

The Field Review



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OSP Fish and Wildlife Division Enforces Commercial/Shellfish Regulations

The patrol vessel Guardian, crewed by Sr. Tpr. Herman, Tpr. Van Meter and Tpr. Brandon, patrolled the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve following multiple complaints of commercial crab gear being in the reserve. Thirty six commercial crab pots from two different Coos Bay fishing vessels were seized. One of the fishing vessels removed an additional 75 pots out of the Marine Reserve on Sunday. The skippers were contacted by Tpr. Van Meter and the investigation is continuing. Both fishing vessels will receive citations for **Commercial Crabbing Prohibited Area**.

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Sgt. Hoodenpyl and the Tillamook office were watching a commercial crab vessel which had placed crab pots in the ocean off of Manzanita in mid-December. The vessel never went back out to work the gear and did not leave the dock in Garibaldi all December and into January. Troopers Herman and O'Connor located, checked and documented the vessels crab pots in the ocean during a Guardian patrol in mid-January. On February 1st, the troopers received a call from Sgt. Hoodenpyl and the Coast Guard in Garibaldi, that the vessel had finally left the dock and had dropped additional crab pots in the ocean. Troopers Herman and O'Connor contacted the vessel and interviewed the captain and owner. Both admitted to not having fished their crab pots which they had placed in the ocean. They said they set the pots in mid-December and had not been out to fish them until January 31st. The owner was cited and released criminally for **Fail to Make a Landing of Dungeness Crab within 14 Days of Deploying Gear**. The captain was also cited and released criminally for **No Individual Commercial Fishing License**. The vessel was cited federally for numerous safety violations by the Coast Guard.

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Tpr. Herman, Tpr. O'Connor, and Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit conducted a Guardian patrol from Clatsop County to Lane County, they found multiple commercial crab violations. The troopers located a string of commercial crab pots that were set inside of the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve near Yachats. Seven commercial crab pots were seized. Upon investigation through witness statements, Vessel Monitoring System, Fish Ticket and Log Book records, the owner/operator of the fishing vessel Aquarius was cited for **Crabbing Two Crab Permits on One Vessel, Criminal Mischief 3, Obstructing the Take of Wildlife, Failure to Maintain Accurate Shellfish Logbooks** and while working on the fishing vessel Norma M; **Crabbing Prohibited Area to wit - the Cascade Head Marine Reserves**. This investigation had been ongoing since a victim and former deckhand came forward with several complaints in June 2013. The fisherman was cited and released for four misdemeanors and one violation.



Commercial / Shellfish / Sport Angling

Failure to Submit Dungeness Crab Logbook

Tpr. Brandon contacted a commercial fisherman who had not turned in his crab logbooks from the previous crab season. The subject was issued a citation for **Fail to Submit Dungeness Crab Logbook**.

Coos Bay Crabbers Take Undersized Dungeness

While checking crabbers in Coos Bay, Sr. Tpr. Harris cited one subject for **Taking Undersized Dungeness Crab x3** and warned him for **No Shellfish License**. A boat contact resulted in a subject being cited for **Taking Undersized Dungeness Crab x7** and a warning for No Certificate of Number.

Undersized Dungeness Donated to Jail

Tpr. Galusha contacted two subjects as they were crabbing from Piers End in Garibaldi. The subjects were thankful that the trooper was checking crab sizes as they believed many people were leaving with undersized crab. A consent search revealed the subjects possessed five undersized Dungeness crab. One subject took responsibility for the undersized crab and was issued a citation for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**. The crab were seized and released to the Tillamook County Jail.



Fish & Wildlife troopers checking crab pots. Photo credit: File

SPORT ANGLING

Graves Creek Citation

Sr. Tpr. Bennett was patrolling the Rogue River near Graves Creek when he contacted anglers in a drift boat. Sr. Tpr. Bennett asked the three individuals in the boat if he could check their licenses and tags. One subject presented a tag that had a 16.5" steel-head validated on that day's date. Sr. Tpr. Bennett asked to check the catch and one subject in the boat handed the fish box to another subject and opened the lid. Inside were a small hatchery trout and a small wild steelhead. The subject who tagged the steelhead stated that he had caught and retained it, he thought you could keep wild (non-adipose clipped) steelhead now below Hog

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AIS	Aquatic Invasive Species	Lt.	Lieutenant	SIU	Special Investigations Unit
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Sr.	Senior
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	OR	Oregon	SFST	Standardized Field Sobriety Test
BER	Boat Examination Report	ODF	OR Department of Forestry	SO	Sheriff's Office
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	ODFW	OR Department of Fish and Wildlife	TMA	Travel Management Area
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under BUI/DUI	ODOT	OR Department of Transportation	Tpr.	Trooper
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
DA/DDA	District Attorney/Deputy DA	OPRD	OR Parks and Recreation Department	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
DSL	Department of State Lands	PFD	Personal Flotation Device	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DWS	Driving while Suspended	Rct.	Recruit	UTL	Unable to Locate
FTA/FTP	Failure to Appear/Pay	Sgt.	Sergeant	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
IDFG	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game			WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy
LEO	Law Enforcement Officer				

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Creek. He was advised only if they are at least 24" in length. The suspect stated he's done fishing and handed over his tag. He stated that he had gotten the same kind of ticket last year or the year before higher up on the Rogue. He was issued a citation for **Unlawful Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-clipped Steelhead** and the fish was seized.

