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Waterways Patrolled to Protect Oregon's Trout Species and Salmonid Smolts

In addition to monitoring compliance of the larger salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, and marine fish, troopers work to protect smaller fish species, such as trout. Did you know Oregon has **eight** species of trout, both native (rainbow, redband, coastal cutthroat, westslope cutthroat, and bull) and introduced (brook, brown, and lake)? To protect native trout species and salmonid smolts, ODFW has set special regulations in certain areas, such as restrictions regarding bait and retention. To enhance the long-term health of and protect all trout species, troopers routinely patrol Oregon's lakes, rivers, and streams. The following are a few of April's trout cases:

Tpr. Clement (Salem) was checking anglers at the E.E. Wilson Pond when he received an anonymous report that someone had caught more than their daily limit. He contacted the suspect and a second angler who had each caught five trout and were still angling. Clement cited both subjects for **Continuing to Angle after Retaining Limit—Trout**. He cited another angler during the patrol for **No Angling License**.

Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) and Tpr. Macy (Patrol) responded to the 203 pond in Baker City regarding several subjects cleaning fish and throwing the entrails into the pond. When they contacted four subjects associated with the report, they located 52 trout in a cooler the group was communally using. The investigation resulted in the troopers citing two subjects for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Trout** and **Disposal of Fish Carcasses in Waterway**, a third subject for **Continuing to Angle after Retaining Daily Bag Limit** and **No Wildlife Transportation Receipt**, and a fourth subject for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Trout** and **No Wildlife Transportation Receipt** and seizing 28 trout as evidence.



Anglers exceeded the limit of trout in Baker City. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) conducted a nine-hour boat patrol on Odell Lake, starting at 4:30 a.m. During the patrol, they checked 91 anglers and conducted 24 boat examinations and found a high compliance rate. They issued only two citations for **No Angling License** and one for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Lake Trout**. Odell Lake has a 30-inch minimum length limit for lake trout.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) checked an angler on the McKenzie River below Leaburg Dam where the current regulations were artificial flies and lures only and no retention of fish. He watched the angler land a native redband trout and put it on a stringer. Upon contact, he found the angler was also using worms. Boyd cited the angler for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait** and released the trout. A short time later, Boyd cited three anglers above Leaburg Dam for **Angling Closed Area**.

In early April, Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) observed an angler illegally using bait on the Row River below Dorena Dam. When he made his way around to the angler's location, he observed the angler removing three trout attached to a line in the stream. As the angler lifted the trout up, the line (small-diameter fishing line) broke and the trout fell into the river. The angler scrambled around and retrieved two of the trout (13- and 18-inch rainbows) as the third slipped away from him. The angler then brought his catch up the bank where the trooper greeted him. Maher cited the angler for **Unlawful Take of Trout**, warned him for using bait, and seized the trout as evidence. Prior to April 28, the Row River below Dorena Dam is catch-and-release and artificial flies-and-lures only.

Tpr. Warwick (Astoria) responded to a complaint at Haldeman Pond on Sauvie Island where a group of anglers reportedly might have kept a few fish over the daily limit of five per person. While checking anglers, Warwick witnessed a subject on the other side of the pond grab a bucket and throw it deep into a blackberry bramble. He contacted the subject and his two companions several minutes later with three limits of trout on a stringer. When asked about the bucket in the brush, the subjects initially denied having ditched it. Eventually, one subject admitted to throwing the bucket, because he saw Warwick and knew he retained more than his limit. The subject waded deep into the blackberries to retrieve the bucket, and Warwick found 13 trout inside it. A second subject in the group was carrying a very tightly stretched backpack but denied having any fish inside. When this subject consented to a search, Warwick could feel several trout in the backpack. The subject retrieved a plastic bag with five trout and said there were no more fish in the backpack. Warwick again felt the bag and was able to feel more fish inside. The subject retrieved a second plastic bag with seven more trout inside. At this point, Warwick followed the subjects to their vehicles. A search of the two vehicles revealed a cooler in each with a large amount of trout, despite all the subjects saying they had no more fish. Warwick cited all three subjects criminally for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Trout** and seized 54 trout as evidence.

Dispositions / General Law

Dispositions Received

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) investigated a subject who falsely applied for and obtained resident licenses and tags and killed a deer. The subject pled guilty to Unlawful Take of Deer—No Valid Tag, False Application for Resident Hunting License, and False Application for Resident Deer Tag. The court sentenced the subject to 36 months bench probation, 120 hours community service, \$972 to court, \$800 restitution to ODFW, 36 months hunting license suspension, and forfeit his hunting rifle.



