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Bear Feeding Yachats Woman Found Guilty of Harassing Wildlife

A jury at the Lincoln County Courthouse found a Yachats valley woman guilty of **Harassing Wildlife**. OSP and ODFW believe this is the first time the Harassing Wildlife charge has been used in a case involving the feeding of wildlife. The charge and conviction stems from her feeding black bears from August 2006 to August 2008. ODFW and the subject's neighbors had also asked her to stop feeding bears on several occasions before she was cited and charged.

ODFW's first contact with the subject to discourage her from feeding bears happened five years ago. The bears have been getting increasingly aggressive towards this subject and her property. Then, on August 1, 2008, Sr. Tpr. Torland (Newport) contacted the subject on a bear feeding complaint. Her property is within a 1/4 mile of where four bears had been removed the month prior for public safety and damage issues. Torland cited the subject for **Wildlife Harassment** and forwarded the case to the Lincoln County DA. ODFW and OSP determined this subject was directly responsible for altering the behavior of several bears in the area. Bears fed by people become habituated and food-conditioned, losing their natural fear of people and becoming nuisances or public safety threats. Bears that become human safety issues are often destroyed to protect the public safety. Bears like this often cause property damage, too.



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During the May 28-29 and June 2 trial, evidence was presented that the subject and another person fed bears fruit, vegetables, sunflower seeds, honey, and pet food, and photos showed the subject hand-feeding bears and 14 bears on her property at one time. Dr. Cottam testified that bears are usually solitary but will tolerate each other when a high concentration of food exists. Five neighbors testified about experiencing property damage, domestic animal losses, and human safety concerns from black bears on their property during Summer 2008. The neighbors had not experienced damage by any bears before this time, even though some had bird feeders and compost piles. The damage peaked from late June through mid-July when the subject went out of town. One neighbor testified the bears bypassed available apples and berries, a natural food source, and ripped the door off of a locked storage area in her barn to get at feed sacks instead. Another neighbor lost 60 turkeys; and, in addition, she was so concerned for her family's safety, she carried a firearm outside and forbid her children to walk alone. Another neighbor had her kitchen window smashed by a bear at about 2 a.m. A bear also stuck its head through her dog door, taking the dog door off on its way out. Neighbors testified the bears on their property showed no fear of people, whereas bears they had seen in other areas ran away. During this period, four bears were removed from neighbors' properties because they were safety threats.

ORS 498.006 states "no person shall chase, harass, molest, worry or disturb wildlife." The DA argued the subject disturbed the wildlife by altering the bears' natural behaviors. "These bears' natural cycle—what they ate and where they got the food they ate—was changed. It was disturbed," said Lincoln County DDA Elijah Michalowski during closing arguments. "The way they interacted with humans was also disturbed . . . these bears were not afraid." ORS 498.166 defines the behavior that constitutes a human safety threat—allowing a person to take a bear without a license or tag—includes breaking into, or attempting to break into, a residence; attacking a pet or domestic animal; and loss of wariness of humans as displayed through repeated sightings of the animal during the day near a permanent structure. When a bear exhibits these behaviors, "we consider that bear a human safety concern" and it may have to be removed to protect the public, testified ODFW Biologist Tami Wagner. The DDA charged the subject with five counts of Reckless Endangerment, one for each neighbor who experienced problems and testified, but the jury found her not guilty of these charges, only guilty of Harassing Wildlife. The jury needed to believe beyond a reasonable doubt the subject "recklessly engaged in conduct which creates a substantial risk of serious physical injury to another person" (ORS 163.195). Black bear attacks are rare.

Oregon is home to about 25,000 to 30,000 black bears. Bear densities in Lincoln County and western Lane County are among the highest in the state. Similar problems have arisen in Florence, Waldport, and other cities where residents are purposely or accidentally feeding bears. Several cities in Oregon have specific ordinances against feeding wildlife, including Waldport, Florence, Warrenton, Rockaway Beach, Garibaldi, and Klamath Falls. ODFW routinely urges people never to feed black bears and to secure food sources so bears are not accidentally fed. For more information about black bears in Oregon, please [click here](#) to visit ODFW's website. "Feeding bears is bad for people, for property, and for bears," testified ODFW Biologist Dr. Doug Cottam. "Please, don't feed the bears."

Awards

Springfield Trooper Selected as Fish and Wildlife Officer of the Year for 2008

Tpr. Marc Boyd (Springfield), known for having "an outstanding ability to place himself in the right place at the right time," was awarded the Division's Fish and Wildlife Officer of the Year for 2008 by Captain Walt Markee (Division Director) and Sgt. Tom Hulett (Springfield) during a presentation at the Springfield office. The award's criteria includes professionalism, dedication to citizens and natural resources, and work ethic. Nominations received from around the state are reviewed by regional and General Headquarters staff.

In submitting Tpr. Boyd's nomination, Sgt. Hulett praised the trooper's enthusiasm and professionalism as a model for the Department and fellow Division employees. "Tpr. Boyd sets an outstanding example to his peers and to the public with his attention to fish, wildlife, traffic, criminal, and marine enforcement. His self-motivation and high performance standard doesn't just attempt to meet our goals, he drives himself to exceed them each day," said Hulett. Some of Tpr. Boyd's noted commendations and awards for his work in 2008 include: Letter of Commendation for his quick actions in stopping a violent domestic disturbance at the Lane County courthouse, preventing the intended victim from being seriously injured; recipient of the 2007-2008 Eugene Delta Rotary Vocational Service Law Enforcement award for outstanding service in Lane County; and Letter of Commendation from the for his enforcement efforts in July 2008.



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During 2008, Tpr. Boyd issued 496 citations for fish, wildlife, marine, traffic, and criminal offenses; and arrested 14 DUII drivers and two individuals for BUII. During 2008, Tpr. Boyd investigated and successfully concluded a variety of cases. For example, in February, he investigated the unlawful dumping of sheep carcasses, including one sheep still alive among the carcass pile, along a Lane County road west of Eugene. Starting with very little evidence to initially identify a suspect, Tpr. Boyd identified two suspects responsible for dumping and failing to humanely dispose of the sheep. Both suspects were cited and convicted on charges including Animal Abuse. Another example includes an August investigation that started while Tpr. Boyd patrolled the Quartz Creek drainage near Blue River, and he came across an unoccupied vehicle. Suspecting the vehicle occupants may be engaged in growing marijuana, he searched the area and found three men tending a marijuana patch in an adjacent canyon. The three men were arrested for Unlawful Manufacturing a Controlled Substance—Marijuana.

Tpr. Boyd joined OSP in September 2004. He was first assigned in the Fish and Wildlife Division at the Newport office and transferred to the Springfield office in July 2007. The primary responsibility of the Division is to enforce fish, wildlife, and commercial fishing laws and protect Oregon's natural resources. Division members also enforce traffic, criminal, boating, livestock, and environmental protection laws, in addition to responding to emergency situations.