Snaggers on Chetco River Cited

Tpr. Smithers was conducting a Chetco River bank patrol due to a high number of snagging complaints near the North Fork. Tpr. Smithers watched three subjects throwing rocks into the snags of the river and then attempting to snag steelhead. Tpr. Smithers watched the subjects attempt to snag the steelhead for approximately 20 minutes. Tpr. Smithers made contact with all three subjects where it was found that one of them did not have an angling license. Two of the subjects were attempting to snag the steelhead while one was throwing rocks. One of the subjects had caught and retained a foul hooked steelhead, which was seized. The subjects were subsequently cited for **Angling without a License, Angling Prohibited Method - Snagging x2, Possession of a Foul Hooked Steelhead and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation.**



Steelhead. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by Randy Durnil

Steelhead Anglers on Private Land

While checking steelhead anglers on the North Fork Nehalem River, Tpr. Herman contacted multiple anglers that were on private property that was closed to the public. Tpr. Herman cited two of the anglers for **Angling on Private Land without Permission.**

Subject Hid Wild Steelhead in Brush

Tpr. Warwick and Tpr. Vanrenterghem observed a man walking toward his car from a distance with what appeared to be a fish. When the man was contacted he was no longer carrying the fish. Initially he denied having caught anything but eventually admitted to catching and retaining a wild steelhead that he hid in the brush when he saw the troopers. The subject was cited criminally for **Unlawful Take of Non-Adipose Fin**

Clipped Steelhead and the fish was seized and donated to charity.

Angling Closed Stream

Sr. Tpr. Stone observed a truck parked near Lookingglass Creek north of Winston. Sr. Tpr. Stone then observed two men angling (the stream is closed), one of which tossed his pole and worms in the creek when he saw the trooper slow to a stop near their truck. Upon contact, the line from the rod in the creek was visibly hung up in the berry bushes and the man was able to fish it out using his friend's rod. He told the trooper he tossed the rod because he didn't have a license and didn't want a ticket. Both men were cited for **No 2014 Angling License and Angling Closed Stream** (the rod throwing subject's 2nd Closed Stream citation).

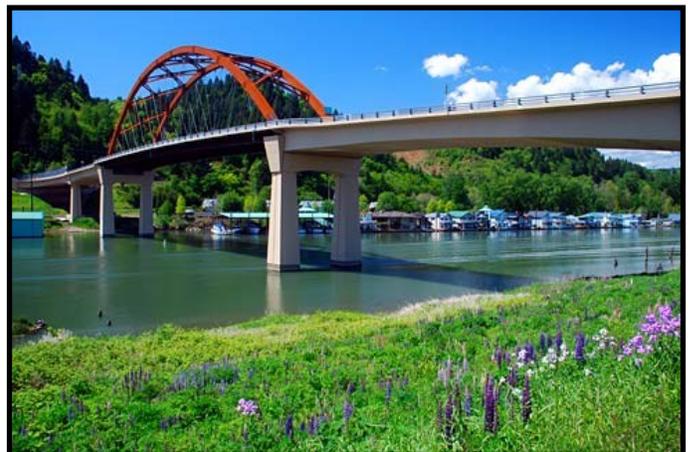
Registered Sex Offender Angling No License

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher checked an angler at Cottage Grove Reservoir who hastily reeled in and threw his rod/reel in the back of his truck when he saw the trooper approaching. The angler was a registered sex offender who had failed to report his address change. He was cited and released for **Sex Offender-Fail to Notify of Address Change (Felony) and No Angling License.**

Sauvie Island Angler Arrested

Tpr. Shimer and Tpr. Peterson conducted a boat patrol around Sauvie Island. During the patrol they approached several men angling on the shore near Scappoose. As they approached, they saw one man walked into the brush and return several seconds later. Tpr. Shimer contacted both men who stated they were angling for and hoping to retain sturgeon (which was currently closed). Neither man had a valid license or harvest card, one of the men was using two poles and the other had barbed hooks. The man who walked into the brush also had a **Felony Warrant for PCS Methamphetamine.** The warrant was con-

Sauvie Island Bridge. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by Gary Halvorson



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firmed and the subject was arrested. While in custody, the troopers questioned the man as to what he was doing in the brush. Ultimately, the man admitted to possessing and using methamphetamine and hiding it with his pipe. The troopers located a glass pipe beside a bag containing 3.5 grams of methamphetamine buried in the ground. The man was arrested for the Warrant and PCS Methamphetamine. Both men received citations for **No 2014 Angling License**.

Clear Lake Ice Anglers Exceeded Limit



Clear Lake dock. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by Gary Halvorson

While conducting angling checks in the Mt Hood National Forest, Tpr. Boeholt observed three subjects ice fishing on Clear Lake. Tpr. Boeholt contacted the subjects and found them to be in possession of 16 trout – one subject had 10 trout, and both had exceeded the daily bag limit of five. Two subjects were cited for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit -Trout** and one was cited for **No 2013 Angling License**. The excess trout were seized and donated.