Large buck observed while conducting a patrol. Photo credit: File

Tpr. Ritter and Tpr. McClay (John Day) investigated a subject who shot a large 4 x 4 buck during the 2011 Murderers Creek rifle elk hunt, sawed off its antlers, and left the deer to go to waste. Their investigation resulted in charging the suspect with Taking Buck Deer Closed Season, Waste of Wildlife, Illegal Possession of Buck Deer Parts, Hunting from Public Roadway, and Hunting Bear without a Valid Used or Unused Elk Tag and lodging him in jail. The troopers were able to salvage the deer. One day before his trial, the suspect pled guilty to Taking Buck Deer Closed Season and Waste of Wildlife, and the court dismissed the other charges. The court sentenced the suspect to 36 months hunting license suspension, \$7,500 restitution to ODFW, \$500 restitution to the TIP program, \$125 restitution to OSP for cut and wrap fees, \$295 other fines and fees, 80 hours community service, and 36 months supervised probation.

Suspects Caught in Prohibited Areas

A rancher contacted Sr. Tpr. Vanderwerf (The Dalles) after he located a vehicle stuck in his wheat field. Vanderwerf contacted the vehicle owner as he returned to get his vehicle out. Vanderwerf cited the subject for **Criminal Trespass II** and **Criminal Mischief II**.

Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) received a report from a landowner regarding several subjects who tore up his field with their vehicles. Some kids were overheard talking about it at a local high school, and Kipper contacted them. They admitted to damaging the field with their trucks. Kipper cited the violators for **Criminal Trespass II** and **Criminal Mischief II**.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (McMinnville) was working anglers on the Willamette River when he found a subject operating an ATV on closed OPRD property near Wheatland Ferry. Upon contact, the operator presented him with an Oregon identification card since his driving privileges were suspended. The operator was warned for Trespass and was subsequently cited for **Operation of Class I ATV without Driving Privileges**.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (McMinnville) responded to a complaint of a vehicle parked on Longview Fiber Property. He located a gate that had been damaged and, a short time later, located the suspect vehicle unoccupied. After a search of the area, he located two subjects camping in a tent in a nearby clear-cut. The male subject admitted to tearing the gate open. Sr. Tpr. Carlson (Patrol) responded to assist. Turnbo cited both subjects for **Criminal Trespass II** and the male subject who tore the gate open additionally for **Criminal Mischief III**. Carlson also lodged the male subject in jail for **Parole Violation** and an arrest **warrant** out of Columbia County.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) received a report about a vehicle behind the JWTR gates at Hidden Valley. He checked a camera previously set up to overlook the area and found the vehicle in question driving over a berm. Niehus drove by the registered owner's address and saw the vehicle was not there. As he was heading over toward Kingsley Field to assist Tpr. Nugent (Central Point) with an interview, he saw the suspect vehicle drive by him. Niehus was able to stop the driver and talk to him about driving behind the gates. The suspect denied being out there until Niehus was able to quote the suspect's license plate without looking at it and told him about the photos of him behind the gates. The suspect admitted to being back there only because he had to help a friend who was "stuck." Niehus cited the suspect for **Traveling in Violation of Posted Restrictions**.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

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

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Environment / General Law

Patrol and Criminal Investigations Conducted

Tpr. Andrews (Salem) contacted a group shooting on DSL property. During the contact, he learned one subject was a convicted felon. The subject admitted he had shot and handled a shotgun. Andrews cited him criminally for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm** and seized the gun.

Tpr. King (Tillamook) was working an angling closure on the Nestucca River and observed two subjects with two young children near Elk Creek. He watched the two adults as they smoked marijuana next to the children. The subjects were responsible for the children's safety. Consequently, King cited each subject for **Endangering the Welfare of a Minor**.