Troopers Honored by Peers and OHA

Sr. Tpr. Ryan Kehr, an 8-year veteran with OSP, received the Newport Office **Employee of the Year** award. This award is given to an employee from each law enforcement agency in the Lincoln County area in recognition of their outstanding work during the previous year for the respective agency.

Sr. Tpr. Luke Schwartz (North Plains), Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria), and Tpr. Olsen (Salem) attended the OHA State Convention held at Spirit Mountain Casino. The Wall of Shame was displayed at the event after being constructed by Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem), Rct. Burkholder (Albany), and an intern. During the convention, **Tpr. Tim Schwartz** received the **Jack Burt Memorial Turn-in-Poachers (TIP) Award** for his work in turning in cases for Turn-in-Poacher (TIP) rewards. These rewards are selected by OHA and given to citizens whom have turned in information leading to the arrest of poachers. Per OHA, Tpr. Tim Schwartz "successfully investigated several elk poaching cases that occurred on the north coast last year and [OHA] is grateful for his ongoing efforts to protect Oregon's wildlife heritage from lawbreakers."

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

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

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Dispositions

Some of the Guilty Dispositions Received in May

- Shoot from Public Roadway, \$299 fine
- Hunting Prohibited Method, \$299 fine
- Fail to Validate Deer Tag, \$299 fine
- Take Game Bird Closed Season, \$299 fine
- Aid in a Game Violation, \$750 fine
- Taking Cow Elk outside of LOP Property, \$299 fine
- Two subjects, Hunting Prohibited Area, each fined \$299
- Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Take of Bobcat, \$299 fine
- No Hunting License, \$55 fine, one-year hunting license suspension
- Unlawful Possession of Female Dungeness Crab, \$150 fine, two-year shellfish license suspension
- Two subjects, both UPCS-Marijuana and No Angling License, each fined \$660
- Several subjects guilty of Exceeding the Limit of Clams, each at least \$113 fine, plus forfeit seized clams



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Guilty of Prohibited Area, License Suspended

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) received notification that a suspect from last deer season who had gotten into an argument with other hunters after shooting a deer in the roadway recently pled guilty to **Hunting Prohibited Area** for killing a buck deer in the roadway during the 2008 buck deer rifle season. His hunting license was suspended for 24 months and he received fines and assessments. The judge allowed him to pay cash in lieu of community service work.

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

Marine Board



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Stranded Occupants Rescued, Boat Pulled Free

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) responded to a water rescue in the late evening hours on the Rogue River. A jet boat had run aground and stranded all three occupants including one juvenile. Josephine County called OSP to handle the rescue, as they said they were unable to contact either of their marine deputies or any of their search and rescue personnel. Bennett responded with the department jet boat and rescued the boat occupants, then pulled the jet boat free and over to the shore to be secured for the evening and retrieved the next day.

Two Cited for BUII, One Reminded of BUII Laws

Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) contacted a subject who was angling in Wickiup Reservoir in a motorized boat. The subject displayed signs of impairment and was subsequently arrested for **BUII**, BAC .12%.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) observed two boats with several intoxicated anglers anchored on the Rogue River. While waiting for the boaters to come off the river at a nearby boat ramp, Barden received two calls reporting the same anglers were filleting salmon on board their boats. Barden contacted the boats and a consent search did not reveal any salmon fillets. However, during the investigation, one boat operator was arrested for BUII and was also cited for **Fail to Immediately Validate Salmon Tag**. The boat operator was transported to the Curry County Jail where he refused to provide a breath sample and was later cited and released for **BUII**.

While conducting a Marine Board boat exam on the Clackamas River at Carver Park, Rct. Fromme (Portland) contacted a two-person raft that had just come to shore. After noting the occupants were drinking (but not impaired) and did not have the required sound producing device, Fromme asked for some identification. A routine records check found one subject on the raft had a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest. Fromme reminded the two of the BUII laws in Oregon, specifically rafts, issued the two whistles to put on their life preservers and warnings for No Sound Producing Device and placed one in custody for the above mentioned warrant.

Marine Board

Boat Patrols Result in Several Citations

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) conducted a five-hour boat patrol on the Deschutes River. He issued six citations for **No Angling License** and four citations for **No PFDs**.

Tpr. Kehr and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) conducted boat patrols on Devil's Lake and Olalla Reservoir. They completed 11 boat exams and 12 visual boat inspections and checked 51 angling licenses. They issued multiple Marine Board warnings and citations.

Tpr. Davis and Rct. Keeler (Coos Bay) conducted a boat patrol out of Charleston focusing on rockfish and halibut anglers. They contacted numerous boats, performed two boat safety inspections, and cited three subjects for **Fail to Validate Halibut Harvest Tag** and one subject for **Exceeding Bag Limit of Halibut**. The halibut was seized as evidence.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) conducted early morning boat patrols at three Oakridge-area water bodies (Odell Lake, Crescent Lake, and Hills Creek Reservoir). They checked 68 anglers and 15 boats, and issued two citations for **No Angling License** and two for **No PFDs**. They also towed one boat back to a boat ramp after the boater experienced engine problems.

Tpr. Young and Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) coordinated a boat patrol with Marion County SO Marine deputies. Each agency was designated coverage zones. OSP issued five citations for **No Angling License**, two for **Taking Trout without Angling License**, two for **Unattended Line**, three for **No PFD**, one for **Angling with More Than One Line**, and numerous warnings for boat and angling offenses.

Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) conducted a joint boat patrol with Hood River SO Marine Deputy Anderson on the Columbia River west of Hood River to Bonneville Dam resulting in the following activities: 22 motorized and eight non-motorized BERs, 31 angler checks, two citations for **No PFD**, two citations for **No Angling License**, eight Marine Board warnings, and two No Juvenile Harvest Card warnings.

Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Sgt. Thompson (Newport) conducted a boat patrol targeting halibut anglers. They contacted two anglers in a vessel with three rods out. When questioned about the extra rod, one subject stated they were fishing for "pelagics" ("pertaining to the part of the open sea or ocean comprising the water column, i.e., all of the sea other than that near the coast or the sea floor") (NOAA). However, all the species the anglers targeted were groundfish. They cited one subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—More Than One Line**.

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) conducted a two-day enforcement float from Warm Springs to Harpham Flat, and then worked camps along the river on the last evening. They issued two citations for **No Angling License**, one for **No Boater Pass**, and one for **Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of a Waterway** during the float. While working the camps, they observed a bachelor party acting suspiciously. Surveillance revealed they were smoking marijuana. A medical marijuana card holder claimed responsibility. He was cited for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** (Public Place/View) and **Delivery of Marijuana for No Consideration—Less Than Five Grams** (violation). Two others were cited for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) and Sgt. Hinkle (Patrol, Oakridge) conducted a patrol of Odell and Crescent Lakes for anglers and boaters. They checked two boats and four anglers at Odell Lake. One angler caught an undersized lake trout and brought it to the dock to take a picture of it. The fish was being revived at the end of the dock and was not in good condition. Continued efforts to revive the lake trout worked and it swam off. The angler was cited for **Fail to Immediately Release Undersized Lake Trout Unharmed**. A boat patrol was



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conducted on Crescent Lake. They checked nine boats and 36 anglers and completed a BER during each boat contact. (The fish in the picture is a brown trout caught by an angler at Crescent Lake.)

