cited the suspect **criminally for Waste of a Game Animal and Taking Bull Elk Closed Season**.



Trophy elk poached near Tillamook. Photo credit: File

Anonymous Tip Led to Identifying Suspects in Deer Case

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) received an anonymous tip regarding an illegally taken blacktail buck in the Cottage Grove area. He spent most of the day tracking down two Cottage Grove suspects. Maher determined a large 4 x 4 buck was shot and killed in January in the Cedar Creek area west of Cottage Grove Reservoir in the Melrose Unit. He identified a 20-year-old male suspect shot the buck, and a 17-year-old male suspect assisted in removing and transporting some of the meat and the antlers. The suspects left a majority of the meat to waste. After lengthy interviews with the suspects, Maher seized the antlers and rifle from the main suspect's residence and cited the adult **criminally for Unlawful Take of Deer Closed Season and Waste of Game Mammal—Deer** and the juvenile for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense—Take Deer Closed Season**.

Doe and Two Fawn Deer Shot and Left to Waste

In September 2009, Sr. Tpr. Johnson (John Day) and Tpr. Hutchison (Patrol) received a report that unknown suspect(s) shot and injured a doe off of Wall Creek Road, north of Monument. The suspect(s) drove away, leaving the doe critically injured, trying to crawl around using only her front legs. The doe would not have survived her injuries, so she was put down and salvaged. Two fawn deer were also shot and killed that day at the same location and left to waste. Johnson was able to salvage one fawn. Several 7.62 x 39 casings were recovered from the road.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) continued to work the case and eventually received a tip that led him to two suspects, a man and woman. Ritter determined the female shot all three deer with the male's AK-47 rifle, and both suspects left the scene in the male's pickup, knowing the doe was critically injured and suffering. They drove to the male's friend's house, where the male asked his friend to hide his AK-47 after telling him they just shot a deer with it. The friend refused to hide the rifle.

Ritter arrested both suspects, and they were transported to the Grant County Jail. Ritter cited the female for **Animal Abuse in the First Degree, Wasting Wildlife (x 3)**, and **Taking Doe Deer Closed Season (x 3)** and the male for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Wasting Wildlife (x 3)** and **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Taking Doe Deer Closed Season (x 3)**. Ritter later located the rifle at the male's mother's residence in Prineville. The male's mother brought the rifle to Ritter the following day and it was seized.

Wildlife / Hunting

Hunting Waterfowl in Prohibited Area

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) watched three subjects hunting on the border of Ankeny Wildlife Refuge. One subject shot a goose over the refuge. The goose landed on the refuge. The subject sent his dog into the refuge to retrieve it. Turnbo contacted and cited the subject for **Hunting Prohibited Area**.

Tpr. Ring (Bend) responded to a report of a subject shooting at ducks with a centerfire rifle at the Redmond Water Treatment Facility. Ring located and contacted two subjects. Ring's subsequent investigation revealed one subject shot at a duck while his friend assisted him. Ring cited the shooter for **Hunting Ducks Closed Season and Criminal Trespass while in Possession of a Firearm** and additionally cited the subject's friend for **Aiding in Wildlife Violation and Criminal Trespass while in Possession of a Firearm**.

The late goose season opening weekend in Klamath County was slow. The season was open to private lands only. The birds were just moving into the area and had not fully started using the private lands. Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) issued three citations for **Hunting Prohibited Area** after subjects hunted in and along a canal which is publicly held by the Bureau of Reclamation and a closed area. Randall also received several other hunting complaints. He followed up on those reports and issued various warnings.

Rct. Imholt (Springfield) patrolled for goose hunters and located two groups hunting on the boundary of a wildlife refuge. The subjects shot geese, and the geese landed on the refuge. The refuge was closed to all hunting and entry. The subjects entered the refuge and retrieved the geese. Imholt warned two of the subjects for **Hunting/Retrieving Geese on a Refuge**. Imholt and the subjects had a long discussion on the right and wrong of hunting on the boundary of wildlife refuge. Imholt will be looking further into the issue to determine the best way to address this problem in the future.



A chocolate Labrador similar to the one named "Goose" who ate the goose meat. Photo credit: Blaine Hansel, Creative Commons

interviewed, the subject had left the goose breasts in his backyard, where a large chocolate Labrador named "Goose" was present. When asked to see the meat, Maher and the subject went into the backyard and met Goose acting suspicious and discovered the goose breasts were missing. They determined Goose ate the meat. Maher later transported the carcasses to the check station where ODFW positively identified the two dusky geese.