Angler Failed to Validate Tag

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett received a report of an angler who had caught a steelhead while angling along the Chetco River and failed to tag it. The report came from another angler who witnessed the incident and told the subject that he was required to tag the fish before he could resume angling. Sr. Tpr. Stinnett arrived on scene about an hour later, and the angler began to tag the steelhead. The subject received a criminal citation for **Failing to Immediately Validate Harvest Tag**, due to the intentional nature of the offense.

Adult Angler Using Marijuana with Teenager

While Sr. Tpr. Stone was working the Umpqua River checking anglers he observed an adult smoking marijuana while standing next to a 13 year old male fishing. Sr. Tpr. Stone made his way to the opposite side of the river to make contact. The

adult male had eight grams of Marijuana and stated that the 13 year old "See's worse than this at school." The suspect was issued a citation for **Less than an Ounce of Marijuana** and released. A report will be sent to the district attorney and child welfare regarding endangering the juvenile.

WILDLIFE / HUNTING

Elk Tag Not Valid for Tioga Unit

Tpr. Keeler received a report from the ODFW Charleston office regarding a subject attempting to complete his mandatory hunter reporting for his General Coast first season elk tag. The subject admitted to killing a cow elk in the Tioga Unit. Tpr. Keeler contacted the subject who produced an Oregon disabilities permit and stated that he was allowed to kill a cow elk. Tpr. Keeler informed the subject that the General Coast elk tag is not valid for the Tioga Unit. The subject was cited for **Take/Possession of Game Mammal Closed Area**, and the remainder of the elk meat was seized from his residence.

4x4 Buck Dead on Private Land

Sr. Tpr. Coggins received a call from a subject in Joseph who indicated his neighbor had found a dead mule deer buck in his yard with a pellet lodged under the eye. At 2:00pm, Sr. Tpr. Coggins arrived at the residence and spoke with the owner. He told me he had observed the 4x4 mule deer buck alive at 5:00am and 7:00am this morning. The mule deer buck appeared healthy and was eating. At approximately 9:30am, the owner found the mule deer buck dead in his backyard. A necropsy on the deer indicated it had been killed by a firearm.

Ducks Shot from Public Roadway

Sr. Tpr. Love received a duck hunting complaint on Wickiup Reservoir where a subject was shooting ducks from a motor vehicle. The subject was contacted and admitted to shooting a duck from the cab of his pickup. He was issued a citation for **Shooting from a Public Roadway**.

Subject Claimed to have Shot Bigfoot

Sr. Tpr. Thompson was asked to assist the OSP Criminal Division in checking on a report that a man claimed he had shot Bigfoot. The man was deer hunting last season in the mountains outside the city of Rogue River when he thought he saw a bear and took a photograph of it. It was foggy and he thought the animal stood up and was coming after him. Believing it was Bigfoot, he shot at it and then left the area. He later posted the photograph on the internet and a concerned citizen reported it to OSP Criminal Division because the photograph looked like it could be a man in a dark coat. The hunter, who lives out of town, agreed to drive down and meet with Sr. Tpr. Thompson

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and took him to the site where this occurred. They located a tree stump that was the object the subject saw, photographed, and shot at.

Animal Dump Site Across from Golf Course

Tpr. Ring responded to an animal dump site located across from a prominent golf course where someone had dumped seven skinned beavers, four breasted out geese, and seven ducks of which four had not been cleaned. Tpr. Ring rummaged through the smelly carcasses and located evidence which led him to a subject. The subject was interviewed over the phone and Tpr. Ring gained a full confession. The subject agreed to get ahold of Tpr. Ring when he returned to the Central Oregon area and arrange a time to meet so he can be issued citations.

Disabled Veteran Permit not Ochoco Tag

Tpr. Sogge and Sgt. Lea were contacted by ODFW regarding a subject who reported taking a cow elk in the Ochoco Unit, but never drew an Ochoco Unit elk tag. The subject was contacted at his residence in Culver and confirmed he never applied for or purchased an Ochoco Unit elk tag. The subject told the troopers he could hunt in that unit with his disabled veteran permit. After numerous attempts to explain the regulations and actually reading those regulations verbatim, the subject continued to believe he was legal in taking a cow elk. The subject was subsequently cited and released for **Illegal Take/Possession of Antlerless Elk without Tag**.



Ejecting shotgun shell. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by USAF Sr. Airman Clayton Lenhardt

Trooper Assists Hunter with Plug

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell encountered a hunter in the Steens who was hunting chukars with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells. The hunter said he knew of the law and also was aware that there was no plug in the shotgun. The subject was cited and Sr. Tpr. Caldwell fashioned a stick into a shotgun plug for him.