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) teamed up for a boat patrol on Odell Lake. They inspected 26 boats, contacted 47 anglers, and they issued two citations for **No Angling License**, two for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Lines**, and one **No Nonresident Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City), Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande), and Rct. Tpr. Moody (Patrol, La Grande) conducted a boat patrol on Brownlee Reservoir. Troopers checked numerous anglers and issued citations for **No Nonresident Angling License**, **False Application for a Resident Angling License**, and **Possession of a Falsely Applied for Resident Angling License** (2) and one warning for Offensive Littering

Tpr. Davis, Rct. Keeler (Coos Bay), and Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) conducted a boat patrol out of Charleston to check bottomfish and halibut anglers. They contacted numerous boats and issued warnings for undersized Dungeness crab, Fail to Record Halibut Length, and Fail to Register Boat; and citations for **No Shellfish License** (x 2), **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Shellfish**, and **No PFDs**.

Sr. Tpr. Collom and Rct. Neuenschwander (Central Point) conducted a boat patrol of the Rogue River from Cole Rivers Hatchery down to the Takelma boat ramp from two one-man pontoon boats. They checked about 35 salmon anglers and four Chinook salmon. They issued one citation for **No Angling License**, one warning for No License/Tag, and several warnings for Exceeding the Maximum Leader Length.

Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) conducted a boat patrol targeting halibut anglers. They contacted a vessel angling right in the middle of the Stonewall YRCA. Upon inspection, it was discovered the 20' aluminum boat was operating as a "six-pack" charter with three clients. The skipper failed in seven categories on the Ocean Charter exam. The skipper was cited criminally for **Operating an Ocean Charter without Required Equipment and Aiding in a Wildlife Offense—Angling Prohibited Area**.

Commercial Fish / Marine / Shellfish

Various Commercial Activities

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) cited a commercial skipper for **Exceeding the Weekly Limit on Open Access Sablefish**. The skipper was 13.5% over his limit.

Sr. Tpr. Harris, Tpr. Bowen, and Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) sampled a 20,000-pound commercial pink shrimp landing and determined the landing to be 166.6 per pound count. A warning was given for the offense.

Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) contacted the captain of a fishing vessel for a 100% overage on a weekly landing limit of sablefish. The captain made one too many weekly landings causing the overage. Bowen cited the captain for **Exceeding the Weekly Limit of Sablefish**.

Tpr. Schwartz (Astoria) conducted routine fish dealer inspections in the Astoria area. One contact revealed the buyers had not purchased a fish dealer's license since 2007 and had been buying and selling Dungeness crab and razor clams since then. The buyer was cited for **No Wholesale Fish Dealer's License**.

While working in Port Orford, Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) checked four commercial vessels. One vessel was cited for an **Expired Boat License**. During the check of a commercial crab vessel, Van Prooyen located numerous undersized Dungeness crab on board. The skipper stated he and the deckhand measured the crab, but stated it was a pretty rough ride. The skipper was cited for **Unlawful Taking Undersize Commercial Dungeness Crab**.

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) spent the week working the commercial fishing fleet out of Newport. Urbigkeit received an overage check from a local processing plant in regards to an offload of rockfish from a fishing vessel. The fishing vessel had exceeded its two-month quota for darkblotched rockfish by 41%. Urbigkeit contacted the skipper of the vessel and received information that they mistakenly used the wrong weight basket when they were sorting their fish. The skipper was cited for **Exceeding Two-Month Limit of Darkblotched Rockfish**.

Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) completed an investigation into a commercial fish wholesaler in the Brookings area. He determined the business kept no records in Oregon and the business address listed on his wholesale license application has been invalid for several years. Van Prooyen prepared three citations for **Fail to Maintain Required Records in Oregon, Fail to Submit Fish Tickets within Five Days, and Unlawful False Application for Wholesale Fish Dealers License** and forwarded them to CDFG for interagency servicing.

Tpr. Thomas and Rct. Galusha (Tillamook) received a complaint that a Pacific City commercial fisherman caught rockfish from the Pacific Ocean and had not properly sold them to a wholesale fish dealer. Upon contact with the fisherman, the troopers located numerous filleted rockfish at an RV park located near Pacific City. The fisherman's log book showed he had caught approximately 350 pounds of fish, and the fisherman said he was going to fillet the fish and sell them to a local fish dealer. It should be noted the subject cannot fillet the fish as the fish have to be processed at a licensed facility. The troopers found many other violations and cited the subject for **Fail to Sell Commercially Caught Rockfish to a Wholesale Fish Dealer**.

Various Shellfish Activities

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) contacted subjects digging softshell clams in Coos Bay. One subject had 89 clams and was cited for **No Nonresident Shellfish License and Exceeding the Daily Limit on Softshell Clams**. Another was warned for No Shellfish License.

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) and Rct. Danner (Patrol) checked clambers on Yaquina Bay. Three subjects misidentified juvenile gaper clams as softshell clams and had 50 clams over the limit. Troopers cited one subject for **Exceeding the Daily Limit of Gaper Clams** and warned the other two.

Unlike gaper clams (bottom), softshell clams (top) have no gape on their neck end.

[Click here for more information on softshell clams.](#)



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Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) worked clambers on Netarts Bay and saw a subject leave the area dragging a cloth bag that looked like it was full of clams. Prior to contact, Hoodenpyl checked the subject's clam holes and located a gaper dug and left. Upon contact, he found the subject was over his limit. The subject thought he could return dug clams. Hoodenpyl cited him for **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Gaper Clams**.

When Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) checked clambers on Alsea Bay, she contacted one woman who said she was unsure how many clams she had. While counting the 22 cockles, Van Meter noticed a bulge in her jacket pocket, and she asked what was in her pocket. The woman pulled out a bag with seven cockles. She claimed 20 clams were not enough for her and her cats. Van Meter cited her for **Exceeding Shellfish Possession Limit** and planted the extra clams back.

Tpr. Howell and Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) contacted 25 clambers on Netarts Bay, issuing several citations for **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Bay Clams and Exceeding the Bag Limit of Gaper Clams**, resulting in seizing 42 clams, and numerous warnings. On another patrol, they wrote several citations for **Exceeding the Bag Limit Gaper Clams, No Shellfish License, and Fail to Retain Broken Clams**. Thomas and Rct. Galusha (Tillamook) worked another patrol, citing two subjects for **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Bay Clams** (one subject had 179 over).

On Yaquina Bay, Sgt. Thompson and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) observed three subjects shucking clams on the bed and had four bags of clams, but they appeared to have more than their limit. When they returned to their car, one subject put a bag of shucked clams under the seat. Van Meter contacted them as one was putting a bag of whole clams in the trunk. The other two had only one bag. She instructed them to retrieve the fourth bag stashed in the rocks. They were four over their limit and initially denied possessing more. When asked about the hidden shucked clams, one subject retrieved the bag and 13 more clams were counted. Thompson also found four clams hidden in the rocks, for a total of 21 over the limit. The clambers were cited for **Exceeding Limit of Clams and Possession of Mutilated Clams**.

