

# The Field Review



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## Division Purchased Large Offshore Patrol Vessel with Federal Funds



Vessel from the 1950's. Photo credit: File

Since the 1950s, the Division has not been able to purchase a large vessel to patrol the state and federal waters off of Oregon's coast; but, in November, the Division launched the *Guardian*, a 50-foot offshore vessel purchased using funds obtained through a federal grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of Law Enforcement (NOAA). The previous vessel (pictured to the left) was a 45-foot commercial troller OSP used to patrol the entire Oregon coast to check licenses, life jackets, and closed areas to trolling and crabbing and offer any needed assistance. Since this time, the Division has not had a large offshore patrol vessel. This recently changed thanks to the hard work between NOAA and the Division, as both agencies understood the importance of Oregon, like California and Washington partners, having a large offshore patrol vessel.



Troopers and Chaplain at christening. Photo credit: File

The 2008 Joint Enforcement Agreement (JEA) grant allocated \$425,000 for the purchase of the vessel. After considering the options and conducting a long search, in August 2010, the Division purchased the *Secret Island*, an Oregon 50-foot charter boat. The Division had the boat removed from the water for modifications and improvements to make it patrol-ready. On November 19, 2010, Major Maureen Bedell, Police



Dock workers lower her into the water. Photo credit: File

Services Bureau Commander for the Oregon State Police, christened the 50-foot *Guardian* during a name change ceremony held in Astoria, that was attended by local officers, a Seaside PD chaplain, and headquarters sworn and professional staff. The name *Guardian* was chosen as our mission is *We Are the Guardians of Oregon's Fish and Wildlife*.



Guardian on patrol. Photo credit: File

The boat was then lowered into the waters of the Pacific Ocean, ready to begin its patrol duties.

The Division will use *Guardian* to patrol waters off Oregon's coast to ensure compliance with state and federal commercial fishing regulations, as well sport angling regulations. The *Guardian* will also be used in enforcement operations involving NOAA, the United States Coast Guard, and our neighboring state partners. The Division would like to thank NOAA for recognizing the importance of having and maintaining a large vessel enforcement program.

# Commercial Fish / Sport Shellfish

## Halibut Unlawfully Retained for Holiday Dinner

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) observed a commercial trawl boat return to a mooring basin. He contacted the crew as they were all leaving in one vehicle. The driver (skipper) told O'Connor he had halibut in his duffel bag. Further questioning revealed one deckhand had some halibut hidden in a bag in the bed of the vehicle. The skipper stated they decided to take the halibut home because it would have likely died if they threw it overboard. The skipper also indicated it was a "Thanksgiving" halibut. O'Connor cited the skipper and deckhand each for **Unlawful Possession of Prohibited Species—Halibut**.

## Sport-Caught Crab Sold

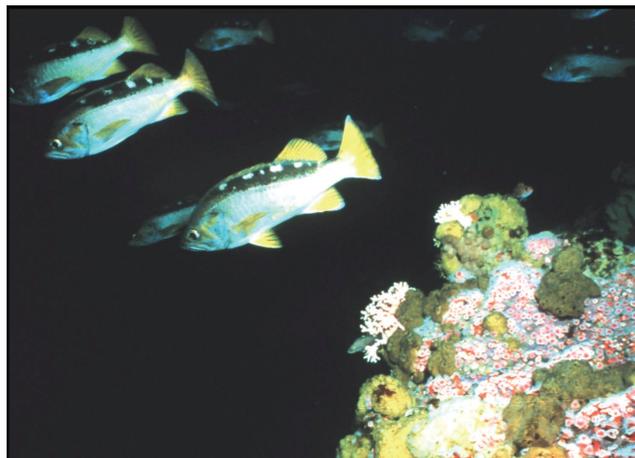
Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) received two reports of subjects selling undersized crab without a sellers permit from a fishing vessel (F/V) in Charleston. He located two subjects who purchased crab (mostly 5 3/4 to 6 1/8 inches) from the suspect F/V. Keeler located an additional subject who looked at the crab on the F/V and chose not to purchase any because they were small. He contacted a subject on a vessel legally selling crab parked across from the suspect F/V who stated the suspect F/V moved near them and began "poaching" clients as they came to purchase crab. Keeler contacted the captain and deckhand onboard the suspect F/V, and they stated they were only sport crabbing in the bay and denied selling crab. Keeler cited the captain for **Unlawful Sale of Sport-Caught Crab** and the deckhand for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime—Unlawful Sale of Crab**.

## Over 20,000 Pounds of Shrimp Wasted

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) investigated a case involving waste of pink shrimp. The delivery occurred at a local seafood processor plant in Warrenton in September when a total of 40,327 pounds of ocean-caught commercial pink shrimp were harvested over a two-day trip off the coast of Newport. Shrimp unloaders quickly determined 23,162 pounds of the delivery was deemed unfit for human consumption. Klepp initiated an investigation and determined the crew failed to apply ice on the second day of the trip, resulting in a major section of the shrimp in the fish hold to deteriorate and then spread slightly to another section harvested the day before. The skipper claimed he encountered a warm section of ocean water temperature, unexpectedly melting the ice his crew applied to the shrimp. Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) contacted the skipper at the Port of Charleston and cited him with criminal negligence **Waste of Food Fish—Commercially Caught Pink Shrimp**.

## Fisherman Exceeded Groundfish Limit

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) contacted a captain of a local groundfish boat regarding a 17% overage of lingcod. As a result of his investigation, O'Connor cited the captain for **Unlawful Possession of Groundfish—Exceeding the Cumulative Trip Limit of Lingcod**.



Yellowtail rockfish swimming. Photo credit: NOAA

## Skipper and Crewman Cited for Overages

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) contacted a skipper of a groundfish vessel at a fish plant regarding overages. The boat landed a 19% overage of yellowtail rockfish in September. The skipper said he had to pay attention to ensure he stayed out of the RCA (Rockfish Conservation Area) and could not always be aware of what the crew was doing. O'Connor cited the skipper for **Unlawful Possession of Groundfish—Exceeding the Cumulative Trip Limit of Yellowtail Rockfish**. Regarding a 20% overage of shelf rockfish, one crewman said he was not aware that greenstriped rockfish counted toward the limit of shelf rockfish. O'Connor cited the crewman for **Unlawful Possession of Groundfish—Exceeding the Cumulative Trip Limit of Shelf Rockfish** and warned him for a 10% overage of yellowtail rockfish from July.

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### Abbreviations and Acronyms

AIS	Aquatic Invasive Species	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	Rct.	Recruit
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	FTA	Failure to Appear	Sgt.	Sergeant
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	IDFG	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game	SIU	Special Investigations Unit
BER	Boat Examination Report	LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	Sr.	Senior
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	Lt.	Lieutenant	SO	Sheriff's Office
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under Influence	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	TMA	Travel Management Area
Capt.	Captain	ODF	Department of Forestry	Tpr.	Trooper
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	ODFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife	UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
DA	District Attorney	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy
DSL	Department of State Lands	PFD	Personal Flotation Device		

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# Sport Angling

## Tillamook Troops Caught Several Violators

Rct. King (Tillamook) was checking Chinook anglers on the Wilson River when he contacted an angler who said he landed a Chinook and a jack. The angler then showed King a Chinook and a cutthroat trout. Initially, the angler said he thought the trout was a jack, then he admitted the only reason he kept the trout was because it was bleeding. King informed the angler trout season was closed and cited him for **Trout Angling Closed Season**.