SIWA Enforcement Saturation

Tpr. Boeholt, Tpr. Vanrenterghem, Tpr. Schoenborn and Tpr. Shimer along with USFWS Officer Barna and Officer Portwood, worked the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area (SIWA) in an enforcement saturation on January 25th and 26th. These were the last two days of the 2013-2014 duck season in the SIWA. The team's objectives were to check hunters for licenses and equipment as well as detect violators in the area who were shooting early, harvesting illegal birds and trespassing. The team worked in groups of two, contacting subjects in the north, east and west units as well as contacting several hunters on private property. Contacts were also made with subjects violating laws in angling and trespassing. Over the course of two days, 182 contacts in and around the SIWA were made, with 33 subjects in violation. Violations included, **Unlawful Take of Cormorant, Hunting Game Bird with more than Three Rounds, No Federal Duck Stamp, No 2014 Hunting License, Entering Wildlife Area without a Permit, Hunting Before/After Legal Hours, Using Barbed Hooks for Sturgeon, No Fee Parking Permit and PCS Marijuana**.

Bandon Marsh Waterfowl Violations

While checking duck hunters at Bandon Marsh, Tpr. Keeler contacted a subject who did not possess a current state waterfowl validation, nor did he have a current HIP validation. The subject was issued a citation for **No Resident Waterfowl Validation**, and he was warned for **No HIP Validation**.

Poachers Charged Multiple Times

Eagle Point Police Department (PD) served a search warrant at an Eagle Point residence to recover stolen items from a burglary at the Eagle Point High School. Tpr. Nugent and Sr. Tpr. Cushman went along with the officers from Eagle Point PD. The suspects in the burglary case are the same suspects from a deer poaching case OSP's Central Point team served a search warrant on, at the same residence, over two years ago. Charles (Doug) Cochran and his son, Christian Cochran, were the suspects from that case and were arrested for multiple misdemeanor Fish and Wildlife charges including poaching multiple trophy deer. Since then, the Central Point F&W team has caught Doug Cochran several more times, including spotlighting deer, committing burglary, and theft by receiving. He has multiple charges pending from all of OSP's cases over the last two years, but has yet to go to trial. His crime spree continues as he and his son were both arrested again by Eagle Point PD on several charges including burglary. The troopers also have several new Fish and Wildlife charges pending from the most recent search warrant to include **Unlawful Possession of Deer, and Unlawful Possession of Elk**.

Wildlife / Hunting

Waterfowl Hunter and Guide Cited

Sr. Tpr. Reel and Sgt. Thomas concluded an investigation involving a group of hunters and a waterfowl hunting guide. Investigation revealed that a group of three hunters had gone on a guided goose hunt in the Willamette Valley where they harvested several ducks and geese. One of the hunters had shot a dark breasted goose during the hunt and was upset that he had taken a Dusky. The waterfowl guide took the bird from the hunter, because he felt it was his fault for "Calling the shot" and the bird was never checked in. The hunter was subsequently cited and released for **Fail to Check in Goose**, while the guide was cited and released for **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Crime**.

Waterfowl hunting. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by USFWS



Denman Wildlife Area Citations

Sr. Tpr. Collom investigated a complaint of a young man who shot and killed 16 coots on the Denman Wildlife Area. The dead waterfowl were said to have been pushed under the ice on the ponds they were shot on and left. Sr. Tpr. Collom spoke to witnesses and the suspect and then cited the suspect for **Waste of Wildlife** and additionally for not completing a Wildlife Area Hunter Permit.

Loggers Cited for Poaching Elk

Sr. Tpr. Bean received an anonymous complaint of several loggers who had poached an elk near a logging site in the area of Crane Prairie Reservoir. As Sr. Tpr. Bean was traveling to the site, the subjects drove by him. A short time later, Sr. Tpr. Bean stopped the two subjects for a traffic infraction in La Pine. The subjects were separated and questioned. A green tarp could be seen in the rear of the SUV. The driver refused to allow Sr. Tpr. Bean to search the vehicle while remaining adamant that he was not a poacher. Sr. Tpr. Bean was able to solicit a confession from the passenger about a cow elk the driver had shot the previous week on Christmas

Eve and the driver confirmed the account of the poaching. Two boned out front shoulders were concealed under the tarp. Sr. Tpr. Bean followed the subjects back to the residence where 24 packages of meat were seized along with a shotgun. Both were cited for **Illegal Taking/Possession Elk**.

28 Ducks Left to Waste

Sr. Tpr. Niehus and Rct. Michaels followed up on a case of 28 ducks being illegally dumped and left to waste. When confronted with the evidence against him, the subject confessed to dumping the ducks. The subject was cited for **Offensive Littering** and **Waste of Game Birds**.

Mallard Shot Moments Before Legal Hours

Tpr. Shimer was in the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area before legal shooting hours observing waterfowl hunters. During this time, Tpr. Shimer observed a group of three hunters all shoot at and hit a duck several minutes



Mallard duck. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by Kitkatcrazy

before legal shooting hours. The men were contacted and admitted they knew it was too early to shoot, but could not pass up a shot at a mallard duck. The duck was seized, two men were cited for **Bird Hunting Prohibited Hours**, and the third man was cited for **Unlawful Take of a Game Bird**.

