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Air and Ground Combination Identifies Wildlife and Law Violators

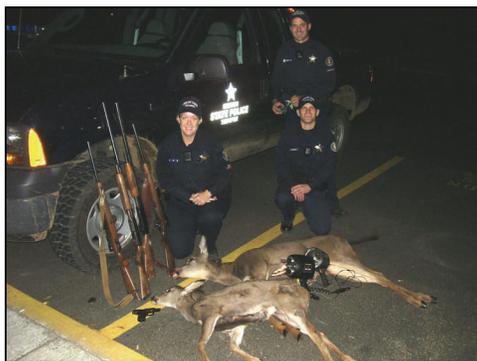
Two miles up, in the Division's Cessna 185 blue and white "tail-dragger" aircraft, Sr. Tpr. Chris Culp (Salem) has the challenging task of locating wildlife/law violators under the Douglas fir canopy, in clear-cuts, or on other public/private property at night. Occasionally, Culp takes an observer or another trooper, but the majority of the flights are performed solo, with assignments all over the state. In addition, "positioning" the ground troopers out the pilot's side window is easier than from the passenger's. Not only does he have to fly the airplane, communicate with the ground troopers, and monitor the skies and weather, he has to watch for signs of violations. Identifying signs takes practice and attention-to-detail—pilots have to know what to look for. For example, one sign may be a quick flash of light across a clear-cut, with a vehicle under the canopy, and then the area goes dark.



Sr. Tpr. Chris Culp. Photo credit: File

Pilots also need to know the road system both from the air and ground in order to explain to troopers how to find the suspect(s). A pair of night-vision goggles enhances the darkness and improves the vision all around, said Culp. He can see 10-15 miles out with the goggles. The night vision further helps identify landmarks that he can provide to the trooper(s) to assist in locating the suspect (s) more effectively. Thanks to OHA, a portable GPS, with a mapping program and a detailed extra-large screen, is an added technological aid for night flights. Trying to pinpoint a suspect's location, when orbiting over a wooded area, is not easy, and the GPS has improved their chances. Sometimes, it takes an hour for the trooper(s) to reach the suspect's location—but Culp stated his success rate is 95% or better. "We've lost very few. We've been very lucky," said Culp.

Because the plane is above the local terrain, a trained pilot and aircraft are one of the best tools to apprehend illegal activity at night. The plane can cover large areas in a short period of time (sometimes 200-300 square miles) and has greater visibility than a trooper on the ground that cannot see a whole river drainage at once. While working night "hunters," troopers commonly discover other violations; such as drugs, alcohol, trespass, and driving violations. For example, in one case, Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) worked Access and Habitat overtime in the Culp Creek/Disston area southeast of Cottage Grove. At 9:15 p.m., Culp spotted a suspect spotlighting clear-cuts on Weyerhaeuser property. Culp guided Maher to the area and the suspect was intercepted. Maher found the driver and his female passenger in possession of a loaded .22 mag rifle and spotlight. He cited both for **Criminal Trespass II** and **Casting Artificial Light from a Motor Vehicle while Armed**. In addition, Maher cited the driver for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm** and **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**. Culp worked with Roseburg troopers in another operation. Six different suspects were cited for **Casting Artificial Light from Motor Vehicle while Armed**. One subject was also determined to be **DUII** and arrested. Troopers further discovered another suspect had an untaged forked horn he shot the day before at his residence and he was cited for **Fail to Validate Tag**. Additionally, two citations for **Minor in Possession** and **Open Container—Alcoholic Beverage** were issued. For a video, with an excerpt from a night flight operation, [please click here](#):



Seizures during a night flight operation. Photo credit: File

The Fish and Wildlife Division currently has three planes and three pilots—all senior troopers. The other two pilots are Sr. Tpr. Andrew Menlow (Bend) and Sr. Tpr. Ken West (Baker City). The planes are used for other fish, wildlife, and natural resource management and enforcement patrols. The pilots may fly over the Columbia Gorge to count anglers, patrol waterways and lands to identify illegal fishing and hunting activities, survey areas related to natural resource/environmental protection, assist other law enforcement agencies (local, state, and federal), provide transport for ODFW for wildlife census and telemetry monitoring, or locate lost/injured recreationalists. The pilots help the Division achieve their mission: *We are the guardians of Oregon's fish and wildlife*. Thanks to all the guardians in the sky and on the ground who work to protect and enhance the long-term health and equitable utilization of our fish and wildlife resources and the habitats upon which they depend.

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Wildlife / Hunting

Hunting with Illegal Tags

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) witnessed a known convicted felon load a rifle into his truck and head off to hunt his family's ranch along with several other people. A short time later, he heard four shots from the direction he had last seen the truck. He then noticed the subject's truck come back into view as it rolled down the ridgeline and then witnessed the subject get out of the truck with his rifle and fire what turned out to be a kill shot into a deer. About an hour later, he saw the party return to the cabin on the ranch and unload two large buck deer. Gunderson, with the assistance of Sgt. Katzenstein, Sr. Tpr. Kipper, Sr. Tpr. Pearson, Sr. Tpr. Vanderwerf, and Patrol Rct. Zistel (The Dalles) then drove to the cabin and made contact. In speaking to the witnesses present, they discovered two of the deer were illegal. In all, four subjects were cited for the crimes of **Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Hunting Deer without a Valid Tag, Taking Deer without a Valid Tag, Loaning a Deer Tag, Borrowing a Deer Tag, Aiding in a Wildlife Violation (x 2), and Unlawful Possession of Deer**. They seized two deer and two rifles and lodged the convicted felon.



Deer seized by Gunderson, along with other deer during opening weekend. Photo credit: File

During opening weekend, an ODFW biologist was taking mule deer samples when he noticed the deer that was killed in the White River Unit had a Western Oregon deer tag. Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) contacted the subject. Kipper seized the deer and cited the subject for **Taking Mule Deer without a Valid Tag**. Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) investigated a report from a property owner who found a dead deer in a ditch along Roberts Market Road near Fifteen-Mile Road southeast of The Dalles. Preliminary investigation indicated the deer appeared to have been shot in the field and dragged for about a half mile by a vehicle through the plowed field before it was left in the ditch. A reward of up to \$250 is being offered through the Turn-in-Poachers (TIP) program. Pearson received a report of another person taking a doe on the White River Wildlife Area near Tygh Valley on opening day. A disabled permit holder shot a doe believing it was a legal deer in the unit, but taking an antlerless deer in the White River Unit is unlawful. Pearson cited the man for **Taking Antlerless Deer Closed Season** and seized the deer.

Tpr. Carothers (Fossil/Condon) received information from SIU about someone selling landowner preference (LOP) tag hunts on Craigslist. Carothers researched the past history of the LOP hunters and found the family members all had the same name. This year, three of the listed family members did not have the same name and one lived in California. Carothers contacted the subjects on opening day and learned they were not family members. He contacted the landowner and found out he had leased his property out to a guide who listed some of the clients as family members. Carothers cited the landowner for **False Application for LOP Tags** and seized the tags.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) wrapped up a two-month investigation of two out-of-state hunters who had been obtaining resident Oregon licenses and tags since the late 1990's. Using their resident status, they also unlawfully obtained several controlled hunt tags for the Walla Walla Unit where they each took bull elk. On one occasion, where they hunted in a unit with a "one bull" tag. For this unit, ODFW issued only 20 tags to hunters, with 893 applications submitted. The case was forwarded to the U.S. Attorney's Office for prosecution under the Lacey Act. Sgt. Scroup and Tpr. Schwartz (Astoria) assisted in the investigation.

OSP is seeking the public's help in several cases. Please [visit our website](#) to view the latest news releases. Remember TIPs can be anonymous. Report violators 1-800-452-7888.