Cutthroat trout being reeled in. Photo credit: Mike Cline's public domain images

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) responded to Three Rivers where ODFW staff watched a subject try to snag fall Chinook salmon. The investigation revealed the Cedar Creek Hatchery manager contacted the subject while he was in the process of trying to snag salmon and told him he was setting a bad example for the other anglers. The subject told the manager he was not there to set an example; he was there to catch fish. Galusha cited the subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging**.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) was working anglers on the Wilson River when he contacted a subject who was fishing in a deep hole that holds numerous Chinook and coho salmon. While watching the hole, Hoodenpyl observed a subject attempt to snag salmon. Upon contact, the subject said he was embarrassed and would normally tell people not to snag. He said he was guilty as charged and would never have retained a fish. Hoodenpyl cited the subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging**.

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) contacted a chum angler on the Miami River and recognized the subject as he has contacted and cited him before for angling violations. Galusha found the subject still did not have a license or angling harvest card. He cited and released the subject once again and returned to the office where he checked the subject's angling license status. He discovered the subject's angling privileges were suspended from prior angling citations. Galusha recontacted the subject at his residence, took him into custody, and lodged him in the Tillamook County Jail under the charge of **Angling while Suspended**.

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) responded to a complaint that subjects were seen taking wild coho salmon from the North Fork Nehalem River the previous day and were back angling. At the time, the law prohibited anglers from possessing wild coho salmon. Upon arrival, Galusha located three subjects on the riverbank and discovered one subject had two wild coho salmon, one subject did not have an angling harvest card while he angled for salmon, and the other subject admitted to just trout fishing. Galusha informed them of the regulations in the area and subsequently issued citations for **No Angling Harvest Card, Unlawful Possession Wild Coho Salmon, and Trout Angling Closed Season** and seized both fish.

## Subject Caught Selling Sport-Caught Salmon

Tpr. Olsen and Rct. Glaser (Salem), with the assistance of Fish and Wildlife SIU detectives, contacted a subject who was selling sport-caught salmon. After a short investigation, troopers cited the subject for **Unlawful Sale of Wildlife (Sport-Caught Salmon) and Fail to Validate Harvest Card**.

## Tips Paid Off

Sr. Tpr. Carter (Pendleton) responded to the Umatilla River to a report of subjects angling after dark at a fishing hole in Umatilla. After using night vision to observe the four subjects angling, Carter contacted them. He discovered three did not have licenses or harvest cards. Carter cited all four subjects for **Angling for Salmon Prohibited Hours** and two additionally for **No Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury and Tpr. Wetzel (Florence) worked an anonymous tip that originated from ODFW headquarters regarding suspected illegal salmon angling. Troopers tracked the tip to the owner of a business. They seized 49 salmon fillets and one empty salmon tag from his residence. Troopers issued the suspect two criminal citations as well as warning for numerous other violations.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) received a tip at home on his day off regarding two anglers keeping nonadipose fin-clipped coho salmon. The reporting party stated the anglers had been fishing the same spot for several days and had kept at least six fish. Salisbury called Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) and provided him with the information. Lea located and contacted the anglers. He seized one nonadipose fin-clipped coho and cited one angler.

Tpr. Brandon and Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) conducted boat patrols on Siltcoos and Tahkenitch Lakes in response to several complaints received of two-liners and exceeding. They found great confusion in the fleet, with anglers tagging several jacks, and a general misunderstanding of the regulations. They issued several warnings for Continuing to Angle after Retaining Adult Salmon Bag Limit and one for Failure to Validate Salmon Tag. Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) worked from shore and made a case on a subject from a TIP for **Exceeding the Bag Limit**.

Rct. Herman (Astoria) stopped a vehicle leaving Klotchy Creek County Park on the Necanicum River. Herman received a report of a vehicle fitting its description whose occupants were snagging salmon. Upon contact, Herman recognized the passenger, as he has cited this subject on numerous occasions for snagging salmon. Both subjects admitted to snagging salmon using bare treble hooks with lead weight. The driver retained one nonadipose fin-clipped coho he snagged in the belly, which Herman found in a black trash bag in the back of the vehicle. He also found their fishing rods with the bare treble hooks, as well as learning neither angler had harvest cards. Consequently, Herman cited the driver **criminally** for **Unlawful Taking Closed Season—Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon, Unlawful Taking Foul-Hooked Coho Salmon, No Valid 2010 Angling Harvest Card, and Angling Prohibited Method—Weight Affixed Directly to Hook** and the passenger **criminally** for **No Valid 2010 Angling Harvest Card and Attempt to Take Salmon Prohibited Method—Snagging**. Herman seized one coho and two fishing rods as evidence.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Trooper Catches Poacher after Four Years

For the past four years, Tpr. Ritter (John Day) has been trying to apprehend a suspect who reportedly had been hunting on BLM and private lands without permission. The suspect owns acreage in the Northside Unit, and his property is surrounded by large private land holdings and thousands of acres of BLM land. Every year, the suspect obtains a private lands elk tag for the Northside Unit. No private landowners in the area of the suspect's property have given him permission to hunt on their properties, but he has been hunting that area every year anyway. One landowner reported finding ATV tracks running through a portion of the ranch which led to an elk carcass on a portion of BLM land. Ritter collected a sample from the carcass for possible DNA analysis. He located and contacted the suspect and his two hunting partners at their hunting camp, which was located on BLM property and the only camp he found in the entire area. Ritter located a 5 x 6 bull elk hanging in their camp. The suspect initially told Ritter he killed the bull on his property, but he refused to show him where the gut pile was. After Ritter told him a DNA analysis could determine whether the carcass found matched the meat he had in camp, the suspect advised he killed his bull on BLM ground. He told Ritter one of his partners also trespassed on the ranch to help him retrieve the elk. Ritter also determined the third subject had been hunting all week on BLM lands with a private land-only tag (he observed him that morning hunting on his ATV, going the opposite direction from the suspect's property). Ritter cited Suspect #1 for **Taking a Bull Elk Prohibited Area (Public Land with a Private Lands Tag)** and **Criminal Trespass II** and seized the elk. Additionally, Ritter cited Suspect #2 for **Criminal Trespass II** and Suspect #3 for **Hunting Elk Prohibited Area (Public Lands with a Private Lands Elk Tag)**.

## Patrol Trooper Cited Poacher while Division Troop on Vacation



Patrol trooper seized illegally taken cow elk. Photo credit: File

Tpr. Mathews (Patrol, Oakridge) responded to a complaint of elk hunters shooting from the road near the Oakridge Golf Course. Mathews' initial investigation revealed the elk was not shot from the road, but he did discover the subject had not obtained his elk tag before hunting. Mathews borrowed Sr. Tpr. Maher's game truck, as Maher was on vacation. Mathews cited the subject for **No Elk Tag** and seized the cow elk. The meat was donated to the Eugene Mission.

## Teenager Ran over Deer

Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) responded to a report of a subject who killed a deer intentionally by running it over with a pickup. Baimbridge's investigation revealed that at about 1:30 a.m., a subject stopped a pickup on a private roadway with a white-tailed buck deer standing just ahead of it. The subject accelerated the pickup and chased the deer down the road for about 100 yards when he hit the deer and ran it over, killing it. Baimbridge noted acceleration marks in the gravel road and skid marks from where the deer was hit that slid down the roadway. The suspect admitted he did it on purpose. Baimbridge cited the 17-year-old suspect for **Taking Deer Prohibited Method—Pickup and Harassing Wildlife**.