Felon Poached Elk, Taken to NORCOR

A male subject was seen shooting at some elk on private property while standing in the middle of a public roadway. The male subject drove onto the private property and loaded the elk whole into his vehicle. Then, he drove to his residence where he was contacted while skinning the elk. He told Sr. Tpr. Routson that the female (who was with him) had shot the elk. The female subject had a valid cow tag for the controlled hunt area that the elk was killed at. Upon investigation, both subjects who were with the male subject at the time the elk was killed said that the he was the one who shot and killed the elk. Sr. Tpr. Routson found the shooter was a convicted felon and the firearm used to kill the elk had the serial number filed off. The felon was lodged at NORCOR and was charged with **Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Obliterated Serial/ID Number on a Firearm, Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another, Shooting a Firearm from a Public Roadway, Taking Elk**

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with no Valid Elk Tag, and Borrowing Elk Tag. The vehicle, firearm, and elk were seized.

Troopers Working Near NV Border

Early January, Tpr. Smith and Sr. Tpr. Caldwell worked near the Nevada border checking multiple traps and contacting several chukar hunters. They issued one citation for **No Hunting License**. They also issued one citation for **Hunting Upland Birds with a Shotgun Capable of Holding More than Three Shells**. Several other warnings were issued.

Rancher Kept \$600, No Guide License

Tpr. Spencer obtained information that a rancher in the Owyhee Unit was offering guided hunts for bighorn sheep. A check of the rancher showed he was not a licensed guide in Oregon. Tpr. Spencer found the rancher successfully guided a disabled client in taking a bighorn sheep near Leslie Gulch in the Owyhee Unit. A preliminary interview was done with the client after he checked in his sheep at the ODFW office in Ontario. The client did not know or inquire if the rancher was licensed. The rancher was interviewed and admitted to taking \$600.00 from the client for assisting him with a bighorn sheep on BLM land. The rancher was cited for **Guiding without a License**.

Bobcat Trap Snags Cougar Instead



OSP trooper with cougar. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Niehus and Rct. Michaels inspected the scene and found that the snare was indeed set for a bobcat and was not intended for the cougar. The cougar was seized and the trapper warned for Taking Cougar Prohibited Method.

Hunter Cited after Wasting Elk

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher followed up on a case where a hunter reported himself for taking a spike bull elk during an antlerless only hunt in the Cottage Grove area. The hunter reported the incident five days after the fact thus the elk was not salvaged. He was cited criminally for **Unlawful Take of Bull Elk**.

Taxidermist Warned for Winter Kill Elk

While at a local taxidermist shop on a follow-up call, Sgt. Cyr located a winter kill elk head and antlers. The taxidermist and the customer were both informed of the laws regarding possession of winter kill elk head and antlers. Both were warned for Unlawful Possession of Wildlife and the elk rack was seized.

Juvenile Found Dead Buck, Put Tag on it

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher followed up on some information regarding a 17 year old archery hunter who had tagged a buck deer he had found during the late archery season. The juvenile found the dead buck while he was hunting and put his late season archery tag on it. Sr. Tpr. Maher interviewed the subject and advised him that it is unlawful to possess wildlife or parts thereof which have been found except shed antlers. The parts of the deer which he had at his residence included the antlers and meat. The parts were seized and the hunter was warned for Unlawful Possession of Found Game Mammal Parts.

OREGON STATE MARINE BOARD (OSMB)

Marine Board Warnings Issued

Sr. Tpr. Klepp worked waterfowl hunters with USFWS Agent Neumann in Clatsop County during the last weekend of the 2013/2014 duck season. They responded to two complaints and contacted a total of 37 hunters, most of which were boat contacts near the Aldrich Point Area in the Columbia River. Sr. Tpr. Klepp conducted seven BERS and issued several Marine Board warnings. One citation was issued for **Failure to Possess a Federal Waterfowl Stamp While Hunting**.

Port of Brookings Boat Patrol

Tpr. Smithers and Sr. Tpr. Stinnett conducted an ocean boat patrol from the Port of Brookings. Several warnings were given for angling license violations and for boat registration violations. One citation was issued for an **Expired Registration** and one citation was issued for **No AIS Permit**. Their boat patrol ended after they were summoned to assist with channel safety/security in the Chetco River where an attempt was made to raise a sunken 62 foot crab boat from inside the mouth of the jetty.

No AIS Permit Chetco River

Tpr. Smithers and Deputies Heath and Scherbarth conducted a drift boat patrol on the Chetco River. The patrol was geared towards photographing/documenting a section of the river where a land owner had cut down multiple alder trees near the river's edge. During the patrol numerous angling license warnings were given, and a citation was issued for **No AIS Permit**.

OSMB / Interagency Cooperation

Warnings for Marine Board Violations

Sr. Tpr. Stone and Tpr. Baimbridge conducted a drift boat patrol and two power boat patrols this week resulting in about 40 angler checks and 20 boat examination reports. Several warnings were given for Marine Board violations and one angler was warned for Failure to Closely Attend Rod.

Boat Operator Cited for Insufficient PFD's

Sr. Tpr. Vaughn and Tpr. Ring conduct shore and boat patrol at Lake Billy Chinook. Bull trout and kokanee fishermen were on the lake in good numbers. Boats and fishermen were contacted and one inspection up the Deschutes arm revealed insufficient PFD's. The boat operator was cited.



