

# The Field Review

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## OSP Fish & Wildlife Division Sergeant Receives Award at 6th Superintendents Salute

The Oregon State Police Foundation Board of Trustees and Superintendent Richard Evans hosted the 6th Superintendents Salute event at the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum in McMinnville. Approximately 1800 people attended the event including employees, their families, retirees, and invited guests; making this year the highest attendance for the Superintendents Salute to date.

Several awards were presented by Superintendent Evans and Foundation board members including the **Oregon State Police Foundation Gerry Frank Employee of the Year** award. Oregon State Police, Fish and Wildlife Division Sergeant Chris Ashenfelter was the recipient of this years award.



*Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division Lt. Gifford (left), with award recipient Sergeant Ashenfelter, accompanied by his wife Michelle Ashenfelter.  
Photo credit: File*

During the past two years of his career, Sergeant Ashenfelter was a driving force as the Department swiftly moved to implementing a much-needed new Records Management System (RMS). Sergeant Ashenfelter was identified as taking a lead role in the system's development, becoming deeply involved in dealing with how the system would work for our employees and with developing policies, procedures, and forms. He devoted many hours, on and off duty, learning about the system, working directly with the vendor and other Department staff involved with the project.

In the midst of the RMS project, Sergeant Ashenfelter was selected for the Fish & Wildlife Sergeant's position at the Springfield Area Command. The Fish & Wildlife Division was his official assignment, but his day to day tasks during this project were more in line with the Law Enforcement Information Services workgroup, or the Administrative Services workgroup.

Sergeant Ashenfelter developed a training program for all of the Department's employees. He started with a Train the Trainer course and gained assistance from several people around the state, then spent over six months as the lead instructor. He is often looked at by troopers and supervisors as the 'go-to guy' to answer questions and troubleshoot problems.

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## Deer Shot in Residential Area, Hunter Warned

Tpr. Ring responded to the Sunriver area on a report of a subject who had shot a deer in a residential area and trespassed on multiple properties to track and retrieve his deer. Tpr. Ring contacted the reporting party (RP) who did not want to press charges, but instead wanted to talk to the hunter and let him know how displeased he was with his actions. Tpr. Ring contacted the hunter who stated he didn't think he had done anything wrong. Tpr. Ring explained the multiple crimes he had committed and warned the suspect for Hunting on Enclosed Lands of Another and Criminal Trespass, as none of the landowners wanted to press charges.



Four point buck. Photo credit: ODFW

## Citations for Passenger and Driver During WED Operation

Sr. Tpr. Klepp and Tpr. Herman conducted a night time deer decoy operation in Jewell, within the Saddle Mt. Unit on Oregon State Forestry land. Nine minutes after deploying the deer decoy and after legal shooting hours, two men traveling in a pickup approached it. The driver turned the vehicle towards the deer decoy, illuminating it with the vehicle headlights as the passenger exited the vehicle, grabbed his bow, knocked an arrow twice and fumbled with his equipment before hearing communication from the driver that the deer was a decoy. The passenger was cited for **Hunting Deer with the Aid of an Artificial Light**. The driver was cited for **Casting Artificial Light on Game Mammal (Deer) While Armed**.

## Pacific City Black Bear Killed and Salvaged



Black bear. Photo credit: Wikipedia

Sgt. Hoodenpyl responded to a subject who had shot and killed a black bear in Pacific City in the middle of the night. Investigation revealed that a subject was working for a rental agency and was patrolling for garbage bears. The local area has had recent problems with bears getting into garbage and spreading the trash throughout the neighborhood. This subject was going from rental to rental to ensure that bears had not gotten into their trash when he encountered a large bear with a garbage can on its side. The subject yelled and then chased the bear which then turned toward the subject, snapped its teeth and started to stand on its hind legs. The subject then shot the bear with a 12 gauge shotgun. The bear was salvaged and released to the Tillamook County Jail.

## Investigation Complete for Illegally Killed Black-tail Doe

Sr. Tpr. Reel received information about a black-tail doe illegally killed in May 2013. With the assistance of Sr. Tpr. Schoenborn, Tpr. Ferguson and Tpr. Borchers, eight witnesses were contacted and the crime scene located with physical evidence off of USFS road east of Estacada. At the conclusion of the investigation, the initial suspect was cited criminally for **Hunting Closed Season, Waste of Game Animal** and **Hunting from a Highway**. An additional suspect was developed during the investigation who was criminally cited for **Tampering with a Witness** and **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime**.



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### Abbreviations and Acronyms

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

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# Wildlife / Hunting

## TIP Leads Troopers to Unlawfully Taken Bull Elk

Sr. Tpr. Duncan and Sr. Tpr. McNeil contacted a subject regarding the unlawful take of an elk. A TIP came in that the subject had killed a bull elk with his bow and did not have an archery tag. The troopers gained a confession, gathered evidence and the subject was cited for **Unlawful Take Bull Elk - No Tag**.

## Successful WED Operation in Clatsop State Forest



OSP trooper with Wildlife Enforcement Decoy (WED). Photo credit: File

Tpr. Herman and Tpr. Warwick conducted a WED operation at night in the Clatsop state forest. The troopers watched as a vehicle approached and stopped nearby, the driver shined a spotlight at the WED as the passenger got out of the vehicle with a bow. The driver used his rangefinder to help the passenger and drove behind the passenger to keep the headlights of the vehicle on the deer. After the passenger shot an arrow at the decoy, the troopers contacted the subjects. Subsequent investi-

gation revealed that the shooter was on Felony Probation out of Multnomah County for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. The shooter was cited and released criminally for **Hunt with the Aid of Artificial Light** and his bow and arrows were seized. The driver was cited criminally for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation - Hunt with the Aid of Artificial Light**. The driver's rangefinder and large spotlight were also seized. The troopers lodged the shooter at the Clatsop County Jail on probation violations.

## Hunter Aims Bow at WED, Receives Citation

Sr. Tpr. Davis conducted a WED operation with the assistance of Sr. Tpr. Coggins and Sr. Tpr. Miller. At about 9:30pm, a hunter positioned his vehicle so that the headlights fully illuminated the decoy. The hunter got out, knocked an arrow, drew his bow to full draw and took aim at the decoy. Suddenly, the hunter put his bow away and got back into his vehicle. When he was contacted by troopers, he told them that he was just demonstrating how easy it would be to poach an animal. The hunter was issued a citation for **Hunting with the Aid of Light**.

