



OREGON STATE POLICE FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION



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*On the cover:
A Fish and Wildlife Trooper on patrol in
the Alvord Desert*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Get Ready Event in The Dalles

Fish and Wildlife Troopers assisted with a community outreach event in The Dalles. The Get Ready event sponsored by NW Natural brings public service and private agencies together in one venue for the public to gather and get information about services and to prepare for other natural disaster events. Troopers set up the Trailer of Shame and talked with people about what the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division does.

Youth Pheasant Clinic - Wamic

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles attended a youth pheasant clinic hosted by ODFW in Wamic on the White River Wildlife Area. Enthusiastic youth hunters hit the fields and bagged a few pheasant. Fun was had by all in attendance and a few questions were answered.

Bend Chapter OHA Meeting

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper gave a presentation to the Bend Chapter Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) during a monthly meeting in Bend. Topics covered included OSP's K-9 program, poaching trends, predator conflicts, and ways for the public to assist OSP Fish and Wildlife Division.

OSP/USCG Host Delegation from the Philippines

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and the US Coast Guard (USCG) Yaquina Bay hosted a delegation from the Philippines who were in the US to learn various aspects of maritime security and fisheries enforcement from agencies across the US. Six delegates were in attendance and received presentations from both agencies along with a ride on a USCG boat.



Sandy High School Visit

A Portland Fish and Wildlife Trooper and an OSP Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Trainer visited Sandy High School to speak to two Natural Resource classes. The Trooper gave a PowerPoint presentation focused on what an OSP Fish and Wildlife Trooper does, how he got hired, and what the students could do to pursue a career in natural resource protection and management.

23rd Annual Pig Bowl - The Dalles

Fish and Wildlife Troopers and Patrol Troopers assisted with and organized the 23rd annual Pig Bowl in The Dalles. This massive community event flag football game raises money for families dealing with incredible medical hardships in their lives. This year one of the recipients involved an OSP family. It was an amazing night and attendance, and support was amazing.



Gilliam County Outdoor Kid's Fair

John Day and Fossil Fish and Wildlife Troopers took part in the Gilliam County Outdoor Kid's Fair along with ODFW. The youth enjoyed learning about fish and wildlife and what Troopers do to protect them.

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Fish and Wildlife Trooper Rescues Lost Dogs

A Burns Fish and Wildlife Trooper located two Catahoula herding dogs running down the Hines Logging Road in the Silvies unit. The Trooper was able to catch the dogs and secure them in the back of his patrol vehicle since they were friendly. The dogs had collars on but no ID tags. The Trooper contacted a local veterinarian who advised she did not have any room for the dogs at her kennel. The Trooper took the dogs home and they stayed at his residence that night. The two dogs both ate and drank five bowls of food and water during their stay. The next day the Trooper was able to locate the dogs' owner who stated he had lost them forty miles up in the mountains while moving cattle. The owners of the dogs were grateful to have them back.

Sixteen Snakes Seized - Portland

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper investigated the unlawful possession of prohibited snakes in Portland. The investigation started after a cottonmouth snake was located near a dumpster by a waste collector. Information about the possible owner was obtained. The United States Marshals Service assisted with locating the suspect at his residence. The Trooper learned the suspect possessed 16 snakes, including two Malaysian pit vipers which are prohibited in Oregon. Five of the snakes were venomous. The suspect requested all of the snakes be taken as they were no longer wanted pets. Fish and Wildlife Troopers, Multnomah County Wildlife Services, ODFW, a trained snake handler, and the suspect assisted with collecting all 16 snakes. The suspect was cooperative during the investigation and received a violation citation for **Unlawful Possession of Prohibited Species**.



Bull Elk Freed from Wire

An Ontario Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and ODFW District Biologist received information from a hunter regarding a bull elk that had wire wrapped around its antlers and was caught up around the base of a tree. The Sergeant and Biologist hiked to the area and located the bull elk. The elk was unable to free itself from the tree and had been there a while. The elk was tranquilized and then the Sergeant and Biologist cut all the wire from the elk's antlers and freed it from the tree.