Tpr. Andrews (Salem) stopped a subject for a traffic violation. He noted several of the occupants appeared to be impaired by marijuana and observed additional indicators of drug use/possession, so he subsequently searched the vehicle. Tpr. Lacer (Patrol) responded and assisted in the search, resulting in locating methamphetamine and marijuana on one subject and heroin in the trunk. The troopers charged one subject with **UPCS—Methamphetamine** and **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and lodged the driver on a **Parole Violation Warrant** and for **UPCS—Heroin** and **DWS**.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) assisted the Patrol Division with a vehicle pursuit that started just north of Cave Junction with speeds up to 105 mph. The suspect drove his 4 x 4 pickup into a rural area where Bennett took over the pursuit on the muddy roads and driveways. He chased the suspect back to a connecting gravel road where the suspect hit two Patrol vehicles, placing one out of service with a broken front wheel. The second Patrol trooper pursued the suspect who drove onto a driveway and down a dirt road behind a barn. A subject who exited the vehicle tried to tell the trooper the suspect had run the other way. The skeptical trooper took the subject down at gunpoint. The subject admitted to driving the vehicle. Troopers lodged the suspect in jail for **DWS—Felony, Reckless Driving, Eluding a Police Officer, Assault**, and **UPCS—Methamphetamine**.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) responded to a report of four people drinking and being obnoxious at Fort Stevens State Park. Upon arrival, he found a male and a female hiding in the sand dunes. A records check found a no-contact order existed listing the female as the victim. The subject of the no-contact order, the victim's sister, came back toward the vehicle, and O'Connor contacted her. He found the subject had a heroin kit in the vehicle and Vicodin. O'Connor arrested the sister for **Violation of a No-Contact Order** and later forwarded a report to the DA. While taking her into custody, another subject in the group who was extremely intoxicated began yelling and screaming at her. The others were unable to calm him down, so officers took him into custody for **Disorderly Conduct II**. Warrenton PD assisted at the scene and transported the subjects to jail.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) caught up with his suspect in a metal theft who attempted to steal a broken down trailer full of scrap metal. The suspect loaded up the trailer onto his larger flatbed trailer when the victim returned with parts to fix his trailer. The suspect attempted to drive off, losing the victim's unsecured trailer and wedging his vehicle between a power pole and a cable box. Upon Bennett's arrival to the scene, the suspect and other possible suspects attempted to flee the scene. Bennett contacted the scrap metal company who knew the suspect and agreed to call in the next time the suspect was in. After receiving the phone call, Bennett contacted the suspect who admitted to taking the victim's trailer and damaging the power pole and cable box. Bennett charged the suspect with **Criminal Mischief II**, **Theft II**, and **Failure to Perform the Duties of a Driver—Misdemeanor**.

Environmental-Related Investigations Worked

Tpr. Stone and Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) worked on an Oregon Plan complaint resulting in the removal of a truckload of used drywall material from a South Umpqua tributary. The subject used the drywall for rip-rap during high water. Instead of receiving a citation for Placing Offensive Substances in a Waterway, the troopers gave the suspect two days to remove the material.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) followed up on a gold dredging complaint received regarding a pontoon-mounted dredge tied to a tree along the riverbank near residences on the Row River above Dorena Dam. Although he observed the dredge in the water, he did not find any indications present to determine if the miner had actually used the dredge. As a result, Maher did not issue an official warning, rather he discussed the regulations pertaining to dredging in that section of the river and provided education regarding potential citations and fines associated with violations.

Want more information on mining and prospecting in Oregon?

DSL Quick Facts

www.oregonstatelands.us/DSL/PERMITS/docs/placer_facts.pdf

DSL Website

www.oregonstatelands.us/DSL/PERMITS/ga_placerinfo.shtml

Unlawful Camper Found to Have Warrant

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) followed up on a report he received from a mushroom picker regarding a suspicious camp in the Salmon Creek drainage located east of Oakridge. A USFS LEO accompanied Maher during the follow-up. Maher found the male subject responsible for the camp had outstanding arrest warrants. Maher was familiar with the subject from two previous arrests. He took the subject into custody without incident and lodged the subject in jail on the **Warrants**. USFS cited the subject for Unlawful Camping more than 14 Days on the National Forest.

Wood Stolen from Wildlife Area

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) received a complaint from ODFW that unknown suspects stole about one-quarter of a cord of firewood from an enclosed outbuilding at the Murderers Creek ranch house located within the Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area. The wildlife area is closed to all entry from February 1 to April 14 each year. A review of photos taken by a trail camera set up in the area showed a pickup entering the wildlife area on April 14 with an empty pickup bed and leaving the same day with firewood in the bed. Ritter recognized the pickup as belonging to two suspects who he and Tpr. McClay (John Day) recently cited for Unlawful Entry into Wildlife Area. Ritter and McClay re-contacted the two suspects, a male and his wife, at their Dayville residence. They determined the suspects unlawfully entered the building for the purpose of stealing the wood and then they transported the wood to their residence where they used it to build a bonfire. Only one block of wood was left and subsequently seized as evidence. As a result of the investigation, the suspects were charged with **Theft III** and **Unlawful Entry into Wildlife Area**.

Wildlife / Hunting

Lengthy Investigations

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) started an investigation several months prior after seeing a social network post of a subject posing with a cougar. As a result of the investigation, Van Meter cited a Logsdan subject for **Fail to Check In Cougar**.

As a result of conducting a lengthy investigation, Sr. Tpr. McNeil and Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) cited a Baker City subject for **Unlawful Possession of Rocky Mountain Goat Skull (European Mounted)** and **Unlawful Possession of Rocky Mountain Elk Parts (5 x 5 rack)**.