## Bow Hunter Accidentally Kills Doe Deer

Sr. Tpr. Miller received a call from the Southern Command Center (SCC) indicating a subject had mistakenly killed a doe deer with his bow in the Chesnimnus Unit, he was camped at Coyote campground. Sr. Tpr. Miller called the phone number provided by SCC for the subject and left a message on the generic voicemail telling him to gut and skin the deer and give him a call back. The subject never called back so, the next morning Sr. Tpr. Coggins drove to Coyote campground and

found the subject in his camp. The subject told Sr. Tpr. Coggins the deer was still out in the woods where he shot it and it was unskinned and not gutted because he was not sure what to do after he called in. The subject led Sr. Tpr. Coggins to the doe deer, gutted it and at that point, Sr. Tpr. Coggins determined it was wasted. The subject was cited for **Waste of Deer** and warned for Taking Antlerless Deer Closed Season.

## Silvies Unit WED Operation Citations

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell of Burns and Sgt. Cyr of Baker City conducted two WED operations with a buck deer decoy in the Silvies Unit. In the first incident, a subject was cited for **Hunting from Roadway**, he shot the decoy twice with his bow while standing in the middle of the paved road. In the second incident, a subject was cited for **Casting Light While Armed and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana - Less than 1 Ounce**.

## Hunter Locked Behind Gate Cited for Trespass

Tpr. Van Meter received a call from a hunter stranded off Boulder creek/Slick Rock creek. He drove through an open Hancock gate and past two large "closed to entry" signs. When he came to a second signed and closed Hancock gate he decided to turn around and leave. When he got back to the initial gate, it had been closed and locked behind him. The hunter decided to camp overnight and see if someone would open the gate on Saturday morning, so he could leave and waited until Saturday night to call and get let out. Tpr. Van Meter let him out and cited for the subject for **Criminal Trespass II**.

## Quail Shot from Road No Hunting License

Sr. Tpr. Niehus and Rct. Neville responded to a call of two persons shooting quail from the road with a pellet gun. They found the subjects at a nearby residence with six dead quail in the bed of the truck they were reported to be in. One subject was cited for **Taking Game Bird Prohibited Method** and warned



Quail. Photo credit: ODFW\_Wikimedia Commons

for No Hunting License, No Up-land Game Bird Validation, Shooting from the Road, Trespassing, and Waste of Game Bird.

## Hunter Cited for Shooting 6x6 Bull Elk

Sgt. Hawkins received a complaint of shots fired at a heard of elk. After arriving at the complaint location it was found that a hunter had shot a bull elk during an antlerless muzzleloader hunt. The hunter said that he had misidentified the bull as a cow. The bull was a 6x6 bull elk which had been shot in an open field, it was seized and the hunter was cited for the incident.

## Reporting Party Leads OSP to Poaching Incident

A reporting party (RP) provided a license plate of a vehicle believed to be involved in shooting a buck with a rifle outside the West High Cascade Buck hunt boundary. Although no violation was observed, they heard a shot and saw two subjects get into

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the vehicle. Sgt. Lea responded to the scene but was unable to locate the vehicle or a kill site. The next morning, the RP located a gut pile outside the hunt boundary. Sgt. Lea responded to the registered owner's residence and obtained a full confession from the subject's hunting partner. Sr. Tpr. Vaughn and Sgt. Lea responded to the subject's residence, the forked horn buck and rifle were seized and the subject was issued a citation for **No Big Game Tag** and **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

## Father Aids in Game Violation with Son

Sgt. Hand was called at the request of Patrol Services for a complaint of late hunting. A 16 year old boy had shot a three point deer that had been standing in a residential roadway. Once hit, the deer ran from the scene going through several properties before expiring in the yard of a vacant home. Further investigation reveals the sixteen-year olds father was standing beside him and coaching him when the shot was made. The father was cited for **Aiding in a Game Violation (Hunting from a Roadway)**.

## Hunters Warned for Criminal Trespassing

Tpr. Smithers observed four vehicles parked in front of a South Coast Lumber access gate, which was locked due to the fact that the timber property was closed to all access. Tpr. Smithers hiked approximately one mile in to the property and located four subjects who all admitted that they were hunting for elk. All four subjects were warned for criminal trespass; however, one subject was issued a citation for **No Hunting License/Bow Elk Tag**.

## Pheasant Hunt Compliance Good



Dog with Pheasant. Photo credit: WDFW

Sr. Tpr. Collom worked the Denman Wildlife Area pheasant hunt over the weekend, checking about 14 hunters, issuing one citation for No Fee Pheasant Tag, one warning for No Fee Pheasant Tag, and two warnings for No Denman Wildlife Area Permit. Most of the suc-

cess for birds was within the first two hours after shooting hours. Of those that had tags, tag compliance was good as far as validations.

## Trooper Donates Deer to Eugene Mission

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher investigated a complaint of a rifle shot doe in the Simonsen Road area west of Eugene. The reporting party heard a gunshot then, saw a rifle barrel sticking out the driver's side window of an older model SUV. The suspects sped away leaving a mortally wounded doe behind. The trooper arrived and salvaged the deer which was donated to the Eugene Mission. The suspects were unable to locate in the area.

## Hunter Finds Elk Field Dressed & Tagged

Sr. Tpr. Coggins receive a call from a subject advising he had shot an elk and then left the area for four hours to make sure the elk was dead before he tried to find it. When he returned, he found the elk had been finished off by someone else, tagged, and packed away. Subject was advised the last one to stick it is the one to tag it.

## Injured Buck Referred to ODFW

Sr. Tpr. Coggins received five calls regarding a buck deer in Wallowa with an arrow through its head. The description varied from through the jaw to in the head, and several callers could tell the buck was in pain. When the troopers located the buck, it was as mobile as a normal deer, eating on private property surrounded by mules and horses. They were unable to locate the landowner and the injured deer was referred to ODFW.

## Casting Light on WED While Armed

A subject was contacted by Sr. Tpr. Caldwell after casting a light on a WED while armed with a .17 caliber rifle. During the contact, a small tin with an orange lid was observed between the subjects back and the car seat. When asked about the tin, the subject said that it contained marijuana and handed it to Sr. Tpr. Caldwell while giving him consent to open it. The subject was cited for **Possession of Less than 1 Ounce Marijuana** and **Cast Artificial Light from Motor Vehicle While Possessing Certain Weapons Prohibited**.