## Subjects Caught Illegally Hunting during Closed Season

Near the Nestucca River, Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) located three subjects packing out an elk. Upon contact with one of the subjects, Galusha noted the subject appeared nervous. When Galusha inquired about what the subjects had harvested, one of the subjects told him he shot a branch bull. The area the subjects were in was located within the Trask Unit, a spike bull-only unit. The investigation revealed the subjects said they believed they were in the Willamette Unit and were unaware of their location or the regulations. Galusha seized a large 6 x 6 bull elk and cited the subject for **Taking Bull Elk Closed Season**.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo and Ret. Sr. Tpr. Oriet (McMinnville) responded to a complaint in the Wilson Unit of a subject who shot a five-point bull elk in a spike-only unit. Upon responding, Turnbo located the elk skinned, quartered, and stored in the snow and the head hidden under a tree. The reporting party who works for the timber company who owns the property provided the suspect's vehicle license plate number as well as the shell casings from the weapon used. While in the clear-cut investigating the scene, the suspect vehicle showed up. After seeing the troopers, the suspects left the area. The troopers tracked down the suspects at their residence that evening and issued citations for **Taking Branch Bull Elk Closed Season—Spike-Only Hunt Unit and Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense**. The suspects stated they did not know they were in the Wilson Unit until after they observed OSP. They were asked why they left the area in a hurry when they noticed OSP if they thought they were legal, and they said they were scared.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo and Ret. Sr. Tpr. Oriet (McMinnville) responded to an elk poaching complaint on the Upper Nestucca. The reporting party spoke to a group of hunters who harvested a cow elk; and during the conversation, he became concerned that something was wrong with the kill. Upon contact, the troopers determined the shooter's disability permit expired in 2007. The troopers cited the subject for **Taking Cow Elk Closed Season** and seized the elk. Due to the snow and location of the elk, the troopers spent over five hours recovering the animal and had to ask for assistance.

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski (Madras) contacted a Redmond man concerning a suspicious deer at a butcher. The suspect possessed a Western Oregon buck rifle tag but killed a trophy-sized mule deer on the Eastern Oregon side during a closed season. The investigation revealed a second mule deer buck in the suspect's garage who his out-of-state hunting partner also took in the closed area. Both suspects ultimately claimed they did not understand the hunt unit boundaries while also admitting they killed buck deer during previous seasons, in the same area, and with the same misunderstanding. Following some informative instruction concerning hunting regulations, Prodzinski seized the two illegal deer and cited both suspects for **Unlawful Taking of Deer Closed Season and Unlawful Possession of Deer** and additionally cited the out-of-state suspect for **False Application for a Resident License/Tag**, as this suspect did understand residency requirements. Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) later located and seized the trophy-sized buck antlers at a taxidermist.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Construction Company Employee and Witnesses Prevented Poacher from Fleeing Scene

With help of a concerned citizens, Division troopers were able to find a man who shot and hit a spike bull elk near Berry Creek along the Wilson River in Tillamook County the day before the start of the 1st Coast bull elk season. Witnesses were watching a herd of elk in a large clear-cut when they saw a man shoot a spike bull elk. An employee from LRL Construction used his company vehicle to block the suspect, and he and several witnesses prevented the man from leaving while waiting for OSP troopers to arrive. Sgt. Hoodenpyl, Ret. King, and Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) responded to an area. The Division's subsequent investigation revealed the subject entered a clear-cut and saw two spike elk standing in the open; and thinking he was all alone, he fired three times at one of the spikes, striking the animal. The shot elk fell to the ground where it remained about one minute before getting up and fleeing with the herd into the timber. But what the subject did not know was that multiple hunters were watching the incident with spotting scopes and reported the incident immediately. The witnesses then confronted the subject and blocked him from leaving. Consequently, the troopers cited the suspect criminally for **Taking Bull Elk Closed Season**. They looked for the injured elk to no avail and would continue to be on the lookout for it. "The concerned witnesses and LRL Construction employee was the key to our being able to charge the suspect in this poaching incident," said Hoodenpyl. He added that poachers are stealing from all our citizens and encourages anyone to report wildlife violations to the Turn In Poacher (TIP) hotline at 1-800-452-7888.

## Large Four-Point Mule Deer Taken at Night

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) was patrolling the Silver Lake winter range to monitor illegal activities that could threaten wintering deer and other wildlife when he encountered a set of headlights coming at him. He turned onto a side road and let the vehicle roll by. After some time, Niehus returned to the road and began following the vehicle. A short while later, Niehus observed the occupants of the vehicle using spotlights. He made a stop of the vehicle and found four occupants. A search inside the trunk located a large four-point mule deer they had just shot. As a result of his investigation, Niehus cited one subject for **Unlawful Take of Deer** and another for **Hunting with the Aid of an Artificial Light** and warned a juvenile for Hunting with the Aid of an Artificial Light. He seized the deer and donated it to a local charity.



Mule deer in Central Oregon. Photo credit: Sgt. David Pond

## Unlawful Take and Waste of Deer and Elk

OSP received a complaint of a cow elk that had been shot and left at Wessel Creek near Newport. Sgt. Thompson and Ret. Sr. Tpr Hathaway (Newport) responded and found a dead cow elk and a gut pile from another elk that had been removed about 20 yards from the cow elk. Witnesses at the scene provided information on a vehicle that hauled out a cow elk earlier that morning. Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) interviewed the registered owner of the vehicle observed at the scene, and he admitted to have been hunting in that area. He said his friend shot and killed a cow elk using a disabled tag earlier that day. He initially denied any involvement in the second cow. Eventually, he admitted to shooting twice at a spike bull elk but thought he missed it, apparently striking the cow instead. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Take of Cow Elk—Closed Season and Waste of a Game Mammal—Cow Elk**.

Ret. King (Tillamook) responded to a report that a cow elk had been shot and left to waste on Stimson Property near Cape Meares. The investigation revealed that a Tillamook subject had been hunting in the area the previous day and shot and killed a 5 x 5 bull elk. Witnesses at the scene told the subject about a cow they believed he also hit while shooting the bull. The subject told all the witnesses he had a friend that was a cop and would report the incident himself (which he never did). When King examined the cow elk, he located a bullet that was very unique and identifiable and noted the animal had gone to waste. The Tillamook subject was later identified and King and Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) interviewed him. The subject admitted he knew he may have shot the cow while trying to hit the 5 x 5 bull he harvested. The subject showed the troopers a box of reloaded bullets he was using, and the bullets were an exact match to the bullet found in the cow. The subject was cited for **Waste of a Game Animal**.

Sr. Tpr. Reid (McMinnville) responded to the Sheridan area regarding a complaint that a subject shot and killed a buck deer after hours. A landowner reported that during the hours of darkness they heard several shots and found a dead buck deer the following morning. During the investigation, Reid located two deer shot with a .22 rifle that had gone to waste. He developed and contacted a suspect who confessed to shooting the deer with a Ruger 10/22 rifle. Reid cited this subject for **Unlawful Taking Blacktail Deer and Waste of a Game Animal**.

