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Metolius Unit Suffering From Poaching Epidemic

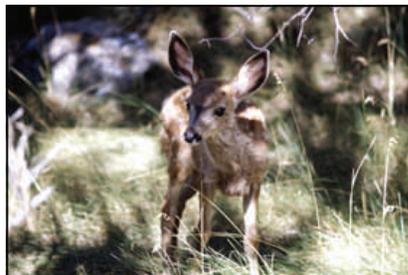
After analyzing the information Fish and Wildlife Division troopers collect from public contacts, the Division determined the Metolius Wildlife Management Unit is suffering from a 62.5 % compliance rate; meaning if during 2008 a trooper contacted 100 hunters in the Metolius Wildlife Management Unit, 37.5% of those hunters would be in violation. The Division's statewide goal is an 85% compliance rate. The data collected for the Metolius Unit indicated the compliance rate is approximately 86% during open hunting seasons. The data collected during closed season shows the compliance rate as 47%. In reviewing the entire year, including both open and closed seasons, the compliance rate is 62.5% overall.

ODFW has set a management objective of 25 bucks to 100 does for the Metolius Unit, and the population ratio is currently 19 bucks to 100 does. ODFW biologists state no biological reasons exist for not meeting management objectives other than illegal take. Because enforcement is a very important part of wildlife management, for about 20 years, the Division has collected data from troopers' contacts to determine where poaching is occurring. The analysis informs the local trooper where he or she needs to concentrate patrol time to have the greatest effect on preserving Oregon's natural resources. For example, if a trooper contacts 100 hunters in a wildlife management unit and 20 are in violation, the compliance rate for that unit during that period of time is 80%. While this method is not scientific, it does allow the Division to track trends and identify problems to address. At times, external influences affect these rates, such as a recent regulation change and the public not aware of new rules. The Division is responsible to report to the Legislature what the statewide compliance rates are regarding big game and fish species. This is the method the Division utilizes to measure patrol effectiveness and how to best expend the funds allocated to the Division.



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In January and February of each year, Division troopers statewide meet with their local ODFW biologists, along with any other partners interested in protecting Oregon's natural resources, to discuss Cooperative Enforcement Planning (CEP). During these meetings, wildlife species or habitat issues of concern are identified in the trooper's patrol area. Once the species or habitat issues are identified, they are given a ranking of importance for each month. Some species will be ranked very high for one month and then ranked very low for another. Several reasons explain the inconsistent ranking. For example, mule deer in the Summer Lake area are ranked very low in July, because these deer have not yet migrated to the area to spend the winter. In November, the deer are ranked very high, because the deer are in the area to spend the winter and have not yet lost their antlers, making them vulnerable to poaching. Once the species or issue is ranked high, the trooper will write an action plan outlining the problems and the actions necessary to address them. The plan outlines the area, time period, patrol efforts (manpower) required, and data to be collected. Once the plan is completed, the trooper will write an after-action critique. This is a report outlining the plan's success of meeting pre-determined goals, what changes are needed to make the plan more effective the next year, and if the plan will be continued.



Several years ago, because of a funding shift, the Division moved two officers from Central Oregon to the Willamette Valley to sustain the funding the Division was receiving to support the Oregon Plan. Since that time, the population in Deschutes County increased 54% from 1990 to 2000 and increased an additional 22.5% since 2000. On any given weekend, as many as 90,000 people may visit the Central Oregon community. To address this management problem, ODFW recently proposed additional financial support, through their license and tag fee increase proposal, to fund an additional two Division troopers in Central Oregon. This fee increase is currently being considered by Oregon's Legislature. Sgt. David Pond (Bend) prepared an action plan to specifically address the mule deer issue in the Metolius Unit. The Division will direct patrols to the area when known problems exist and implement available tools, such as the WED. To review the entire Metolius Mule Deer Buck Action Plan for 2009, please [click here](#).

Dispositions

Commercial Skipper Pled Guilty, Sentenced in Lincoln County on Charges Related to Crab Pot Thefts

In August 2008, Newport Bayfront commercial skipper contacted Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) to report some of his commercial crab pots were being offloaded from a different vessel, bringing in pots at the close of the ocean commercial Dungeness crab season. The investigation led to the arrest of a 23-year-old Toledo suspect. During the investigation, troopers seized 175 crab pots from the suspect's vessel and residence and have returned about 110 to their identified owners. Troopers also recovered a \$2,500 line coiler reported stolen three months earlier from a Newport fishing vessel. They also discovered 610 pounds of wasted Dungeness crab on the suspect's vessel.

Before Lincoln County Circuit Court Judge Sheryl Bachart, the suspect pled guilty to Aggravated Theft (commercial crab pots), class B felony; Theft in the First Degree (commercial crab pots), class C felony; Theft in the First Degree (line coiler), class C felony; Theft in the Second Degree (commercial crab pots), class A misdemeanor; and Waste of Food Fish—Dungeness crab, class A misdemeanor. The court sentenced the suspect to two years probation for the felonies, along with no commercial fishing out of Yaquina Bay and no contact with the victims of the theft; 120 days in jail and five years probation for the Waste; \$3,500 fines; \$15,800 restitution, from which \$5,000 will go toward reimbursement to the Oregon Crabbers Protection Organization who offers a \$5,000 reward to individuals who turn in unlawful fishermen; \$2549.80 restitution for the wasted of Dungeness crab.

Many of the fishermen present at the sentencing were given an opportunity to speak, and those who did, made it clear that, on top of their gear that was stolen, they will never receive the thousands of dollars worth of wrongfully taken crab. The suspect was taken into custody at the end of the hearing to start serving his time. The Division still has about 65 crab pots stored at the Newport office and troopers continue to find their owners. If anyone has any information about the unclaimed pots or has questions, please contact Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit at (541) 265-5354 ext. 300.



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Other Guilty Dispositions Received in March

- **Fail to Validate Sturgeon Tag**, \$75 fine, and one year angling license suspension
- Two subjects shot two elk while **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another** and were each sentenced to \$299 for the citation, \$1500 restitution for each elk, and one year hunting license suspension.
- Two men caught with a doe deer in a cooler during 2008 were cited for **Taking Deer Closed Season**. The first was sentenced to one year probation, \$275 fine, and two years hunting license suspension. The second failed to appear and has a warrant out for his arrest.
- **No Wholesale Dealer Fish License**, one year probation, one year fishing license suspension, \$500 restitution, and \$91 fine
- Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) contacted a suspect who was convicted of **Hunting on Enclosed Lands of Another** and confiscated his 2009 hunting license and rifle by court order. The suspect was sentenced to \$800 restitution for the deer, \$1,000 fine for the offense, and two years hunting license suspension. The fine was suspended for a year with court probation and he was required to complete 80 hours community service.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

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

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Dispositions

More Guilty Dispositions Received in March



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Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) located a subject behind locked gates hunting elk on Longview Timber land. Frazier knew the subject was seen earlier during hunting season with an elk rack in his truck. Frazier cited the subject for **Criminal Trespass II** and **Unlawful Possession of Elk**. The subject pled guilty to the wildlife charge and was sentenced to \$366 fine, \$1,500 restitution, two years hunting license suspension, one year bench probation, and ordered to pay all the court-appointed attorney's fines and fees.