## Trooper Follows ATV Tracks on Horseback

Tpr. Baimbridge completed a case where a bull elk was killed on a private ranch on August 23. The case started on September 2nd when a hunter on the ranch called to report the remains of a dead bull elk and ATV tracks in the area. Due to high fire danger and the large size of the ranch, Tpr.



Oregon ATV Riders. Photo credit: USDA

Baimbridge rode his horse into the kill site and then followed the ATV tracks as they looped around the ranch and went back out a fence about a mile from the kill site. Tpr. Baimbridge learned there was a subject who had a landowner preference tag for the adjoining property. Tpr. Baimbridge contacted the suspect on September 8th who eventually admitted to shooting at the elk on the correct side of the fence and then following it onto the neighbor's ranch and killing the elk. The suspect was cited and released and the processed elk meat was seized along with the antlers.

## Archery Hunter Baiting Bears

Sr. Tpr. McNeil contacted a subject in his hunting camp following up on a complaint. The subject was archery hunting in the Desolation Unit with his family. Prior to the contact, Sr. Tpr.

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McNeil located a bear baiting station that was in close proximity to the hunting camp. After contact with the subject, Sr. Tpr. McNeil cited him for **Mechanical Broadheads** and **Unlawfully Baiting Bears**.

## Crippled Spike Bull Shot by Landowner

Sr. Tpr. Coggins received a report of a crippled spike bull on a ranch in the Chesnimnus Unit. The landowner shot the spike and called OSP to check for cause of death and potential salvage so, Sr. Tpr. Coggins and Sr. Tpr. Miller responded. The troopers noticed the spike bull was thin and there was an arrow hole in his hide. They skinned the elk and found a broadhead that had broken through the shoulder and into upper back. Since the infection was not localized around the wound, the carcass was disposed of.

## Cited For Hunting Geese Closed Season



Geese. Photo credit: Wikimedia

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher received a report of people hunting geese on Cottage Grove Reservoir the day after September goose season closed. The trooper located the subjects at a residence in Cottage Grove later in the evening. A Canada goose was seized and one of the hunters was cited (criminally) for **Hunt Geese Closed Season**.

## Hunter Turns Himself In

Sr. Tpr. Bennett received a phone call from a subject who called to turn himself in after he realized that he had unlawfully taken a cow elk in the Rogue Unit on National Forest land. This is a new rule wherein cow elk may be taken by archers in the Dixon Unit, but not on National Forest land. The hunter had learned of the violation after returned home from his hunting trip. He said that he has hunted the same area for years and tries to follow all the regulations, but he completely messed up this year. He said that he knows ignorance is no excuse. The meat was at a butcher shop and it will be seized and donated to charity with the hunter paying for the butcher fees. The hunter was warned for **Unlawful Taking of a Cow Elk on National Forest Land**.

## Pelican Carcasses Examined

Sgt. Hand responded to a small private reservoir near Bly on a complaint of pelicans being shot. Two old pelican carcasses were examined but cause of death could not be determined. It is important to note that during this drought year numerous wildlife species are struggling to survive and may be succumbing to causes other than being shot - such as disease.

## Klamath Falls Aircraft Locates Spotlights

Sr. Tpr. Bean was working with the Klamath Falls aircraft in the Fort Rock Unit. At approximately 12:30am, the plane located suspicious lights outside of a vehicle. A short time later the subjects with lights returned to their vehicle and began operating two spotlights. After a period of time, the vehicle and lights

blacked out. The vehicle had been blacked out for approximately 15 minutes when Sr. Tpr. Bean located it. In the back of the truck Sr. Tpr. Bean located a compound bow with a Maglite flashlight attached. Both occupants admitted to being out hunting to fill their bow tags. When the



Young bobcats. Photo credit: Wikimedia

aircraft first spotted them, they stated that they had attempted to shoot a bobcat with a spotlight with the bow. A consent search of the vehicle revealed several boxes of ammunition and the subjects denied having any firearms. A search of the trees and bushes adjacent to where the vehicle was located revealed a loaded 30-30 rifle. They admitted throwing the rifle out when they saw Sr. Tpr. Bean approaching. One subject was a convicted felon. Both subjects were cited for **Hunting With Aid of Artificial Light**. One was cited for **Hunting Bobcat Closed Season** and the other subject for **Aiding**. The felon was cited for **Felon in Possession of Firearm**. The bow, rifle, and two spotlights were seized. After the subjects were released, Sr. Tpr. Bean was checking the area for additional evidence that may have been discarded when he located a fresh footprint running from the scene indicating a third person had been with them. Approximately five miles down the road Sr. Tpr. Bean again contacted the subjects and they admitted that the third person had run off when Sr. Tpr. Bean approached because he thought he was wanted.

## Removing Antlers from Wasted Deer Illegal

Sr. Tpr. Bean received a complaint of a buck deer that had been shot and either lost or left. As Sr. Tpr. Bean was attempting to locate the deer, the reporting party called back and stated that somebody had now cut the antlers off the buck. Approximately 10 minutes later, Sr. Tpr. Bean stopped a truck leaving the area and observed the sawed off antlers were in the back of the truck. The subjects stated that they had nothing to do with the killing of the buck but had located the dead deer and wanted the unique antlers. The antlers were seized and both subjects were cited for **Illegal Possession of Deer Antlers**.

## Bull Elk Not Diseased, Likely Spoiled



Bull elk. Photo credit: ODFW

Tpr. Tague was called by a hunter who stated he believes the bull elk he shot had a disease. Tpr. Tague was informed by the hunter that two days earlier he had shot the bull and he spent six hours tracking until it was too dark to continue. The hunter went home and came out the next morning and found the bull at approximately 11:00am. After they started to field dress the elk, it started to smell foul. Tpr. Tague checked the bull and it appeared that the warm night and length of time the bull sat without being dressed

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out most likely caused the bull to spoil and no evidence of disease was found. The hunter retained the head and the body was disposed of.

## OSP Searching for Light Blue Pickup

Sr. Tpr. Collom was dispatched to several incidents involving archery hunters killing deer in close proximity to homes and in city limits. One large 4x4 buck was shot in the city limits of Shady Cove. Supposedly, an older lady confronted the shooter as he was dragging the buck down a gravel road in downtown Shady Cove. The lady did not get names or a license plate and did not even call it in. A neighbor heard about the incident four days later and called it in. Sr. Tpr. Collom responded and located a dry pile of blood in the gravel, and OSP is on the lookout for a smaller light blue pickup.