Abbreviations and Acronyms

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

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Wildlife / Hunting

Multiple Hunters Caught Using Unlawful Methods; Deer, Firearms, and Equipment Seized



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At about 12:30 a.m., Tpr. Farrar (Patrol, Tillamook) responded to Sand Lake Road where a landowner heard a shot and then found a dead deer. Farrar was assisted by Tpr. Howell and Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) who searched the area. They found where the suspect hid his spotlight and rifle. Howell and Thomas then waited all night at the kill site in hopes the suspect would return for his belongings. Early in the morning, a subject arrived and was contacted by the troopers. They determined this subject spotlighted and shot the deer and was cited for **Taking Deer Prohibited Hours**.

Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville), with the assistance of Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) and Tpr. Schwartz (Banks), completed an investigation into several Carlton subjects who were spotlighting and killing deer. One deer was shot in the headlights and later dumped on a nearby logging road where it went to waste. Another large buck was killed and left since two of the subjects were run off by a landowner when the subjects attempted to retrieve the deer. Multiple citations will be issued to all subjects for **Taking Deer Prohibited Hours, Hunting On The Enclosed Lands Of Another, Aiding, and Waste**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs and Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) responded to a complaint from a landowner who shot and found a large 4 x 4 buck dead on his property just off of the road. Officers salvaged the deer, then waited at the location to see if the suspects would return. A few hours later, after dark, they observed a person drop off two subjects where the deer was shot and then left. The subjects crossed the fence and searched the field. They called the person back to pick them up using two-way radios. Upon arrival, officers made contact. They lodged the subjects in jail for **Hunting on Enclosed Lands of Another, Criminal Trespass, Waste, and Aiding in a Game Violation**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs and Sgt. Perske (Roseburg) responded to a complaint about yearling deer shot in a clear-cut and then left to waste. Witnesses stated one suspect shot about 8-10 times from what sounded like a fully automatic weapon. They obtained a plate number. Frerichs hiked down into the clear-cut, checked the deer, and determined it was shot by a .223. The troopers contacted the suspect vehicle's registered owner who admitted to being at the location but not to shooting the deer. They contacted the shooter who admitted he shot the deer by accident and told his story. He was looking for a ride to go back and "do the right thing" and salvage the deer, but he could not find a ride. The suspect said the rifle was borrowed and admitted to hiding it near where he shot the deer. The suspect was also a convicted felon. The rifle, a mini 14 rifle, and two clips, with four rounds in one and 24 rounds in the other, were retrieved. The suspect was cited for **Taking Deer Closed Season, Waste of a Game Mammal, and Felon in Possession of Firearm** and warned for **Unlawful Weapon**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) worked the night before general deer season in the Oakridge area. At dark, Maher set up on a new clear-cut area. Maher watched a vehicle spotlight the unit. The suspect was driving slowly and a light cast out the passenger side



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He stopped the vehicle and contacted its three occupants. While walking up on the driver's side, Maher saw a doe deer in the back of the vehicle. A 30-06 rifle and a spotlight were on the front seat. The spotlight was hard-wired into the dash. Maher determined the driver killed the doe earlier in the day, based on the doe's temperature. Maher cited the driver for **Taking Black Tail Deer—Closed Season and Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light** and the passenger (spotlighter) for **Aiding in a Game Offense—Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light** and for **Open Container**, and he seized the doe, rifle, and spotlight. Maher did not find any evidence the third subject participated in the illegal activities. After contact, Maher recovered a .30 caliber bullet from the doe.

Tpr. Baimbridge and Sgt. Perske (Roseburg) followed up on a 4 x 4 buck shot in the roadway next to private property and left. The reporting party (r/p) heard the shot at about 11:00 p.m. just up from his house. A vehicle then went by at high speed. About 30 minutes later, the same vehicle went back past the r/p's residence at low speed. The r/p got in his vehicle and drove up the road with his lights out. He observed a flash of light in the ditch. When he turned on his lights, the subjects jumped in their vehicle and drove off. The r/p obtained a license plate number. The next morning, the r/p found a 4 x 4 buck lying in the ditch. Baimbridge tracked the suspects through three different vehicle owners in the last 30 days. The suspects admitted to shooting the deer from the vehicle. Baimbridge cited one subject for **Shooting from a Roadway, Hunting Prohibited Hours, Hunting with Aid of a Light, and Waste** and the other for **Aiding and Waste**.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) responded to a complaint of hunters who killed a deer on private timber company property near Marcola. Boyd arrived about 45 minutes after the call and found three male subjects preparing to go back out on the private property to retrieve and tag the buck with another's tag. This section of private property is posted "No Hunting and No Discharging of Firearms on or near this Property." Boyd found one subject had a valid deer tag and, of the two hunters who did not have a tag, one was also unlicensed. The "hunter" who killed the four-point buck, was recently released from probation for other game cases, and is a convicted felon. Boyd lodged the felon in Lane County Jail for **Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Take of Black Tail Buck Deer, Hunting on the Cultivated Enclosed Lands of Another, and Borrowing a Big Game Tag** and seized his gun. Boyd cited the tag holder for **Loaning Big Game Tag and Hunting on the Cultivated/Enclosed Lands of Another** and the third subject for **Aiding in a Game Violation and Hunting on the Cultivated/Enclosed Lands of Another**. Boyd seized the deer and donated it to the Eugene Mission.

Wildlife / Hunting

Warnings, Citations Issued at Summer Lake, Pintails Seized

During the opening weekend of duck and goose seasons, Sgt. Hand, Sr. Tpr. Miller, Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls), and Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) patrolled the Summer Lake Wildlife Area. About 600 hunters checked in on opening day, with less the second day (a decrease in participation from previous years). Early shooting was a minor problem on opening day with no major violations. Numerous white-fronted geese and pintails were using the area, which gave concern for a possibility of exceeding the bag limit. Along with giving out several warnings, they issued five citations for **Exceeding the Bag Limit—Pintail**, one for **Taking Game Bird Closed Season—Canvasback**, one for **Hunting Prohibited Method—Lead Shot**, and one for **Hunting Prohibited Method—Unplugged Shotgun**.

Pintails seized by Randall and Weaver. Photo credit: File.



Illegal Taking of Ducks, Swans, Deer, and Cougar

Tpr. Olsen (Salem) responded to a complaint of unlawfully taken deer in the Brownsville area. Olsen contacted two suspects at their residences, but both denied any involvement. A consent search of one suspect's garage revealed deer hair, blood spots, and a recently used knife but no deer. Separate interviews led to the confession of two unlawful deer being possessed as well as intentional waste of half of a deer. Olsen issued citations for **Unlawful Possession of Deer (x 2)**, **Waste of a Game Mammal**, and **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime**.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) and Rct. Ulch (Patrol, Springfield) followed up on a lead Boyd received from ODFW of a cougar taken near Heppner by a subject who did not have a cougar tag and was with a guide. Boyd contacted Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) who found out that the guide had been out with two clients and a cougar ran across the road and stopped. The two clients exited the vehicle and both shot their bows at the cougar, killing it. Neither had a cougar tag. Boyd's investigation confirmed Mayer's findings. Further investigation fully supported that the guide aided in the game violation by transporting the cougar and skinning it while the suspects drove to town to buy a cougar tag. One of the suspects was cited for **Unlawful Take of Cougar** and the other was cited for **Hunting Cougar without 2008 Cougar Tag**. The guide was cited for **Aiding in a Game Violation**.

On the day before rifle season and five days after archery season, Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) received information regarding a 3 x 3 black tail (with hide on) hanging from a tree inside the city limits of Astoria. Upon arrival, Klepp discovered the deer and two other freshly killed black tail buck heads in the yard. The hanging buck was shot with a rifle. All had pseudo-tags affixed to the antlers. While Klepp remained at the scene, Sgt. Scroup (Astoria) quickly wrote a search warrant, that was then signed by Clatsop County Circuit Court Judge Phil Nelson. By afternoon, the search commenced. Tpr. Schwartz, Tpr. O'Connor, retired Sr. Tpr. Wood, and retired Sr. Tpr. Stanton (Astoria) assisted. In the house, they found several large garbage bags of marijuana, along with evidence of butchered deer meat and another deer. The suspect would not provide the truth of how he obtained the deer. He was cited for **Unlawful Possession of a Black Tail Deer**, **Unlawful Possession of Game Mammal Parts (x 2)**, **Waste of Wildlife—Black Tail Deer**, and **Felony UPCS—Marijuana**. Another charge of **Unlawful Manufacturing/Delivery of Marijuana within 1,000 Feet of a School** is pending and information forwarded to Children, Adults, and Families Division.

Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) investigated a case of swan shooting at Summer Lake Wildlife Area. The subject admitted to shooting two swans thinking they were snow geese. The subject admitted that he realized they were swans after they were dropped. The subject then left this area and continued to hunt in another area without retrieving either of the birds. The subject was cited for **Taking Protected Species (Swan)** and his 12 gauge shotgun was seized.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) received information about hunters shooting ducks on the Coast Fork Willamette River. Sgt. Phillips (Patrol, Springfield) intercepted the hunters at a boat ramp near Cloverdale Road. Maher arrived afterward and found two of the hunters had taken 12 ducks. They were dismayed to learn that duck season was not open. Both hunters were cited for **Hunting/Taking Ducks Closed Season**, and the ducks were seized as evidence.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) and Rct. Ulch (Patrol, Springfield) responded to a complaint of duck hunters at the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area. Upon arrival, one of the several bird watchers took the troopers to the location of the hunters who were on an island with their decoys in the water. After a few minutes, one of the hunters stood up and fired his shotgun at a passing sandpiper. Boyd ordered the two hunters to pull their equipment, unload their guns, gather their kills, and come to shore. Boyd found they had killed a Pied-billed Grebe. Boyd cited the suspects for **Hunting Ducks Closed Season** and **Taking Prohibited Wildlife—Pied-billed Grebe**.

Sr. Tpr. May (St. Helens) received a tip of a St. Helens resident who shot four deer this season. May learned the most recent deer (a 3 x 3) was in possession of the suspect's father (also on probation), who took the deer to Longview, Washington, to show his co-workers. During surveillance of the residence, fresh deer antlers were seen hanging from a rafter in an outside lean-to. Retired Sr. Tpr. Olsen (St. Helens) waited for the father to leave Longview and followed him to his residence in St. Helens. May and Olsen contacted the father who said he not know anything and added they should speak to his son. The son came home. The investigation revealed the son harvested three deer—a 2 x 2 and two 3 x 3s. He tagged deer #2 and planned to take it to a taxidermist. The son was cited for **Fail to Immediately Validate 2008 Western Rifle Deer Tag (#1)**, **Exceeding The Bag Limit of Buck Deer (#2)**, and **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Buck Deer (#3)**. The father was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** and his probation officer was contacted.

Wildlife / Hunting

Illegal Sale of Deer Parts

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) received information from Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) about a person selling buck skulls on Craigslist. Allison obtained the person's name from his voice mail greeting and tracked him through license records. Allison and Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) went to the suspect's residence, but the suspect moved two weeks prior. Allison later spoke to the suspect via phone, acting as a customer. The suspect said he had seven sets in storage that he and his dad killed over the years. Allison met the suspect and they talked about his advertisement. The suspect claimed he did not know he could not sell the deer heads but knew he could not sell the meat. Allison cited him for **Unlawful Sale of Game Parts**.

Illegal Importation of Deer Parts

Sr. Tpr. Moore (Portland) received a call from a local taxidermist that a subject had brought into his business a four-point mule deer head from Wyoming, a chronic wasting disease (CWD) state. It still had the brain attached. Moore met with the subject, who was unaware of the parts ban, and cited him for **Illegal Possession of Banned Deer Parts in Oregon**. The brain matter was cremated at a pet crematorium. For more information, please read [OAR 635-065-0765](#), sections 11-14.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) received a report that a contract EMT from Bend had transported a deer in the back of an ambulance. While returning to John Day, the ambulance struck and killed the deer. Ritter determined the subject field-dressed and boned out the deer in the hospital parking lot. The suspect then took the meat to his motel room and washed the meat off in the bathtub. The next evening, the suspect took the meat to another EMT's residence where they both cut and wrapped it and put it in his freezer. Ritter cited both for **Unlawful Possession of Deer Meat**, and seized the meat. Ritter also learned the main suspect just returned from a deer hunting trip to Wyoming (a CWD state). He learned the suspect killed a 4 x 4 buck and transported the meat and the head (with attached antlers and cape) into Oregon. He was also cited for **Unlawful Importation of Cervid Parts**. Ritter allowed him to saw the antlers and skull plate off of the head, clean the skull plate under the supervision/direction of ODFW biologists, and keep the antlers. A local veterinary clinic incinerated the head.

Troopers Witnessed Suspect Shoot at a Real Deer during WED

Sr. Tpr. Stanton, Tpr. Schwartz, and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) conducted a WED in the Westport area. The troopers just re-staged themselves after citing two hunters for **Unlawful Taking of Buck Deer With the Aid of a Light** and seizing two rifles, when a vehicle turned down the dead end road O'Connor was on. The driver stopped soon enough so that he could not see O'Connor's vehicle, but O'Connor could see his. A real buck was standing in the beam of the headlights. O'Connor heard a single shot and the deer took off over the embankment and into the trees. The suspect proceeded in his vehicle, but O'Connor stopped him. The suspect was the lone occupant. He blamed the shot on a passing vehicle; however, O'Connor witnessed the event unfold. Schwartz arrived and assisted. They discovered the driver just finished serving a hunting license suspension for Unlawful Possession of Deer Parts. They cited the suspect for **Unlawful Taking of Buck Deer With the Aid of a Light** and **Hunting Deer Prohibited Hours** and seized the 7 mm rifle used.

A Few of the Numerous Successful WED Operations in October

During an early morning WED in Benton County, Sr. Tpr. Halsey, Tpr. Olsen, and Rct. Burkholder (Salem) witnessed a subject observe the WED with the use of headlights. The subject backed up and re-positioned the headlights. The operator then turned off the headlights and turned on an auxiliary set of lights mounted low on the front bumper, angling light to either side of the road. The passenger then fired a single shot, hitting the WED. The two occupants were father and son. The father/driver was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime** (Hunting with Aid of Artificial Light) and **Criminal Trespass II**. The son/shooter was cited for **Hunting Prohibited Hours, Criminal Trespass II, Hunting With the Aid of Artificial Light**, and **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.



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Tpr. Lea and Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) worked a WED near Low Pass. About 35 minutes prior to legal light, a subject came into the set using a spotlight from the passenger side, then they immediately shut off the spotlight and used only the headlights. The driver got out and shot two times. The suspect attempted to drive around Lea as he attempted to stop them. Lea cited the driver for **Taking Black Tail Deer with Aid of Light** and **Hunting from a Motor Vehicle** and the passenger for **Aiding in Taking Black Tail Deer with Aid of a Light** and **Casting a Light on a Game Mammal**. A second rig arrived 20 minutes prior to legal light. They drove just past the WED and the operator got out, walked around the back of his truck, and shot the decoy from about 15 feet three times. The shooter was so close to the WED, he used his taillights to illuminate it. The shooter was using .300 and did quite a bit of damage to the WED. They cited the shooter for **Taking Black Tail Deer Prohibited Hours**.

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) and Retired Sr. Tpr. Johnson conducted a WED near Beaver Marsh. About a half-hour after legal shooting hours, a vehicle drove past the decoy. The driver stopped beyond where he could see the WED, then got out of his truck, chambered a shell, and tried to find the deer in the dark. He went back to his truck and tried again with a flashlight. He lit up the decoy and then shot it. Upon contact, they learned he shot a deer the day before and that a female passenger shot a doe the day before in a unit that was closed for the taking of does. The troopers went to a residence where the deer was hanging and found another doe hanging as well. Neither doe had been tagged. The troopers discovered that a Central Point resident had shot the second doe. They seized the driver's rifle and cited him for **Attempting to Exceed the Bag Limit of Deer, Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light**, and **No Valid Big Game Tag**. They cited the female passenger for **Taking Doe Closed Season** and seized her rifle. Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) assisted by citing the Central Point resident for **Taking Doe Closed Season** and seized his rifle. They ascertained the homeowner was involved in numerous ways and cited for **Aiding in a Game Violation**.