A trespass complaint investigated near the city limits of Medford involved a subject who reportedly shot an elk on his neighbor's property. Troopers discovered he and several others opened fire into an elk herd crossing on their property. Three bulls went down, but one died on the neighbor's property. One suspect admitted he shot one bull and put a friend's tag on it. Troopers cited the suspect for **Borrowing an Elk Tag** and seized the bull. The suspect pled guilty and was sentenced to \$407 fine, \$1,500 restitution, one year probation, 24 hours community service, and two years hunting license suspension.

In October 2007, four blacktail deer were shot on private property in the Trail area—two were taken and two were left to waste. Two young men were contacted the next day in the same area driving the suspect vehicle loaded with a deer. Troopers served two search warrants on the suspect's residences and revealed evidence, as well as additional wildlife crimes. Troopers arrested and lodged both suspects in the Jackson County Jail on **Unlawful Take of Deer (x 2)**, **Waste of Wildlife (x 2)**, **Exceeding the Bag Limit on Blacktail Deer**, **Hunting on Enclosed Lands of Another**, and **Unlawful Possession of Untagged Meat**. Forensics matched one suspect's .25-06 rifle with a bullet and shell casings found at the scene. This case was not filed until July 2008. The suspects agreed to plea bargains. The first suspect pled guilty to all seven charges, which were reduced to violations. He was sentenced to \$100 fine, \$1,600 restitution, and three years hunting license suspension. The second suspect pled guilty to Hunting On Enclosed Lands of Another, and six other charges were dismissed. He was sentenced to \$300 fine, \$800 restitution, and 11 months probation.

A subject who **Attempted to Elude** Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) in Eugene last fall, while in **Unlawful Possession of a Deer** (trophy class buck) he shot from the roadway with his bow in a residential area, was sentenced to \$598 fine for the game charges, 36 months probation (18 supervised, 18 court), one year driver license suspension, fine for the felony Elude, two years hunting license suspension, forfeit bow, and \$800 restitution to ODFW for the deer.

Sr. Tpr. Wilson (Ontario) cited a subject for **False Application for Resident Licenses and Tags (x 8)**. The subject was claiming residency in Oregon, Idaho, and Washington for the purpose of obtaining resident licenses and tags. The subject pled guilty to the misdemeanor charges in Malheur County and was sentenced to \$6,105 fine, \$1,559 restitution, two years hunting license suspension, and two years bench probation.

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) arrested a subject in 2008 during the execution of a search warrant. Hayes cited the subject for **Taking Deer Closed Season** (dismissed) and **Theft First Degree**. The subject was sentenced for Theft First Degree to 10 days in jail, 10 days community service, 18 months probation, \$1,550 fine, five years hunting license suspension, forfeit all 18 firearms seized, and submit to polygraph when directed by court or probation officer at defendant's expense.

Two subjects appeared before Judge Branford in Lincoln County on wildlife charges. The first pled guilty to **Hunting with the Aid of an Artificial Light** and was sentenced to three years probation, including the subject cannot be on unpaved roads during big game seasons or accompany/assist anyone hunting; forfeit the seized deer, rifle, flashlight, spotlight, and knife; two years hunting license suspension; 20 days in jail (for days not served, the balance must be served on Lincoln County Work Crew); \$750 fine; and \$800 restitution. The second pled guilty to **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense—Hunting with Aid of Artificial Light** and was sentenced to three years probation, including the subject cannot be on unpaved roads during big game seasons or accompany/assist anyone hunting; two years hunting license suspension; 20 days in jail (for days not served, the balance must be served on Lincoln County Work Crew); \$750 fine; and \$800 restitution.

Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) presented a \$250 TIP reward check to a citizen who turned in a poacher who shot a three-point buck on private property from a county road in October 2008. The citizen and another person saw the subject drive away after shooting the deer and loading it into a minivan. Shugart's investigation revealed the subject did not have permission to hunt on the property the deer was standing on, and the landowner signed a complaint. The subject had also not validated his tag for the day he shot the buck. Shugart seized the deer and cited the subject for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**, **Fail to Properly Validate Deer Tag**, and **Hunting from a Public Roadway**. The subject pled not guilty and the case went to trial. Both reporting citizens testified at the trial, and the subject was found guilty of all three charges. The subject was sentenced to 96 hours jail, 24 months probation, two years hunting suspension, and \$800 restitution. The citizens are splitting the check they received.

Wildlife / Hunting

Eight Cited on Multiple Wildlife Offenses

In February, Sr. Tpr. Knapp (Enterprise) received a report of two individuals who killed several cow elk in the Wenaha Unit and wasted at least two of them. According to the reporting party, this occurred December 2008. Knapp and Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) located two wasted elk and recovered bullets from both kill sites. After developing suspects, they determined six elk had been shot but only four were retrieved, and all of the elk were shot on the same property. They also discovered four of the elk were killed by one suspect who borrowed three tags to cover the elk. The other elk was not tagged. One additional elk was killed by a suspect who did not possess a tag, and that elk subsequently went to waste. Investigators were unable to determine who killed the sixth elk, which was also wasted. After the elk were cut and wrapped, the meat was distributed to other people. At the conclusion of the investigation, troopers issued the following citations:

Suspect 1: **Taking Elk Prohibited Area (x 4), Waste of Elk, and Borrowing an Elk Tag (x 4)**;

Suspect 2: **Taking Elk without a Valid Tag, Waste of Elk, Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Taking Elk Prohibited Area (x 4), and Illegal Possession of Elk**; Suspect 3: **Illegal Possession of Elk (x 4)**; Suspect 4: **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Taking Elk Prohibited Area**;

Suspect 5: **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Sharing in Proceeds of Illegally Taken Elk, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and Unlawful Possession of Elk**; Suspect 6: **Loaning an Elk Tag and Illegal Possession of Elk**; Suspect 7: **Aid in Game Violation—Sharing in Proceeds of Illegally Taken Elk**; and Suspect 8: **Aid in Game Violation—Sharing in Proceeds of Illegally Taken Elk**.



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Dogs Allowed to Hunt and Chase Wildlife

Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) investigated a call about a number of dogs that killed a blacktail deer fawn. The dogs' owner contributed to this situation by allowing the dogs to eat the remains of game animals taken by friends. Bowen issued a criminal citation for **Unlawfully Allowing Dogs to Hunt/Chase Wildlife**. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) responded to a dog complaint at the Nehalem Hatchery to investigate dogs chasing elk. He discovered a neighbor's dogs chased a bull elk through the hatchery and into the river. The bull elk stayed in the river for a long time to recover from the chase and hatchery staff became concerned. The owner has already been warned by Clatsop County Animal Control for both dogs' behavior and both dogs have been a nuisance and safety issue at the Nehalem Hatchery itself. Guerra cited the dogs' owner cited for **Unlawfully Allowing Dogs to Chase Game Mammal—Elk**.