## Driver Cited for Casting Light While Armed

Sgt. Hoodenpyl and Sr. Tpr. Turnbo placed a night time deer decoy on USFS property near Grand Ronde. About two hours after dark, a pickup entered the set coming from the direction of the highway. At this time, it is completely dark, nearly two hours after legal shooting hours, and this vehicle is just entering the woods. The pickup came to the decoy set and the driver immediately illuminated the decoy with a spotlight. As the vehicle got closer to the decoy, the occupants became suspicious, so they were contacted by the troopers. Upon contact, the troopers found the driver in possession of a loaded pistol, the passenger had his bow release on his hand and possessed a pistol, and a loaded .243 sat between both of them. The driver was cited for **Casting Light While Armed**.

## OSP Pilot & Ground Troopers Intercept Spotlighter



OSP aircraft. Photo credit: File

Tpr. Scott Jennings, OSP pilot, flew into the Central Point area, while Sr. Tpr. Cushman, Sgt. Meyer and Sr. Tpr. Collom participated. The pilot spotted a spotlihter coming off Burnt Creek (off Dead Indian Memorial Road) at about 11:00pm and radioed to Sr.

Tpr. Collom who was a distance away off of Highway 140. The pilot followed that vehicle all the way down the highway and Sr. Tpr. Collom intercepted them right at Highway 66 and Interstate 5. If another minute had gone by, the vehicle would have been lost in Ashland. The two males admitted to spotlighting and had a .22 rifle in the back seat along with a 1,000,000 candlepower spotlight. The passenger in the vehicle was cited for **Casting an Artificial Light while Armed**.

## Bear Baiting and Multiple Violations

Sgt. Cyr, Sr. Tpr. McNeil, and Sr. Tpr. Duncan concluded an investigation into a subject that was unlawfully baiting bears and hunting them over the bait. This occurred in the Pine Creek Unit in the Halfway area. The subject was baiting with fruit, bread, syrup, and a road killed deer that he had removed from the highway. During the investigation it was also deter-

mined that the subject had falsely applied for a resident hunting license and tags. After several days of surveillance, the hunter was contacted in his blind as he was hunting over the bait. He was cited for **Hunting Black Bear Prohibited Method to wit - Use of Bait, Unlawful Possession of Deer, and Possession of Falsely Applied for - Resident Hunting License and Tags**.

## Juvenile Hunter Receives Pellet Shot to Face

Tpr. Imholt responded to a hunting accident at the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area. The youth pheasant hunt was currently going on. Two juvenile hunters shot at a pheasant and hit another juvenile hunter not in their party in the face. The victim received a single pellet in the face. It broke the skin but did not lodge in the skin. The victim and his father refused medical attention. Names and info were gathered for report to be submitted to DA for review.

## Non-Resident Cited for False Application

Tpr. Tague (with information from SIU) contacted a subject who had moved to Lakeview from California in March of this year. The subject had applied as a resident for antelope and deer hunts and purchased a combination license only offered to residents. The subject also purchased a resident elk tag. At the District Attorney's request, subject was cited for **False Application of Combination License** and his unfilled elk and deer tags seized.

## Multiple Citations Issued, Warm Springs PD Assists

Tpr. Lindberg was dispatched to a report of a subject that shot two does while trespassing on Hay Creek Ranch east of Madras. The subjects apparently fled the scene (leaving two does down on private property) after the reporting party (RP) informed them that she was calling the police. The RP



Mule deer doe. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons

provided a partially correct license plate number for a silver Dodge pickup. Troopers located shell casings at the scene which determined the deer were shot with a 17HMR rifle. Troopers worked with dispatch to locate a possible suspect vehicle license plate number and possible associated address on the Warm Springs Reservation. With the assistance of the Warm Springs Police Department, troopers subsequently located two subjects and the suspect vehicle on the Warm Springs Reservation. Both of the subjects were identified as Warm Springs tribal members, and one of the two had a Ceded Lands Bow Deer Tag. During the investigation two additional deer were located in the back of a second pick up at the suspect's residence. The shooter was cited to appear in court for **Hunting Prohibited Method-Rifle, Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass, and Shooting From or Across a Public Roadway**. Officers at the scene noted approximately 30 deer skins which were draped over fence posts at the subject's residence. Additional charges on the shooter for **Felon in Possession of**

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a **Firearm** and, (potentially) **Exceeding Bag Limit** will be forthcoming pending grand jury. The driver of the suspect vehicle was cited and released for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**. Warm Springs PD seized the rifle and charged the shooter separately with **Felon in Possession of a Firearm** and **Unlawful Possession of Deer (x2)**.

## SPORT ANGLING

### Subject Transported to Linn County Jail

Tpr. Andrews attempted to contact an individual after observing him angling illegally on Crabtree Creek. The subject attempted to flee on foot, and while doing so threw an illegally retained trout and a pouch containing his pipe used for smoking methamphetamine in the bushes along the creek. Tpr. Andrews was able to catch up to him and while attempting to place him in handcuffs the subject became resistive and was taken to the ground. During a search of his belongings an additional illegally retained trout and a user amount of methamphetamine were recovered. The subject was transported to Linn County Jail and issued citations for **PCS - Methamphetamine, Resisting Arrest, Interfering with a Peace Officer, Tampering with Physical Evidence, Unlawful Take Trout, and Prohibited Method to Wit - Angling with Bait**.

### 40 Anglers Contacted During Columbia River Patrol



Columbia River Gorge. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons

Tpr. Shimer and Tpr. Peterson conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River, out of St. Helens. The troopers contacted approximately 40 anglers and seized three illegally possessed Chinook, issuing citations for **Unlawful Taking of Non-Adipose Fin Clipped Chinook Salmon and Angling**

### Prohibited Method - Barbed Hooks.

### Anglers Far Exceeding Trout Limit Cited

Sr. Tpr. Collom worked the upper Rogue River Friday evening in an area where several over limit cases have been made. Sr. Tpr. Collom watched two anglers cleaning well over their limit of trout and when contacted they had 28 trout. Both anglers admitted to catching well over their limit as well as not having angling licenses. The only person in the group that had a license admitted to catching eight trout. Two anglers were each cited for **No Angling License** and **Exceeding Bag Limit of Trout**. In all that evening, 14 anglers were contacted with four citations for **No Angling License** and two citations for **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Trout**. Two anglers were also warned for continuing to fish after reaching their bag limit and two other anglers were warned for no angling license.