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) received a call from a property management company regarding a dead rotten deer they found in a rental house. Apparently, the tenants recently vacated the property without notifying them. Van Meter responded to the property and found the carcass in the basement of the house hanging from the rafters covered in cheese cloth. The rancid smell could be noticed even before entering the basement. There was also mildew growing on the carcass through the cheese cloth. Van Meter determined the carcass was completely wasted and removed the deer from the property. The next morning, the former tenants returned to the house and found the deer gone. They contacted the sheriff's office to report someone had taken the carcass. Van Meter responded to the residence again and showed the rotten carcass to the suspect. The suspect stated he always leaves his deer hang for five days before cutting them up and he had returned on that day, the sixth day, to cut it up. The suspect admitted the carcass appeared rotten and stated he felt bad about it. Van Meter cited the suspect for **Waste of a Game Mammal—Blacktail Buck Deer**.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Suspects Jailed for Wildlife Crimes and Outstanding Warrants

Sr. Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) received information indicating a subject possessed a buck killed after the season closed. He located and stopped the suspect vehicle as the suspect was leaving his place of employment. Bowen found a freshly killed forked-horn buck in the back of the vehicle and a concealed handgun in the center console. The suspect admitted to killing the deer at 2:30 a.m. in the Sixes Unit, but he refused to provide the exact location. Bowen seized the deer and firearms used, and Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) who arrived to assist transported and lodged the suspect in jail for **Taking Blacktail Deer Closed Season and Unlawful Possession of a Concealed Handgun**.



Trooper with illegal blacktail deer. Photo credit: File

In September, Tpr. Zuver (Patrol) made traffic stop and discovered evidence of a bull elk possibly taken using prohibited methods. Zuver started an investigation with the assistance of Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg). The investigation revealed the suspect shot a bull elk in the Dry Creek area of the Cascades during archery season with a .22 caliber rifle. The suspect then attempted to dispose of the evidence after the troopers began an investigation. Consequently, in November, the troopers lodged the suspect in the Douglas County Jail for **Unlawful Taking of an Elk by Prohibited Methods and Tampering with Evidence**.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury and Tpr. Wetzel (Florence) contacted two elk hunters. Salisbury knew the hunters from previous game violations, and they talked about deer cases from prior seasons. The discussions led the troopers to a relative's residence. The troopers obtained a consent to search as well as receiving confessions regarding three deer cases from a few days to over one year ago. The troopers seized one rifle and cut, wrapped, and frozen meat from two deer and criminally cited the suspect for three wildlife violations. The investigation led the troopers to contact yet another relative. Subsequently, the troopers seized a rifle, deer antlers, and hides and transported and lodged this suspect in jail on multiple wildlife crimes.

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) was patrolling the Ochoco Unit during antlerless elk season. He contacted ODFW Biologist Ferry who advised he obtained a suspicious story from a hunter near Rager. Lindberg contacted the suspect and found him in possession of his daughter's antlerless elk tag, as well as learning the suspect had outstanding arrest warrants for **UPCS—Methamphetamine, Theft I, and Theft II**. Lindberg took the suspect into custody. They went to his camp to advise the other hunters the suspect was not lost and was going to jail. At the camp, Lindberg found that three other subjects who appeared to be there to hunt did not have tags. Lindberg advised those subjects not to hunt. Lindberg lodged the original suspect in jail on the above warrants and **Hunting with a Centerfire Rifle without a Valid Tag and Possession of Another's Elk Tag**.

## Hunters Need to Ensure the Desired Hunt Area Is Open and within the Hunt Boundary

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) received a report from Weyerhaeuser of a kill of a bull elk on their property. Keeler responded to the closed area and located the subjects packing out a 6 x 4 bull elk. The subjects stated they did not know they could not be hunting on the property. They then stated they did not know whose property they were on. Keeler cited and released the subject who shot the elk for **Unlawful Take Bull Elk in Violation of Criminal Trespass II** and the other subject for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass II** and seized the elk.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) received a call from a ranch in the Murderer's Creek Unit that an unknown trespasser shot five times at a 6 x 6 bull and missed. A valid ranch hunter took a photo of the suspect from about 1,000 yards away using a digital camera and spotting scope. Details in the photo were blurred but good enough to see clothing identifiers. Ritter conducted an area search and contacted a group of six subjects. One subject was wearing pants and a hat similar to those in the photo, but he had on a coat. Ritter asked him if he could see his shirt, and the subject showed him. The subject was wearing a shirt like the one in the photo. Ritter determined he was the trespasser. The suspect held a landowner preference (LOP) tag, but he had also hunted on USFS land that day. Ritter cited him for **Hunting on Enclosed Land of Another** and **Hunting outside Controlled Hunt Area**. Ritter learned a second subject held an LOP tag and had hunted elk on USFS land that day and the other four hunted elk without tags. He cited the second subject for **Hunting outside Controlled Hunt Area** and the other four each for **Hunting with a Centerfire Rifle without a Valid Elk Tag**.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) was called by a landowner who heard a shot and, after investigating, observed two subjects load a deer and drive off. Bennett stopped the suspect before he got to the highway. The area is heavily posted with No Trespassing and No Hunting/Shooting signs, but the suspect and his wife stated they did not see any and thought they were on public land. Bennett determined the suspect stopped in the middle of the road in front of the landowner's home and near signs posted on both sides of the roadway and shot the buck across the driveway. Bennett cited the suspect for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass** and seized the deer.

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) received a report of a spike bull elk shot on Wetlands Conservancy (WC) property near Waldport. Upon arrival, she found a dead spike in a wetland pond on WC property. She determined three subjects entered onto WC property and proceeded onto adjacent private land. None of the subjects had permission to hunt either property. One subject shot the spike from the private land, then the spike ran onto WC property where the subject shot it again, killing it. Van Meter, Ret. Sr. Tpr. Miller (Newport), and ODFW Biologist Cottam salvaged the elk. The troopers cited the shooter for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another** and a second subject for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another** and warned the third subject for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another** as this subject was acting under the guidance of the subject assisting.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Poachers Caught Taking Game without Tags

Tpr. Freitag and Tpr. Andrews (Salem) investigated a deer case in Silverton, stemming from an anonymous complaint. The investigation revealed a subject killed a 3 x 3 blacktail buck on his father's property without a tag. The troopers cited the subject at his residence for **Unlawful Take Blacktail Buck—No Tag** and seized the antlers, meat, and a Ruger 30-06 rifle.



Poaching impacts future generations. Photo credit: USFWS

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (McMinnville) responded to a report that a subject unlawfully shot a cow elk in the Wilson Unit. Upon contact, the subject admitted he and his cousin shot a cow elk but stated he was a disabled hunter and provided an expired disabilities permit. Turnbo determined the cousin, a California resident, shot the cow elk and the disabled hunter tagged it. Turnbo issued citations for **Taking Cow Elk Closed Season x 2** and **No Hunting License/Tag**.