Lake Billy Chinook. Photo credit: ODOT



Lake Billy Chinook. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by Gary Halvorson

INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

Trooper Assists Lake County SO

Tpr. Tague assisted Lake County SO with a report of a man down in a hay barn. Tpr. Tague arrived with one of the deputies and determined the subject was unresponsive and no signs of life. CPR was started and the subject was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Columbia River Citations Issued

Sgt. Katzenstein and Sr. Tpr. Routson rode in the WDFW boat on the Columbia River west of Hood River and contacted 86 anglers in 26 boats. Three citations were issued, two for **Undersized Sturgeon** and one for **No Harvest Card**. Multiple warnings were issued for **No Columbia River Endorsement**, **Barbed Hook** and **No Type IV PFD**.

OSP Assists Scappoose PD

Oregon State Police (OSP), Fish and Wildlife troopers who were working saturation patrol on Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, assisted in locating a man who hit several parked vehicles in Portland and continued on Highway 30 until he ran his vehicle into the guardrail near the Sauvie Island Bridge. The subject continued for several more miles before pulling over and running from his vehicle. Scappoose Police Department and OSP troopers located the subject hiding in nearby brush. He was arrested for **Fail to Perform the Duties of a Driver** and **DUI-Controlled Substances**.

Joint Columbia River Patrol

Sgt. Katzenstein, Tpr. Jubitz and a WDFW officer conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River near Hood River. They contacted 29 boats with 80 sturgeon anglers. Two citations were written for **No Angling Harvest Card in Possession** and numerous warnings were given for minor licensing and boating violations.

Interagency Cooperation / ATV / PR

Siletz River Patrol Nets Citations

Tpr. Van Meter conducted a joint drift boat patrol with Lincoln County Marine Patrol on the Siletz River from Moonshine to the Town Loop. They contacted 17 boats, 39 boat anglers and four bank anglers. They issued three citations for **No AIS Permit** and one citation for **Possession of Mutilated Fish** for possession of filleted out steelhead.

Snowmobile Crash near Elk Lake



Snowmobiles. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by Timo Newton-Syms

Sr. Tpr. Hayes responded with the USFS to an injury snowmobile crash near Elk Lake. The injured subject got his leg caught in the track, causing his leg to go through the rollers, resulting in the subject becoming pinned. The subject was freed from the snowmobile and a splint was applied to his lower leg before being transported to Emergency Medical Services.

Subject Said Contact President Obama

Tpr. Galusha assisted the City of Tillamook at the 5th Street Boat Ramp with a subject who was claiming to be with the CIA and was ramming his vehicle into vehicles parked at the ramp. Upon contact with the subject, he told Tpr. Galusha to contact President Obama, who would explain what the subject was doing. The subject was taken into custody by Tillamook Police Department and was lodged in the Tillamook County Jail on multiple charges.

OSP & WDFW Catch Poachers

With the aid of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Officers (WDFW), Sr. Tpr. Hayes and Tpr. Bean finished the investigation of a trophy mule deer buck that was poached and left near Silver Lake in early December. WDFW Officers made contact with, and escorted one of the suspects across the border into Oregon. After a lengthy conversation, the subject admitted to being involved in killing the buck. He gave the names and phone numbers of the other suspects involved. In all, four subjects were contacted and cited for their involvement in this case. The shooter was cited for **Felon in Possession of Firearm** and **Taking Buck Deer Closed Season**. The

other three suspects were all cited for **Aiding in a Game Violation-Taking Buck Deer Closed Season**.

ATV

Huckleberry Flats, No ATV Permit

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher worked ATV enforcement at the Huckleberry Flats OHV area near Oakridge. During his four hour patrol in the area he conducted 22 ATV contacts and issued two citations for **Operating ATV without Permit/Decal**. He also warned



one ATV operator for Operating Vehicle with Obstructing Passenger. The ATV operator had a small child sitting in front of him in the operator's embrace.

ATV Operating on Highway Cited

Sr. Tpr Caldwell contacted two ATV's after watching them doing "cookies" in the middle of the county roadway. One ATV was operated by a juvenile without a helmet, the other by an adult. The adult was cited for **Operation of an ATV on a Highway** and warned for Endangering - No Helmet on the juvenile.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR)

Trooper Serves Holiday Lunches

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher participated in a volunteer lunch project at Oakridge Elementary School. Community members were asked to participate by serving a holiday lunch to students who had earned the lunch through the elementary school pride program. About 150 elementary students, grades one through six participated.

Kiwanis Club Presentation

Tpr. Van Meter and Sgt. Thompson gave an enforcement talk to 30 members of the Lincoln City Kiwanis Club. The presentation was well received and generated numerous questions.

Three Month Child Stops Breathing

Tpr. Ring responded to assist Deschutes County with a medical call for a three month old that was found not breathing. Tpr. Ring assisted with securing a landing zone for an Air Link Helicopter. Upon arrival of the helicopter, despite paramedics best attempts to revive the child, he was pronounced deceased.

General Law

KUGN AM Morning Show

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher, Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher and ODFW Biologist Brian Wolfer were on a segment of the KUGN AM 590 morning show. Topics of discussion included mandatory hunt



reporting, late season hunts, and remembering to buy a new hunting and angling license for 2014.