Missing Person from California Located

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Trooper received information about a potentially missing and endangered disabled female from northern California. The subject's phone was pinged to an area just north of the California state line near Worden. The Trooper and patrol resources responded to the area to attempt to locate. A residence of interest was established, and the subject was located unharmed. She was transported back to her parents by Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office. This was an excellent team effort between multiple agencies. A California Highway Patrol Sergeant called the Trooper after the incident and expressed his appreciation for the efforts of local law enforcement.

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Doe Rescued from Empty Pond in Sheridan

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper and Lieutenant responded to the report of a deer and her fawn stuck in an empty irrigation pond in Sheridan. While en route, neighbors were able to assist in getting the fawn out, but the doe was still stuck. The Troopers were able to secure a strap around the body of the doe, attach a rope to her, and neighbors assisted in pulling her out of the pond. The doe was safely released from the rope and quickly ran off to reunite with her fawn.

Injured Owl Rescued from School

A North Plains Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to South Meadows Middle School on the report of an injured owl. The owl had possibly flown into the school window and was unable to fly. The Trooper was able to safely secure the owl in a box and transported it to the Portland Audubon Society to be treated for its injuries.

Troopers Capture Robbery Suspect

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant was patrolling southbound on US Highway 101 near Sand Lake Road in Tillamook County. He heard Tillamook 911 over the radio dispatch a robbery that just occurred at the Hebo Market. A male subject had robbed the store using a machete, then was believed to have left northbound on US Highway 101. Approximately two minutes later, the Sergeant observed a vehicle matching the description driving northbound on US Highway 101 near the town of Beaver and was able to read part of the license plate as it went by. He turned to overtake the vehicle and found it at the gas pump at the Beaver Shell Station. The Sergeant broadcast the full license plate and location, then continued to observe the vehicle while waiting for cover to arrive. The car left the gas station continuing north bound and was stopped a short time later by a patrol Trooper where the suspect was taken into custody for the robbery. He was lodged in the Tillamook County Jail by the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office.

Stolen Vehicle Recovered

A Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Trooper was setting up and checking trail cameras in the Tioga Hunt Unit prior to archery season. During the patrol, a vehicle was observed that matched the description of a vehicle reported stolen earlier that morning. A records check confirmed the vehicle was stolen. Patrol Troopers responded to assist. Two subjects were contacted with the vehicle and detained without incident. The passenger was interviewed and released. The driver was arrested for **Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, and Misdemeanor Driving While Suspended.**

Subjects Charged with Criminal Mischief

An Albany Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a call of two individuals shooting into a field at 11 pm in Sublimity the night before. The following day, shell casings were located on scene. Two male subjects were contacted at a nearby address and admitted to shooting at a sign and power pole with a bolt action rifle. One subject was cited for multiple violations and **Criminal Mischief III**. The second subject was a felon; and was cited for **Felon in Possession of a Weapon, Giving False Information, Criminal Mischief**, and multiple violations. The rifle was seized.

WILDLIFE & ENVIRONMENT



Whitehorse Unit Patrol

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper from The Dalles patrolled the Whitehorse Unit for five days in early September. Many antelope hunters, Trout Creek Traditional Archery hunters, and sage grouse hunters were checked throughout the week. Some minor license violations were addressed.



A successful hunter shows off the tail feathers of a legally harvested male sage grouse to a Fish and Wildlife Sergeant in the Trout Creek Mountains.

Subjects Admit Shooting from Vehicle

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles received a complaint from the White River Wildlife Area manager regarding people shooting from a motor vehicle. Troopers responded to the area and located the associated vehicle. Three subjects were contacted. While speaking with them, two of the three admitted to shooting from their vehicle at squirrels and targets. There was also an empty .22 caliber casing located on the dash that was consistent with the driver shooting from the window. The two subjects both received citations for **Hunting Prohibited Area: Public Road**.