Sport Angling

Multiple Angling Violations in Willamette Valley

Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (Banks) contacted two trout anglers at Dorman's Pond. Both exceeded their limit and one had a resident license when he had only resided in Oregon for one month. Schwartz cited both for **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Trout** and the other for **Unlawful Possession Falsely Applied For Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) contacted 19 anglers in an evening on the Middle Fork Willamette River below Dexter Dam. He cited one angler at the hatchery pipes for **No Combined Angling Harvest Tag**. At the Lowell covered bridge, Maher noted two anglers. When one angler saw Maher, he threw his pole down and walked away. Maher learned the angler was not licensed and cited him for **No Angling License**.

Tpr. Boyd and Rct. Imholt (Springfield) checked three anglers at Blue River Reservoir. All three have been Washington residents since 2006 but had been buying resident licenses for years to "save money." The 15-year-old's father was cited for **Possession of a Falsely Applied for Resident Angling/Shellfish License** and **Aiding/Counseling in a Game Violation**. The other adult male was cited for **Possession of a Falsely Applied for Resident Angling/Shellfish License**.



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Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) conducted a six-hour bicycle patrol on the upper McKenzie drainage. At Trail Bridge Reservoir, he checked five anglers, citing two for **Angling Prohibited Method**. Three fish were released alive, including one bull trout. At Smith Reservoir, he checked 12 anglers, citing one person for **Continuing to Angle after Retaining Limit of Trout** and two for **Insufficient Number of PFD's**. Boyd covered about 16 miles of high tourist traffic. People were surprised to see OSP in the remote areas that are only accessible by foot or bike.

On the McKenzie River below Leaburg, Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) checked three anglers as they landed a trout. Two were using pop cans wrapped with line. One angler unhooked the fish and threw it back into the river. Boyd asked again to check his license, but the angler said he left it at home. A check revealed the subject did not have a license, but he did have a warrant for DUII out of Lane County (\$10,000 bail) with a caution indicating the subject has threatened to kill police if contacted. Boyd took the subject into custody. The other male, a Washington resident, was in possession of an Oregon license and the female was not licensed. Boyd issued citations for **Possession of Falsely Applied for Resident Angling License**, **Angling Prohibited Method—Weight Attached below Hooks**, **No Nonresident Angling License**, and **No Angling License** and lodged the wanted person in the Lane County Jail.

Angling Picking up in Central and East

Sr. Tpr. Coggins (Enterprise) and Sr. Tpr. Griffin (La Grande) made a one-day **horse patrol** into the Wenaha Wilderness area. They contacted 17 people, but they only cited one subject for **No Nonresident Angling License**.

Tpr. Ring (Arlington) and Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) contacted a subject fishing at Tatone Pond near Boardman. When the subject produced his license, Ring noticed this was the same angler he contacted two weeks prior and who told Ring he did not need a license, as he was only 12 years old. The subject's license was recently purchased and showed the subject to be 15 years old. Ring cited the subject for **No Angling License** for the previous offense.

Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) checked anglers at Morgan Lake and noted one vehicle had North Dakota plates. The male subject produced a resident angling license, but his female friend advised he had just moved back to Oregon. The suspect filled in the bottom portion of the license stating he had lived in Oregon 30 years and four months, but he moved back to Oregon less than six months ago. Chandler cited him for **False Application for a Resident Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) received two complaints of two men snagging salmon at the Hatchery Hole. Each man already had two salmon, and they continued to snag more. Thompson was still en route when he received word that both suspects left and in separate vehicles. He saw one of the vehicles, and the driver was not wearing his seat belt. Thompson made a traffic stop and found the man had two salmon, but only one was tagged. Thompson could not prove the snagging, but he did cite the man for **Fail to Validate Angling Harvest Tag—Salmon** and **Fail to Wear Seat Belt**. He could not locate the second vehicle.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) was working late one night near Gold Rey Dam and saw a man and a woman walking up to the road from the river. When they heard him coming, they drove off. Thompson walked down to the river where they came from and found a man hiding in the brush. The man was armed with a .22 rifle. Thompson also found a salmon fishing pole stashed in the brush. Thompson had a sheriff's deputy assist by stopping the other subjects. The man and woman came back to Thompson's location. As a result of the investigation, Thompson cited one of the men for **Angling Prohibited Hours**. In addition, the man with the .22 rifle would not admit he was using it to shoot salmon; he claimed he had it for protection from cougars.

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) observed vehicle tracks leading towards a closed section of Fall River. He then followed the tracks on foot and located two subjects angling with worms in a fly fishing only section. The subjects had also posted a female for a "look out." When Hayes emerged from his location, one subject turned to the female and threw his rod on the ground then pointed at her and Hayes. The subject advised they had not caught any fish and were escorted back to their vehicle. When the subject opened his trunk, **a large brown trout wriggled out of a fishing vest revealing four more trout**. This was not the first time Hayes has dealt with these subjects. The subjects had also been angling in open areas earlier in the day. They were issued criminal citations for **No Angling License**, **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**, and **Angling Closed Season**.

Sport Angling

Troopers Encounter Illegal Activities in the South

When Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) contacted an angler and asked how he was doing, the subject said he had “one more to go.” When he asked to inspect his catch, the subject got quiet, gave that familiar “you got me” pause, then said, “Okay.” A check revealed seven trout. Stone cited the subject for **Exceeding Bag Limit of Trout**.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Patrol, Roseburg) contacted Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) about a subject on the Middle Fork Coquille River illegally trout fishing. Bennett contacted the subject and discovered the subject was in possession of one cutthroat trout, three steelhead smolts, and one Chinook smolt. Frerichs cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Trout Closed Stream**. The fish were successfully released back into the river.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) learned of a subject repeatedly angling with an unattended line. ODFW contacted the subject and advised him of the rule. Area campers and anglers also spoke to the subject. Niehus found the subject quite some distance from his line. The subject became arrogant and irate when Niehus addressed the issue. Niehus cited him for **Unattended Line**. Later, Niehus learned the subject was attempting to pick fights with those he believed reported him.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman and Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) watched two anglers below Gold Rey Dam smoke marijuana and cast above the deadline. Both were cited for **Angling Prohibited Area** and **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**. Cushman contacted another angler casting above the deadline. The angler told Cushman he fished this spot a couple times a week and thought the deadline sign meant he could not stand upstream from that location but casting upstream was okay. He was cited for **Angling Prohibited Area**.

Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) contacted an angler after seeing him stick a trout in a bag. He asked if he caught anything and was told, “No.” He asked to look in his bag, then the subject said he caught five fish. Baimbridge looked in the bag and could obviously see more. He asked the subject to count the fish—eight. He had the subject empty the bag—11 were counted. Then the subject provided a 2008 license, saying he had a new one somewhere. A check proved otherwise. He asked if he was on parole or probation and was told, “No.” The check revealed felony probation. When asked if he had a driver license, he was told, “Yes.” The check found he was suspended. Baimbridge cited him for **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Trout** and **No Angling License** and advised him to be more truthful with officers.