### No Angling License and UPCS Methamphetamine

Tpr. Cutsforth and Tpr. Imholt were checking anglers on the

Long Tom River and two anglers contacted said they left their angling licenses at home. A records check revealed one angler did have a current angling license and was warned for no angling license in possession, but the other angler did not have one and was cited for **No Angling License**. The other angler was also on probation for dangerous drugs and consented to a search of his tackle box which revealed a broken meth pipe - he was cited and released for **UPCS Methamphetamine**.

### Lower Chewaucan River No Angling License

While working a patrol grant, Tpr. Tague observed a small group fishing the Lower Chewaucan River. As Tpr. Tague made several passes between traffic stops he noticed two individuals in the group stop fishing. Tpr. Tague made contact with the group and determined the two individuals that were observed fishing had no nonresident angling licenses. They both were cited for **No Angling License**.

### Snagger With Outstanding Felony Warrant

Sr. Tpr. Bennett was observing salmon anglers at Finley Bend, a known snagging area on the Rogue River. While he was videotaping one subject who was attempting to snag salmon, a powerboat was observed traveling upstream passing the anglers. A couple



Rogue River. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons

of the anglers and the suspected snagger were visually and verbally upset by this. A few minutes later, the boater was traveling back down stream toward the snagger's location and the agitated snagger began moving his fishing rod as if he was going to lasso the boat. As the boat passed by, the snagger cast the line across the bow of the boat at the face of the operator. Sr. Tpr. Bennett observed the boat operator struggling to remove the line from his face, while the snaggers on the bank all got a laugh out of it. Sr. Tpr. Bennett contacted the suspect who admitted to casting out in front of the boater and possibly catching his line on the boater's fishing pole. A check through dispatch revealed the snagger to have an outstanding Felony Warrant for **PV-Abscond** out of Lane County. The subject was taken into custody and lodged on the warrant and issued citations charging him with **Recklessly Endangering Another** and **Attempting to Snag Salmon**. The next day the boat operator and a passenger were contacted on the river and gave Sr. Tpr. Bennett a statement. Both of the boaters were happy that the suspect was caught and were willing to testify.

### Rogue River Angling Restrictions Enforced

Sgt. Meyer issued several citations for anglers using bait on the Rogue River at the Hatchery Hole. The Rogue River is restricted to artificial flies only from September 1 – October 31 from Fishers Ferry Boat Ramp up to Cole Rivers Hatchery. Later, from November 1 – December 31, the Rogue River is again

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restricted to artificial flies and lures from Fishers Ferry but only up to Shady Cove. Lt. Gifford wrote three citations for **Angling with Prohibited Gear** above Fishers Ferry during the week.

## Angler Offering Sport Salmon at Local Market

Tpr. Brandon received information of a sport angler who had attempted to sell a sport caught salmon at a local fish market. The market employee reported that the angler was still insistent about selling the salmon even after he was told that the transaction would be considered unlawful. Tpr. Brandon contacted the angler at his residence and issued the subject a criminal citation for **Offering Sport Caught Salmon for Sale**.

## COMMERCIAL / MARINE FISH

### Ocean Patrol Issues Multiple Citations

Sgt. Hoodenpyl and Sr. Tpr. Turnbo conducted an ocean boat patrol from the mouth of Tillamook Bay to just south of Cape Falcon on the opening day of non-selective Coho season. During the patrol, 36 anglers on 15 boats were contacted. They issued three citations for **Angling Prohibited Method to wit - Barbed Hooks** and two citations for **No 2013 Angling Harvest Card**. They also issued five verbal warnings for **Angling Prohibited Method to wit - Barbed Hooks** and one verbal warning for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation to wit - No 2013 Angling Harvest Card**.

### Guardian Checks Commercial Salmon Trollers



Tpr. Brandon. Photo credit: File

This week Tpr. Herman, Tpr. VanMeter, Tpr. Brandon, and Rct. Brock conducted a Guardian patrol in the Coos Bay and Bandon area, focusing on commercial salmon trollers. The troopers cited and released two separate trollers for **Trolling for Salmon with More Than 4**

**Spreads Per Line**. The troopers also located a string of 17 commercial crab pots north of Coos Bay that were still fishing. The troopers pulled and documented the pots, and charges for the captain of the commercial crab vessel are pending.

### Ocean Patrols Between Bandon & Winchester Bay

Over the course of two days, Tpr. Brandon conducted ocean patrols with the crew of the Guardian between Bandon and Winchester Bay. Twenty commercial salmon trollers were boarded during this time, and two citations were issued for **Exceeding 4 Spreads Per Line**. Fourteen derelict crab pots were located during the patrol, and the suspect captain will be contacted for citation service.

### Citations Issued During Slam'n Salmon Event

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett and Tpr. Smithers conducted two boat patrols during the "Slam'n Salmon" ocean fishing derby, which occurred out of the Port of Brookings. A total of 30 boats were

checked on the ocean, and numerous anglers were also contacted shore side. Two subjects were cited for **Angling with Barbed Hooks**, five subjects were cited for **Possession of Coho Salmon**, and one subject was cited for **No Oregon Boaters' Education Card**. Numerous warnings were also given for a variety of boating and angling violations. At the same event, Sr. Tpr. Stinnett worked solo and contacted numerous anglers with the assistance of ODFW fish samplers. Sr. Tpr. Stinnett issued a total of 14 citations for **Possession of Coho salmon**. A total of 28 Coho salmon were seized during the "Slam'n Salmon" event.

### Ocean Patrol Results in Multiple Citations



Tpr. Brandon conducted an ocean patrol with the crew of the Guardian, Tpr. Herman, Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit, from Winchester Bay to Charleston. Many sport salmon anglers were contacted, and a low compliance rate was observed. Nine citations were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method/Barbed Hooks**, and five citations were issued for **Fail to Immediately Validate Angling Tag**.

Commercial patrol. Photo credit: File

## SHELLFISH

### Captain Cited for Undersized Dungeness Crab

Sgt. Hoodenpyl and Tpr. Galusha conducted a boat patrol on Nehalem Bay when the troopers saw four subjects in a boat crabbing. The troopers watched as the subjects would pull their crab pots, remove some crab from the pot, then throw the crab 30 feet into the air causing the crab to land hard on the water. Upon contact it was found that there were three adults and one juvenile in the boat and none of the subjects had shellfish licenses. Inspection of the crab inside the boat found that all 14 crab retained were undersized and had to be released. The captain of the boat said they were tourists and did not know the rules. The captain took responsibility for the crab and was subsequently cited for **Unlawful Possession Undersized Dungeness Crab** and all parties were warned for **Fail To Release Crab Unharmed** and **No Shellfish Licenses**.