OR/CA Border Patrols

The SW Region Fish and Wildlife Pilot and several Troopers conducted an early morning flight and ground patrol on the Oregon/California border in Jackson County. The operation was scheduled to make a significant presence with the opening of California rifle season starting. Past issues brought about the need for the patrol. Ten hunters were contacted by one Trooper, no violations were observed, and all were educated on the importance of understanding where exactly they are hunting, the laws that regulate Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and crossing borders with a potential animal. An Additional 18 hunters were contacted by other Troopers. No violations were reported and the area will continue to be monitored.

Subject Self-Reports Tagging Mistake

An Albany Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to the area of Big Lake in Linn County where a subject killed a buck on the High Cascades hunt and then realized he had not redeemed his tag for the unit. The subject called dispatch and self-reported the incident. The deer meat and antlers were seized, and the subject was issued a warning for **Take Buck Deer**. The meat was donated to Lebanon Soup Kitchen, and the antlers were placed into evidence.

WILDLIFE & ENVIRONMENT



Unlawful Take of Geese - Fern Ridge Wildlife Area

An Oakridge Fish and Wildlife Trooper attended the youth pheasant hunt at Fern Ridge Wildlife Area. During the youth check in period a group of nine subjects were observed in a nearby field. Numerous Canada geese were observed flying into the field and many of them were being harvested by the subjects on the opening day of September Canada goose season. The Trooper walked over and checked the subjects later in the morning. It was discovered the group had taken 40 geese but four of the subjects checked did not have current Federal Waterfowl Stamps. The four adult subjects claimed to have each harvested their limits of five Canada geese. All four subjects were issued citations for **Unlawful Take of Geese: No Federal Waterfowl Stamp** and 20 geese were seized.

Non-Resident Caught Using Resident License/Tags

A Burns Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a complaint regarding a subject who had moved to Vancouver, Washington around December 2021 and was continuing to purchase his hunting license and tags as an Oregon resident. The Trooper contacted the subject and he stated that he still lived and worked in Oregon and had divorced his wife and she was living in Washington. The Trooper contacted the wife and she stated they were not divorced and that she was not going to lie for him anymore. The Trooper recontacted the subject and found him in a tree stand over a waterhole. The subject admitted to living in Washington and hunting with Oregon resident license and tags the last two years. He said that he harvested a mule deer buck last year. The subject also admitted applying for Oregon resident hunting licenses and tags for his older daughter in the last two years. In 2022, his daughter drew and hunted elk in the Heppner Unit, and in 2023 drew a Silvies rifle deer tag and Wenaha spike elk tag. The subject was charged with multiple counts of **Possession of Falsely Applied for License or Tag** and his bow was seized as evidence.



Poached 5x5 Bull Elk Seized

A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper received information about a subject who had taken a 5x5 bull elk on opening morning of archery season while unlawfully trespassing on Weyerhaeuser property, and did not validate his big game tag. The complainant also reported the father of the subject had tagged the bull for his son, so he could continue to hunt a large 7x8 bull elk he had spotted when he killed the 5x5 bull elk. Over the next several days cameras were placed in the area and a pattern was developed for the subject. Troopers set up a wildlife enforcement decoy (WED) in the area the subject was accessing the Weyerhaeuser property. The subject drove into the area at dark and came back out at about 7:50 AM. The subject saw the WED, stopped, got out his pickup with his bow, nocked an arrow and started his stalk. The subject then unexpectedly entered the tree line and almost stepped on one of the Troopers. The subject eventually admitted to taking a bull elk opening morning, not tagging it, not having a Weyerhaeuser permit, illegally entering the Weyerhaeuser property from an illegal road and attempting to harvest another bull elk. The subject's father had not tagged the 5x5 bull elk. The 5x5 bull elk antlers and skull were already hung in the living room and were seized along with the packaged meat and the subject's bow and arrows. The subject was criminally cited for **Hunting While Criminally Trespassing, Fail to Immediately Validate Big Game Tag, and Attempted Exceeding Bag Limit of Bull Elk.**