Three Elk Killed Near ODFW Feed Area

Sr. Tpr. Pearson and Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) investigated three hunters who killed three elk about twelve air miles outside of their hunt boundary in the Wamic area in the White River Wildlife Management Unit. The purpose of their tags was mainly to address agricultural damage being done by elk in the North White River Unit. The three elk (one cow, one female calf, and one bull calf) were killed near where they are being fed hay by ODFW in a program specifically designed to keep the elk from damaging private crops and still maintain a healthy elk herd in the area. The elk were killed inside the fence that keeps them from accessing private property and causing damage. All three hunters were cited for **Taking Elk Closed Season**. In addition, one of the hunters was warned for tagging his elk with a 2008 deer bow tag. All three elk were seized.

Four Springfield Subjects Cited in Illegal Take of Elk



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Sr. Tpr. Merritt and Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) were patrolling the Bateman Ridge area near Tyee in the Melrose Plus Unit in a posted closed area (Weyerhaeuser), when they encountered two trucks that each contained a dead cow elk about eight miles outside the boundary. Further investigation located a third cow elk that had been shot and left at the scene concealed with brush. All three elk were killed in the closed area. One suspect was hunting with his 14-year-old son who had a tag. When they saw the elk, they baled out of the vehicle and started shooting. The father (who did not

have a tag) shot two elk and his son shot one. They called a friend who they knew had a tag. Two friends arrived and one put his tag on an elk. The friends confirmed the story. Troopers cited the father for **Unlawful Taking of Cow Elk (x 2)** and warned him for Waste. They cited his son for **Unlawful Take Cow Elk—Closed Area** and the two friends for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime**. Along with seizing and salvaging all three elk, they seized two rifles.

Warning Issued for Attempted Take

Sgt. Allori (Portland) was dispatched to an injured deer on Hwy 224 near Barton. Allori located the deer on the highway shoulder and, due to its condition, dispatched it. A nearby resident heard the shot and came out to inquire as to what was going on. While Allori was speaking to the resident, a car suddenly pulled onto the shoulder sliding to a stop next to the deer. The back door quickly opened and the rear passenger quickly grabbed the deer, flinging it into the back seat. Allori moved to get a better view of what was occurring, as he was about 30-40 feet from the road, and the occupants saw him. The back door of the vehicle then re-opened, and the deer was thrown out onto the ground. Allori contacted the three subjects and, after speaking to them, decided to verbally warn them for attempting to take the deer. As soon as the subjects left, Allori picked up the deer and disposed of it before someone else tried to pick it up.

Wildlife / Hunting

Hawk Struck by SUV on I-5 Extricated, Recovered, and Released; Trooper Received PETA Award

On March 4, a man was driving a SUV northbound on I-5 near the Canby exit, when a hawk flew in front of the vehicle and hit the bumper and the grille. Because of the freeway speed he was driving, the man thought the hawk was dead, so he proceeded on home, figuring he would have some clean-up to do. When he arrived home, the man checked his vehicle and discovered the hawk broke through the front grill and became stuck between the radiator and the grill, only injuring the hawk. The man called 9-1-1 for assistance, and Sr. Tpr. Hanson (Portland) responded to the Milwaukie residence and found the hawk shaken and distressed. Hanson and the man removed the vehicle's front grill and dislodged the injured hawk. Hanson transported the adult female red-tailed hawk to the Audubon Society of Portland's Wildlife Care Center for an examination of its injuries by Veterinarian Deb Sheaffer. The hawk's talon and feathers were injured but, surprisingly, the hawk did not have any broken bones. The Audubon Society nursed the hawk while it recovered. For rescuing the hawk, Hanson received PETA's Compassionate Police Officer Award on March 12. "Thanks to Senior Trooper Hanson's care and know-how, this red-tailed hawk will soon be free to soar again," says PETA Vice President Daphna Nachminovitch. "Oregon residents are very fortunate to have police officers who stand ready to protect and serve the state's human and animal residents" (PETA). The hawk made a full recovery and was released on April 5, with the aid of Hanson. For PETA's press release, please visit [PETA](#); and for the Oregonian articles, please visit [hawk struck](#), [hawk makes progress](#), [hawk improves](#), and [hawk released](#).



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Taxidermist Failed to Renew License

Tpr. Stone and Sgt. Perske (Roseburg) contacted a residence regarding a complaint Stone received about a subject performing unlicensed taxidermy. Several antlers and heads at different stages of the mounting process were found along with taxidermy supplies. The subject admitted he was preparing some paid mounts, but most of his work was just for friends. The subject has had a taxidermy license for several years, but he has not renewed it for the past two years. The subject was cited for **No Taxidermy License**.

Bobcats Not Checked In

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) followed up on a bobcat case from ODFW. A hunter wanted to check in some bobcats after the five-day limitation for check-in expired. He contacted the hunter at his residence in Lorane. The hunter took two bobcats during the season. The two bobcat carcasses were seized and the hunter was cited for **Fail to Check in Bobcat within Five Business Days after End of the Bobcat Season**.

Sr. Tpr. Guerra and Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) investigated a Tillamook subject who contacted ODFW to check his bobcat hides in after the check-in deadline. This subject was several days past the mandatory check-in date and told the troopers he was sick and forgot. Furthermore, this subject did not have the mandatory lower jaw bone for three of the cats harvested, an additional requirement to receive an ownership tag for a bobcat hide. ODFW will not affix ownership tags to bobcat hides checked in past the deadline, making those hides unlawful to possess. Troopers seized all the bobcat hides and cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Bobcat**.

Illegal 8 x 8 Discovered

Rct. Keeler and Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) responded to a complaint regarding a subject taking a large bull elk while possessing an antlerless elk landowner preference (LOP) tag. Troopers contacted the subject at his residence and he confessed to taking an 8 x 8 bull elk. The subject said he was trying to shoot a cow elk that was standing in front of the bull and missed. The subject also failed to validate his 2008 deer tag after taking a 3 x 3 buck. Troopers seized the 8 x 8 elk antlers, elk meat, the subject's rifle, a photograph of the subject with the elk, and the subject's 2008 elk and deer tags. Keeler cited the subject criminally for **Unlawful Take—Bull Elk, No Valid Tag, and Fail to Validate Deer Tag**.



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Three Subjects Cited in Illegal Take of Deer on Vineyard Property

Tpr. Olsen (Salem) responded to a call from a vineyard about four shots fired at first light. Upon arrival, he noticed three subjects and a vehicle near one corner of the vineyard. When Olsen tried to contact them, they got into the vehicle and drove further beyond a locked gate. Finding a back way in, Olsen gathered evidence and detained two of the three subjects still on scene. Both were vineyard workers and refused to offer any information, saying they knew nothing about any deer shot. Olsen noticed deer blood and hair on both sides of the eight-foot deer fence bordering the vineyard and a stand of 15-year-old timber, as well as in the bucket of a vineyard tractor. He followed drag marks to an area in the timber and found four freshly killed deer and parts to at least five others. Olsen cited both subjects for **Taking Deer Closed Season (x 4), Aiding in a Wildlife Crime (x 4), and Giving False Information to a Police Officer**. They refused to give up the third subject. The four deer were donated to the Salem Mission.



