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Fish and Wildlife Division

The primary responsibility of the Fish and Wildlife Division is enforcement of fish, wildlife, and commercial fishing laws and protection of natural resources. The members of the Fish and Wildlife Division also enforce traffic, criminal, boating, livestock and environmental protection laws and respond to emergency situations.

Fish and Wildlife Division Patrol

Patrol is a vital part of the Fish and Wildlife trooper's work. In addition to the protection of people and property, the purpose of patrol is to detect and apprehend violators, to deter those who may be inclined to violate natural resource laws, and to be alert for any adverse or detrimental occurrences that may affect the environment.

Regular patrol is performed solo. Patrols with some degree of risk, such as boat patrols, all-terrain vehicles (ATV), snowmobile, or horse patrols in wilderness areas, are normally performed by two troopers. Specific cases or types of patrol may be performed with partner agency personnel.



Wildlife

The purpose of the Wildlife Section is to enforce and protect Oregon's wildlife and natural resources. The Wildlife Section provides enforcement protection for big game animals, furbearers, waterfowl, upland game birds, and non-game wildlife.

Throughout the year, members monitor areas where illegal hunting and angling may take place. Members utilize powered and non-powered boats, 4 x 4

vehicles, aircraft, snowmobiles, horses, and all-terrain vehicles to accomplish the objective of conserving our wildlife and natural resources.

The advent of the Oregon Plan has given new responsibilities to fish and wildlife officers. Members work in conjunction with other natural resource agencies to ensure enforcement and compliance with laws, which conserve and enhance Oregon's environment.

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Fisheries

The purpose of the Fisheries Section is to enforce and protect Oregon's sport and commercial fishery regulations and marine resources. The Fisheries Section provides industry regulation and assistance to all commercial fisheries activities, charter vessels, guides, and outfitters, as well as coordinates the formation of policies and enforces laws and regulations affecting sport fisheries.

Patrolling the state's waters for Fish and Wildlife boating enforcement is another division function. Rigid Hull Inflatable (RHI), large jet sleds, and other watercraft are used to patrol and investigate violations of sport and commercial fishing laws. Sport angling and commercial fishing are multi-million dollar industries in Oregon. Ensuring compliance of fishing laws creates a sustainable fishing economy.

Special Investigations Unit

The Special Investigations Unit is primarily responsible for conducting in-depth and complex investigations of individuals or groups that violate fish and wildlife laws and regulations, with specific emphasis on those violators that are flagrant or illegally commercializing our state's fish and wildlife resources.