In Hamlet, Rct. Herman (Astoria) watched a subject wearing camo and an orange vest and carrying a rifle walk out of the woods. The subject initially claimed he was not hunting, but further questioning revealed he hunted all morning. He was also from Washington and did not want to pay for a nonresident license and tag. Another hunter then pulled up in a Washington-plated truck. This subject had an Oregon license and elk tag, but he claimed he lost his driver license. Herman found this subject was also from Washington and used a relative's address to purchase his license/tag. He cited the first subject for **Hunting without a Valid Nonresident Hunting License** and the second **criminally** for **Unlawful Possession of Falsely Applied for Resident Hunting License** and **Unlawful Possession of Falsely Applied for Resident Elk Tag** and seized the license/tag.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) responded to a report involving hunters near Marcola during the Mill Creek doe hunt taking a deer without a tag. The suspect vehicle left the scene, and Boyd located and stopped it near Springfield. He found only deer hair in the bed. Boyd determined one subject with a bear tag shot the spike and another subject tagged it, then they loaded it into another pickup with two does. The subject transporting the deer stopped at the location of the stop, and Boyd found two deer that did not have a written record of transfer. The elderly female who reportedly harvested one of the does was in the transporting vehicle. Consequently, Boyd issued citations for **Unlawful Take of Spike Buck—No 2010 Mill Creek Doe Tag, Borrowing a Big Game Tag—Mill Creek Doe Tag, Loaning a Big Game Tag—Mill Creek Doe Tag, and No Written Record of Transfer x 2**; seized the deer, the doe tag, and a rifle; and warned the others for Aiding in a Wildlife Violation.

## Cases of Supposedly Mistaken Identities

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) contacted a hunter who shot a calf cow elk with one shot. He said the elk had been standing in front of a snag and he thought it was a spike. The hunter self-reported the incident and field dressed the animal. Ritter cited the hunter for **Taking Cow Elk Closed Season**.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) received a call from ODFW that an elk hunter reported he shot a doe mule deer thinking it was a cow elk in the Northside Unit. Ritter contacted the subject at his camp, and the subject took him to the gutted doe. As the subject shot the small doe with a scoped rifle from only about 150 yards away, Ritter determined the subject was negligent for killing the doe. Ritter cited the subject for **Taking Doe Mule Deer—Closed Season**.

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) and Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) responded to a report of a hunter who shot and killed a cow elk. The subject said he saw a spike moving through the forest and stop behind a tree. He could see the head of the animal on one side of the tree and the rear of the animal on the other. He then stated he decided to shoot the spike in the rear to kill it. After he shot, he walked over to it and noticed the elk was a cow. The troopers cited the subject for **Taking Cow Elk Closed Season**. The cow was salvaged and donated to charity.

Rct. Herman (Astoria) contacted a hunter who called OSP to turn himself in for shooting a spike blacktail deer. This subject shot the spike on November 1, thinking it was a legal buck. Upon realizing the deer was a spike, the subject buried the deer, hoping nobody would find out. On November 5, the subject called to turn himself in. The subject took Herman to where the deer was buried. Herman cited the subject for **Unlawful Taking Closed Season—Spike Buck Blacktail Deer** as a violation and **criminally** for **Waste Game Mammal—Blacktail Deer**.

A witness observed two subjects shoot a large 4 x 4 buck in the White River Wildlife Area near Friend. The subjects approached the dead deer, realized it was a deer and not an elk, and left the scene. The witness obtained a license plate and description of the people and vehicle. Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) arrived and processed the scene and the deer. Kipper relayed the information to Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras), since the vehicle was registered out of Madras. Lindberg located the vehicle and suspects. He determined they did believe it was an elk that they shot. Lindberg cited one suspect for **Taking Buck Deer Closed Season** and **Shooting from a Roadway** and the other for **Taking Buck Deer Closed Season**.

Sr. Tpr. Allison and Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) responded to a call of an illegally taken doe up Conde Creek. While Cushman checked the carcass, Allison contacted a hunter in a nearby camp. While they spoke, a second hunter walked up carrying a bow. Both denied killing the doe, and they gave consent to search their RVs. Cushman stood by as one subject tried to hide evidence in his trailer, not so successfully. The other subject showed Allison his refrigerator that contained a "cow" liver; however, the suspect liver had deer hair on it. The subject confessed his 18-year-old son mistakenly killed the doe the night before, and they did not want it to go to waste. The troopers cited both for **Unlawful Possession of a Game Mammal**. Allison contacted the shooter at his residence. At first, he denied involvement; but then he advised he saw the deer through the brush and what appeared to be a buck with antlers chasing her, so he took the shot. When he recognized the mistake, the men salvaged the doe. Allison cited the shooter for **Hunting Doe Deer Closed Season**.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Bird Hunting Violations Detected

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) patrolled Davis Lake and saw a father and son sitting on a picnic table. Bean also saw the juvenile had a high-powered rifle rested across the table and appeared to be aiming at a large raft of waterfowl about 200 yards offshore. The father was watching the waterfowl through binoculars while the juvenile fired at the birds. Bean contacted the very surprised hunting party. Bean cited the father for **Aiding in a Game Violation—Hunting Ducks Prohibited Method** and warned the juvenile.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) located and followed fresh tire tracks in the snow to a truck parked in the road still running with the passenger door open. He located two subjects standing in a field 20 yards from the road. One subject was armed with a shotgun, and the other was carrying a rifle. They claimed to be target-shooting and thought they had permission to be on the property they were on. Pearson located the landowner and determined they did not have permission. After returning to the scene, he located blood and Hungarian partridge feathers. Pearson cited both subjects for **No Upland Game Bird Stamp** and **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**.



Hungarian partridge can be difficult to hunt. Photo credit: M. Szczepanek/CC

Sr. Tpr. Thompson, Sr. Tpr. Cushman, Sr. Tpr. Collom, and Rct. Nugent (Central Point) ran a day deer WED off Elk Creek in the Dixon Unit (closed to archery deer hunting). One subject stopped and shot at the decoy. He also had two grouse and an unplugged shotgun. The troopers cited him for **Archery Deer Hunting Prohibited Area—Closed Unit** and warned him for the unplugged shotgun. Just before the WED ended, a subject stopped a vehicle just below the decoy, and the troopers heard a shot. The troopers discovered a turkey hunter fired his shotgun at a turkey about 200 yards down the road from the WED. This hunter was set up for hunting anything, having a rifle, shotgun, and a bow; however, he did not have a turkey tag nor was his gun plugged. The troopers cited this subject for **Hunting Prohibited Method—Unplugged Shotgun** and warned him for other offenses.

### Subject Unlawfully Imported Game from CWD State

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) did a random inspection of a Newport area meat processor. She noticed the entire bone in the carcass of a deer hanging in the cooler. A records inspection revealed the mule deer was killed in Montana five days prior and dropped off for processing the day before. Montana is a CWD state. Van Meter contacted the subject who stated he generally hunts in Idaho and did not know Montana was a CWD state. The subject also still possessed the entire head of the deer at his residence. Van Meter cited the subject for **Unlawful Importation of Cervid Carcass Killed in State with CWD** and seized the deer head and carcass. ODFW will test the deer for CWD then incinerate it.

### Hunter Called Immediately to Report Error

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) received a call from the father of a hunter who had just harvested his first blacktail deer with a bow. The hunters were in a panic, because the youth could not find his tag. The father called ODFW from the harvest site, but the office was closed due to a furlough day. Allison agreed to meet them at their residence. A records check showed the young hunter purchased a tag, which was included in his Sports Pac. Allison inspected the deer at the residence, where he learned the unlucky hunter lost his entire licensing pouch. He wrote out a transportation tag, instructed him to buy a duplicate tag the following Monday, and warned him for Fail to Possess Hunting Tag.