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Wildlife / Hunting

Attempted Sale of Bear Rug on Internet Led to Citation Issued, Man Warned for Possessing Horns

Sr. Tpr. Lea (Florence), with the assistance of Sgt. Chambers (Salem), identified a suspect who was attempting to sell a bear rug on Craigslist. With the intent to educate the seller and warn him this was illegal, Lea called the listed contact number, identifying himself as a police officer several times during the call. The man refused to believe what the trooper was telling him and said he had a potential buyer. Lea determined the man's correct address and went to his home. When contacted, the seller was still in possession of the bear rug, and the ad was still posted on Craigslist. Lea cited the seller for **Unlawful Attempt to Sell Wildlife—Black Bear**. Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) received a report of a Lakeview man unlawfully possessing bighorn sheep horns. Weaver contacted the man who stated he does not hunt and was unaware the skull and horns were unlawful to possess. The horns were seized and the man was warned. With some exceptions, Oregon law (OAR 635-065-0750) prohibits individuals "to sell or offer for sale, barter, or exchange, any game mammals or parts thereof." Each week, OSP receives tips of someone attempting to sell game mammal parts—such as trophy mounts and rugs—on internet websites. These complaints are investigated by Division troopers to determine if the attempted sell violates Oregon laws. According to Lt. Samuels (NW Region), in reports received every week, in most cases, people "were unaware what they were doing was illegal. But, there are some cases where people knowingly attempt to sell or ignore our warnings that end up with charges being filed," said Samuels. "The law is meant to remove any incentive for individuals to poach game," said Larry Cooper, Deputy Administrator, ODFW Wildlife Division. The rule does not apply to unprotected wildlife or furbearers and exempts some parts, such as deer and elk antlers. For information, visit the [OARs on game mammals](#). Questions for ODFW can be directed to Michelle Dennehy at (503) 947-6022.



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Subjects Illegally Possessed and Harvested Birds

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) took a complaint from a landlord regarding a brown pelican head. When the property owner was cleaning out a residence following an eviction, they discovered a brown pelican head in a box. Kehr interviewed the former renter while in the Lincoln County Jail on other charges. The suspect was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Threatened/Endangered Species—Brown Pelican**.

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) received a tip about Canada geese shot at Hult Reservoir in the Horton area. After obtaining the suspect's description and location, he and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) located the camp and made contact. The suspect admitted he and a friend were on the reservoir in a small boat under electric motor power when he shot a goose with his .17 caliber rifle. The goose was cleaned and eaten at the camp. A consent search of the boat revealed spent .17 caliber and .22 MAG casings and goose feathers, and goose blood in the trailer the boat was loaded onto. Troopers cited the shooter for **Taking Waterfowl Canada Goose Closed Season** and the subject who operated the boat and dumped the goose remains on his way home for **Aiding in a Game Violation—Taking Canada Goose Closed Season**.

Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) responded to a complaint of a Canada goose being shot off of Hwy 226 near Shimanek Bridge. While Halsey and LCSO Deputy Zhulke were looking at the dead goose, the suspect rowed a pontoon boat upstream from a residence to retrieve the goose from an island on Thomas Creek. The investigation revealed the 31-year-old male shot the goose with a .22 rifle, because he said the goose "was a good target." Two .22 rifles, a .22 speed loader, and a pontoon boat were seized as evidence. The male subject was cited for **Taking Canada Goose Closed Season**.

Sr. Tpr. Merritt and Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) followed up on a complaint from a neighbor who reported another subject in the neighborhood shot a turkey with his bow. The turkey had been running around the area with the arrow sticking out of it for a couple of weeks. Troopers responded and put the turkey down, retrieving the arrow. Troopers contacted the suspect who said a friend had "accidentally" shot the turkey after they had been drinking a little too much. Troopers contacted the subject who admitted to shooting the turkey. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Take of Turkey**.



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Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) received a complaint of someone killing a Canada goose. The Klamath County late goose season is open only to white-front, snow, and Ross' geese. Three hunters watched as three Canada geese flew over the area after legal hours. They heard a shot and watched one of the geese fall. The hunters then drove to the closest farmhouse and found two other hunters walking in from where the goose had fallen. A verbal altercation ensued. The three hunters then turned in the vehicle license plate numbers of the suspected poachers. Hand interviewed five witnesses and two suspects. He also located the victim Canada goose and determined it was shot. The case was submitted to the DA for charging.

Tpr. Boyd and Sgt. Hulett (Springfield) investigated a report of several individuals hunting ducks a month after the season closed north of the town of Coburg. Boyd checked some boys walking with a black lab along North Coburg Road. All three 15-year-old boys were carrying shotguns. Boyd determined the boys had killed five ducks of assorted species, and neither of the them had a hunting license in their possession. One boy admitted his dad told him not to go hunting because duck season was closed, but he did not listen. All three boys were out of school that day for teacher in-service. Troopers cited two of the boys for **Taking Ducks Closed Season** and the third boy for **Hunting Ducks Closed Season**.

Commercial Fish / Marine

The Clam that Tipped off a Poacher

Tpr. Schwartz (Astoria) contacted a clam digger during routine license and clam inspections. While the digger's limit was verified, Schwartz observed a clam neck inching out of the digger's coat pocket. When asked, the digger pulled six extra clams out of each coat pocket and admitted he had a few extra. Schwartz cited the digger for **Exceeding the Daily Limit of Razor Clams** and seized the 12 clams.

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Clam Diggers Warned and Cited for Various Offenses

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) was observing razor clam diggers on the beach in Ft. Stevens. One subject was observed digging close to his limit and then proceeded to dig eight clams and give them to his partner. The subject was cited for **Taking Part of Another's Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams**.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) observed several individuals clamming near Humbug Mountain, and he contacted them as they hiked out from the beach. He warned three clambers for not using their own clam bucket and cited one clammer for **Unlawful Take of Clams—No Shellfish License**. Barden ensured the illegally taken clams were released alive near where they were dug.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted several commercial razor clam harvesters after they exited the beach in Seaside. Two subjects were contacted as they began leaving the digging area in a van. One of the harvesters did not have his logbook in his possession. He was cited for **Failure to Complete Commercial Razor Clam Logbook**. Commercial harvesters have been enjoying particularly good digging this year, as an abnormally large amount of clams are being found high on the beach, making for an increased opportunity to harvest clams during higher tides as well as minus tides.

Crabbers Failed to Comply with Regulations

Tpr. Howell and Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) were conducting a boat patrol on Tillamook Bay when they contacted a boat that lost power. While boarding the boat, Thomas found the subjects to be in possession of undersized crab. Howell and Thomas towed the boat back to Garibaldi and issued one of the subjects a citation for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Crab**.

While leaving Garibaldi, the troopers noticed a boat docking at the transient docks, and two subjects hurrying up the ramp while carrying buckets to a nearby vehicle. Howell was able to contact the subjects before they were able to get to their vehicle, while Thomas docked the boat. The investigation revealed the subjects to be in possession of 13 female crab and two undersized male crab. A third subject was waiting at the boat, and all three subjects were cited for **Unlawful Possession of Female Crab**. The group claimed their crab gauge broke and they did not know there was a difference between male and female crab. Before leaving, the troopers walked past the subject's boat, noting two unbroken crab gauges inside; one of which was made of metal. For ODFW's flyer, *How to Crab*, please [click here](#).



A Few of the Commercial Violators Warned and Cited

Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) issued a citation to the operator of the fishing vessel for **Exceeding the Two-Month Trip Limit of Petrale** by 3,027 pounds. This was a 12.2% overage valued at \$2,110.70.