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



Mule Deer Buck Deadhead Seized

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper assisted the East Region Fish and Wildlife Division during the archery elk and buck deer controlled hunt in the Starkey and Ukiah hunt units. The Trooper worked the Umatilla and Wallowa Whitman National Forests and contacted over 100 hunters. Hunter contacts were well received within these hunt units as most of the area is a remote backcountry destination for many hunters. Compliance was high and harvest was low amongst those contacted. On one contact the Trooper contacted a group of subjects just as they were packing up their camp. A mule deer buck skull with antlers was displayed amongst their items. The subjects stated they had found it along with some other shed elk antlers. The Trooper determined the skull was not recently killed and explained the legality to the subjects on the possession of game parts like the mule deer deadhead. The subjects were receptive and cooperative. The Trooper seized the skull and warned the subject for **Possession of Illegally Taken Game Parts: Mule Deer Skull with Antlers**.

Subjects Caught Trying to Sell Recreational Crab

A post on social media was found with someone selling fresh cooked crab. Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Troopers arranged a meeting with the sellers. It was determined neither party involved had shellfish licenses. They gave Troopers the five cooked crabs from the social media post. Additionally, 10 live short Dungeness crab and one red rock crab were observed in the back of the vehicle in a bucket. The live crab were returned to the bay. The two subjects were educated on how to measure and the legalities of selling recreational caught animals. They were directed to the sporting goods store in the same parking lot as to a location to attain shellfish licenses. They were both issued citations for **Sale and Barter of Sport Caught Crab** and **Possession of Undersized Crab** and warned for multiple other offenses.

Subjects Take 145 Clams and 50 Snails Over Limit

Astoria and Newport Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted surveillance of clam diggers in Garibaldi during a low tide. The Troopers watched as a subject brought a bag of clams back to her car and put them in a cooler in the trunk, and then returned to digging. After finishing digging, the subject later returned to the car with another subject and two large bags of clams. The Troopers contacted the subjects and found them to be in possession of 185 clams and 70 marine snails (the daily limit is 20 clams per person and 10 snails). The subjects were both cited for **Exceed the Daily Limit of Clams**, and **Exceed the Daily Limit of Marine Invertebrates**. Troopers seized 145 clams and 50 snails.

Multiple Angling Violations Found

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River near Rainier during a commercial salmon mainstem tanglenet season, as well as the opening day of the fall recreational salmon season on the river. Numerous recreational and commercial salmon fisherman were contacted. Multiple citations and warnings were issued for **Taking Wild Commercial Coho Salmon, Fail To Sell Commercial Fish, Taking Wild Coho Salmon (recreational), Fail to Validate Harvest Card, Fail to Properly Validate Harvest Card, and Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks for Salmon**. On one contact, the Trooper contacted a commercial boat, inspected the catch in his fish hold, and found that he had two small jacks in his hold from days prior that had spoiled. The subject said that he was going to sell them and buy them back for take home, but had forgotten. On another contact, the Trooper contacted a different commercial boat, inspected the catch in his fish hold, and found that he had retained a wild Coho.

Lincoln County River Saturation Patrol

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant participated in a river saturation coordinated through the OSMB and Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. OSP teamed up with various Marine Patrol Deputies from across the state with an emphasis on boating safety and river salmon compliance. During that patrol OSP contacted 25 anglers and eight sport crabbers. One boat was contacted with three people onboard with 13 crab, nine being undersized. Only one person had a shellfish license. The two other people onboard crabbing did not have licenses and one claimed to be was using the operators recently deceased spouse's license, claiming they thought it was allowed. The operator was cited for the **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Crab** and warned for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense** and **No Shellfish License**.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