### Logging Company Blocked Road for Public Travel

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (McMinnville) worked a timber company property when he located logging equipment blocking a roadway open for public travel. Turnbo went around the equipment and saw at the end of the road a roadway closed to vehicles. This roadway had fresh tire tracks that led Turnbo to a landing where he contacted four subjects with an elk harvested there. The investigation revealed the logging company unlawfully blocked the roadway so the four subjects who were his friends would have the area to themselves. Turnbo also located at the scene an untagged bull elk one of the four subjects harvested several hours earlier. Turnbo cited all the subjects for **Unlawful Operation/Transport in a Motor Vehicle in Violation of Cooperative TMA** and one subject for **Fail To Validate Elk Tag**.

### Elders Set Bad Example

Sgt. and Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) conducted a WED elk operation in the Tioga Unit. They cited one subject for **Hunting without a Valid Tag** after he got out of the pickup with a rifle and aimed across the hood. His female passenger did have a valid Tioga elk tag, but she did not get out of the vehicle. Another subject stopped a vehicle at the WED, and the 13-year-old passenger got out and fired once at the elk. The 13-year-old's father (passenger) and baseball coach (driver) told the boy the elk was legal and encouraged him to shoot. The troopers warned the 13-year-old for **Unlawful Take of Elk—No Valid Tag**, cited both the father and coach for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime**, and seized the rifle the boy borrowed from his uncle.

Tpr. Boyd and Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) set up a WED buck operation in the dark on the last day of buck rifle season. A subject in a vehicle approached and stopped when the headlights illuminated the WED. A passenger climbed out of the pickup "Dukes of Hazzard" style, sat on the door, aimed his rifle across the pickup, and shot the decoy, hitting it in the neck. He then told the driver, "It's scruffy. It's scruffy. Go, go, go." The subject drove off, but Boyd caught up with them. The shooter was a 13-year-old boy hunting with his grandfather. The troopers seized the rifle and cited the boy for **Hunting with the Aid of an Artificial Light/Shooting Decoy Prohibited Hours** and his elder for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime**. A few minutes later, another subject in a vehicle stopped in front of the WED. The subject got out and, after trying several times, could not get the rifle to load properly. He grabbed his other rifle and shot the decoy in the mouth. The troopers cited him for **Hunting with the Aid of an Artificial Light/Shooting Decoy Prohibited Hours** and seized both rifles.

# ATV / General Law



Marijuana joint in crab claw seized. Photo credit: File

## Troopers Continually Issue Drug-Related Citations

Rct. Warwick (Astoria) contacted a surfer at Fort Stevens. Questioning revealed the surfer had a marijuana in a small bag he was carrying, a small joint clamped in a crab claw he found on the beach. Warwick cited the subject for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

As Tpr. Imholt and Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) were logging in evidence at the office, they heard someone yelling outside. They located a drunk male adult and two friends at their motel room, and the room was full of marijuana smoke and the odor of green marijuana. The suspects were from California, and they did not have valid medical marijuana cards. The troopers cited two of the subjects for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and seized the marijuana.

## DUII Suspect Fled Scene

Sgt. Allori (Portland) arrived at a three-vehicle crash on I-205 at Hwy 213. Tpr. Moisan (Patrol) responded to investigate the crash. One of the victim drivers reported a male subject quickly left the scene from the offending vehicle. Allori left to look for the subject and found him a half-mile away. He learned the subject had a warrant for **FTA—DUII**. While taking him into custody, the subject fled, leading to a foot pursuit that crossed seven lanes on Hwy 213 during rush hour and over a six-foot cyclone fence. Allori and Sr. Tpr. Roper (Patrol) caught the subject in a field behind a retail store and lodged him in the Clackamas County Jail without further incident.

## Suspect Charged with Reckless Endangering

When Tpr. O'Connor and Rct. Warwick (Astoria) responded to a trespass complaint near Camp Rilea that was unfounded, a passerby told O'Connor an elk had been shot in a nearby pasture. O'Connor contacted a group of hunters who had an elk. The subject who shot the elk showed O'Connor where he shot from and where the elk had been standing when it was shot. The investigation revealed three .300 rounds were fired with several residences as a backstop, including a senior living community. O'Connor cited the subject for **Recklessly Endangering another Person**.

A hunter reported to Tpr. Ritter (John Day) that while hunting the prior day, other hunters drove up an open road into the area he was hunting, shot a rifle a couple of times, and started a chain saw, ruining his hunt. Angry and aiming to scare them, he shot a .45 caliber revolver five times into a nearby hillside, but not in their direction. The next day, another hunter contacted Ritter reporting when he and six hunting partners drove up an open road in the Murderers Creek Unit two days prior to get some firewood, after two partners shot at a small tree with a rifle and one started up a chain saw to cut wood, an unknown suspect above them started shooting at them. They all took cover and worked their way quickly back to their pickup and drove away. Ritter contacted the first subject and determined he shot toward the other hunters. The suspect said he could not see the other hunters because of the trees, but he could hear them, so he shot five times in the direction he heard them. The suspect showed Sgt. Larson (Patrol) and Ritter the approximate location. They collected shell casings in six inches of snow and determined the suspect shot from a range of about 140 yards. The troopers transported the suspect to and lodged him in the Grant County Jail on multiple counts of **Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Menacing, Recklessly Endangering another Person, and Pointing a Firearm at Another**. Ritter seized the revolver.

## Possessing Psilocybin Mushrooms is a Felony

Rct. Warwick and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) responded to a possible mushroom picking complaint. As they arrived, two men walked out of the trees and went to their vehicle. When contacted, Warwick noticed marijuana on the floor of the vehicle. When asked, the driver produced a jar containing marijuana. A consent search turned up two more jars of marijuana, two paper bags of psilocybin mushrooms, a marijuana bud, and a large glass bong. The troopers cited the driver for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and for **UPCS—Psilocybin Mushrooms** and his brother, the passenger, for **UPCS—Psilocybin Mushrooms**. While finishing up paperwork for the case, O'Connor and Warwick observed two more subjects walk out of the trees carrying a backpack. A consent search revealed the backpack contained almost a pound of psilocybin mushrooms. Both men admitted to knowing what kind of mushrooms they picked and were cited for **UPCS—Psilocybin Mushrooms**.

## Subjects Cited for ATV Violations and other Charges

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo and Sr. Tpr. Reid (McMinnville) responded to a trespass complaint in the Willamina area. They located a pirate trail for ATVs onto closed Hampton Property. Eventually, they located the three subjects and issued each a citation for **Operating/Transported on ATV in violation of Travel Management Area**.

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) received a call from a subject who observed subjects on two ATVs drive by his residence and under a locked Menasha gate at about 11:15 p.m., leave around 1:30 a.m., return around 9:30 a.m., and leave an hour later. The witness set up a trail camera and obtained photos of the subjects coming and going. Keeler located the ATVs at a nearby residence. The subjects admitted to going onto the property during the night to look at salmon at the fish ladder and returning on ATVs in the morning after one subject walked in and killed a 4 x 5 buck that morning. The buck story checked out, but Keeler cited both for **Criminal Trespass II**.

Sgt. Hawkins and Sr. Tpr. Madsen (La Grande) investigated a hunting complaint regarding two subjects shooting a 2 x 2 bull elk in a spike-only unit and leaving it to waste. Witnesses reported seeing two subjects on the opening morning of elk season shoot the bull, walk over and look at it, and leave the area. Witnesses had an idea where the suspects were camped, but when they got to the location, the camp was gone. On a later evening, the suspects returned to the same area and set up camp. Witnesses recognized the suspects and called OSP. The troopers located the bull then contacted the suspects, both riding ATVs. The troopers determined the suspects did shoot the bull. They issued the father citations for **Unlawfully Taking Branch Antler Bull Elk—Closed Season** and **Waste of Wildlife** and a warning for Carrying a Loaded Firearm on an ATV and the son a citation for **Carrying a Loaded Firearm on an ATV** and a warning for Aiding.