Fish / Angling

Angling Using Prohibited Methods and During Prohibited Hours

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski (Madras) observed two subjects angling at Steelhead Falls on the Deschutes River with bait. Upon contact, one subject, who had been instructing his partner how to fish, advised he did not need an angling license, as he was a sovereign citizen of the “Embassy of Heaven.” He further stated when he had been issued citations in the past, judges let him go as they recognized his sovereignty. Prodzinski cited the subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait and No Resident Angling License**.

Sgt. Allori (Portland) responded to an angling complaint on Eagle Creek at Bonnie Lure State Park. After observation of several subjects, Allori cited one subject for **No Angling License** and **Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of a Waterway**, a second for **Borrowing a Harvest Card** and **Fail to Validate Harvest Card**, and a third for **Loaning a Harvest Card**. He seized one coho and donated it to charity. On another day at the same park, Allori cited one angler for **Unlawful Take of Wild Coho Salmon**, another for **Unlawful Possession of Wild Coho Salmon**, and a third for **No Harvest Card**. He seized another wild coho.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) observed an angler fishing for salmon at the mouth of Eagle Creek late one evening. Believing that it was likely that the man would continue to fish beyond one hour after sunset, Pearson crossed to the same side of the creek as the man, got within about thirty feet of the man, and kept him under surveillance. The man continued to cast and retrieve his hook through a concentrated school of salmon. The man continued fishing through fifteen minutes after legal hours and was contacted. He was using a setup consisting of buoyant corkies dangling below the hook, a common method used to foul hook fish. The man was cited for **Angling for Salmon Closed Hours**.

Sr. Tpr. Hanson (Portland) spent a busy evening at working the Cedar Creek Hatchery on the Sandy River monitoring for illegal angling. He decided to use night vision equipment. He located one poacher who was dip netting salmon out of Cedar Creek. The subject’s 12-year-old daughter was a lookout and every time someone walked past on the trail, they would both duck down. When Hanson contacted them, they told him they did not know the creek was closed to fishing. He explained to them they were not fishing because they did not have a pole and asked then why would they duck every time someone walked past their location. He cited the father criminally for **Unlawfully Taking Salmon Prohibited Method—Dip Net** and seized the dip net. Hanson then located two subjects angling almost two hours past sunset and cited both for **Salmon Angling Prohibited Hours**. At 8:00 p.m., he contacted two more subjects hiking out who said four anglers were still fishing down at the river. He put his waders on, crossed the river in the dark, and found the four subjects. He cited three for **Fail to Validate Salmon Tag** and one for **Salmon Angling Prohibited Hours**. The anglers said they thought fishing ended at 10 p.m., as posted on the hatchery gate. Hanson informed them the sign reads “the gate closes at 10 p.m.”— not fishing hours end at 10 p.m.



Photo credit: NOAA

Tpr. Buck, Tpr. Schoenborn, and Rct. Fromme (Portland) conducted an early morning coho angler saturation at the mouth of Cedar Creek on the Sandy River. They issued nine citations: **Angling Prohibited Hours (x 6)**, **Fail to Immediately Validate Tag**, **Illegal Possession of Coho** (prohibited hours), and **Possession of Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**. One coho was seized and donated to charity.

Sr. Tpr. Bertram (retired) and Tpr. Sitowski (Klamath Falls) have been working the illegal angling problem on the Klamath River. Numerous citations have been issued since the river re-opened on October 1st. On one occasion, while Bertram watched three people angling, one subject went to her vehicle and brought back beer for everyone. Upon her return, she reached under her shirt and produced a worm container and shared the worms with her partners. Bertram made contact and cited all three for **Angling Prohibited Method – Bait**.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) worked the mouth of Eagle Creek one evening, and from a distance, he observed two men casting and retrieving what he believed were bare treble hooks into a school of salmon. Pearson got to within a few feet behind the men as darkness was closing in. He contacted them when one angler snagged his bare treble hook in some brush beside Pearson after the man jerked his line out of the water when a snagged fish freed itself. Both men were using bare treble hooks with a heavy weight just above the hook. Pearson cited both for **Attempting to Snag Salmon** and **Angling with Prohibited Gear—Weight Less than 18" above Hook**.

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Fish / Angling

Unlawful Take Still a Problem, Several Fish Seized

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) conducted angler checks on the Salmon River resulting in seizure of two non-adipose fin-clipped coho salmon. Citations were issued for **Illegal Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho, Angling Prohibited Method, and Illegal Parking**. Warnings were given for Improper Validation of Harvest Tag and minor boat equipment violations.

Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) was working salmon anglers on the Nehalem Bay. He observed three anglers in a boat who caught and retained three salmon that he believed were coho. Guerra contacted the boat and found the anglers retained six non-adipose fin-clipped coho. He cited all three anglers for **Unlawful Possession Non-Adipose Fin-clipped Coho Salmon** and seized the salmon.

Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) contacted an angler at Clackamette Park on the Clackamas River angling for coho. After a routine license and tag check revealed that the angler had validated his tag on that date, a consent search of the angler's backpack was conducted. Schoenborn found a 16-pound native hen coho salmon in the bottom of the backpack. The angler was issued a citation for **Illegal Possession—Native Coho Salmon**. The fish was seized and donated to charity.

Tpr. Buck and Rct. Fromme (Portland) responded to an angling complaint on Eagle Creek (tributary to the Clackamas River) at Bonnie Lure State Park where an angler retained a native coho salmon. An individual matching the description of the suspect was located walking through the parking lot towards a pickup truck. A consent search revealed three coho salmon; one of which was a non-adipose fin-clipped fish. The investigation revealed the suspect caught the fish approximately thirty minutes earlier. The angler was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Native Coho Salmon** and the salmon was seized and donated to charity.



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Rct. Barden (Gold Beach) observed an angler catch a jack salmon and hide it in his vehicle. The angler was on the north bank of the Chetco River, which was closed to salmon angling until November 1. Barden notified Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) of the offense and requested he contact the angler while Barden moved to the suspect's location. Stinnett cited the angler for **Taking Salmon Closed Season** and for **No Angling License** and seized two jack.

Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) contacted a boat on Tillamook Bay that had been reported as retaining wild coho salmon. Upon contact, one of the subjects in the boat had retained a Chinook salmon and he did not have an angling harvest card. Guerra checked this subject through records and found that he had a warrant for his arrest through Clackamas County Circuit Court. This subject was lodged in the Tillamook County Jail. The Chinook was seized and the subject received a citation for **Unlawful Possession Chinook Salmon**.

Commercial / Shellfish

Crab Pot Theft Case Update

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) identified two additional victims concerning the ongoing crab pot theft case. Incident reports were submitted for two additional counts of **Theft I**.

Commercial Fisherman Illegally Possessed Lingcod

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted a deckhand from a commercial groundfish vessel in the parking lot of a local fish processing plant. The man was carrying a bag of lingcod fillets to his vehicle that he claimed were properly weighed and documented prior to him taking the fish. Klepp determined the fish were not documented on a commercial fish ticket. Klepp seized about eight pounds of fillets and cited the man for **Illegal Possession of Lingcod Fillets—Taking Commercial Fish for Personal Use**.

Cited for 15 Counts

Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) assisted ODFW with obtaining shrimp trawl logbooks from the skipper of a commercial fishing vessel who had been given several opportunities to provide them, but was elusive. The skipper was cited and released for 15 counts of **Failure to Maintain Shrimp Trawl Logbooks**.

Commercial Fisherman Failed to Report

Rct. Barden (Gold Beach) received information from ODFW about a commercial prawn fisherman who failed to comply with the reporting requirements of his commercial permit. He contacted the fisherman at his residence who admitted to making several landings this year and failed to turn in monthly reports since February 2008. Barden cited the fisherman for **Failing to Submit Monthly Fish Dealer Reports**.