Wasted Elk Seized During Warrant Search

An OSP Detective assisted the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) with the execution of a drug related residential search warrant. During a search of the premises, a skinned elk carcass was located hanging in an outbuilding, along with a separate bull elk skull (with antlers attached). The Detective and CCSO interviewed the subject of their search warrant about the elk, and the subject admitted to killing a cow elk days prior with a rifle. The next day an Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper and a CCSO Deputy contacted the subject at the residence. The subject was interviewed, and he admitted that he had killed a cow elk in the yard of the residence five days prior. He then skinned the elk and hung it in the outbuilding, but then never salvaged any of the meat. The carcass was rotten, and not fit for human consumption. The subject also said that the separate bull elk skull was legally harvested by a friend years prior, and that he put it next to the cow carcass to make the cow appear legal. Additionally, the subject did not have a hunting license nor any type of tag, as he was suspended from hunting from a citation that the same Trooper had issued the subject in 2013 (that was never paid). The subject was cited and released criminally for **Taking Cow Elk** and **Waste of Game Mammal**. Multiple other charges were referred to the District Attorney.

Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Tag

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed multiple salmon being removed from a commercial nearshore fishing vessel in Port Orford. The Trooper contacted one of the subjects as he was cleaning the fish. The subject stated that he and two other subjects were sport fishing for Coho. The commercial fisherman who owned the boat confirmed that they were after sport Coho and had caught five fish. The first subject had not tagged his two Coho that he had caught. The other two subjects on the boat who had caught Coho had tagged their fish. The subject with the untagged Coho was issued a violation citation for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Tag**.

Clatsop County Joint Vessel Inspections

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper was contacted by Clatsop County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol, who were conducting joint vessel inspections with the US Coast Guard, and informed that a subject was contacted with a wild Chinook on the Columbia River. The Columbia River regulations at the time allowed only for the retention of hatchery Salmon. The subject had stated that the wild Chinook was caught on the Columbia River near the Skipanon River. The subject was directed back to the marina where the Trooper made contact with them. The subject admitted not knowing the regulations for the Columbia River and had been fishing the Nehalem Bay where wild Chinook are legal. The subject was issued a citation for **Take/Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Chinook Salmon**. The Chinook was seized and donated to Loaves and Fishes in Astoria.

No Albacore Landing License - Yaquina Bay

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant received a report of a commercial boat that had landed albacore tuna without the required commercial licenses or tuna landing licenses. During a boat patrol in Yaquina Bay, the Sergeant and a Trooper assisted two subjects whose small dingy capsized in the bay. After the subjects were onboard the patrol vessel and the capsized boat was in tow, it was determined they were the individuals who had landed the albacore tuna. They claimed to have not realized they needed anything more than the federal highly migratory permit when they landed the fish. They said about three days after the landing, they were contacted by the dealer to clarify what their license number was. At that time they realized they didn't have any licenses to legally sell their catch. ODFW was closed over the holiday weekend so they were unable to obtain the correct licenses until six days after the original landing. The captain of the commercial vessel at the time of landing was cited for **No Albacore Landing License**. Both individuals were also safely transported to the docks and the Trooper assisted in righting the capsized boat.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Salmon Saturation Patrols

Troopers from the Coos Bay, Gold Beach, Florence and Springfield offices conducted simultaneous boat patrols on the Coos, Coquille, Umpqua and Siuslaw Rivers checking salmon anglers. Across all rivers, about 275 anglers were contacted, a total of ten citations and 24 warnings were issued, and five wild Coho salmon were seized.

Coos River:

- Contacts: 71
- Citations: **No Valid License/Tag in Possession**
- Warnings: **No E-Tag in Possession, Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense (Youth Tag)** and various boating violations
- One voyage terminated

Coquille River:

- Contacts: 22
- Warnings: **No Valid License/Tag in Possession**

Umpqua River:

- Contacts: 104
- Citations: **Unlawful Take of Wild Coho Salmon, and Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Tag**
- Warnings: **No Valid License/Tag in Possession, Boating Violations, and Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Tag**
- Five wild Coho salmon seized

Siuslaw River:

- Contacts: 78
- Units called to assist with body recovery on the river approximately 1.5 hours in to the saturation

Columbia River Beach Angler Checks

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted angler checks on the Columbia River Beach during a popular incoming tide series. Upon making contact with numerous fisherman, only one fish had been retained along the entire beach. The fish that was retained was an adult Coho salmon just over the size of a Jack Coho salmon. The subject who retained the fish stated he didn't think he needed to "tag the small ones." The subject was educated on the regulations and requirements for tagging legal adult sized fish and was issued a citation for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**.