# Environment

## Over 20 Cited on Various Patrols for Failing to Purchase Permits

Tpr. Imholt and Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) located four individuals harvesting mushrooms on private property without proper permits. They issued all of them citations for **Unlawful Cut and Transport of Special Forest Products** and seized 70 pounds of chanterelle mushrooms.

Tpr. Farrar (Patrol) stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on Hwy 126E and found about 170 pounds of chanterelle mushrooms, but the driver did not have a permit. Farrar cited the subject for **Unlawful Cut/Transport of Special Forest Products** and seized the mushrooms.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted three men in a pickup loaded with firewood and about one dozen four-foot high bare root fir trees near Knappa on private timberland. The driver admitted to cutting the wood and removing the trees from the soil to use along his driveway. As he did not have permits, Klepp cited him for **Unlawful Cut/Transport of Minor Forest Products**.

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) patrolled the winter range and located several subjects cutting firewood. As he made contact, he recognized the subjects from other contacts through the years. The contact yielded **several** citations for **Unlawful Cut/Transport of Minor Forest Products**. Bean also determined one subject had an arrest warrant and lodged this subject in the Lake County Jail.

Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) stopped a van for traffic violations and observed a large amount of salal. He determined the salal was taken from Longview Timber lands without a permit. He contacted Longview Timber and learned the van owner had been suspected of stealing salal. Schwartz cited the van owner for **Theft II** and **Unlawful Cut/Transport of Special Forest Products** and seized the salal, valued at almost \$1,000.

Tpr. Stone and Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) worked the Tioga elk season in the Weyerhaeuser Millicoma area and contacted three illegal mushroom harvesters. They cited all three for **Unlawful Cut/Transport of Special Forest Products**. When Sgt. Withers (Roseburg) worked the same area, he contacted four subjects preparing to illegally harvest mushrooms. He found all three had arrest warrants and lodged them in the Douglas County Jail.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) was contacted by Weyerhaeuser Millicoma security regarding a trespasser they contacted. Frerichs, Tpr. Assmus (Criminal), Tpr. Willis, and Sr. Tpr. Stedman (Patrol) conducted an investigation and determined two suspects had unlawfully harvested a commercial amount of mushrooms on private property and one suspect additionally had an arrest warrant for **FTA-PCS**. The troopers cited both suspects for **Theft II**, **Criminal Trespass II**, and **Unlawful Harvest/Transport of Special Forest Products** and seized 168 pounds of mushrooms.

While Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) worked the Tioga elk season, he stopped a trespasser on Weyerhaeuser property. He found the vehicle contained a large amount of commercially harvested mushrooms. During the stop, another subject approached in a vehicle that also contained a large amount of commercially harvested mushrooms. The investigation revealed the mushrooms had been illegally harvested on Weyerhaeuser property without proper permits. Frerichs cited **six** subjects for **Unlawful Harvest/Transport of Special Forest Products** and seized 450 pounds of mushrooms.



Trooper seized illegally harvested mushrooms. Photo credit: File



Several subjects caused damaged to private property. Photo credit: File

## Troopers Issued Trespassers Criminal Citations

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) assisted Weyerhaeuser with six trespassers. He cited five for **Criminal Trespass II**. The sixth subject fled prior to his arrival. Harris additionally cited one subject for **Offensive Littering** after throwing his wadded up citation at security personnel and refusing to pick it up. Sr. Tpr. Banks (Patrol) lodged this subject in the Coos County Jail. Ten gallons of unclaimed chanterelle mushrooms were seized as evidence.

Ret. Sr. Tpr. Shigemasa (St. Helens) and Ret. Sr. Tpr. Oriet (McMinnville) contacted several vehicles who unlawfully entered the Upper Pebble Creek area even though it is thoroughly posted with no motor vehicle entry signs. They cited three subjects for **Illegal Motorized Entry—North Coast TMA**. While in the area, several hunters who walked into the area thanked the troopers as they had observed numerous vehicles enter the area during elk season. The troopers later contacted a Weyerhaeuser security agent who said he has had repeated problems with subjects entering the area signed as closed to motor vehicle use.

Ret. Sr. Tpr. Lane (Albany) contacted several subjects who decided to go “mudding” in their 4 x 4 trucks on Cascade Timber Consulting (CTC) property in the Cochran Creek area between Lebanon and Brownsville. The subjects drove the gravel roads, onto dirt roads, and proceeded to make a mud 4 x 4 track. In the process, they became stuck in the mud. The code of conduct for people entering CTC property is they remain on gravel roads; and if they do not remain on gravel, then travelling on a dirt (especially wet) road is considered trespassing. Repairs to the road is estimated at \$955. Lane cited one adult and two juveniles each for **Criminal Mischief II** and **Criminal Trespass II**.

# Interagency

## Commercial Fisherman Threatened other Boaters

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) received a call from USCG advising they planned to contact a commercial bay crab vessel near the Coos Bay Jetty that was threatening other boaters. As USCG was making contact, the subjects on board the suspect vessel began throwing crab overboard. USCG escorted the vessel to the dock, and Keeler contacted the crew on board and inspected their catch, locating five undersized and one female Dungeness crab among the approximately 175 pounds of commercial crab. In addition, Keeler discovered the subject who was measuring the crab did not have a license. Keeler cited this subject for **No Commercial License** and warned all the subjects for Unlawful Possession of Undersized and Female Crab. USCG cited the captain for numerous safety and boating violations.



Dungeness crab. Photo credit: Dave Parker/CC

## SO and OSP Catch Poacher and Salvage Elk

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) and Clatsop County SO Deputy Armstrong contacted an elk hunter sitting in his vehicle near Jewell. The subject claimed he shot an elk earlier that morning, went home to get his son to help him haul the elk out, and came back. He claimed his son and friends were down in a clear-cut looking for the elk. Herman had information from Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) that his son actually shot the elk but did not have an elk tag, so he called his father who had a valid tag to come tag it. The father could not give any details as to how the elk was taken. Eventually, the son and his friend returned to Herman's location and claimed the father shot the elk. They also claimed they were unable to find it. After further interviewing, the son and his friend eventually admitted to both shooting the elk three times and then calling the father to tag it. Neither the son nor his friend had an elk tag. The investigation also led to the fact they did have a four-point elk down about a mile into the adjacent clear-cut. The subjects took the officers to the elk's location where they salvaged it. Herman cited the father **criminally** for **Loaning Big Game Tag—210Y Saddle Mountain Elk** and the son and his friend each **criminally** for **Unlawful Taking Bull Elk—No Valid 2010 210Y Elk Tag** and **Borrowing Big Game Tag—210Y Saddle Mountain Elk**. Herman seized the elk and donated it to charity and additionally seized one rifle. Upon skinning the elk, Herman found the subjects used full metal jacket rifle rounds. Charges for that offense were referred to the DA.

## SO Checked Angler who Caught Illegal Species

Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) responded to the Kilchis River boat ramp where a Tillamook County SO deputy contacted a subject who caught and retained a wild coho salmon. Upon contact, the subject told Guerra he thought the fish was a Chinook salmon. Guerra showed the angler the differences between Chinook and coho salmon and issued the angler a citation for **Unlawful Possession Wild Coho Salmon**.