Sr. Tpr. Hanson (Portland) was checking dealers in Portland Metro and located Dungeness crab from an unlicensed bait dealer from Astoria. Hanson interviewed the dealer, and, with assistance from ODFW, cited three personnel for **No Non-Reporting Wholesale Dealers License**.

Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) warned a Garibaldi dealer for Fail to Submit Fish Ticket. He warned two Tillamook dealers, one for Fail to Submit Fish Tickets (x 31) and one for No Certification Tags with Oysters in Baskets. He warned a Pacific City dealer for Fail to Submit Fish Tickets (x 94). Howell warned a Netarts dealer for Failure to Submit Fish Tickets (x 42). He additionally warned a Cloverdale dealer for No Log Entry and Fail to Submit Logbook (x 2). Howell cited a Brookings dealer for **Purchasing Crab without a Buyer's License**.

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) warned two Bandon dealers, one for Fail to Maintain Records of Food Fish Received and one for No Wholesale Fish Dealer License. He warned two Winchester Bay dealers, one for Fail to Maintain Bait Fish Records and one for Fail to Maintain Record of Fish Received. He also warned a Charleston dealer for Unlawful Receiving of Undersized Crab. Harris cited a captain of a Charleston commercial vessel for **Exceeding the Weekly Limit of Commercial Sablefish** (8.4% overage) and seized 26 pounds of sablefish.

In Curry Country, Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) warned three dealers for No Records on Site. He warned a commercial fisherman for groundfish overage. Van Prooyen cited a commercial fisherman criminally for **Failure to Land Commercially Caught Groundfish**. The suspect said he did not have enough fish make it worthwhile to pay to drive them to the buyer. He also cited a commercial skipper criminally for **Exceeding the Commercial Slope Rockfish Two-Month Trip Limit** during period six in 2008.

Sport Angling

Unlawful to Take Radio-Tagged Steelhead on Coquille River

Rct. Keeler (Coos Bay) assisted an ODFW employee locate a radio tag from a radio-tagged steelhead. The tag was located at a residence in Coquille. The subject who had taken the fish stated he caught it the previous week on the North Fork of the Coquille River. The subject stated he did not know he could not keep the fish or the tag. The subject was cited as a violation for **Unlawful Take—Radio-Tagged Steelhead**.

Per ODFW, harvesting a radio-tagged fish in southern Oregon is illegal, and the fish must be released unharmed. Radio-tagged fish have an antenna trailing from the abdomen and a plastic tag with an identification number inserted just below the dorsal fin on the back of the fish. The radio transmits a signal to one of many stationary and portable receivers along the river. Biologists measure fish behavior and movements from the information recorded and determine where and when the fish are moving, as well as the type of habitat they prefer. Radio-tracking helps compare the movement of hatchery fish with wild fish. Biologists will note key wild fish spawning habitat and the number of hatchery fish within these spawning beds; collect biological and physical data, including fish size, water temperature, and turbidity; and conduct creel census and spawning surveys to aid in determining population levels of steelhead in the Coquille River basin. The project involves the ODFW, Oregon State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Oregon Hatchery Research Center. Anyone who catches one of the radio-tagged steelhead is asked to record the tag number, without removing the tag, and notify ODFW of the date and location where the fish was caught. All reports of caught radio-tagged fish will provide important information for the study. For the project document, please [click here](#).

Unlicensed Guide Advertised Services

Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) received information about an unlicensed guide who was advertising on Craigslist, offering guided fishing fly fishing trips on several local rivers. Marchand found the ad and scheduled a trip with the subject. When the subject showed up for the trip, Marchand cited him for **Guiding without a License**.

Volunteer Experienced Busy Angling Patrol

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) had volunteer Greg Spencer from Bend ride with him for two days. On the first day, they conducted a boat patrol with Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) on Lost Creek Lake. During the boat patrol, they checked 30 anglers and completed 14 boating safety exams. On the second day, they checked 40 anglers on the Rogue River and local lakes, issuing six citations for **No Angling License** and several warnings for boating violations.

Anglers Need to Remember to Measure

Sr. Tpr. Kipper and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) were checking sturgeon anglers along the Columbia River, when they contacted a man and two boys who were in the process of packing up their gear and catch near Memaloose State Park on the Columbia River. The older of the boys was carrying three obviously undersized sturgeon on a stringer up from the river. The adult immediately said he left his tape measure in his vehicle, which was parked about a half-mile away along I-84. He thought the largest of the fish might be close to a legal fish of 36" or so (38" is the minimum legal fork length for a sturgeon in the Bonneville Pool). He explained if the fish were not of legal size, he would take them back down to the river to release them. There was no explanation for the two smaller fish. The fish measured 28 1/2", 29", and 33". The fish were photographed and released back into the river. Troopers also observed the adult leave garbage next to the river where he was fishing. The adult was cited criminally for **Taking Undersized Sturgeon and Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of a Waterway** and warned for Angling for Sturgeon with Barbed Hooks and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation. The two boys were warned for No Harvest Tag and for Taking Undersized Sturgeon.



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Guide Cited for Aiding

Sgt. Perske (Roseburg) monitored a guide fishing the North Umpqua, after OSP received complaints of the guide angling way past the deadline in the closed area. An ODFW employee warned the guide the week before after observing him angle above the deadline. Perske observed the guide motor a couple hundred feet up past the deadline and had his two clients begin fishing. He contacted the guide and his out-of-state clients. At first, the guide (from out of the area) denied knowing about the deadline, but then he admitted someone told him about it the week before. The guide said his clients "were casting a little early." Perske cited him for **Aiding/Counseling**.

Angler Falsely Applied for License and Tag

Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) contacted an angler on the upper Nestucca River who was driving a pickup with Wyoming license plates. The subject provided an Oregon driver license (ODL) with an address that did not match the address he admitted to currently being at. The interview revealed the angler he had been working in Wyoming for the past four years, and he visits Oregon for one- to three-week periods of time. The subject just returned to Oregon the day prior, and obtained his resident license and tag by providing his ODL. The subject also provided a cell phone number and physical address out of Wyoming. Thomas cited the angler for **Possession of Falsely Applied for License/Tag**, resulting in the seizure of his resident angling license and tag.

Sport Angling

ODFW Links — Where and How to Fish

[Fishing in Oregon](#)
[Easy Angling Oregon](#)
[Weekly Recreation Report](#)
[Trout Stocking Schedules](#)
[Steelhead Fishing in Oregon](#)
[Warm Water Fishing](#)
[Bass Fishing in Oregon](#)
[Columbia River Fisheries](#)
[Measuring Sturgeon: Fork Length](#)
[Oregon Tide Tables](#)
[Fish Counts at Major Dams and Fish Traps](#)

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Angling with Bait Prohibited on Some Rivers

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) watched three subjects on the Upper McKenzie River angling with bait and two of them appeared to be nervous and were continually scanning the area. Boyd contacted the three when one of them dropped his fishing pole and started to walk away. He was quickly stopped and cited for **No Angling License** and **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**. Boyd then spoke with the other two he watched angle with bait. Boyd explained to the subjects fishing with two poles was not legal either and he had watched them fishing. The male admitted the second pole was his, but he did not have a license. Boyd cited the male for **No Angling License** and **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait** and the female for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**.