Environment / Habitat

Permit Needed to Harvest Wild Mushrooms



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While on routine patrol in the Mt. Hood National Forest, Sgt. Allori (Portland) stopped to talk to two target shooters after observing one of them shoot across the road. Allori found both in possession of a large amount of chanterelle mushrooms. Eventually, four other subjects emerged from the forest, all of whom

had been picking mushrooms. Allori cited two subjects for **Unlawful Possession of Minor Forest Products—Mushrooms** and seized 48.75 gallons of chanterelle mushrooms. For ORS 164.813 on cutting and transporting *special forest products*, please [click here](#). For information on wild mushrooms in Oregon, including habitat, usage, tips for collecting and storing, and species, please [click here](#).

Marijuana Plants Found in Wildlife Area

Sr. Tpr. Moore (Portland) was working duck hunters at the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area. While hiking around Seal Lake, Moore spotted several marijuana plants. A total of seven plants ranging from two to three feet tall were found and removed. The plants were taken to the Portland office for disposal. At this time there are no suspects.

Suspect Caught Illegally Entering Management Area

Retired Sr. Tpr. Oriet (McMinnville) was in the Gales Peak area and checked a mark he had left on a trail that bypasses a Longview Timber gate on the north side of Hagg Lake. Their security agent relayed information from timber cutters working in the area on weekends about unauthorized entry occurring in that area. When Oriet checked the trail mark, he found it was used by a vehicle recently. Oriet remained in the area and awaited the vehicle's return to the bypass trail. About 20 minutes after the end of hunting hours, he contacted a vehicle returning to the trail. The driver and passenger knew they should not have entered the area, as they did not have permission. Oriet cited both for **Illegal Motorized Entry—North Coast TMA**.

Vandals Damaged Seedlings, OSP Seeking Help



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Roseburg officers cited and warned several subjects for **Criminal Trespass** on Weyerhaeuser property for being up behind closed gates in vehicles and on ATV's. Weyerhaeuser has recently had numerous problems with the locks being cut off their gates leading onto their tree farms and damage being done to newly planted trees. If anyone has any information

or suspects illegal activity, please call the TIP line at 1-800-452-7888. Reports may be submitted anonymously.



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Offensive Litters Caught

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) received a report from ODOT of several large garbage dumps on their property. Different names were located within the different garbage piles. O'Connor discovered the names found had all at one time rented a storage unit at a local mini-storage. He contacted the mini-storage and the manager stated she recently fired an independent contractor who had been emptying storage units and dumping the garbage. He contacted the suspect who admitted to the crime. He cited the suspect **Offensive Littering (x 2)**.

Tpr. Kehr (Newport) investigated a garbage case located off of Slab Creek Road. Numerous bags of trash and diapers had been dumped on Green Diamond Timber Company land near Neskowin Creek. Kehr discovered the suspect's identity and cited her for **Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway**. When Kehr was en route to Lincoln City from the above case, a passenger in the car ahead of him threw trash out the window that nearly hit his patrol truck. He stopped the vehicle and cited the passenger for **Offensive Littering**. A clean-up crew had just picked up trash off the highway earlier that day.

Tpr. Bowen and Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) conducted a boat patrol on the Umpqua River. They observed a boat with two people onboard using three lines. While approaching the boat, they watched the operator reel in one of the lines, take out a knife, cut the hooks off, and throw them into the water. Upon contact, the suspect refused to admit to what the troopers had observed, stating he just had a weight on the third line. The subject was criminally cited for **Littering within a 100 Yards of a Waterway**. At the end of the contact, Davis asked the subject what bait he was using on the third line and he stated a herring.

Tpr. Olsen (Salem) responded to a complaint of a deer carcass dumped in the Long Tom River, as well as two small buck heads with hides attached and antlers removed that were dumped on the same property about a mile away. After an investigation, Olsen contacted a suspect that lived near the property. After a lengthy interview, the suspect admitted to dumping a deer carcass in the river, dumping two deer hides and heads on the south end of the property, trespassing, shooting a deer, and failing to validate his tag. The suspect was cited for **Placing Offensive Substance in Waters, Offensive Littering, Trespass II, and Fail to Validate Deer Tag**.

General Law / Other

Subject Caught Shooting in Residential Area

Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) responded to a hunting complaint in La Pine. A subject was contacted who had been shooting at some elk near a residential area. Directly behind the elk, less than one hundred yards away, were houses and cars. The subject was issued a citation for **Recklessly Endangering**.

Hunters Trespassed in Steens Unit

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) contacted two groups of hunters in the Steens Mountain Unit regarding a trespassing complaint on the opening day of buck deer season. Through witness and suspect interviews, Caldwell cited four subjects for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass**, one for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**, and he took one subject into custody on an outstanding warrant.

Intoxicated Hunter Taken into Custody

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) responded to Fall River Campground on a report of an intoxicated subject shooting a firearm. The subject was contacted and the investigation revealed he had been deer hunting earlier in the day. The subject produced a rifle and pistol and was arrested for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm** and **UCPS—Methamphetamine**. During the investigation, Hayes found out the subject had 65 prior felony convictions and was a potential Armed Career Criminal. Information was forwarded to ATF and his parole officer. The subject was lodged in jail.

WED Decoy Operation Uncovered Felons Hunting and Aiding

Sr. Tpr. Bean, Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend), and ODFW Biologist Corey Heath set up an elk decoy west of La Pine. About 45 minutes after legal shooting hours, a small camouflaged SUV equipped with fully lit up off-road lights stopped. A passenger got out from the vehicle and shot the WED. The vehicle was stopped and contacted. The driver was suspended and a convicted felon (and still on parole). The shooter was also a convicted felon and had not registered, as required for sex offenders, since 2005. They lodged both subjects in the Deschutes County Jail and impounded the vehicle. After they concluded the stop, the officers went to a Sunriver residence and recovered two more weapons belonging to the felons. These subjects were cited for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm (x 4)**, **Fail to Register (Sex Offender)**, **Hunting with the Aid of an Artificial Light**, and **Aiding in a Game Violation**.

Suspect Stopped for Minor Traffic Violation Cited for Multiple Charges

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) stopped a vehicle for a minor traffic violation. Upon observing rifles and fishing poles contained within the vehicle, Frerichs inquired if the driver and passenger had been hunting the general rifle deer season. Upon checking the driver's status, Frerichs noticed a dried spot of blood and a single deer hair on his pants. The driver admitted to killing a black tail buck he claimed was legally tagged back at his residence. Frerichs suspected that the driver was a felon and, upon checking through dispatch, he confirmed his suspicions. The suspect admitted to shooting a deer and told Frerichs it was not tagged at his residence. Upon driving to the residence to check on the deer, the suspect admitted the spike deer he killed was illegal. Frerichs recovered the buck carcass from the suspect's refrigerator. The carcass and meat were seized along with a rifle that was in possession of the driver at the time of the traffic stop. Frerichs cited the driver for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**, **Unlawful Possession of Wildlife—Taking Spike Black Tail Buck Deer**, and **Driving while Suspended**.

Father Cited for Endangering Son

Retired Sr. Tpr. Miller (Newport) contacted a 14-year-old operating an ATV on the 1060 road in East Lincoln County. The 14-year-old was by himself, had a loaded rifle and was operating an ATV with no operator's permit or decal. The juvenile's father was contacted at camp and cited for **Endangering ATV Operator**.

Unlicensed Hunter Lodged in Jail

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) attempted to contact two hunters when one of the subjects attempted to hide. The subject, who was carrying a rifle, was found to not have a hunting license or a deer tag. A records check discovered the subject was out of compliance on his sex offender registration and was a convicted felon. The subject was lodged in the Coos County Jail for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**, **Fail to Register as a Sex Offender**, and **No Hunting License**.