## Forest Deputy Found Poached Elk Calf

A Lincoln County SO forest deputy contacted OSP regarding an elk calf he found near Hwy 20 in Toledo. Ret. Sr. Tpr. Miller (Newport) responded and found a bull elk calf shot and left to waste. Miller, Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) and a Lincoln County SO deputy retrieved and salvaged the elk. Officers identified and contacted the suspect. The investigation revealed the suspect shot at a spike bull elk but hit the calf instead. The troopers cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Calf Elk—No Visible Antlers**.

## Agencies Cooperated to Clean Up Fuel Spill

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) was contacted concerning a diesel fuel spill located at a local harbor business. When he arrived, Stinnett saw the entire back parking lot coated with diesel fuel. It was raining hard, and the fuel was washing into a storm drain. Stinnett requested OSP Dispatch contact Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) and initiate an emergency call. The business owner showed Stinnett where a two-inch drain plug was removed from the bottom of a fuel tank in what is believed to be an attempt to steal diesel fuel. The owner said there could have been as much as 350 gallons of fuel; but after he checked, he said there was just over 100 gallons. Stinnett knew from a previous case that the storm drain dumps into a local creek then into the Chetco Harbor. Stinnett went to the harbor and saw USCG already putting containment booms in place. DEQ, USCG, the Chetco Harbor operations officer, and the store owner were put in contact with each other, and a HAZMAT cleaning contractor cleaned up the fuel.

## Hypothermic Man Rescued from Overturned Kayak

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) was heading up the North Bank of the Chetco River when he was dispatched to an area of the river where reports of screaming for help was heard. Stinnett located Brookings FD in a parking lot beside the river a minute after being dispatched. The fire crew told Stinnett a man was in the water with an overturned kayak. Stinnett used a trail through heavy blackberry bushes to access the river. He observed a man about 15 feet from the embankment floating while holding onto a kayak. He appeared to be extremely weak, but he was responding to calls. As he drifted towards Stinnett and the fire crew, he appeared to be going in and out of consciousness. Only his face was visible above the water. When he got close enough, Stinnett threw a throw bag, a nylon bag containing about 75 feet of rope, and was fortunate to drape the line across the man's wrist. The man grabbed the line, and Stinnett and firefighters pulled him to shore. The man had been in the water for about 20 to 30 minutes. Additionally, he emitted a heavy odor of alcohol, and a metal container containing hard alcohol was located. An ambulance transported the man to Sutter Coast Hospital in Crescent City, California. Stinnett requested California Highway Patrol respond to the hospital, and they obtained consent for a blood draw. The man treated for hypothermia and later released. Stinnett retrieved the kayak and took it to the man's home.

# Public Relations

## Division Troopers Participated in Career Fairs, Meetings, Classes, and Presentations

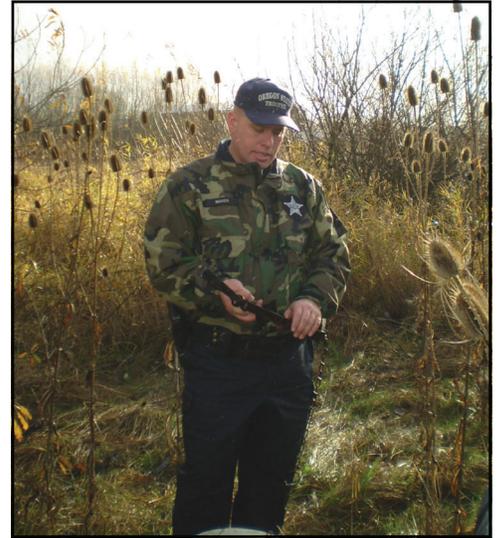
Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) assisted Sgt. Brewster and Tpr. Core (Patrol) with a high school career fair presentation at Pleasant Hill High School.

Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) and Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) gave a talk to over 100 employees of a local orchard concerning the legal method and tag requirements for hunting. The talk was well received and appreciated.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) put on a class at Nehalem Bay State Park for Oregon State Parks park rangers. Approximately 20 park rangers attended. Topics ranged from enforcement trends to safety during camp contacts.

Lt. Scorby (East Region) and Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) attended the Northeast Oregon Region Interagency Training on Enforcement of State Water Related Regulations in La Grande. Scorby gave a brief presentation on OSP and our role in enforcement of water regulations. He also gave a presentation on a local water-related case with Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) North Central Region Manager Mike Ladd to illustrate how agencies work together on a criminal investigation after civil remedies fail. The case involved a subject in Grant County who illegally stored water and refused to work with OWRD to obtain permits and resolve the situation.

To foster relationships and introduce students to natural resource laws and enforcement, with a specific emphasis on fish and wildlife; Division troopers have instructed the Oregon State University (OSU) two-credit Fish and Wildlife Enforcement class (FW 341) for several years. In November, Sr. Tpr. Halsey, Tpr. Clement (Albany), Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield), and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) assisted with the field day portion of the class that was conducted at the E.E. Wilson wildlife refuge in Benton County. Lt. Heider (Headquarters) and Sgt. Allori (Portland) led the effort. The troopers presented several scenarios, demonstrating various examples of what Fish and Wildlife troopers experience while working in the field. The scenarios consisted of contacting deer and goose hunters, trap identification, forensics, and an angler/boat inspection. The troopers also gave a presentation on furbearers and the commercial trade. This year's class consisted of 28 students. For more information on Oregon State University's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife program, please visit <http://fw.oregonstate.edu/>.



Trooper discussing trap identification at a class. Photo credit: File

# Dispositions

## Suspects Pled Guilty to Violations

An Idaho subject cited by Sr. Tpr. Wilson (Ontario) for **Unlawfully Taking a Buck Deer** over the border in Oregon pled guilty and was sentenced to 12 months bench probation, three years hunting license suspension, \$800 restitution to ODFW, and associated court costs.

Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) cited a subject during rifle deer season into Gilliam County Court for **Criminal Trespass**. The subject pled guilty and the court reduced the charge to a violation, sentencing the subject to a \$225 fine and \$75 restitution.

## Three Poachers Sentenced to Jail Time, Restitution, License Suspension, Probation, and Fees

Sr. Tpr. Duncan and Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) received disposition on a case they worked in 2009 involving three suspects who shot cow elk during bull season as well as not having any elk tags. The troopers criminally charged each suspect with **Taking Antlerless Elk Closed Season**. The court sentenced the suspects to the following:

### Suspect #1:

- \$1,500 restitution for elk
- 3 years hunting license suspension
- 182 days in jail with 180 days suspended, two days served in Baker County Jail
- 2 years bench probation
- \$141 to OSP for butchering fees
- \$330 to TIP Program
- \$299 fines and other fees

### Suspect #2:

- \$1,500 restitution for elk
- 3 years hunting license suspension
- 182 days in jail with 180 days suspended, two days served in Baker County Jail
- 2 years bench probation
- \$141 to OSP for butchering fees
- \$330 to TIP Program
- \$299 fines and other fees

### Suspect #3:

- \$1,500 restitution for elk
- 3 years hunting license suspension
- 180 days in jail with 180 days suspended
- 2 years bench probation
- \$141 to OSP for butchering fees
- \$334 to TIP Program
- \$575.25 fines and other fees

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