Sr. Tpr. Allison, Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point), and Cpt. Ketcher (Central Point PD Explorers) worked a boat patrol on Lost Creek Lake. They contacted 17 anglers, conducted 10 BERs, and issued three warnings. While observing boaters, Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) requested their assistance on the Rogue River. Meyer was watching three anglers near the deadline at the Sand Hole. The troopers rushed to assist. Braving the icy cold river, they waded across the treacherously slick rocks to gain a position of advantage while Meyer watched the suspects pass a marijuana pipe. He confirmed his suspicions as the odoriferous smoke wafted over him. Stealthily, the troopers slunk through the tick-laden underbrush, materializing before the startled anglers like ghosts of the woods. The oldest of the group possessed a medical marijuana card, but admitted he should not share with his sons. All three were cited for **Angling Closed Area—Above Deadline**.

Increased Angling Pressure on the Coast

Tpr. O’Connor (Astoria) checked a sturgeon angler at the John Day boat ramp and noted a canister attached to the anchor. The angler used the canister stuffed with anchovies to attract sturgeon, but he added it did not work well as they only caught three undersized fish. O’Connor cited him for **Angling Prohibited Method—With the Aid of Chum**.

While at the Port of Brookings, Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) was notified by ODFW of a groundfish limit violation. Stinnett contacted the violator who said he thought he was allowed seven rockfish and the cabezon he caught did not count. Stinnett cited him for **Exceeding the Limit on Marine Groundfish** and seized one black rockfish.



Cabezon. Photo credit: NOAA

While checking surf perch fisherman near Port Orford, Rct. Keeler (Coos Bay) observed one subject with two poles. The subject rode his ATV down the beach about two miles from other anglers. Keeler contacted the subject as he returned. The subject admitted to using two poles, for the wind started to blow harder and he wanted to catch his limit. Keeler cited him for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Poles**.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl and Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) worked Chinook anglers at the Hatchery Hole on the Trask River. One angler stood out since he set the hook nearly every cast. At dark, this angler left with a group carrying five fish. Only two fish were caught in other parties that day. Upon contact, other anglers said the subject retained two foul-hooked fish he allowed a youth to land and tag. Thomas inspected the fish and found one had a fresh snag mark under the pectoral fin. He inspected the fish’s mouth and could not locate a hook mark. Thomas cited him for **Unlawful Retention Foul Hooked Salmon** and seized the fish.

Coastal Troopers Worked Busy Halibut Opener

Troopers from around the state conducted sport halibut saturation patrols and worked 314 hours, made 717 contacts, and issued 107 warnings and citations for **Fail to Validate, Angling with More than One Line, Unlawful Possession of Groundfish, Unlawful Possession of Undersized Crab, Unlawful Possession of Canary Rockfish, Unlawful Possession of Rockfish outside of 40 Fathoms, Aiding in a Wildlife Crime, and No Angling Tag/License** (85% compliance). As a result, some halibut were seized. Rct. Keeler (Coos Bay) checked a boat upon its return to the Bandon docks with three sport anglers who landed three halibut. The anglers did not have harvest tags. Keeler cited each for **Unlawful Take Halibut—No Angling Harvest Tags**. He seized the fish and donated them to the local rescue mission.

Wildlife / Hunting

Elk Calf Reunited with Mother



Photo credit: File

an elk herd. Guerra received a call the next day from the property owner, and she said the calf was seen back with its mother.

Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) and Sr. Tpr. Culp (Salem/Pilot) were working on Netarts Bay checking clambers and received a call of an injured cow elk. They responded to the address in Nehalem and did not find the cow elk, but they did locate a newborn elk calf enclosed in the property owner's backyard. The owner stated the calf was being harassed by a dog, so she placed the calf in her backyard then called OSP. Guerra and Culp transported the elk calf

to a nearby forested area where they saw

Protected Toads Shot



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Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) contacted a camp and noted numerous dead Western toads. Miller contacted the subjects on their return. Miller cited one subject for **Unlawful Taking of Protected Wildlife—Western Toads**. The subject shot 19

Western toads at a local pond. This species is threatened by loss of wetlands, habitat degradation, and other environmental changes.

Trapper Caught with Blind Set

Sr. Tpr. Halsey and Rct. Clement (Albany) responded to a trapping complaint on the Upper Soda Fork 400 line. A branded trap was found set up on a game trail as a "blind set." They contacted the subject and cited for **Trapping Closed Season** and No Operations License.

Taxidermist Maintained Improper Records

Tpr. Boyd and Rct. Imholt (Springfield) finished an investigation of a local taxidermist. The owner had been given some time from their first visit to obtain proper records. Troopers found several violations and cited the owner for **Failure to Maintain Proper Taxidermy Records**.

Juveniles Warned for Hunting without License

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) followed up on an illegal dumping case on Anderson Butte. The suspect cleaned up the garbage and was given a verbal warning. While in the area, Allison witnessed a pickup load of juveniles bouncing up a hillside. Allison contacted the young men, who said they were out squirrel hunting. Unfortunately, no one possessed a hunting license. They had an impromptu roundtable discussion of hunting regulations, and they were released with a verbal warning.

360-Pound Problem Bear

A Jacksonville area man called late one night reporting he had a problem bear getting into his garbage. The man shot the bear. Sr. Tpr. Cushman, Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point), and Rct. Neuenschwander (working his Fish and Wildlife week with Collom) responded the next morning. The shooter field dressed and skinned the 360-pound bear. Troopers salvaged the bear and donated the meat to charity.



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Treed Bears Tranquilized and Released into Wild

In two incidents less than an hour apart, two treed bears found in residential areas in the cities of Ashland and Klamath Falls were tranquilized and released later into the wild following a coordinated response by city, state, and federal agencies. Division troopers were called to assist Ashland PD regarding a small bear, about one year old and 40 to 50 pounds, in a backyard tree of a residence on Dewey Street. The bear had been seen in the area in prior days and appeared to have settled up in the tree. Officers consulted ODFW staff and a USDA Wildlife Services (WS) agent via phone. The WS agent responded to the scene and darted the bear with tranquilizers with little effect. An ODFW biologist then responded and successfully tranquilized the bear. The biologist determined the bear appeared to be in good health and was transported out of town and released into the wild.

The second incident was called into Klamath County 9-1-1. A bear was reported walking down a Klamath Falls residential street and Klamath Falls PD responded to locate it. Not quite two hours later, another report was received advising the bear was in the backyard of a residence on Buena Vista Street. Klamath Falls PD and a USFS LEO arrived at the scene, and the bear climbed into a tree at a residence on

Wocus Street. OSP troopers arrived on scene to coordinate a response with ODFW staff. ODFW Biologist Craig Foster responded from Lakeview and successfully tranquilized the male yearling bear. The bear was then transported to a remote location and returned to the wild. "Fortunately, in both incidents the animals did not pose immediate threats to human safety. Agency personnel were able to coordinate each response and bring them to a successful conclusion with the animal's release back into the wild," said Lt. Gifford (Southwest Region).