Transferring Fish Requires a Written Record

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) stopped a vehicle on Powers Hwy for traffic violations. During the contact, several trout were observed in the bed of the pickup. The operator stated he did not catch the trout, but some friends had caught them in the South Fork Coquille River (closed to trout fishing) and had put them in the bed of his pickup. The subject admitted the fishing pole in the truck was his and stated he did not have a transfer record for the fish. Davis cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession Trout—No Transfer Record**.

Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) was dispatched to a complaint of subjects having too many trout at Klamath Lake. Upon arrival, he contacted the suspects and discovered one suspect was in possession of three trout. The bag limit for Klamath Lake is one trout. Further investigation revealed that several trout had been transferred from one person to another. As a result of the investigation, one suspect was cited for **Transfer Fish without Required Information** and further warned for Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit. Another suspect was cited for **Attempt to Exceed Bag Limit—Trout** and warned for Transfer Fish without Required Information. Three other suspects were warned for Transfer of Fish without Required Information.

Anglers Need to Check the Regulations

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) observed an individual on Jones Beach angling for salmon on a closed day. The suspect was contacted and stated he thought it was a little strange that he was on the only one on the beach. O'Connor cited the suspect for **Angling for Salmon Closed Season**.

Father Loaned Son License

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) followed up on a case where a 17-year-old borrowed his father's angling license to go fishing at Alton Baker Canal. The son presented his father's license to the trooper when he was originally contacted on Friday, March 13. Maher interviewed the father and son at their Eugene residence and learned the father loaned his license to his son to use. The son, who recently was cited for No Nonresident Angling License, said he knew he could not use his father's license, but he "just wanted to go fishing." Maher cited the son for **No Nonresident Angling License** and **Borrowing a Resident Angling License** and the father for **Loaning a Resident Angling License**.

Busy Angling Patrols Resulted in Numerous Cites

Tpr. Schwartz (Astoria) and Ret. Vogel (St. Helens) contacted close to **200** salmon and sturgeon anglers in one week. Citations were issued for **No Angling License**, **Angling Prohibited Method—Three Poles**, and **No Angling Harvest Card**.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted a man and a woman angling for (planted) steelhead in Coffenberry Lake at Fort Stevens State Park. Klepp watched the couple for 25 minutes prior to the contact and observed the man catch a steelhead while using two poles. Upon contact, the man had put one of the poles away. When asked about the second rod, the man stated he brings it along but had not used it. The man was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Poles**. The steelhead was released alive back to the lake. The woman was cited for **No Nonresident Angling License**.

Closed Areas Attracted Anglers

Ret. Keeler (Coos Bay) was checking steelhead anglers on the Elk River and observed two subjects fishing approximately four and a half miles above the deadline. When the subjects saw Keeler, they quickly retrieved their gear and headed towards their vehicle. The subjects were contacted at the vehicle. They stated that they knew where the deadline was, but the water looked too good to pass up. The subjects had not taken any fish and both were issued citations for **Angling Closed Area**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) was checking a stream that runs through a local residential area that is a protected spawning stream and closed to all angling. Frerichs observed two subjects angling from the back of a residence. This was the same residence and one of the same subjects he cited last year for angling in the same location with two poles. Neither subject had an angling license or a salmon/steelhead tag. Both claimed they were angling for catfish. A check of their lines found egg roe and a corky. Both subjects were cited for **Angling Closed Stream**.

Environment / Habitat



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Four Cited on Criminal Trespass and Damaging Forestland

Sr. Tpr. McNerney (Hood River) received a report about several vehicles stuck in a reforested meadow on private property off Huskey Hill Road. McNerney, assisted by Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles), identified and interviewed four suspects. They learned the incident began on the evening of March 17 when a Toyota pickup and Ford Bronco became buried in the mud on private property. The next day, four men returned to the area in a Toyota Tundra pickup and military Humvee. They drove these vehicles into the meadow where they also became stuck. They called a tow company to come out and remove the four vehicles. One of the men reportedly is a military member and had checked the Humvee out for a road test, but he instead used it to come out to the meadow to try and help remove the stuck vehicles. The four men were each cited for **Criminal Mischief First Degree** and **Criminal Trespass Second Degree**.

Troopers Routinely Handle Littering, Environmental, and Trespass Cases

Sr. Tpr. Niehus and Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) contacted three subjects who were damaging a watercourse on JWTR lands in the Hidden Valley area of Stukel Mountain. All three subjects were cited for **Criminal Mischief Second Degree**.

Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) was checking anglers at Duncan Reservoir and watched a man leave a beer can and trash in the road. He stopped the driver who admitted leaving the trash. As Weaver handed him a citation for **Offensive Littering**, the driver asked if it really was that big of a deal. Weaver advised him to ask the judge the same question.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) received a complaint that someone was working a suction dredge on the Rogue River outside the in-stream work period. Thompson located the men and they were working a motorized sluice box, not a suction dredge. The in-stream work period is the same for any motorized prospecting, including a suction dredge. They were warned and told to cease any motorized in-stream work.

Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) investigated a call from a park ranger at the Umpqua Lighthouse State Park who recovered a dead dairy calf that had been dumped on park property. The ranger provided suspect information and photographs. Bowen contacted the suspect who admitted to dumping the dead calf. Bowen cited the suspect for **Placing Offensive Substances in Water, on Highways, or Other Property**.

Tpr. Maher (Springfield) patrolled the lower end of Big River. Upon checking the Weyerhaeuser gates, Maher found the 1030 gate was open and the locks were on the ground. Maher followed a fresh set of vehicle tracks up the private road and found a pickup parked on a side spur. Maher called to a person in the nearby brush who eventually came out. The subject admitted he was picking mushrooms (to sell) but did not have a permit. He said the gate was open that morning when he and his friend (who was still in the brush) arrived. He denied having a key to the locks. The subject was asked if he had any keys. He handed Maher a large ring of keys. Maher located a key on the ring which unlocked a BLM lock from the gate. The subject then admitted he used the key to unlock the gate to access the area. He also said he purchased the BLM key from a person in Cottage Grove. The other person emerged from the brush. Maher determined they had only collectively harvested less than a gallon of mushrooms. Maher escorted them off the property. He cited each for **Criminal Trespass II** and seized BLM key.

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) and Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) cited two different subjects for **No Entry Permit** after they entered the Elkhorn Wildlife Area. The shed antlers they picked up were equipped with radio transmitters that were placed out of sight—well away from the boundary. The antlers were located at each residence and were recovered. The Elkhorn Wildlife Area is closed to public access until April 10 each year to ease harassment of the wintering elk herd.



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Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) investigated an incident in Silver Falls State Park where a subject was target shooting into an old growth saw log waiting to be sold. ODF valued the log at approximately \$671. Turnbo contacted and cited the subject for **Criminal Mischief Second Degree**.

Sr. Tpr. Marchand and Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) hiked into a remote area on the Illinois River to check anglers. While they were observing two subjects, one of them threw a beer bottle into the river then got out a pistol and began shooting at the floating bottle. Officers contacted the subjects and cited one for **Littering in a Waterway**.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) received a report from ODFW about someone who illegally dumped several bags of trash within the boundaries of the Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area. A suspect was located with a receipt found within the garbage. The suspect was contacted by phone and admitted to dumping the garbage. O'Connor forwarded a citation for **Offensive Littering** to the Portland office for service.