Subject Caught with Chinook Salmon

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper was checking salmon anglers on the Salmon River when he observed a subject return to his vehicle holding a brown paper bag with an obvious caudal fin sticking out the top and place it in the back of an SUV. While the Trooper was approaching a female subject attempted to shut the back door where the salmon was located, but too much gear was in the way for her to get the door shut. When they were asked about salmon fishing the subject told the Trooper he was just trout fishing. Once the subject was informed the Trooper had already seen the salmon in the bag the subject admitted to catching a Chinook and not having a tag. He was cited for **Take/Possession of Chinook Salmon and No Combined Angling Tag**. The Chinook was seized and donated to charity.

Suspect Seen Snagging Salmon

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper was traveling to Gold Beach when he was dispatched to a salmon snagging complaint in progress at the Winchester Bay Marina. The Trooper arrived within minutes of the complaint and contacted two subjects who were still casting spinners into the water. Both suspects initially claimed the Chinook salmon they had was hooked in the mouth. After being confronted with the obvious snag wound and being told a witness called them in they both changed their story by saying they understood the regulations to read salmon could be kept if they were hooked "gill plate forward." Both were advised that was not the case. The subject who netted the salmon was cited for **Illegal Take/Possession of Foul Hooked Fish**. The second subject was also cited for **Failure to Properly Validate Harvest Card** after the inspection of his card revealed he failed to record the day of his wild Chinook catch (he had written everything else but the date). This area allows for only five wild Chinook per year and he had already harvested three for the year.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING

Deschutes/Columbia River Patrols

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper from The Dalles worked the Heritage boat ramp on the Deschutes River before doing a boat patrol on the Columbia River near the mouth of the Deschutes. During the patrols multiple boats and anglers were contacted with eight citations and one warning being issued. Violations included **Insufficient Number of Personal Flotation Devices, Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card/Catch, Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks, Angling Prohibited Method: Two Rods, and Improper Display of Identifying Boat Numbers.** The salmon catch was moderate, and anglers were happy to see the presence of OSP in the area.

Subject Casting Over Deadline

An Albany Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed two subjects casting over the deadline on the South Santiam River near the Foster Hatchery. One of the subjects foul hooked a non-adipose fin clipped Chinook in the dorsal fin. Both subjects worked for approximately 10 minutes to bring in the snagged fish. After the subjects landed and dispatched the salmon, they were contacted. Neither subject had a combined harvest tag and retention of Chinook was closed at the time. The salmon and angling rod used were seized as evidence. Multiple criminal citations were issued to the subjects including **Take/Possession of Foul-Hooked Wild Chinook(Snagged) Fish, Angling Closed Area/Stream, and Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense.**