GENERAL LAW

Cited for DWS and No Insurance

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs and Sr. Tpr. Stone observed two subjects driving past the location of a recent elk tag violation with minor forest products in the back of a pickup. The vehicle was stopped for traffic violations and Sr. Tpr. Frerichs cited the driver for **Driving while Suspended** and **Driving Uninsured**. The driver and passenger were both warned for Offensive Littering.

Runaway Juvenile Located

Sr. Tpr. Reel (Portland), Tpr. Ferguson (Portland) and Rct. Kendall (Patrol-Portland) conducted a boat patrol on the Willamette River. Near downtown Portland they saw a raft with two occupants and no life jackets. Upon contact with the occupants, one was identified as a missing/runaway juvenile out of Portland. The troopers took custody of the juvenile, at which time they discovered a small baggie of methamphetamine in her possession. The juvenile was cited for **Possession of Methamphetamine** and released to Portland Police Bureau to be returned to the juvenile home.

Reckless Driver Stopped & Cited

Tpr. Galusha received a driving complaint from dispatch of a vehicle making bad passes and almost causing a crash. Rockaway Police located and stopped the vehicle and waited for Tpr. Galusha to arrive. Tpr. Galusha interviewed the witnesses who said the suspect vehicle had passed eight vehicles using a turn lane and almost collided with the witnesses who turned just before the suspect vehicle hit them. The witnesses then followed the suspect and called the police. The driver of the vehicle was cited and released for **Reckless Driving** and **Reckless Endangering Another Person**.

Reckless Driver in Astoria Arrested

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo was traveling to Astoria for an annual meeting when he and three other vehicles were passed in a no-passing lane. As Sr. Tpr. Turnbo attempted to stop the vehicle, it passed three more vehicles in a lighted intersection causing

oncoming traffic to swerve to avoid a collision. The vehicle failed to yield for about a mile up and over the Young's Bay Bridge and continued to drive recklessly. As the vehicle approached the turnaround at Highway 101 and Highway 202, the vehicle yielded. As Sr. Tpr. Turnbo exited his patrol truck, the subject's vehicle did a U-turn on the bridge and took off southbound. Tpr. Morgan (Astoria-Patrol), the Astoria Police Department, and Sr. Tpr. Turnbo continued to follow the vehicle southbound until it stopped near the lift bridge. Traffic was stopped and the subject was taken into custody without incident. He was lodged at the Clatsop County Jail for **DUII-Controlled Substance** and **Reckless Driving**. A consent search later by Tpr. Morgan yielded about 800 grams of Synthetic Marijuana.

Abandoned Camp & Trash, Crates Point

Sgt. Katzenstein received a complaint of an illegal camp and littering in the Crates Wildlife Area. Tpr. Jubit and Sgt. Katzenstein arrived and located the abandoned camp near Crates Point. Over a truckload of trash, old sleeping bags and part of an old tent were scattered but the illegal camper was not located. Photos were taken and ODFW was notified.



Abandoned camp. Photo credit: File

Citations for Speed Racing

Sr. Tpr. Niehus and Rct. Michaels were fueling up their patrol truck at a local gas station when they saw a vehicle accelerate very quickly and speed by them. The troopers were able to catch the vehicle and make a traffic stop. They could smell the odor of marijuana, asked the driver about it and the driver admitted to having marijuana in the vehicle. The driver consented to SFST's and passed. He was cited for **Speed Racing** and **PCS - Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**. While completing this stop, the troopers heard another car take a turn in high gear and then quickly accelerate. That vehicle was flagged over and the driver was cited for **Speed Racing** and two passengers were cited for **Fail to Wear Seatbelt**.

Semi-Truck Slid into Hood River

A semi-truck was northbound on SR 35 near MP 72 when it lost control on the icy roadway while negotiating a corner. The semi-truck slid across the southbound lanes and went over the embankment. The cab of the semi-truck came to a rest in the East

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Fork of the Hood River. The trailer took out part of the guardrail and was still hooked to the truck after it came to a rest on the embankment. The driver was not injured and the semi-truck was towed by Purdy's Towing.

Driver Arrested, BAC 0.16%

Tpr. Andrews observed a suspicious vehicle which he subsequently followed. The vehicle was weaving within its lane of travel but did not commit any violations prior to turning into a residential driveway. The trooper exited his vehicle and made contact with the individual and noted indicators of impairment. The subject consented to FSTs and probable cause for his arrest was developed. Tpr. Andrews arrested the subject and transported him to Linn County Jail where he provided a BAC of 0.16% and was charged with **DUI and Driving While Suspended - Violation**.

Drug Activity Leads to Arrest



Methamphetamine. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by Department of Justice

Tpr. Galusha contacted a vehicle in the woods that he recognized to be connected to drug activity in the past. Upon contact the driver had 30 dollars rolled up in her hand near the window and a lighter on her lap. After a brief conversation, Tpr. Galusha observed a meth pipe on the floorboard. Investigation revealed that the

subject appeared to be in the area to purchase drugs. The pipe tested positive for methamphetamine and the subject was taken into custody and lodged in the Tillamook County Jail on charges **PCS-Meth**.