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Subject Possessed Raccoon to Train Hounds

Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) followed up on a complaint about a subject in McMinnville who had a raccoon in a live trap at his house. Shugart could see the raccoon in the live trap from the neighbor's yard and contacted the subject. The subject told Shugart he was going to use the raccoon to train a young hound he had. The subject admitted he released a raccoon earlier in the week, somewhere in the hills, from a live trap and had his dog tree it. The subject told Shugart he did not trap the raccoons, but he had received them from another person who was trapping them in McMinnville. Shugart contacted the other person. This subject told Shugart he had trapped two problem raccoons at his residence in McMinnville and then gave them to the first subject. As a result of the investigation, the first subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Wildlife without a Permit** and the second subject was warned for **Unlawful Trapping Raccoon Closed Season/Within City Limits** and **Unlawful Possession Raccoon**.

Ex-Boyfriend Left Cougar in Freezer

Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) followed up on an illegal cougar kill. A female reported she found a cougar carcass in her freezer left by her ex-boyfriend. The cougar was untagged. Marchand contacted the suspect who said he got it from another person. The third party was contacted and denied any involvement with the take of the cougar. Marchand recontacted the suspect who admitted to the illegal take of the cougar and failed to check it in with ODFW. Marchand cited the suspect for **Unlawful Possession** and **Fail to Check in Cougar**.

Loose Dog Killed Fawn

Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) responded to a complaint that a dog had killed a fawn deer on Wiley Road outside of Sheridan. Shugart located five retrievers running free at a residence with no collars. One of the dogs was carrying around an approximately one-day-old dead deer fawn. The dogs' owner was not home at the time, but Shugart was able to take the fawn from the dog. Shugart contacted the dog's owner later that day and cited the owner for **Permitting Dog To Unlawfully Hunt, Run, or Track Game Mammal—Deer**.

Hunting on Enclosed Lands

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs and Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) responded to a complaint involving three turkey hunters. A landowner heard several shots up behind his residence. He located three hunters who killed two turkeys. Troopers responded and contacted the subjects. They followed the subjects' trail back about 1/4 mile over fences and onto the victim's property, where they found the kill sites. Troopers cited all three for **Hunting on Enclosed Lands of Another** and seized the two turkeys.

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) took a trespassing complaint in the Applegate Unit. The area was marked as private and posted as a no hunting zone. The suspect stopped his truck in the road and pursued a turkey up a hill across from the landowner's residence. The landowner saw the activity and confronted the hunter who jumped in his truck and left the scene. The landowner followed the truck in his car, and the hunter pulled over about 1/2 mile away. The husband confronted the hunter, then passed on the information to OSP. After speaking to the landowner, Allison contacted the hunter. The 17-year-old admitted he was overly zealous due to his excitement of hunting his first turkey. He was warned for **Hunting on the Enclosed Land of Another**.

Unlawful to Possess Road-Struck Deer

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) received a call from Oakridge PD at home. An Oakridge PD officer stopped a vehicle in Oakridge that had a field dressed deer in the back. Maher responded and interviewed the driver who claimed the deer was struck by the vehicle, and he picked it up to take it home. Injuries on the deer carcass were consistent with a road-struck deer. Maher cited the driver for **Unlawful Possession of Deer**.



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Evidence Revealed Crimes

Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) concluded a case from September 2008 on a subject who shot an elk with a rifle and then put an archery tag on it. Evidence was recovered from the kill site and the suspect's residence and submitted to the Idaho Wildlife Forensics Laboratory for DNA testing. On May 3, Sr. Tpr. Canfield cited the suspect for **Unlawful Possession of Roosevelt Elk** and **Hunting Prohibited Method**.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) developed enough information for a search warrant at a residence regarding an illegal deer kill. The suspect killed a very large 5 x 6 buck outside of a controlled hunt boundary in November 2008. Bennett was able to place the suspect outside of the unit several miles away at the time of the kill using cell phone records. Bennett also located pictures of the suspect with the dead buck that were taken two days before the suspect said he killed/located the buck. Computer files, digital cameras, and other items were seized. Bennett cited the suspect for **Unlawful Take—Closed Season** and **Improper Validation of Deer Tag**.

Environment / Habitat

OSP and ODFW Checked Boat Ramps to Spread the Word about Invasive Species in Waterways

OSP and ODFW conducted boat ramp checks at various Jackson County-area lakes over Memorial Day holiday weekend to detect and prevent invasive non-native aquatic species from being introduced into waterways in the Rogue River Valley. The partnership effort, led by Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point), is part of a cooperative enforcement plan with ODFW to help provide information about the invasive species' potential harm and the consequences of bringing live fish in or out of the waterways.

The first area ramp checks started Saturday, May 23rd, when Collom and ODFW Biologist David Haight checked boats and boat trailers at ramps at Lost Creek Lake, Takelma, and Joseph Stewart State Park. In addition, they checked anglers at Stewart and Takelma ramps to ensure there were no live fish being used as bait. They also looked at boats and trailers to ensure no invasive species were attached, such as mussels or aquatic plants that may have come from other water bodies. Collom estimated they talked to about 40 boaters and at least the same number of anglers at the boat ramps, detecting only boat violations for which warnings were issued. Boaters were given information about the potential harm with invasive species, the consequences of bringing in live fish or bringing out live fish, and the various forms of invasive species including [zebra mussels](#), [mud snails](#), and [Hydrilla](#) (click the name for information from USDA National Invasive Species Information Center). OSMB also has information on invasive aquatic species and how to check boats ([click here to visit their site](#)). Sr. Tpr. Jim Collom can be contacted at (541) 776-6114 ext. 392.



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

Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) cited a male subject for **Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of a Waterway** after the subject abandoned his camper several months ago.

Sr. Tpr. Knapp (Enterprise) cited a subject for **Reckless Burning**, after he started a grass fire across from his residence which burned about 1.5 acres of property owned by ODFW. The local fire department responded to extinguish the blaze.

Sr. Tpr. Burdick (Patrol, Salem) stopped a vehicle northbound on I-5 and discovered a large quantity of a forest product. Sgt. Chambers and Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) responded. Turnbo seized several hundred pounds of horsetail and issued two citations for **Unlawful Transport of a Minor Forest Product—No Permit**.

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) conducted a two-day float from Warm Springs to Harpham Flat on the Deschutes River. Midway through the float, they received reports of a group in an old wooden drift boat and a cataraft who appeared to be intoxicated and bounced their way down through the rocks of Whitehorse Rapids. Information was developed the next day that the same group left beer cans, cigarette butts, vomit, and a still smoldering campfire (not contained within a fire pan) behind. Troopers caught up to the group at their new campsite. The group appeared to be somewhat "worse for wear," and numerous beer cans were strewn around their new campsite already. The drift boat had a substantial amount of water in it, most likely due to not negotiating the rapids skillfully. All were cited for **Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of a Waterway**, when they said they were all responsible for leaving the mess at the prior camp. One of the two permit holders was also cited for **No Fire Pan**. After getting off the water, Lindberg and Pearson patrolled the camps and river from shore, issued two citations for **No Angling License**, two for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**, and one for **Dog off Leash**.