Siuslaw River Patrol

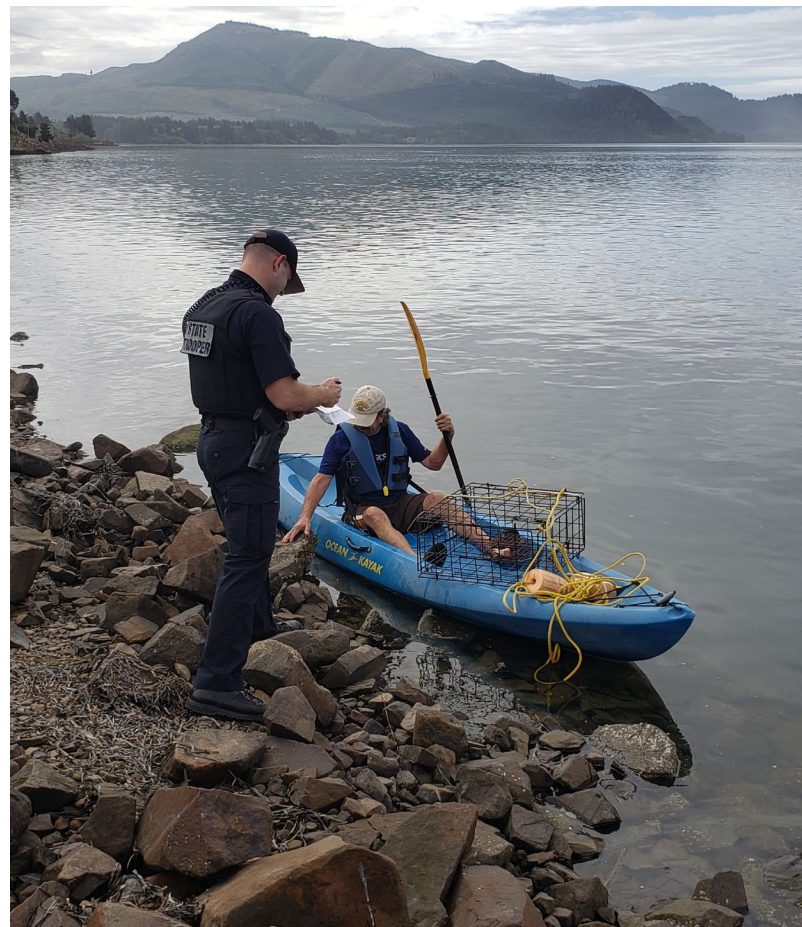
A Florence Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted anglers on the Siuslaw River. One subject who was contacted had a Coho salmon at his feet. The subject advised he had not tagged the fish at the time of contact. It was later discovered the subject did not have a valid angling license or tag. He was cited for **Unlawful Take of Coho Salmon.** The fish was donated to a local church.

Subjects Caught with Wild Coho

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to two separate calls from ODFW fish checkers at Hammond and Warrenton Marina of subjects keeping wild Coho. Retention of wild Coho is prohibited while angling in the Lower Columbia River. One subject claimed he thought the fish was a Chinook due to the large size of the fish, while another claimed he, "thought he checked the adipose fin." A citation and warning were issued for **Take/Possession of Non-Adipose Fin Clipped Coho Salmon.** Both salmon were seized and donated to the local food bank.

Eagle Creek Salmon Fishery Patrol

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles worked the salmon fishery at the mouth of Eagle Creek. While observing anglers, a subject was witnessed throwing a cigarette butt into the stream. The subject walked out and was contacted. While speaking with this subject, it was observed he was using barbed hooks as well. The subject was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks** and was warned for **Littering.** After finishing up with this subject, two more subjects were contacted back at their vehicle. One subject showed the Trooper his E-Tag and he had just validated two fish approximately five minutes prior to contact. This subject was also observed fishing prior to validating the two fish. The subject said he left his phone in his vehicle and didn't know he had to immediately tag them. He said the fish were caught thirty to forty-five minutes prior and he kept fishing to hopefully help the other subject he was with catch and retain a salmon as well. This subject received a citation for **Fail to Immediately Validate** and was warned for **Continuing to Angle.**



A Fish and Wildlife Division member checking a subject crabbing on Netarts Bay. This was a positive contact, and no violations were observed.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Multiple Agencies Join Forces on Columbia River Guide Boat Enforcement Patrol

The North Valley Fish and Wildlife Team conducted a joint operation on the Columbia River focusing on Guide Enforcement on the Columbia River from the Lewis River to Bonneville Dam. The primary focus of the patrol was to cross train amongst agencies and contact and inspect Registered Guides/Outfitters. Participants included six Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Officers with two boats, five OSP Fish and Wildlife Troopers with two boats, eight United States Coast Guard (USCG) Crew Members and Boarding Officers with one boat, two ODFW Licensing Staff Members, the Oregon State Marine Board Outfitter Guide Program Coordinator, and three Columbia County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Deputies with one boat. In total, approximately 180 anglers were contacted. 29 guide boats and 8 recreational boats were inspected. 22 warnings and 17 citations were issued varying from **Unlawful Take of Chinook to Expired Fire Extinguisher**. One Chinook was seized from a guide boat because the juvenile angler was unlicensed. One unmarked Coho was seized from a recreational angler. Both were donated to the Scappoose Senior Center.