Vehicle Search Uncovers Meth and Marijuana

Tpr. Freitag contacted two subjects in an SUV parked on a boat ramp near the Santiam River. While talking to the subjects, the female admitted to using marijuana the night before and said she may have a marijuana pipe in the vehicle. While she was looking for the pipe, Tpr. Freitag heard what sounded like a meth pipe clinking in her jacket pocket. When questioned about the clinking sound, she said she had change and candy in her pocket. She quickly attempted to conceal the meth pipe on the seat behind herself, but she had dropped it in open view. A search of the vehicle also revealed more meth in a box under the seat where she had been seated. A consent search of the male occupant revealed a small amount of green marijuana. The female was arrested for **PCS-Methamphetamine** and the

male was cited for **PCS less than One Ounce Marijuana**.

Peace Officer Hold Placed on Man

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs was called on a welfare check of a subject wearing a metal colander on his head walking on Interstate 5 north of Myrtle Creek. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs contacted the subject that had got back into a vehicle parked nearby. When contacted at the location, the subject displayed obvious signs of severe mental illness and attempted to start the vehicle. The subject refused to come out and it was learned that he was **DWS-Misdemeanor** and his mother had placed an attempt to locate on him several days ago. Sgt. Withers and Sr. Tpr. Moore responded to assist with two Douglas County Deputies. Several attempts to get his mother and brother to talk him out of the locked vehicle were unsuccessful. Entry was gained by a spare key and the subject resisted being placed into custody and a Taser was deployed. The subject was taken to Mercy Medical Center on a peace officer hold.

Driver Fell Asleep at Wheel

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell assisted with a serious injury crash on Highway 205 south of Burns. The vehicle had rolled over several times and the driver was ejected coming to rest 150 feet from the vehicle. Sr. Tpr. Caldwell assisted the ambulance crew with first aid. The driver was transported to Burns by ambulance and later flown to Bend. The investigation showed that the driver had fallen asleep and drifted off of the roadway.

Meth Pipes and Outstanding Warrants

Tpr. Andrews and Sgt. Thomas encountered a suspicious vehicle at a local fishing destination. While they were contacting the four subjects associated with the vehicle, one subject attempted to throw a methamphetamine pipe into the waterway. As the troopers were dealing with this subject, a separate subject began attempting to hide an additional methamphetamine pipe. Three of the subjects were arrested on outstanding **Warrants** and lodged in Linn County Jail. Additional charges of **PCS - Methamphetamine** and **Tampering with Physical Evidence** were issued.

WARRANTS

Felony Warrant Arrest

Sr. Tpr. Bennett was patrolling near Lake Selmac and observed two subjects in a pickup with a utility trailer with no trailer lights hauling firewood with no visible permit. Upon contact the driver was found to be **DWS-V** and had a **Felony Warrant**. The subject was taken into custody and lodged on the warrant. He was also cited for **DWS-V** and **Driving Uninsured**.

Warrants / Dispositions

Angler with Three Felony Warrants

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs was in the Tenmile area looking for illegal angling activity when he stopped a vehicle for traffic violations. The driver had three Felony Warrants for **Burglary 1**, **PCS-Methamphetamine** and **Possession of a Stolen Vehicle**. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs transported and lodged the subject in the Douglas County Jail.

Outstanding No Bail Felony Warrant



Deschutes County K-9. Photo credit: <http://sheriff.deschutes.org>

Sr. Tpr. Hayes observed a subject who was known to have an outstanding No Bail Felony Warrant from a previous elude in a stolen vehicle. When the subject saw Sr. Tpr. Hayes, he accelerated quickly in his vehicle and attempted to elude by jumping the car across a foot bridge and fleeing on foot. He was captured with the assistance of a Deschutes County K-9 after falling into the frozen river and a three hour foot chase. The subject was lodged at the Deschutes County Jail for **Felony and Misdemeanor Elude**, **Reckless Endangerment**, **Reckless Driving**, **Fail to Perform the Duties of a Driver**, and **Outstanding No Bail Felony Warrant**. Several packages of suspected unlawfully taken deer meat were located in the rear seat of the vehicle.

DISPOSITIONS

Judge Said "I Don't Buy Your Story"

Craig Yekel pled guilty to exceeding the bag limit of deer and to hunting from a motor vehicle. Jefferson County court sentenced Craig Yekel to:

- A lifetime ban on possessing firearms.
- A lifetime hunting suspension.
- 230 days (8 months) in jail.
- \$13,600 in restitution to ODFW
- 400 hours of community service.
- 5 years of probation.

Any probation violation will result in a 30 month prison sentence, and the Judge already put him on notice.

Deschutes County Circuit Court sentencing for Craig Yekel:

- 36 months probation "With a 28 month DOC sentence reserved for a violation of probation terms"
- 300 hours Community Service "Consecutive" to Jefferson County
- 4 months jail "Concurrent" with Jefferson County
- \$11,971.37 in fines to several recipients including ODFW
- 20 days in Deschutes County Jail, to report by 5pm after court due to lying to the judge.

Craig claimed he was shooting deer to feed hungry families, when questioned by the Judge if he wanted to stick with that story, he said "Yes". The judge said "I don't buy your story and you are going to jail today".



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