Sr. Tpr. Halsey and Rct. Clement (Albany) contacted two male subjects on the McDowell Creek 650 Road who were just finishing up cutting a load of firewood. They learned the subjects had been trespassed by Linn County SO off of Cascade Timber Property the week prior. The subjects also did not possess a wood cutting permit from Cascade Timber. The troopers had the subjects load the rest of the cut wood into their vehicle and transport it to a Linn County maintenance station for storage. The two subjects were cited for **Unlawful Cut and Transport of Special Forest Products**, **Criminal Trespass II**, and **Theft II**.

General Law / Other

Fish and Wildlife Troopers are Fully-Trained to Handle General Law Investigations

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) investigated a theft of logging equipment from an active logging site in the Sharps Creek area. According to the logging crew, unknown suspect(s) took about \$4,180 worth of equipment (shackles, pulleys, cables, etc.) from the landing.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl and Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) conducted angler checks on Henry Hagg Lake. When Hoodenpyl contacted an angler, a records check revealed an arrest warrant for **Probation Violation—Dangerous Drugs**. The subject was taken into custody. Tpr. Vanrenterghem (Patrol, Banks) lodged him in the Washington County Jail.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) contacted two men fishing and drinking beer at The Hook in Hood River along the Columbia River. One of the men was on probation for Rape First Degree with a No-Alcohol clause. The probation officer requested Pearson take the man into custody on a detainer for violating his probation. The man was lodged at NORCOR.

Sr. Tpr. Guerra and Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) worked the trout opener on Henry Hagg Lake and saw three anglers drinking alcoholic beverages. Upon contact, they learned two men were 18-19 years old and did not have angling licenses, and the older male was 23. They cited the underage males for **MIP—Alcohol** and **No Angling License** and the older for **Furnishing Alcohol To Minors**.

Tpr. Ring (Arlington) stopped two vehicles for a traffic violation. He smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from one of the vehicles, and a subsequent investigation revealed three large jars with marijuana shake. He also located \$2,500 sealed in an air tight bag that K-9 Brogan positively struck on. A total of \$2,878 was seized, in addition to packaging material, a vacuum sealer, the jars, and two joints. Ring cited the subject for **UPCS—Less Than One Ounce of Marijuana** and **Delivery of a Controlled Substance**.

Tpr. Boyd and Sr. Tpr. Codding (Springfield) obtained information indicating a wanted male was currently in Eugene. In addition to the suspect having felony warrants, Codding had probable cause on an Elude. The suspect had a long history with Boyd and Codding on multiple crimes. Based on prior events, Det. Chambers, Rct. Pelkey, Tpr. McLain, Rct. Luquin, Sr. Tpr. Kenyon (Springfield), Sgt. Hinkle (Oakridge), Sgt. Martin (Florence), Officer Simmons (Springfield PD, K-9), and a Eugene PD assisted. When officers arrived at the residence, they observed the suspect enter the garage, but the property owner refused entry. The owner then went to the garage, locked the door, and told the officers to stay off of the property. As a search warrant was written, officers observed from the street and a neighbor's property to make sure the suspect did not attempt to leave. Codding, Boyd, Chambers, and Simmons revealed nothing during the initial search. Codding and Boyd entered a small dilapidated attic and discovered a hidden door on a false wall. They called out to the suspect with no response. Boyd asked Simmons to hand up his K-9, then seconds later, the suspect gave up. The suspect was taken into custody without incident, handed to waiting troopers on the ground, and lodged in the Lane County Jail. As the officers were leaving, surrounding neighbors gave a standing ovation and rang a ship bell for several minutes.

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Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) investigated a complaint for Weyerhaeuser. A total of seven gates were stolen from their lands along Gowdyville Road west of Cottage Grove. Weyerhaeuser employees advised to replace each gate would cost approximately \$3,500.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted a group of six juveniles at Lost Lake near the Spruce Run campground. Some of the juveniles had been drinking and Klepp issued two citations for **MIP—Alcohol**. Klepp also discovered one juvenile did not have a hunting license and shot a rabbit. Klepp cited this youth for **No Hunting License** and seized the rabbit.

Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) completed a case of a Garibaldi subject who was a local seafood company employee. This subject entered the business after hours and stole packaged fish fillets, later giving them to another person. Howell contacted the subject who admitted to the crime and retrieved the stolen fish. Howell cited the subject for **Theft II**.

Tpr. Howell and Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) assisted with a boat rescue on Netarts Bay. Several subjects were crabbing in a boat when they became stranded on a sand bar. The motors stopped working, and the boat started to drift with the high wind and strong current. Howell and Hoodenpyl were able to get the patrol boat to the stranded crabbers and towed the crabber's boat to safety.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) found two children (10 and 13) riding ATVs on a paved county road down to their grandfather's to shoot squirrels. They did not meet the Farming Exemption, stay to the right (passed each other on opposite side of the road), or have the required slow-moving emblems. He warned them for all equipment, Carrying Loaded Rifles on the ATVs, Riding on a Public Roadway, and No ATV Operator Cards. Niehus cited their father for **Allowing Unlawful Operation** and **Endangering Child ATV Operator (No Helmets)**.

While conducting angling checks at Walling Pond, Tpr. Olsen (Salem) contacted a male subject whose record revealed a warrant out of Marion County. Olsen went to recontact the suspect who fled into the pond. Olsen looked for the subject, continually expanding his search. He noticed a car parked about three blocks away, occupied by a lone female talking on a cell phone. Olsen watched her for about 10 minutes until she started her car and drove toward the pond, revealing where the suspect had been hiding. The subject, soaking wet, was taken into custody and lodged in the Marion County Jail.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) contacted several steelhead anglers on the John Day River near Mt. Vernon. One angler appeared to be impaired during his contact with him. A short time later, Ritter saw him driving through Mt. Vernon. Ritter contacted the driver when he pulled into a driveway, arresting him for DUII. He was transported to the Grant County Jail, where he voluntarily provided two breath samples, .10% BAC. Tpr. Hutchison (Patrol) searched the suspect's vehicle incident to arrest, found a .22 caliber handgun, a .20 gauge shotgun, and three open containers of alcohol. The suspect, a convicted felon, was cited for **DUII, Open Container, and Felon in Possession of a Firearm**.

Interagency Cooperation

OSP, NOAA, and USCG Monitored Whale near Ocean Shore

On March 6, a report was received that USCG personnel in a helicopter were monitoring a whale that may have beached itself about one mile north of Driftwood Shores near Sutton Creek in the Florence area. Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) and personnel from the NOAA Marine Mammal Stranding Unit from Newport responded to the scene to monitor the whale, which was estimated 40 to 50 feet in length and seen floating in shallow surf off the beach. OSP and NOAA personnel were unable to confirm the species. They did not know if the whale was intentionally trying to beach itself. As the tide continued inward, the whale appeared to be moving away from shore during early evening. OSP, NOAA, and a USCG helicopter unit continued to monitor the whale until darkness.