Numerous Violations Detected in NW Goose Zone

Rct. Imholt (Springfield) patrolled the NW Goose Permit Zone in an unmarked pickup. He checked 12 hunters during the patrol. He cited one subject for **Fail to Immediately Record Goose on Harvest Card** and warned another for No Written Record of Transfer.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted a subject who checked in two Canadian geese at the ODFW check station and did not have a NW Special Zone Goose permit or harvest card. He obtained his last permit in 2008 and used the harvest card also issued in 2008. Klepp cited the subject for **No Valid NW Goose Zone Permit/Harvest Card**.

Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) observed two subjects kill a goose near Tillamook Bay. He located these two subjects as they returned. One subject identified him as law enforcement and hid behind a barn so he could validate the goose on his permit, but the subject did not validate it since he thought it was a dusky. Howell cited this subject for **Fail to Immediately Validate Goose Record Card** and seized the record card. The subject has been a repeat violator of fish and wildlife regulations.



Click below to learn about declining dusky population [Regulations \(p. 18\)](#), [Video](#), and [Goose Field Guide](#)
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Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) patrolled the Junction City area near Fern Ridge. They contacted a subject after watching him take two cacklers with one shot and not record them. Marshall Maher cited the subject for **Fail to Immediately Record Goose Harvest on Daily Goose Harvest Card—NW Goose Permit Zone**, invalidated and seized the subject's permit, and sent the subject to the ODFW check station to check in his geese. Martin Maher contacted a subject in another case who was hunting with a person cited for Fail to Check in Geese. The subject admitted shooting at geese and did not have a valid permit or harvest card and was cited for **No NW Goose Zone Permit/Harvest Card**.

"Goose" Ate Goose Meat Evidence

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) worked goose hunters in the NW Permit Goose Zone. In the afternoon, Maher received information from the goose check station that a hunter reported other hunters shooting dusky geese in a farm field south of the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area. The hunter provided three license plates from vehicles parked near the field. Maher went to a residence and contacted a person who had just finished breasting out three geese (two dusky and one cackler). The subject told Maher he and three other friends were hunting in the field that morning and shot geese. The subject was not sure who shot each goose because they all shot as the geese flew by. Upon checking the subject's goose harvest card, Maher noticed it was not validated. The subject told Maher he had not got around to it yet. In addition, ODFW had not checked in the geese. The subject told Maher he tried to check them in that morning when he left the field at about 10:30 a.m., but the check station at Fern Ridge Wildlife Area was closed. Maher cited the subject for **Fail to Immediately Record Geese on Goose Harvest Card—NW Permit Goose Zone and Fail to Check Harvested Geese at Goose Check Station**, seized the three goose carcasses, and invalidated and seized the subject's goose permit and harvest card. While being

Environment / ATV / General Law

ATV, Habitat, and Environment Patrols

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) worked a wood theft case with the USFS LEO near Lincoln City. Both received reports of a subject taking firewood without a permit several times. Kehr located the subject off a spur road with his truck half-loaded with wood. The subject cut his own roads into the timber to windfalls to cut (and later sell) the wood. He was 100 yards off-road with his truck. Kehr cited the subject for **Unlawful Cutting and Transport of Special Forest Products, Theft II**, and **Causing Unlawful Damage with Class II ATV**. The USFS LEO seized the wood, his chain saws, and two axes.

Tpr. Vogel (St. Helens) found two dump sites near St. Helens and Rainier and located names/addresses in the garbage. Vogel contacted and cited two suspects criminally for **Offensive Littering**. Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) also concluded a dumping case. A subject drove to the new Hidden Valley gate, found it closed, and dumped numerous tires and garbage. A trail camera took photographs. With the help of a landowner agent, Niehus developed a suspect. Upon contact, the suspect told Niehus his truck did not run. Niehus took photos of his truck and compared them to the suspect vehicle photos. He confirmed the trucks were the same and recontacted the suspect, who was on his way to see his probation officer. The suspect admitted to the offense. Niehus lodged the suspect in jail for **Offensive Littering**.

Division troopers enforced ATV laws. Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) cited an ATV operator driving without privileges near Topsy Reservoir for **DWS—Misdemeanor**. Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) noticed two young adults riding an ATV on the ocean shore near Gold Beach and informed the out-of-towners operating ATVs on the beach is illegal. The riders apologized and loaded the ATV into their truck, happy to only get a warning. Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Sr. Tpr. Torland (Newport) will cite three ATV operators who trespassed across multiple posted private properties for two counts each of **Criminal Trespass II**. Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) issued numerous ATV-related citations including **No ATV Operator Permit, Endangering Child Passenger, Driving while Suspended**, and **Causing Damage with ATV**.