Patrol Finds Over 100 Marijuana Plants

Retired Sr. Tpr. Conrad (ODF Contract) was patrolling near Crooked Finger Road in North Marion County. He located a parked motor home on a dead end road. When Conrad walked around the back of the motor home in an attempt to write down the license plate, he discovered 127 marijuana plants in plastic totes. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) responded and arrested the occupant of the motor home for **UPCS—Marijuana**, **Manufacturing of a Controlled Substance—Marijuana**, and **Distribution of a Controlled Substance—Marijuana**. The suspect was lodged at the Marion County Jail.

Loaded Rifle on ATVs

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) patrolled the Keno Unit after it closed to deer hunting and located a parked vehicle along with an empty ATV trailer. He followed the ATV tracks and found two subjects putting down the road. One subject pulled off the side of the road and began aiming his rifle up the hill. No shot was fired and Hand made contact moments later. When asked what they were up to, one subject stated they were hunting bears and on their way to Western Oregon to deer hunt. A check of their rifles revealed that both were loaded. Both subjects were cited for **Carrying a Loaded Rifle on an ATV**. Two more contacts with vehicles were made carrying Western Oregon deer hunters. All subjects knew the boundaries and stated they were on their way (going the wrong direction).

Interagency Cooperation

Joint Cooperation with Agencies Discovered Violations

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) followed up with CDFG on two Oregon residents who reportedly shot a deer about 10 miles into California. Bennett went with CDFG officers to a Grants Pass residence and contacted two suspects. The suspects admitted to knowing they were in the wrong and were cited by CDFG.

At the request of a BLM Ranger, Sgt. Cyr (Coos Bay) responded to a traffic stop in the Blue Ridge area. Upon contact, the Ranger informed Cyr two dead untagged bucks were in the back of the pickup. Cyr interviewed the three occupants of the vehicle and cited two of them for **Failure to Immediately Validate Deer Tags**.

David Bronson (ODFW) and Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) checked several waterfowl hunters on Ladd Marsh. They issued citations for **Hunting Prohibited Method—Shotgun Capable of Holding More than Three Rounds, Possession of Lead Shot, and No Federal Waterfowl Stamp** (3) and warnings for Hunting Prohibited Hours (3).

Tpr. Kehr (Newport) followed up on an angling complaint from the Salmon River. An ODFW employee observed two subjects angling from the Salmon River Hatchery fish weir. Both subjects had two coho and one of each pair was a wild fish. Kehr cited both subjects for **Taking Salmon Closed Area and Unlawful Possession of Non Adipose Fin-clipped Coho Salmon** and seized four coho.

Vic Coggins (ODFW) was observing a group of elk in the Wallowa Valley when he heard two shots and saw two bull elk go down. Only one male subject appeared and field dressed both animals. Tpr. Miller and Sr. Tpr. Knapp (Enterprise) made contact with the shooter and they determined he killed both elk. He was cited for **Exceeding Bag Limit—Bull Elk** and warned for Borrowing Big Game Tag. A second subject was also warned for Loaning Big Game Tag.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) was called out on a day off to assist Springfield PD on a search warrant. Detectives located an untagged bear hide at a residence. The suspect told Maher he received the bear hide from a friend who killed it a couple of weeks prior. He took possession of the hide, paws, and meat, as his friend only wanted the skull. The suspect hung the meat in his garage but did not properly take care of it and the meat went to waste. Maher learned the suspect also took a cow elk in early August and shot a domestic cow. The suspect led Maher to both kill sites. The domestic cow was shot on a log landing and the meat taken by the suspect and his friend. Maher could not find a brand mark or a tag to identify the owner. Maher cited the suspect for **Unlawful Possession of Bear Parts, Waste of a Game Mammal—Bear, and Taking Elk Closed Season**. His accomplice was cited for **Aiding in a Game Violation—Taking Elk Closed Season**. He seized the bear hide, paws, elk meat, and a .450 Marlin lever action rifle. Maher did not believe the domestic cow was actually shot in the area where the carcass was found, but after releasing the suspects, he drove to a landing just below the upper one and saw two cattle in a clear-cut unit (Weyerhaeuser property). They were very wary and paused long enough for Maher to get a good look at them. Neither had brand marks or ear tags and they ran into heavy timber. Maher is following up to see if he can find the owner.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson and Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) assisted DEQ with a search at a local residence/business where the subject has been operating a wrecking yard. They found hundreds of tires at the location and evidence of several vehicles buried in the ground. The subject agreed to work with DEQ to get the area cleaned up properly.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) contacted a local angling guide after receiving a report from ODFW that the guide refused inspection of sport-caught crab at the Hammond Mooring Basin. According to the sampler's statement, the guide told her if he had fish, she could look at them, but he did not feel she had the right to look at crab. The guide was cited for **Refusing Inspection of Wildlife to ODFW**.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) and Ed Imholt (ODFW) worked together on opening day of deer season and came across a camp above Wamic with an untagged deer in the back of a pickup. Pearson asked who killed the deer and was led to a woman in a tent dressed in dry, clean clothing. They learned the woman did not shoot the deer. The hunters planned for her to tag the first deer killed in camp. The man who killed the deer was cited for **Failure to Tag Deer**.

Sr. Tpr. Carter, Tpr. Dietz, and Rct. Wilson (Pendleton) assisted a USFWS agent in locating several individuals for citation service in connection to violations committed over the last few months at McKay Reservoir. They served 10 citations over two days for **Littering and Illegal Camping**. The USFWS agent arrested and transported one subject to Vancouver, Washington, on a Failure to Appear—Driving While Suspended out of Kelso, Washington.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) and Rct. Ulch (Patrol, Springfield) followed up on a bear case. Boyd contacted ODFW asking they notify him when/if they checked a bear in that was harvested on a specific day in a certain area where Boyd found a gut pile at a kill site. A week later, ODFW forwarded information matching the kill in question. The investigation revealed the suspect shot the bear from the roadway. Boyd cited the suspect for **Unlawful Take of Fall Black Bear—Shooting from a Public Right-of-Way and Across a County Road**.

Tpr. Boyd and Rct. Duran (Springfield) received a complaint of a suspected night hunter in the Marcola area from Lane County SO. Boyd arrived in the area at about 11 p.m. to find the white car that was described traveling out of the area. Boyd made contact and noticed blood on the driver's pants and three guns in the back seat. The driver had filled his deer tag and was just driving around in the woods. Boyd asked to see the deer tag and surprisingly the driver opened his wallet and handed Boyd a tag that had not been validated, and not to mention, not on the deer he killed. Boyd received consent to search the vehicle and found multiple zip lock baggies full of deer meat in the trunk. The driver was just up in the woods (20 miles from his home) to dump the carcass. The suspect also told Boyd the buck head was buried in his back yard at home. Boyd asked the suspect to take him to where he dumped the carcass and found carcass wrapped in a tarp with a volume of other garbage on BLM land. At the suspect's home, Boyd dug up a fork by spike buck head. Boyd cited the suspect for **Unlawful Possession of Black Tail Deer** and seized the evidence.

Interagency Cooperation / Public Relations

OSP Received OSMB Multiple Awards

OSMB honored marine law enforcement officers from around the state for their outstanding performance and contributions during the 2008 boating season at their annual conference on October 14, in Bend. Four OSP troopers were honored. Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) were each awarded Trooper of the Year. Both earned this recognition three years in a row. Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher conducted 407 boat examinations, issued 39 citations and 190 warnings, and contacted 639 boaters. Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher conducted 412 boat examinations, issued 34 citations and 208 warnings, contacted 658 boaters, and made one BUII arrest. Tpr. Les Kipper (The Dalles) was recognized with a Life Saving Award for his part of a team effort in the rescue of a 58-year-old man who was thrown from his boat after being struck by a large wave in the Colorado Rapids on the Deschutes River in August. Tpr. Travis Ring (Arlington) received a Life Saving Award for his role to rescue a windsurfer who had a heart attack on the Columbia River during extremely hazardous conditions and inclement weather in May.