Tpr. Dietz (Pendleton) conducted a routine compliance check for unencapsulated polystyrene at Warehouse Beach, Hat Rock, McNary Beach, McNary Dam, Umatilla Marina, and Irrigon Marina. Good news. He was not able to locate any floats that were in violation.

Floatation Encapsulation Rules

As of January 1, 1992, to protect Oregon's waterways, fish, and wildlife, no person shall install a submersible polystyrene device on a dock, buoy, or float unless the device is encapsulated by a protective covering or designed to prevent the polystyrene from disintegrating into the water. When unencapsulated submersible polystyrene breaks down to the foam cell level, poses risks to fish and wildlife through unintentional ingestion and to water quality. OSMB administers the program (click [for OAR 250-014-0010](#) and [for OSMB's site](#)).

After multiple attempts to contact an illegal camp on property owned by JWTR, Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) finally found the occupants in camp. The occupants were advised they were trespassing and asked to leave. They were further advised that a check would be done to ensure that the area was cleaned up. A small amount of oil had been spilled in the area and the occupants advised they will dig it up. JWTR will also inspect the location to make sure that all is done to their satisfaction.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) investigated a complaint of a large incense cedar tree cut and taken from a BLM parcel south of Roseburg. Frerichs continued surveillance on the location and discovered an adjacent landowner had cut up the tree into nine separate 9-foot log lengths and placed them behind his barn. Frerichs contacted the landowner who admitted to cutting down the tree and taking the cedar for a split-rail fence at his residence. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Cutting / Removal of Special Forest Products** and triple stumpage will be requested through the Douglas County DA.

General Law / Other

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

Sr. Tpr. Hawkins (Baker City) and Sr. Tpr. Howard (Patrol, Baker City) responded to Oxbow Reservoir regarding a report of two subjects in a camp smoking hashish. They set up surveillance on the subjects, and, a short time later, observed one of them angling with two poles. They made contact with the subjects, and Hawkins was able to recover a small amount of hashish from one the subjects. Citations were issued for **UPCS—Hashish** and **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Lines**.

Tpr. Boyd and Rct. Imholt (Springfield) patrolled the Cougar Reservoir area and, as they traveled southbound on USFS road 19, they came around a sharp corner to see a man crash and abandon his bicycle in the middle of the northbound lane and run into the woods naked. The subject was located hiding in the trees and told the troopers he was naked because his pants were wet. The USFS LEO contacted Boyd, passing on information that the subject quickly departed the hot springs after he became aware of law enforcement presence. The subject was cited for **Criminal Trespass II**.

While conducting angling license and tag checks on the Clackamas River, Rct. Fromme (Portland) watched and noted several people trespass on a private beach and begin consuming alcohol. Fromme contacted the group, with the assistance of Tpr. Tracy (Portland, Patrol), and found several were under 21 years of age and one was 22. Initially, the group denied the consumption of alcohol and the furnishing of any alcohol. Further investigation led to the issuance of two citations for **Minor in Possession—Alcohol** and one criminal citation for **Furnishing Alcohol to Minors**. All subjects were cited and released.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) located a vehicle eastbound on I-105 that ended up running four cars off of the roadway and was constantly violently swerving, making bad passes and generally driving recklessly. The driver failed to yield for three to four blocks then stopped in the parking area of a local bar. The driver agreed to voluntary SFSTs and failed. He was also found to be suspended. Boyd took him into custody for **DUII, Reckless Driving, and Reckless Endangering (x 4)**. Boyd released his passengers at the scene and impounded the vehicle. Boyd transported the subject to the Lane County Jail, where he submitted a breath sample, BAC .16%. Boyd cited the driver for the above charges and **Driving While Suspended**.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) responded to assist locating some lost campers on the north side of Four Mile Creek. The campers had crossed the creek back and forth several times before they swamped one of their vehicles, but they pulled it out with their other vehicle. Not wanting to risk getting the second vehicle stuck, they tried to find another way back out. They missed the main road and ended up taking the long and narrow way, then they got lost in the twists and turns of the roads and got their vehicle stuck in the snow. Several hours had passed when Niehus found them walking within a mile of their campsite. The girls were near frantic and their father said it was difficult to get them to keep walking. Niehus took the subject, his 18-year-old wife, and his 12- and 13-year-old daughters back to their campsite, where his ex-wife, her current husband, and several other kids were waiting. The father had forgotten to bring the baby formula for his 7-month-old from the stuck vehicle. Niehus took him back to his vehicle and they got the vehicle out of the snow.

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) and Sr. Tpr. Wilson (Ontario) worked the Snake River Road along Brownlee Reservoir and contacted numerous ATVs. Wilson cited a group of ATV riders for **No ATV Registration, Fail to Wear Helmet, and Endangering a Child Passenger**. Duncan cited a subject for **Operating ATV While Suspended**.

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) received information regarding a hunter he recently checked bear hunting with a muzzleloader. The tipster reported the hunter was a convicted felon and had just killed a bear. Kehr followed up and confirmed the subject was a convicted felon. Kehr contacted the subject, citing him for **Unlawful Possession of a Firearm** and seized his muzzleloader.



Photo credit: USFS

Dangerous Situations

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs and Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) contacted three subjects along the riverbank of the upper South Umpqua River. Three loose pit bull dogs circled the officers, and one bit Frerichs in the leg. One of the subjects contacted was found to be in possession of two concealed large dagger knives after telling the officers he was not armed. The subject was cited for **Carrying Concealed Weapon** and the information on the dog bite will be referred to Douglas County SO.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) and Tpr. Dietz (Pendleton) contacted a subject in Dale (south of Ukiah) to complete an investigation for **Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of a Waterway**. Upon contact, the male subject was armed and kept putting his hand on his pistol. Ritter instructed the subject to remove his hand from the pistol, and the subject put his hand down to his side. As Ritter moved in to continue his interview, the subject quickly drew the weapon, pointing it at Ritter. Grabbing the pistol and twisting it from his hand, Ritter disarmed the subject. Both troopers took him to the ground and took him safely into custody while the subject continued to resist arrest. The subject was taken to the Umatilla County Jail and lodged for **Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Menacing, Resisting Arrest, Interfering with a Police Officer and Pointing a Firearm at Another**.

Interagency Cooperation

Interagency Patrols, Investigations, and Assistance

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) attempted to stop a subject on a dirt bike on Hwy 101 in Lakeside. The subject failed to yield northbound on Hwy 101 and onto county roads in Lakeside. The subject continued onto an ATV trail where the patrol vehicle could not follow. Davis tracked the subject on foot until additional troopers, deputies, BLM, and USFS rangers responded. The dirt bike was located abandoned at the end of a spur road. A K-9 unit from Coos Bay PD started a track through the woods to Tenmile Lake, but the subject was not located. The next day, Davis contacted the owner of the dirt bike and developed a suspect. Davis and Sr. Tpr. Gardiner (Patrol) contacted the suspect at his residence. The suspect admitted to being the operator of the bike. The suspect was taken into custody for **Felony Elude, Reckless Driving, Criminal Trespass, and a Probation Violation**. The suspect was lodged in the Coos County Jail.