### Razor Clams Seized and Donated to Charity

Sr. Tpr. Klepp contacted a man and woman standing next to their vehicle in a parking area near the 12th Avenue bridge in Seaside. Suspecting the pair were crabbing, he initiated conversation and subsequently searched the contents of their cooler which was visible inside the vehicle. Sr. Tpr. Klepp discovered 30 razor clams that were harvested the evening before on Gearhart beach. Both subjects claimed they thought the season was open and only learned of the closure from a passerby after they had dug all 30 clams. Sr. Tpr. Klepp issued one citation and one warning for **Illegal Possession of Razor Clams - Closed Season**. The clams were seized and donated to charity.

# OSMB / ATV / General Law

## OREGON STATE MARINE BOARD (OSMB)

### OSP Provides Emergency Assist

Tpr. Ring and Sr. Tpr. Hayes conducted a river float on a portion of Segment 3, of the Deschutes River near Mau-pin. During their enforcement effort they contacted/visually checked 68 rafts, most of which were guided raft trips, and found no violations. At the conclusion of the float, Tpr. Ring and Sr. Tpr. Hayes were loading their rafts when a vehicle entered the Sandy Beach Parking lot at a high rate of speed honking and with the hazard lights activated. Tpr. Ring and Sr. Tpr. Hayes quickly identified it was a medical emergency and went to assist. The troopers found a male subject who had been ejected out of a raft and landed on his head on a rock. The patient had a severe head laceration that resembled a horseshoe that was exposing approximately a four inch section of the subject's cranium, and bleeding profusely. Sr. Tpr. Hayes provided a medical bag and Tpr. Ring applied quick clot bandage to the wound, as well as four packages of curlex bandage. Tpr. Ring then applied direct pressure to the wound for approximately 15 minutes to control the bleeding until the ambulance arrived. Ambulance personnel then took the patient to a landing zone where he was airlifted to a hospital in Bend due to severe blood loss.

### Unregistered Boat Nets Citation



AIS inspection. Photo credit: USDA

Tpr. Smithers observed a subject loading a boat onto a trailer at the Port of Brookings, and he stopped the subject after he observed the subject commit a traffic violation. Tpr. Smithers learned that the subject had a suspended driver's license, and the subject had failed to reg-

ister his boat. The subject was subsequently issued a citation for **DWS-V, Driving Uninsured, and Fail to Register Oregon Boat**. The subject was warned for no Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) permit.

### Man Ignores Marine Board, Argues with OSP

A man in Jackson County had an ad on Craigslist offering to supply a drift boat and an oarsman to take anglers out fishing. The State Marine Board emailed the man and told him he was illegally guiding. The man emailed the Marine Board back and said he was not a guide because he was not supplying fishing gear or bait, just a boat and an oarsman. The Marine Board emailed him back with the ORS giving the definition of a guide and again told him he was offering illegal guide trips since the man was not a licensed guide. The man emailed back disagreeing. The emails were forwarded to Sgt. Meyer who assigned the case to Tpr. Nugent. Several days later, the ad was still posted on

Craigslist. Tpr. Nugent emailed the man and set up a fishing trip, not mentioning that he was a trooper. The man was charging \$150.00 per person. Tpr. Nugent met the man at 5:30am on Saturday, August 31, at a boat ramp on the Rogue river. Tpr. Nugent was in uniform and driving an OSP truck, he showed the man the printed out emails from him setting up the trip and also printed out emails the man received from the Marine Board warning him about illegal guiding without a license. The man tried to argue that he was charging \$25.00 less per person than the guides so he couldn't be a guide. He was cited for **Illegal Guiding without a Guide License**.

### Columbia River Patrol Clears Shipping Channels

Tpr. Shimer and Columbia County Marine Deputies conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River. During the patrol, the officers assisted several large vessels passing through the shipping channels by moving approximately 100 anchored, angling boats. Six Marine Board citations and two angling citations were issued. The patrol also resulted in a Felony Warrant arrest and a second felony arrest who was **BUII (BAC .11%)**.

## ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV)

### Trooper Warns ATV Occupants

Sr. Tpr. Bertram located a side-by-side ATV that had been going around road blockades on JWTR properties. One of the occupants of the ATV was a disabled veteran and all occupants admitted they were hunting. The occupants were warned and educated on the rules of the area.

### Collecting Arrowheads & No ATV Permit

Tpr. Tague observed six subjects on ATVs collecting arrowheads near Crump Lake. Tpr. Tague contacted them and they appeared unsure of the laws so they were educated. One received a written warning for No ATV Permit.

Flint arrowheads. Photo credit: Wikipedia



## GENERAL LAW

### Non-Injury Crash Caused by Sun in Drivers Eye

Sr. Tpr. Kreg Coggins and Sr. Tpr. Brian Miller assisted Forest Service LEO Hampe in investigating a non-injury crash on USFS road 39. The driver stated that the sun was in his eyes and he drove off the road. Sr. Tpr. Coggins and Sr. Tpr. Miller transported the elderly couple back to Joseph. The car was towed from the scene.

### Peace Officer Mental Hold for Suicide Subject

Sr. Tpr. Bennett was working archery hunters in the Chetco Unit when he observed a vehicle parked on a lower road system with its driver door opened, he believed the subject may have just taken an animal. Observations were made and it appeared the subject may have been waiting for an animal to die before he went to

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retrieve it. After over an hour had gone by, Sr. Tpr. Bennett decided to walk to the subject's vehicle and got directly behind the right rear passenger window before the subject noticed him. The subject immediately reached into the area between the front seats of the vehicle as Sr. Tpr. Bennett yelled commands to the subject to show his hands and drew down on him. The subject ignored the orders and Sr. Tpr. Bennett moved toward the front of the vehicle as the subject lifted a pill bottle in one hand and a gallon jug of water in the other, he immediately swallowed all the pills in the bottle and guzzled water from the jug. Sr. Tpr. Bennett went to the driver's door, removed the subject from the vehicle and restrained him in handcuffs. He still had some pills stuck to the side of his mouth. The subject stated he had taken between 30 to 80 Coumadin pills (blood thinners) to kill himself because he thought he had warrants and did not want to go to prison, upon checking, Sr. Tpr. Bennett found the subject was not wanted. The subject was taken to Three Rivers Hospital by Sr. Tpr. Quick and held on a Peace Officer Mental Hold.