Joint Assistance in Investigations

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) assisted the USCG Yaquina Bay Station with a search and rescue incident on the south jetty in Newport. Two fishermen were fishing off the south jetty tip on an incoming tide and were swept off the jetty by a sneaker wave. One man made it out of the water and the other was last seen stuck in the rocks at the water surface. Troopers assisted in trying to locate the second man by conducting on-water searches in addition to traffic control of commercial and recreation vessels at the scene. The search is still ongoing for the missing fisherman.

Sr. Tpr. Wood, Tpr. O'Connor, and Clatsop County SO Deputy Dimmick responded to the Knappa area for a report that a deer hunter threatened another hunter with a pistol. The victim alleged a member of another hunting party told them to leave the area and pulled out a pistol and cocked the hammer back. The case will be forwarded to the DA's office for consideration of a Menacing charge. They also discovered, just prior to the incident, the two hunters associated to the menacing suspect each shot a buck. Both hunters were contacted and cited for **Failure to Immediately Validate Western Deer Rifle Tag**.

Sr. Tpr. Wood (Seasonal) worked several vandalism and theft cases over a weekend specific to his Access and Habitat position. In one case, a Clatsop County SO Deputy stopped a vehicle for no front license plate. The Deputy noticed a Weedeater, a compressor, and a gas-powered water pump with the company name stenciled on the equipment. Wood assisted in the investigation and ultimately charged both male and female occupants of the vehicle for **Theft by Receiving**. A CB radio was also found in the vehicle and identified as one stolen from a front end loader on Youngs River Mainline (Weyerhaeuser property). The equipment was stolen from a company's padlocked box car also on Youngs River Mainline. A bolt cutter was found inside the car, but the padlock was not recovered. Wood also took a report on an incident on Youngs River mainline in which the company's front end loader had dirt and rock dumped into the gas tank. This and other reports have caused Weyerhaeuser to consider closing their properties to vehicle access on weekends.

Events, Classes, Relations, and Presentations

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) gave a presentation about the Division to a career class of about 25 students at Lowell High School.

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) attended an OSP volunteers meeting in Gleneden Beach. Urbigkeit re-certified the volunteers in CPR/AED.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) discussed angling regulations at a salmon angling seminar with 60 people at the Siuslaw Rod and Gun Club.

Tpr. Collom (Central Point) went on-air during a live radio talk show for "The Poacher Chronicles." He talked about the TIP program and a few of the cases from troopers around the state and the dispositions.

Sgt. Thompson and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) gave a presentation to 70 employees at the Georgia Pacific paper mill on hunter and firearms safety as part of a day-long safety meeting for mill employees.

Sgt. Chambers and Tpr. Young (Salem) attended the NWOADC (Northwest Oregon Animal Damage Cooperative) meeting in Philomath. Approximately 30 people attended, including ODFW, USDA—Animal Control, cooperative members, and landowners.

Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) attended an OHA Yamhill County Chapter meeting where he received a new pair of Generation III night vision goggles OHA donated in order to help combat illegal night hunting in Yamhill County.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman and Tpr. Collom (Central Point) took Mark Freeman from the Mail Tribune on a WED operation on the Prospect Butte Falls Highway. Deer season was closed during the Cascade elk hunt. Several vehicles stopped, but no one got out with guns.

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) worked the boundary of the Sumpter and Desolation Units on the opening day of buck deer season. Eight of the 12 hunters checked in Sumpter had Desolation tags. Duncan obtained boundary signs and is working to educate the public on the boundary.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) was asked by the Stream Team to give a talk about wildlife in the watershed to Siuslaw 7th graders out at Enchanted Valley (a road closure area with a coho stream rehabilitated by USFS). Several stations were set up (fish, water quality, vegetation, and wildlife). Salisbury coordinated the wildlife station. The class lasted about four hours with a group of kids at each station for about 1/2 hour. Salisbury took the deer decoy and several hides, skulls, bones, feathers, etc. Salisbury received many good questions.

Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) coordinated a Kids Safety day at the Parks and Recreation Center for about 25 kids. Tpr. Van Meter and Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) assisted. Canfield invited the Lincoln County SO Animal and Marine Enforcement officers and ODFW. The agencies spoke about bear and cougar safety, boating safety, what to do if you are lost in the woods, approaching dogs, and other topics. The kids were enthusiastic and excited to tour a police vehicle, a law enforcement vessel, and make new friends with the dogs brought.

Dispositions

Outstanding Dispositions Received from the Courts



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Firearm. The suspect was recently sentenced through a plea agreement in the Washington County Circuit Court. The suspect's rifle was forfeited to the state, the suspect was ordered to pay \$1,500 restitution to ODFW, 24 hours of community service, and \$409 in fines.

During the 2007 Western Deer Rifle Season, Tpr. Schwartz (Banks) responded to a report of an elk that was shot on private property during closed season. The elk carcass had all four quarters and the head removed. Schwartz contacted a nearby resident who had heard some individuals at a gas station in North Plains bragging about shooting an elk. Schwartz went to the gas station and obtained the name of the individual who shot the elk. Schwartz later contacted that individual who admitted to shooting the elk. That individual provided Schwartz with the antlers (6 x 7) and meat, as well as the .243 rifle that he used to shoot the elk. Schwartz cited him for **Taking Bull Elk Closed Season** and **Criminal Trespass with a**

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski (Madras) received a case disposition on a subject he arrested in 2007 for **Taking Deer Closed Season** (x 2). Sgt. Pond (Bend) and Prodzinski arrested the same suspect in 2006 on similar charges. The suspect was convicted of **Theft First Degree** and **Taking Deer Closed Season** and received the following sentence:

- 20 days jail
- 36 months supervised probation
- \$2,400 restitution to ODFW
- \$250 to TIP fund
- Two-year hunting license suspension
- Forfeit bow and arrows
- Do not possess firearms

A subject cited by Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) for **Waste of Sturgeon (x 2), Unlawful Possession of Undersized Sturgeon (x 2), and Littering Within 100 Yards of a Waterway** pled guilty to two offenses in Wasco County Circuit Court and sentenced to:

- \$297 fines / fees
- \$500 restitution to ODFW
- One year probation
- 60 hours community service
- Two-year license suspension

A subject cited by Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) for **Exceeding the Bag Limit-Bighorn Sheep** was found guilty in the Wallowa County Circuit Court and sentenced to:

- \$6,933 fines / fees / restitution:
- One year (suspended) jail
- Two years probation
- 40 hours community service
- Two-year license suspension

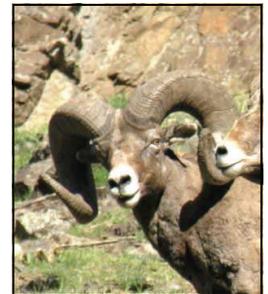


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In March 2008, Tpr. Schwartz (Banks) received a tip that an individual living in Washington was purchasing resident Oregon hunting licenses and tags. Schwartz located the suspect in the ODFW database and obtained a St. Helens, Oregon address. Schwartz also determined the suspect had applied for controlled hunt tags as a party member. Schwartz checked the suspect in the DMV database and determined that the suspect did not have an Oregon driver license. Schwartz checked the suspect in Washington's DMV and found the suspect had a current Washington driver license and an address in Washougal, Washington. Schwartz contacted WDFW Officer David Hughes. Schwartz and Hughes simultaneously contacted the residences in Washington and Oregon. Schwartz also went to the residences of the other hunt party members listed in ODFW database who applied with the suspect. The investigation revealed the suspect moved to Washington in 1996 but continued to purchase Oregon resident licenses and tags. The suspect eventually admitted he purchased the resident licenses so he could apply for controlled hunt tags as a resident. Non-resident hunters applying for controlled hunt tags have substantially less chance of obtaining a tag. The Columbia County DA's Office determined the licenses and tags qualify as financial documents and, therefore, the extended statute of limitations applies to the false application of such documents. The suspect was charged for **False Application for Hunting Licenses and Tags** back to 2003. The suspect was also charged for **Unlawful Taking of Bull Elk** for an elk that he unlawfully harvested while utilizing a falsely applied for tag. The suspect was recently sentenced as part of a plea agreement in the Columbia County Circuit Court to:

- \$6,000 to ODFW
- \$1,500 additional to ODFW for restitution on the elk
- \$500 to the TIP fund
- \$500 to the local OHA
- \$1,000 in fines
- Hunting license suspension until 2012



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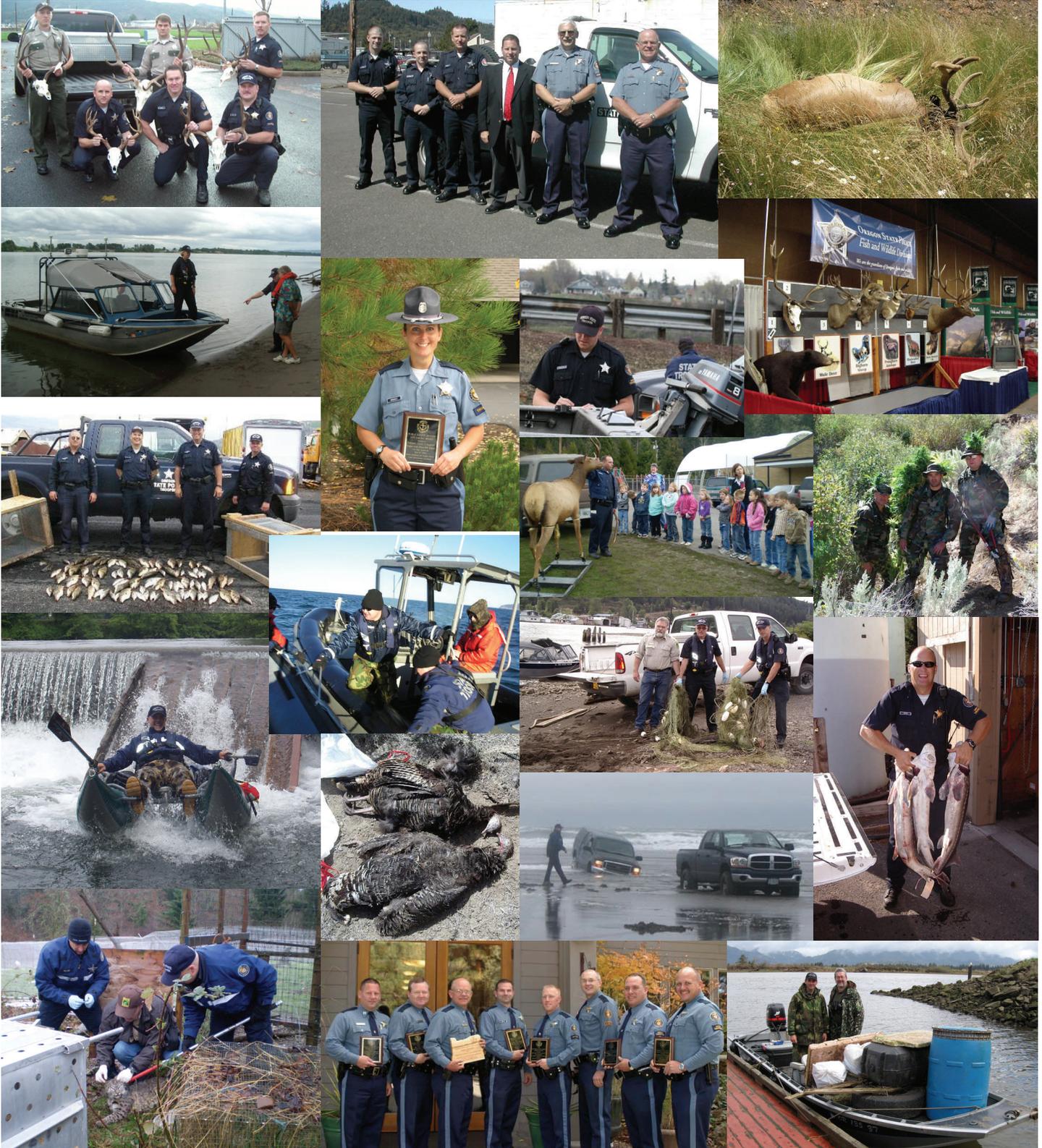


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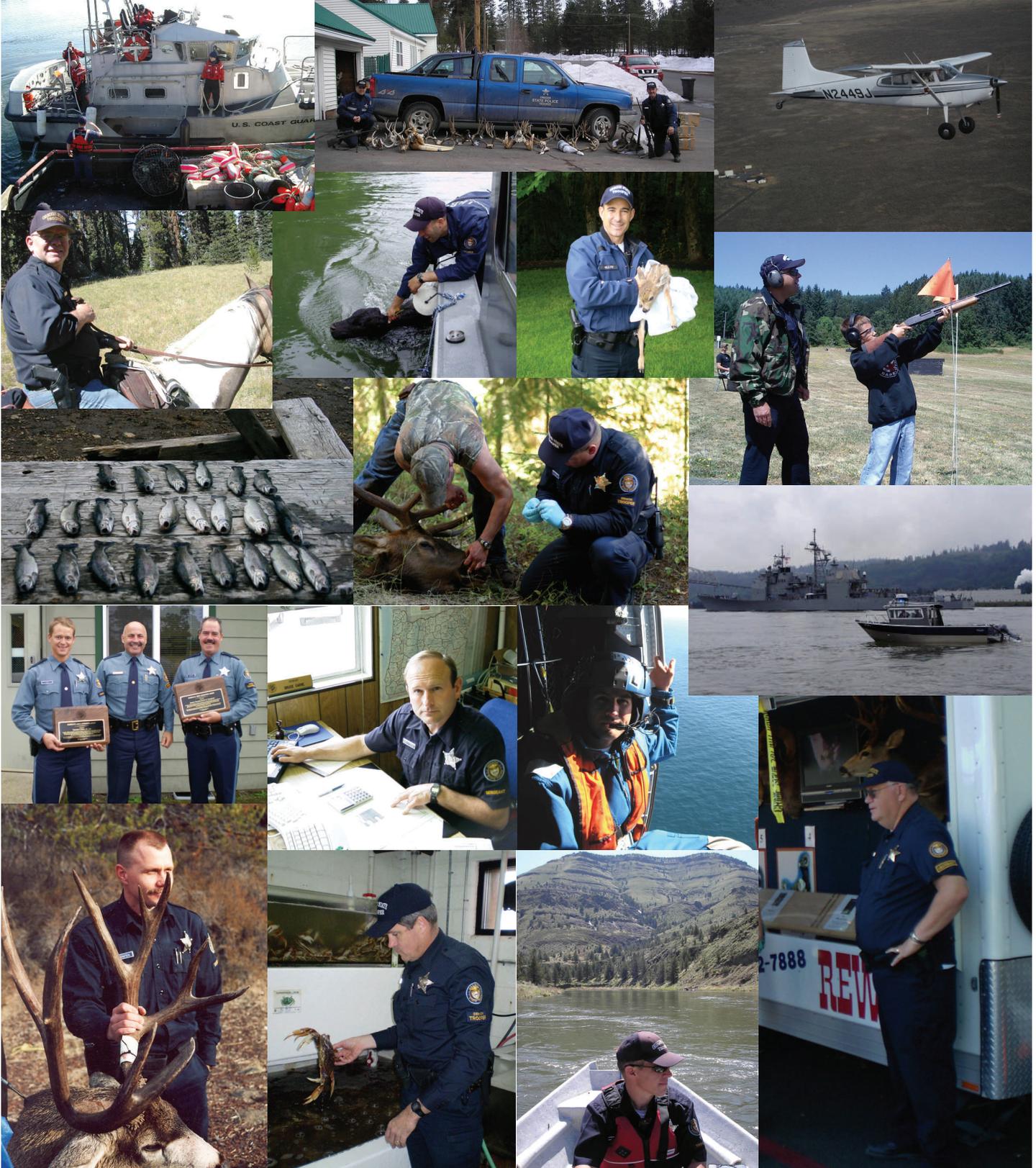




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