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Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) and Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) floated the Owyhee River and assisted BLM in recovering a Native American grinding stone a guide removed from the wild/scenic area. The guide, only dressed in a loin cloth upon contact, stashed the stone under a rock for later retrieval or to show it off to his clients. The stone will be turned over to the local BLM ranger for their enforcement action.

Photo credit: File

ODFW Biologist Mike Hansen located several ATV riders inside the Noregaard cooperative road closure. He obtained the operators' identification and provided it to Sr. Tpr. Knapp (Enterprise). Knapp cited two subjects for **Violation of Cooperative Road Closure**.

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) assisted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with some apparent disorderly subjects who were camping in a no-camping area, and supposedly someone in the area had a high powered rifle. Officers never located any firearm, and the campers were escorted off Corps property and asked to find another campsite.

Tpr. Dietz (Pendleton) conducted a joint patrol with Umatilla Tribal Officer Jim Curry up Meacham Creek on the southern boundary of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The patrol was in response to trespassing complaints on the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way to access elk winter range. Several subjects were contacted who had permission from private landowners for access. They did find evidence of recent ATV activity in the area of the complaints and fences were cut.

Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) conducted a joint enforcement boat patrol with WDFW's Officer Horn and Officer Bolton on the Columbia River between Umatilla and Irrigon. Mayer issued citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hook for Sturgeon (x 1), No Angling License (x 4), UPCS—Less Than One Ounce of Marijuana (x 1), and Depositing Litter in a Waterway (x 1)** and a warning for Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of a Waterway. WDFW officers issued citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hook for Sturgeon (x 1), Angling for Sturgeon Closed Area (x 1), and No Angling License (x 1)** and a warning for No Angling License.

Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) heard Deschutes County SO deputies on a pursuit of a motorcycle near a rural area of Bend that he was very familiar with. Love assisted in the pursuit by riding with the on-scene DCSO sergeant, showing him where the subject may have ridden to hide. The subject was located and Love advised the arrest team where the subject would have to ride out. The subject was again located and taken into custody for **Attempting to Elude Police—Vehicle**.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) investigated four environmental solid wastes complaints in Josephine County with the assistance of DEQ personnel, and then moved onto Jackson County for an additional environmental complaint. All the complaints were documented and will be checked in the future for compliance.

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) assisted Wasco County SO with a domestic dispute in Antelope where a woman had pointed a .22 caliber handgun at a man and fired one round into the air outside the residence in an attempt to intimidate him during a verbal and physical altercation. Both subjects were extremely intoxicated. The female was arrested by Wasco County and lodged for **Menacing**.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) worked with USFS LEO Regan Eivers and Ret. Cutsforth (Springfield) on the report of a large MIP party in the Blue River area. After an extensive search, they were unable to locate the large party, but they did locate a smaller party. Citations were issued for **MIP—Alcohol by Consumption (x 4), UPCS—Less than an Ounce of Marijuana, Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor, and Unlawful Possession of a Federal USFS Sign**.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) assisted Klamath County SO with a call of shots fired next to a house in Keno. He set up at 66/Balsam. Niehus found the vehicle as it drove by the other units. He turned and followed it, keeping the SO and City advised via radio of the direction of travel. They were able to overtake and stop it. Other units arrived and they conducted a felony stop. It turned out that the complainant was a little "12-60." These kids had been out fishing all day and were beating the mud off their boots before leaving.

Public Relations

Events, Presentations, and Meetings

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) gave a T.I.P. reward check to a subject for her assistance in turning in a poacher during the 2008 controlled rifle buck season in the Paulina Unit.



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Tpr. Dietz (Pendleton) assisted ODFW at a youth event held at McNary Ponds. He reported many kids caught fish, and there were no complaints. He also fielded several questions from the kids at the event.

Sr. Tpr. Halsey and Rct. Clement (Albany) participated in the Youth Day at EE Wilson. The Trailer of Shame was on display. They fielded many questions, and received a lot of positive comments from the public.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) gave his yearly presentation about fish and wildlife law enforcement at the Oakridge Outdoor School. The school was attended by Oakridge, Lowell, and Creswell Christian School sixth graders. Maher has been involved with the school since 1996.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) took the THI to Wohink Lake and gave a water safety class to about 90 Siuslaw Elementary School 5th graders. Siuslaw FD and USCG assisted. He spoke about PFD types, size, condition, etc. They also talked about general water safety topics. KEZI TV arrived and interviewed Salisbury, which aired that evening (<http://kezi.com/news/local/121282>).



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Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) assisted ODFW with a presentation to the State Board of the Northwest Steelheaders at a meeting in Tillamook.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) gave a presentation to approximately 25 adults at the Salem 50+ Center. The presentation provided a brief overview of the Fish and Wildlife Division.

Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) gave a presentation at the Union County SO reserve academy. He spoke to nine reserves about fish and wildlife enforcement.

Sgt. Katzenstein (The Dalles) and Lt. Scorby (East Region) met with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission in Portland and gave a presentation on the use of unencapsulated polystyrene net floats. The Commission understands the environmental issues regarding the use of these floats and a plan is in place for their removal.

Sr. Tpr. Halsey and Rct. Clement (Albany) participated in the USCG display at Foster Lake. USCG had the Astoria Black Hawk helicopter demonstrate a water rescue. Halsey, Clement, and two Linn County boats provided water security. The helicopter then landed at Sunnyside Park where the USCG, OSP, and Linn County met with the public.

Sgt. Cyr (Coos Bay) and Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) participated in the annual Rogue River Cleanup sponsored by the Lower Rogue Watershed Council. Via boat between Lobster Creek and Agness, they assisted with trash removal and river safety and contacted numerous school children, adult volunteers, and other agency members.

Sgt. Pond (Bend) and Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) attended the annual Deschutes Club meeting near Maupin. They gave a presentation on law enforcement issues and how best to contact dispatch with information regarding locations and criminal activity. Club members advised they have witnessed fewer violations than in the past. They also remarked about OSP's visibility on the lower Deschutes at all hours and how more families are utilizing the river. Maintaining a family atmosphere has been one of the enforcement goals on the lower Deschutes River.

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) talked to the local OHA group last week about the goings on with the Central Point team.

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) attended the ODFW Big Game meeting held in Klamath Falls. Eleven citizens attended. Hand gave a brief synopsis of the results of the Interstate Action Plan.

Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) and Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) gave a PowerPoint presentation at an OHA Yamhill County chapter meeting, focusing on 2008 hunting season cases. About 30 people attended.

Tpr. Boyd and Rct. Imholt (Springfield) talked during OSP night at a hunter education class in Alvadore. The session was attended by about 35 students and several parents. They answered numerous questions about various hunting, ATV, and firearms laws.

Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) assisted the City of Tillamook with the 2009 Public Safety Fair at the Tillamook Cheese parking lot. All of the local public safety agencies were present for the public to ask questions and to take a look at the agencies equipment. Howell had a patrol pickup and the North River jet boat on display.



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