OSP Boat #1 - St. Helens to Portland

- 58 Contacts
- 5 Warnings for Incomplete Logbooks
- 2 Warnings for Angling Prohibited Method-Barbed Hooks

OSP Boat #2 – Portland to Bonneville

- 23 Contacts
- 2 Citations for Angling Prohibited Method-Barbed Hooks
- 1 Warning for No Merchant Mariners Credentials Onboard
- 1 Warning for No Boat Registration Onboard
- 2 Warnings for Not Wearing Type V Life Jackets

WDFW Boat #1 – St Helens to Portland

- 43 Contacts
- 1 Citation for Angling Closed Water
- 1 Warning for Unlawful Take of Unmarked Coho (seized)
- 1 Warning for No Combined Angling Tag in Possession
- 1 Warning for Angling Closed Water

WDFW Boat #2 – Portland to Bonneville

- 20 Contacts
- 1 Citation for Angling Prohibited Method and Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card

USCG Boat – St Helens to Portland

- 30 Contacts
- 1 Citation for Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card
- 1 Citation for Aiding in a Wildlife Violation to the Guide (juvenile no license) (Chinook seized)
- 6 Citations for Equipment Issues
- 1 Warning for Angling Closed Water
- 2 Warnings for Angling Prohibited Method-Barbed Hooks
- 1 Warning for Improperly Validating Harvest Card
- 1 Warning for Aiding in a Game Violation
- 1 Warning for Fail to Transfer Boat Title
- 1 Warning for Expired Registration
- 1 Warning for No Aquatic Invasive Species Permit

CCSO Boat – Warrior Rock Deadline to Goat Island

- 6 Contacts
- 4 Citations for Angling Closed Waters



Oregon's fish and wildlife
populations depend on us.



Turn in poachers.

Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) Cash Rewards

\$2,000 Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat & Moose
\$1,000 Elk, Deer & Antelope
\$600 Bear, Cougar & Wolf
\$300 Habitat Destruction
\$200 Illegally obtaining Oregon hunting or angling license or tags
\$200 Unlawful Lending/Borrowing Big Game Tag(s)
\$200 Game Fish & Shellfish
\$200 Game Birds or Furbearers
\$200 Spotlighting
\$200 Snagging/Attempt to Snag

ODFW Preference Points Rewards

5 Points Bighorn Sheep
5 Points Rocky Mountain Goat
5 Points Moose
5 Points Wolf
4 Points Elk
4 Points Deer
4 Points Pronghorn Antelope
4 Points Bear
4 Points Cougar

Oregon Wildlife Coalition (OWC) Cash Rewards

Birds

\$500 Hawk, Falcon, Eagle, Owl, Osprey
All other protected avian species: see category below for listed species

Mammals

\$500 Cougar, Bobcat, Beaver (public lands only), Black bears, Bighorn Sheep, Marten, Fisher, Sierra Nevada Red Fox

\$1,000 Species listed as "threatened" or "endangered" under state or federal Endangered Species Act (excludes fish) (e.g. wolf, wolverine, kit fox, red tree vole, Canada lynx, sea otter, Columbian white-tailed deer, California brown pelican, western snowy plover, California least tern, northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, short-tailed albatross, streaked horned lark, yellow billed cuckoo, leatherback sea turtle, olive ridley sea turtle, Oregon spotted frog, green sea turtle, loggerhead sea turtle)

Oregon Outfitters & Guides Association Cash Rewards

\$200 Acting as an Outfitter Guide for the Illegal Killing of Wildlife, Illegally Obtaining Oregon Hunting or Angling Licenses or Tags, or Illegally Offering to Act as an Outfitter Guide as defined in ORS 704.010 and 704.020.



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