## 2,300 lbs. of Salal Seized, No Paperwork or Permits



Salal. Photo credit: Wikipedia

Tpr. Shimer and Tpr. Peterson, while looking for elk hunters near Gunner's Lake, contacted a van leaving the area. The troopers observed a large amount of salal in the back of the van. None of the six individuals in the van had transfer paperwork or permits for picking the salal. As the troopers were confiscating the salal from the first van, a second van drove by also loaded with salal. The

individuals in the second van also did not have any paperwork or permits for transporting the salal. In all, 2,300 pounds (approx. \$3,000) of salal was seized and 11 criminal citations were issued for **Unlawful Cut/Transport Of Special Forest Products**.

## Warning for Shooting Pellet Gun Inside City Limits

Tpr. Baimbridge was called out to a report of subjects shooting and spotlighting at a pond area at the edge of Sutherlin City limits. Tpr. Baimbridge hiked in and located two males, one juvenile and an 18 year old. The subjects were shooting frogs with their blow gun and pellet gun, they were also angling for bass. The subjects were advised of the city ordinances that prohibit shooting pellet guns in city limits.

## Vehicle Found Off Road, Driver has BAC 0.17%

While traveling to Coos Bay for a Guardian patrol, Tpr. Herman came across a vehicle that had driven off of the highway south of Florence. Subsequent investigation led to Tpr. Herman arresting the driver for **DUII - Alcohol**. A half empty fifth of whiskey was found in the vehicle and the driver had a BAC of 0.17%.

## No License Plates, No Seatbelts, DWS Felon

Tpr. Shimer was patrolling the area of Pittsburg Road looking for night hunters. While driving down the road he observed a vehicle with no license plates. The lifted pickup was loaded with garbage in the back and none of the three individuals were wearing seatbelts. It was ultimately determined that the driver was **DWS Felony**, one passenger was on probation and the third passenger was a heavily intoxicated twenty-year-old. The driver was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail, his vehicle was towed, and the twenty-year-old was issued a citation for **Minor in Possession of Alcohol**.

## OSP Responds to La Pine Ranch Trespassers

Sr. Tpr. Hayes received four separate trespass complaints on a La Pine area ranch. During one complaint four suspects were located and found to be in possession of an AK-47, a bow, and marijuana. A citation was issued for **Less Than 1 Ounce Marijuana**.

## Driver Sideswipes Motorhome with Travel Trailer

Sgt. Thomas responded to a moving hit and run crash that occurred on Interstate 5 northbound at MP 248. The victim and witnesses were attempting to flag the suspect vehicle down when Sgt. Thomas overtook the vehicle and stopped it. Investigation revealed that the offending driver had sideswiped the victim's motorhome with his 26' travel trailer and then made obscene gestures to the victims and witnesses as they were attempting to flag him down. The offending driver was cited for **Fail to Perform the Duties of a Driver - Misdemeanor** and **Unlawful Lane Change**.

## Subject Arrested for Criminal Trespass II

A reporting party (RP) called the Hermiston OSP office to report a suspicious male walking north on Prindle Loop Road with no shoes on. He was unresponsive when the RP asked if he was okay. Sr. Tpr. Mark Banks and Sr. Tpr. Gardner arrived to find the subject in Cleaver's farm field. The subject would not speak or answer simple questions, only occasionally nod his head yes or no. He was arrested for **Criminal Trespass II** and lodged in the Umatilla County Jail where he was identified via fingerprints.



Hat Rock near Hermiston. Photo credit: Wikipedia

## OSP Bomb Squad Responded to Suspicious Device

Lt. Wagner assisted Crook County SO with a shooting complaint in the area of Juniper Canyon Road and Riverdance Road. After arriving at the scene, it was discovered the subjects had fled the area prior to our arrival. Further investigation revealed area public utilities had been vandalized and a suspicious device thought to be a homemade explosive was located at the scene. As a result of the investigation, members from the Oregon State Police Bomb Squad responded to the scene and rendered the suspicious device safe.

# Interagency Cooperation / PR / Warrants

## Male Subject in Joseph Interfered with 911 Call



Whitetail buck. Photo credit: Wikipedia

While investigating a report of a wasted whitetail buck outside of Joseph, Sr. Tpr. Coggins was asked to cover the Wallowa County SO on a disturbance in Joseph. The male subject was transported from the scene, and charges are pending for **Interfering with a 911 Call**. The white tail buck outside Joseph was found dead and had been shot with an arrow in the gut. The buck was wasted, and there is no suspect at this time.

## INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

### Night Saturation Patrol Joint Effort

Members from Oregon State Police, The Dalles and Pendleton Fish & Wildlife conducted a joint nighttime saturation patrol with WDFW on September 3 & 4th. As a result of the operation the following citations were issued; nine **Navigational Lights**, four **Personal Flotation Device**, two **No Tribal Id Card**, and a **Barbed Hook**. One subject was arrested for **False Information** and an **Outstanding Warrant**.

### OSP and USCG River Patrol Find High Compliance

Tpr. Brandon conducted a river patrol on the Coos River with the crew of the USCG OR-CAS, utilizing a RHI while checking sport salmon anglers. Approximately 32 boats were checked. There were a few minor warnings issued for boating and angling violations. Overall, compliance was high.



Rigid hull inflatable (RHI). Photo credit: File

### OSP and USCG Handle Boating Altercation

Sgt. Hoodenpyl responded to Garibaldi Marina where the USCG reported that two boats had gotten into an altercation on Tillamook Bay which resulted in the boats hitting each other. Investigation revealed that both boats were circling each other when one boat struck the back of the other boat causing minor damage. A report will be submitted to the Tillamook County DA's office for possible charges.

### OSP & Curry County SO Seized 60 Marijuana Plants

Tpr. Smithers assisted the Curry County SO with a search warrant in Brookings, which resulted in the seizure of 60 Marijuana plants and \$20,000 in cash. Miscellaneous other illegal grow paraphernalia was seized as well.

### Hunter Education Field Day Turnout Very High

Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Tpr. Van Meter coordinated an ODFW Hunter Education Field Day. They were assisted by ODFW Hunter Education Volunteers, Lincoln County Chapter of Ore-

gon Hunters Association and Big Timber Rifle and Pistol Club. Attending the field day were 37 students from multiple counties across the state along with 20 parents observing the class with their children. This was by far the largest attendance in recent years. Oregon State Police utilized decoys, targets and a variety of props to put the students through shoot/don't shoot sceneries to make students decided not only legal actions when hunting but also ethical decisions that OSP troopers see happening consistently in the field. The course was successful with all students receiving their hunter education certification.