Troopers Encountered Wanted Subjects

On the South Umpqua River, Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) arrested and lodged an angler in jail on felony warrants for UPCS—Schedule III and a Sex Offender Registration. On the Columbia River, Sr. Tpr. Connell (Hermiston) arrested and lodged an angler in jail on three felony warrants and cited him for **No Angling License**. Tpr. Fromme (Portland) arrested and lodged a subject he contacted for discarding trash a business' lawn in jail on a warrant for Contempt of Court and additionally warned him for Littering. Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) contacted a known wanted subject alongside the road changing a tire. The subject was cited last year for a wildlife crime and failed to appear in court. Hayes arrested and lodged the subject in jail, after a brief struggle, on the warrant, **Resisting Arrest**, and **Attempt to Escape**.

Drugs and Other General Law Violations Discovered

During a traffic stop near Valley Falls, Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) detected a marijuana odor. A consent search resulted in the discovery of four pounds of marijuana. Weaver seized the marijuana and cited the suspect for **UPCS—Four Pounds of Marijuana**. Tpr. Olsen (Salem) and Tpr. Clement (Albany) found five people on Ankeny



Four pounds of marijuana seized. Photo credit: File

Refuge. They took one juvenile who had 13 packages of marijuana into custody for **Distribution of a Controlled Substance** and cited four others for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Rct. Herman (Astoria) stopped a vehicle and found a three-year-old in the back seat unbuckled and the driver with multiple pipes and marijuana. Herman cited the driver for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and **Endangering a Child Passenger** and referred the case to Department of Human Services. On the Clackamas River, Tpr. Fromme (Portland) found a subject with five baggies of methamphetamine (meth), three meth pipes, two marijuana pipes, and two separate marijuana stashes. He lodged the subject in jail for **UPCS—Meth** and cited him for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**. On the Multnomah Channel, as Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) approached three anglers, one who was smoking marijuana placed something behind a barricade. Upon contact, he found a pipe stashed. A consent search of the subject's vehicle located another pipe with marijuana. Schwartz cited the subject for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and **No Angling License** and two others for **No Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) cited two subjects for **No Angling License** on Brownlee Reservoir. He also cited one subject for **Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor** and another for **Minor in Possession (MIP)—Alcohol**. The subject who furnished the alcohol was on probation for the same offense, and the subject cited for MIP just got his ODL back from a previous MIP. Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) worked anglers around Oakridge area reservoirs and checked six anglers. While patrolling through Lowell, Maher observed a female subject he was aware had suspended driving privileges. Maher stopped the subject. During the contact, Maher found the subject had an outstanding felony warrant for her arrest out of Lane County Circuit Court for FTA—Revoked Release with Original Charges of Theft II, ID Theft, Forgery II, and UUV. Bail on the warrant was \$50,000. Maher arrested and took the subject into custody, issued her a citation for **Driving While Suspended (DWS)**, and impounded her vehicle.

Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) contacted an angler on the Multnomah Channel. The subject appeared extremely nervous while trying to obscure multiple beer cans. Schwartz learned the subject was misdemeanor suspended and on probation. He cited the subject for **DWS—Misdemeanor**, following a detox hold at the Columbia County Jail. Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) responded to Hwy 131 near Netarts for a subject who was stopping traffic and begging for money. Upon arrival, Hoodenpyl contacted a victim who said a subject jumped into traffic causing her to stop. This subject told her that his wife was in labor, and he needed a ride to Oceanside. The victim gave the subject a ride, and when she dropped him off in Netarts, he stole \$10 from her purse. Hoodenpyl, with the assistance of Sr. Tpr. Hurliman and Rct. Hall (both Patrol), located the subject at a hotel and took him into custody for **Theft III** and **Disorderly Conduct**. A subsequent check of the subject through NCIC/LEDS showed two misdemeanor arrest warrants on charges from Lane and Lincoln Counties.