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Other Interagency Assistance and Patrols

A ODFW creel checker seized an illegal steelhead from an angler and contacted Sr. Tpr. Knapp (Enterprise). Knapp cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Steelhead**.

Lt. Samuels (NW Region) and Tpr. Hinkle (Patrol, Salem) assisted the Marion County SO with a bank robbery investigation. After a male suspect robbed the Sterling Bank in Jefferson, he ran from the scene. Citizens apprehended him and held him until officers arrived. Multiple agencies responded, with the FBI assuming the lead investigative role.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles), Tpr. Frazier (Hood River), and WDFW Officer Dan Bolton conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River. They checked three commercial crews, totaling 10 tribal members. They issued three warnings for No Tribal ID Card and one warning for pulling their last net after the 6:00 p.m. deadline. They also checked 16 sport anglers in both states.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) did a boat patrol with a Josephine County Marine Board officer. They checked seven boats and 29 anglers. In one contact with three bank anglers, the officers discovered they had 2009 “resident” angling licenses from both Oregon and California. One subject also had an outstanding warrant and was taken into custody. A follow-up will determine what states the two subjects are residents of. The third subject was cited for **False Application**, as officers confirmed he did not qualify for a resident license.

Umatilla County SO Deputy Dixon located a poached deer at a Hermiston residence and contacted Tpr. Mayer (Heppner). Three subjects went out the previous evening to coyote hunt. They noticed a set of eyes in the grass off the side of the road, and the front passenger pulled out a rifle and shot the animal. They claimed not to have known it was a deer until they walked over to it. They decided it should not go to waste, so they put it in the trunk of their car and drove home. They failed to dress out the deer, thus causing it to go to waste. The shooter was convicted of Taking Deer Closed Season previously in Umatilla County. Mayer cited the driver for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** and **Waste of Game Mammal** and the rear passenger for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** and **Waste of Game Mammal**. He cited the shooter for **Taking Deer Closed Season**, **Taking Deer with Aid of Artificial Light**, and **Waste of Game Mammal** and lodged the shooter in the Umatilla County Jail. The deer was determined unfit for human consumption after it was field dressed about 12 hours later.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) accompanied an ODFW biologist on one of the annual walking survey routes for deer. During the day, they observed and documented over 200 deer.

USFS LEO Burcal contacted Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) by radio two days in a row, advising him about closed season anglers on Fall Creek above Fall Creek Reservoir. Maher went to the location and cited two anglers each day for **Angling Closed Season**.

Rct. Burkholder (Albany) assisted Rct. Makin, Sr. Tpr. Hales, and Sgt. Davie with a crash investigation at the request of Albany PD. An Albany PD officer attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation, and the vehicle came back as stolen in a robbery in the Portland area. A pursuit by Albany PD ensued, ending in a four-vehicle crash on Highway 99E near Costco in Albany. Five people suffered varying injuries, none life-threatening. Albany PD took the suspect into custody on a variety of charges.

Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) conducted a joint boat patrol on the Columbia River west of Bonneville Pool with WDFW Officer Vance, WDFW Sgt. Grant, and Hood River County Marine Deputy Anderson. The four-hour boat patrol produced 21 angler checks, 8 passed BERs, 4 failed BERs, one citation for **No Angling License**, one citation for **No Personal Floatation Device**, one warning for Angling for Sturgeon Prohibited Method—Barbed Hook, and six Marine Board warnings. They also arrested one subject for an outstanding warrant out of Hood River County. The suspect was taken into custody by Frazier and transported to NORCOR.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) contacted two men in Giles French Park along the Columbia River near Rufus and checked their angling licenses. A check revealed two warrants held for one of the men, one for an original charge of **DUII** out of Lincoln County and another for **Theft First Degree—Welfare Fraud** out of Skamania County, Washington. Both warrants were confirmed and the men were recontacted. As the man was being taken into custody, he tried to conceal a pill bottle containing marijuana (the man did not have a medical marijuana card). The man had also thrown several beer cans away along the riverbank near where he had first been contacted. A Sherman County Deputy retrieved the cans. Pearson lodged the man at NORCOR on the warrants and cited him for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and **Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway**.

Public Relations

Troopers Attended Shows and Conventions, Trailer of Shame Drew Attention



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The Dalles and Bend troopers worked the Central Oregon Sportsman Show in Redmond and displayed the Trailer of Shame. About 700-800 attendees viewed the trailer over the four days. Numerous questions were asked and answered. Troopers overheard one attendee complain about the amount of money the state spent on such a trailer. Troopers told the subject the trailer was paid for by fines and fees from poachers. The subject stated the Division should have bought a Winnebago.

Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) ran the Trailer of Shame at the Yamhill County Chapter OHA banquet. Approximately 225 people attended the banquet and the trailer was well received.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo and Tpr. Young (Salem) set up the Trailer of Shame at the OHA Blacktail Classic in Salem. Many participants made positive comments regarding the trailer and the Division. Approximately 200-250 people attended.

Tpr. O'Connor and Sgt. Scroup (Astoria) manned the Trailer of Shame at the OHA annual banquet at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. The display was well received and there were a lot of positive comments about the Division and the work that Division does.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) attended a Career Fair in Klamath Falls. Niehus set up a very nice display along with the Trailer of Shame. The career fair was well attended by students in the morning and adults in the afternoon. Niehus also handed out numerous job applications.

Sr. Tpr. Carter, Tpr. Dietz, and Sgt. Brown (Pendleton) worked at the Eastern Oregon Sportsman Show in Pendleton. Troopers manned a booth with ODFW personnel over three days. During the weekend, troopers interacted with the public and answered several law enforcement related questions.

Other Meetings and Presentations

Sgt. Hoodenpyl and Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) put on a PowerPoint presentation to a large crowd at the Tillamook Chapter OHA monthly meeting. During this presentation, Thomas presented a Tillamook-area resident with a TIP reward for assisting in a big game case during the 2008 Western Oregon Rifle Deer season.

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) spoke at the a local OHA meeting to give a monthly update and answered many questions.

Rct. Burkholder (Albany) set up a booth at the 2009 Northwest Fly Tyers and Fly Fishing Expo at Linn County Fairgrounds.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) worked the ODFW-sponsored youth angling event at Cottage Grove Pond. Many wet kids enjoyed themselves with a sea of bobbers on the pond.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) gave a presentation to a Tillamook-area hunter safety class about enforcement-related issues. The class consisted of 15 youths from the Tillamook area.

Tpr. Olsen (Salem) talked with a hunter safety class in Lyons. The class was approximately 20 students and another 20 parents. There were many questions regarding regulations.



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Sgt. Pond (Bend) attended the 2009 Oregon Bow Hunters Convention in Lincoln City and gave PowerPoint presentation tailored to DNA cases and poaching by subjects using both archery and rifle equipment. The presentation was attended by 30 members who advised that next year, the room will be packed, as this was more than they anticipated. Two other archery club presidents asked to have the same presentation provided to their clubs, and Chris Willard (ODFW Hunter Education Coordinator) asked to have one tailored for an upcoming hunter education conference in Bend. After the presentation, Pond remained at the convention, making himself available for questions, comments, and recruiting. Numerous other members and visitors were contacted.

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