Hunter education training.  
Photo credit: ODFW

## PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR)

### Youth Pheasant Hunt Assist

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski assisted at the annual ODFW Youth Pheasant Hunt outside of Madras.

### OSP Helps Remove Cows from Highway

Sr. Tpr. Hayes received a complaint of criminal mischief in which a rancher fences were cut and twenty five cows were released onto the highway. Assistance provided to remove the cows from the highway. No suspects have been identified.

## WARRANTS

### Fugitive from Another State Arrested

Troopers contacted a subject while he was commercial fishing on the Columbia River just east of Celilo. Upon contact, the subject did not have his tribal ID card and told the troopers his name was Nathan Roy, date of birth 6-23-86. Tpr. Frazier ran that name through dispatch and found he was unable to locate (UTL). The troopers advised him that they would follow him back to Celilo to verify his tribal enrollment. Once the troopers arrived at Celilo, the subject ran into the park and attempted to hide in his tent. They relocated the subject and were able to identify him by his tribal and Washington ID card. The subject had two outstanding Felony Warrants out of Yakima, Washington. Dispatch confirmed the warrants and the subject was placed into custody for the warrants and the charge of **False Information to a Police Officer**.

### Traffic Stop Uncovers Two Outstanding Warrants

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs stopped a vehicle traveling westbound on SR 138 East for minor traffic violations. The female operator was found to have two outstanding warrants for her arrest out of Douglas County. She was transported to the Douglas County Jail and lodged.

### Chiloquin Fight Results in Warrant Arrest

Sr. Tpr. Niehus and Rct. Neville backed up patrol troopers on a fight in Chiloquin involving approximately 20 juveniles. Sr.

# Dispositions

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Tpr. Niehus found one of the involved subjects, an adult, hiding near the rear of a house. That subject was arrested by patrol on an outstanding warrant for a **Probation Violation** and for an **Assault** the day before.

## Traffic Stop Results in Felony Warrant Arrest

Sr. Tpr. Stone stopped a U-Haul Truck and red four door SUV while northbound on Interstate 5 for traffic violations. Both vehicles were stopped for traffic violations and occupants identified. One of the female passengers held two felony warrants out of Coos County. She was arrested and transported to Douglas County Jail where she was lodged. A local canine handler and patrol sergeant assisted, resulting in citations for **Unlawful Possession Marijuana Less 1 oz.** and **Driving While Suspended.**

## DISPOSITIONS

### Felon Sentenced after Additional Hunting Violations

In November 2012, the Mid-Coast Fish & Wildlife team conducted an action plan focused on the unlawful take of Antlerless Elk in the Trask and Wilson Units. During the course of the action plan, several WED Operations were conducted in Tillamook, Yamhill, and Washington counties. During one WED operation the troopers used several antlerless elk decoys as well as a 6x6 bull elk in a spike only unit. Several hours into the operation a vehicle stopped and several hunters got out. One subject instructed the hunters to shoot the bull. Upon contact, the hunter that told everyone to shoot the illegal bull was identified as a known violator of fish and wildlife laws and a known Felon. He was taken into custody and lodged at the Washington County Jail for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm** and **Unlawful Take of an Elk**. On September 17, 2013 the subject plead guilty to both charges. An enhancement trial was conducted and the Washington County Circuit Court Judge found the subject guilty due to the fact that prior sanctions (previous fish & wildlife violations) have not deterred the individual from his conduct. The subject was sentenced to:

**13 months in Prison**

**2 years' post-prison supervision**

**Lifetime hunting license suspension**

**Forfeiture of the rifle used**

**\$300 fine**

**No contact with the other shooter for 3 years.**

### Elk Taken from Vehicle During Cow Only Hunt

In February 2013, Sr. Tpr. Turnbo responded to a complaint of a subject that had shot a spike during a cow only hunt. The reporting party also stated that the subject had been hunting from his vehicle. After a subsequent investigation the hunter was cited for **Unlawful Taking of Elk** and **Hunting from a Motor Vehicle**. The elk was salvaged and given to charity. On September 19, 2013 the subject plead in guilty in the Yamhill County Circuit Court to the charges and was sentenced to:

**3 years bench probation**

**3 year suspension of hunting privileges**

**\$1500 restitution**

**\$500 to TIP fund**

**No offensive contact with the Reporting Party and no contact with property owned by the Reporting Party.**

**\$500 fine**

### Salmon Snagging Near Cedar Creek Fish Hatchery

Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers cited two men Friday after receiving reports they were snagging Chinook salmon in Three Rivers near Hebo in Tillamook County. The area where the complaints were reported is near the Cedar Creek Fish Hatchery (<http://bit.ly/1dT46T8>) where fish are pooled up for hatchery production.

According to Sgt. Todd Hoodenpyl, on September 6, 2013, OSP received two angling complaints of snagging Chinook salmon near the hatchery. A landowner filmed the two suspects as they snagged salmon using a hand line and treble hook, but before an OSP Fish & Wildlife (F&W) trooper could make contact, the two suspects left the scene.

Information regarding the suspects and their vehicle was provided to OSP troopers and area law enforcement agencies. An OSP Patrol Services Division trooper out of McMinnville spotted the suspect vehicle on Highway 18 near milepost 28 and stopped it. The OSP F&W trooper from Tillamook who was responding to the original complaint went to the traffic stop scene to continue the investigation.

Subsequent investigation and search led to the discovery of eight Chinook salmon in a cooler covered by clothing. The two suspects were identified as Fernando Patricio-Medina, age 30, and Christian Patricio-Avila, age 30, both from Tualatin. They were cited and released to appear on the following charges:

**Trespassing on a Fish Weir**

**Angling Closed Stream (2 counts)**

**Angling Prohibited Method to wit: Snagging (9 counts)**

**Aiding in a Wildlife Crime**

**Unlawful Taking of Chinook Salmon to wit: Closed Stream (9 counts)**

"We appreciate the help of local residents to help identify and find these two suspects," said Hoodenpyl. "This is a great case as we had received a complaint of these subjects being on Three Rivers snagging fish earlier in the week." \*News Release from Oregon State Police, Posted on Flash Alert: September 8th, 2013 10:12am.

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