Interagency Cooperation



Boyd with SD wildlife officers. Photo credit: File

Trooper Participated in Officer Exchange

Receiving the Officer of the Year award provides recipients the opportunity to participate in an exchange program with another state, allowing the officers of each state to visit the other state for a week and experience their activities and enforcement firsthand. In February, Tpr. Boyd (Springfield), 2008 Division Trooper of the Year, participated in an exchange with South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Wildlife Division. Over the six days in bitterly cold weather, Boyd partook in many habitat and enforcement events and patrols; met officers from various agencies; and discovered both similarities and



Boyd assisting with bighorn sheep. Photo credit: File

differences in weather challenges, equipment, duties, priorities, and regulations. He captured herds of bighorn sheep for “processing” (netting, collaring, tagging), checked ice anglers, patrolled wintering grounds and observed over 100 large bull elk and multiple buffalo and deer, responded to a cougar complaint and rescued three orphaned and emaciated kittens, fed about 2000 whitetail and mule deer to deter them from ranchers’ feed, investigated a DUII—a repeat offender (including game charges), and performed a 100-mile snowmobile patrol with 100 contacts. Boyd also had the opportunity to visit Crazy Horse in the Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore, the Center of the Nation, historical sites, and a sportsmen’s show.

Interagency Patrols and Investigations

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) worked a boat patrol on the Willamette River from McCartney Park to Peoria in the NW Permit Goose Zone. USFWS Officer Rachel York (Finley Refuge) accompanied the troopers. The officers checked three goose hunters and two anglers during the patrol.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) assisted OSP Albany, Stayton PD, and Linn County SO with a pursuit of a stolen vehicle that originated in Stayton. Boyd successfully deployed stop sticks south of the I-5 209 overpass, then Tpr. Smith (Patrol) performed a vehicle maneuver. The suspect stopped, and Smith and Boyd took the suspect into custody without incident. This all took place to the amazement of Boyd's civilian rider.

Sr. Tpr. West (Pilot, Baker City) assisted Union County SO with the search and rescue/recovery operation of a 13-year-old boy who was cross-country skiing and become lost near Tollgate. West assisted by searching the area by air where the boy was last seen. Unfortunately, dense ground cover made it very difficult to spot anything from the air. The boy was located later in the day by ground searchers.

Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) assisted in a death investigation in Lincoln City. A 72-year-old male attempted to save his dog from a large sneaker wave and was caught in the wave. Witnesses tried to save him but were not successful. The man was pulled out by a North Lincoln Rescue swimmer and CPR was started. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) assisted Gilliam and Morrow County SOs with the capture of three subjects who fled by vehicle after burglarizing ranch shops in the Fourmile Canyon area in Gilliam County. A pursuit ensued when the landowner caught the thieves in action. The subjects ran through a metal gate and crashed after sustaining a flat tire. They fled on foot and hid in a brushy draw. Aided by a K-9 unit, Morrow County SO located all three subjects under tumbleweeds. The suspects were lodged in jail without further incident. About 30 people and two airplanes were involved. Stolen items included diesel fuel, welders, tools, and equipment. One of the same shops was hit about two years, and over \$50,000 of equipment was stolen and never recovered.

Sgt. Katzenstein (The Dalles) and a Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement officer responded in the OSP boat at the request of Skamania County SO after a subject in a canoe came up missing in the Columbia River. The boat was launched; however, conditions made it very difficult to use the sonar, and the mission was called off.

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) spent a day working with ODFW Assistant Fish Biologists Jay Doino and Brent Crowe conducting steelhead spawning ground surveys in three tributaries to the Rogue River. They noted quite a few redds and one summer steelhead. They did not find indications of any illegal snagging or fishing in these areas.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) and Sgt. Martin (Springfield) worked together in the Oakridge area assisting USFS locate a possible marijuana grow in the Wicopee area East of Oakridge. Upon locating the area, USFS determined the site had previously been reported. This currently inactive site had a large grow operation in the past. USFS will be sending in a clean-up crew as significant trash was left behind.

Sr. Tpr. Kipper, Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles), and WDFW Officer Bolton conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River out of Hood River. They contacted 21 boats and 56 anglers, completing 19 boat exams and checking several legal sturgeon. The troopers issued one citation for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—No Juvenile Combined Harvest Card** and two for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**. Bolton issued one citation for No Angling License and two citations for No Combined Angling Harvest Card in Washington.

Sr. Tpr. Moore (Portland), Tpr. Long (Patrol), and a Lake Oswego PD officer responded to a report of an injured bald eagle in Lake Oswego. Upon arrival, an adult bald eagle was found near a residence with injuries sustained after fighting with another bald eagle. Using a thick blanket and leather gloves, officers captured the eagle and placed it into a transport box. Moore took the eagle to an emergency veterinary clinic. The Audubon Society picked up the eagle the same night and took it to their facility for treatment. The Audubon Society advised the male eagle has a leg injury; and *The Oregonian* reported the eagle is making steady progress. [Click here for the article.](#)

Interagency Cooperation / Public Relations

Dutiful Act Appreciated

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) was driving through Central Point when he saw a wallet lying between the lanes on a busy bridge in front of a truck stop. He turned around and drove back and watched as another person beat him to the wallet. At the truck stop, Allison contacted the citizen who told the trooper he was glad to help out. Allison took the wallet to the owner's house and returned it to the owner. The owner did not realize he lost his wallet and was extremely grateful.

Interviewee and Interviewer

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) took a KTVL Channel 10 Medford reporter along on a short ride-along and was interviewed. The story aired during the evening news.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) helped Grant Union High School with Career Day and interviewed three high school students who may be interested in a career in law enforcement. The event was designed to help prepare students for eventual entry into the workforce by providing them with general knowledge about the process as well as equipping them with specific interview skills.

Troopers Participated in Annual Sportsmen's Shows

Various troopers worked local Sportsmen's Shows. Several Northwest Region troopers worked the Portland show. They displayed the Division's Trailer of Shame, exhibiting taxidermy mounts of poached big game mammals and a Chinook salmon, and contacted about 1,200 people. South Valley Team members and Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) worked the Eugene show and also exhibited the Trailer of Shame. Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) had a display at a show at the Willamette Valley Baptist Church in Aumsville. About 225 people attended. Central Point and Grants Pass troopers, Sgt. Meyer (Central Point), and Lt. Gifford (SW Region) worked the Jackson County show and displayed the Trailer of Shame. Thousands of people attended, and troopers answered questions from hundreds of interested outdoor enthusiasts. Roseburg troopers worked their local show with the Trailer of Shame. In addition to the usual displays, Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) took half the trailer and mounted antlers from local cases along with facts about that case. This was in response to several inquiries last year asking if the mounts were from local cases.



Poacher-paid fines funded construction of the Division's Trailer of Shame. Photo credits: File

Various Meetings and Presentations

- Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) attended the monthly OHA meeting in Klamath Falls.
- Lt. Gifford (SW Region) did a presentation for a Criminal Investigation class at Rogue Community College. Approximately 20 students attended.
- Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) spoke at the Wapiti Bowman banquet. About 150 people attended. Halsey gave a presentation about recent cases and answered many questions.
- Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) attended the OLMEA planning session for the upcoming Marine Board academy. Van Meter will be on camp staff and teaching the Guides/Outfitters and Ocean Charters class.
- Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) gave a presentation at USCG Yaquina Bay to about 30 USCG personnel going through fisheries training. They spoke about regulations, BUII, and invasive species.
- Lt. Lane (NW Region), Sgt. Thompson, and Sr. Tpr. Torland (Newport) attended a natural resource law enforcement meeting at the Salem BLM office. Chuck Cogburn of Department of Justice gave a presentation on the Fusion Center.
- Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) spoke to about 60 members at the annual McKenzie River Guides Association meeting in Leaburg. Invasive species permits were discussed among many concerns of unlawful fishing and environmental activities on the upper McKenzie River.
- Lt. Scorby (East Region), Lt. Gifford (SW Region), Sgt. Pond, and Tpr. Ring (Bend) gave a presentation to ODFW in Bend on communication, employee safety, law enforcement authority and liability, report writing, and court testimony, as well as a short session of scenario training. The training lasted five hours, and about 25 employees were present.
- Lt. Samuels (Headquarters), Lt. Gifford (SW Region), and Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) met with the Port Orford Ocean Resource Team (POORT) regarding enforcement issues and outreach for the new Red Fish Rocks Marine Reserve and Marine Protected Area to be implemented June 2011. The meeting was informational and good ideas were exchanged.

Umpqua Derby Successful

Lt. Gifford (SW Region), Sgt. Perske, Tpr. Stone, and Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) assisted with the Umpqua Steelhead Derby. The annual three-day event started with Kid's Day. About 50 local 5th graders were able to fish with local guides out of drift boats for about two hours on a local reservoir with freshly planted eight-inch up to seven-pound trout. The kids caught numerous fish. Prior to fishing, students were given a water and boat safety talk and were fitted with a life jacket they were allowed to take home. Troopers assisted with collection of steelhead broodstock caught by participating teams. During the two-day event, 16 teams caught 161 steelhead. Proceeds from the derby, evening dinner, and auction go toward fishery enhancement projects on the Umpqua River system.



A beautiful, wild steelhead. Photo credit: Great Fishing Adventures

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