Bear bait station discovered. Photo credit: File

Feral Swine Hunts Unlawfully Sold

In January 2011, Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) developed information that a subject was unlawfully offering the sale of feral swine hunts on private property in the Antelope vicinity. Two undercover troopers were referred to the suspect who arranged the illegal sale of feral swine hunts to the troopers. While meeting with the suspect to pay for and witness the unlawful sale, the troopers observed the suspect in unlawful possession of firearms as he was a convicted felon. The troopers also witnessed the suspect operate a vehicle on Hwy 218 while he had a criminally suspended driver license. The Dalles Division troopers subsequently applied for, were issued, and executed a search warrant with the assistance of Patrol Division's Lt. Shortt, Sr. Tpr. Holloran, and Sr. Tpr. Routson and Evidence Technician Williams, resulting in seizing related evidence. The troopers arrested and lodged the suspect for the crimes of **Felon in Possession of a Firearm x 5, Unlawful Possession of Antelope, Unlawful Possession of Elk, Unlawful Possession of Deer x 3, Unlawful Possession of Raptor Parts x 3, DWS x 2, and Unlawful Sale of Feral Swine Hunts x 2** and cited him for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Deer Poacher Caught

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) responded to a poached deer complaint and contacted the occupants of the residence. He obtained a consent to search and discovered a doe lying on a snow sled in a field. The deer was completely intact but was spoiled due to the amount of time since harvest. After interviewing a male subject, Boyd cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Doe Deer Closed Season and Waste of a Game Mammal—Doe Deer** and seized the pistol used to kill the deer. Boyd then learned the gun was stolen, and consequently cited the subject additionally for **Theft I** and **Unlawful Possession of a Firearm**. The firearm will be returned to the owner.



Deer poached during closed season. Photo credit: File

Bear Bait Case Resolved after Eight-Month Investigation

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls), assisted by Ret. Sr. Tpr. Bertram (Klamath Falls), completed an investigation that began fall 2011 following discovery of a bear bait station. Through surveillance and anonymous informants, the troopers identified the potential suspect who allegedly used animals and fish to bait the area. In April, the troopers found the suspect hunting bear from a tree stand over baited barrels west of Keno. The bait consisted of game fish, including salmon, steelhead, trout, and catfish; two rotting cow carcasses; moldy bread; fruit; and other substances. The troopers lodged the suspect in jail for **Hunting Bear with Bait, Waste of Game Fish, Placing Offensive Substances on Property, Hunting Prohibited Method—Expandable Broadhead, Criminal Mischief II, and DWS—Misdemeanor** and charged him also with **Unlawful Possession of Raptor Parts**. The court set the bail at \$30,000. If convicted for baiting bears, a person may lose their hunting privileges for five years for the first offense and life for the second offense.

Other Resources are Available to Assist Families

Sr. Tpr. Collom and Tpr. Nugent (Central Point) obtained from an anonymous source that an Eagle Point resident poached a deer the previous week. Upon contact with the subject at his home, Collom explained to the subject they were there concerning the deer. The subject hung his head and invited the troopers into his house and asked how much trouble he was in. He admitted he took his very young children to Salt Creek and to shooting a doe. He showed the troopers 16 packages of frozen deer meat and a .22 rifle he said he used to kill the deer. The troopers cited the subject for **Taking Deer Closed Season** and seized the meat and the rifle.

Suspects Sought Shed Antlers in Closed Wildlife Area

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) received several complaints that multiple suspects unlawfully drove into the closed Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area (Area) pulling horse trailers and used horses to hunt for shed antlers. The complainants were parked at the entrance of a main road into the Area when the suspects drove out. They had been parked there all afternoon, waiting for the Area to open at midnight (the Area is closed from February 1 to April 14). At about 8:00 p.m., Ritter and Tpr. McClay (John Day) located the suspect vehicles at a Dayville residence. They contacted a group of a dozen or so very intoxicated people standing around a bonfire behind the residence. The suspects were extremely hostile and belligerent toward them. The troopers identified several suspects and determined they had unlawfully entered the Area. The following day, Ritter, McClay, Tpr. Weaver (Patrol), and a Grant County SO deputy re-contacted the suspects. The troopers cited six suspects for **Unlawful Entry into Wildlife Area**. The suspects said they had not found any shed antlers.

Wildlife / Hunting

Injured Barn Owl Rescued

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) responded to a report of an injured owl behind a residence on Old Fort Road. He was able to locate the barn owl and hold it until a raptor rescue representative responded and took custody of the bird. The rescue delivered the owl to a facility for a medical evaluation.



Injured barn owl rescued. Photo credit: File

Goose Inadvertently Killed

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) located a farmer who was understandably hazing (or scaring) depredatory geese off his property, but unfortunately killed a white-fronted goose in the process. Hand warned the farmer for Taking Geese Closed Season and put him in touch with a local ODFW biologist for advice on hazing nuisance geese.

Subjects Owed Restitution

Tpr. Nugent (Central Point) investigated two subjects who purchased hunting/angling licenses when they owed restitution to ODFW as included as part of their sentences when convicted for prior fish and wildlife offenses. Nugent cited both subjects for **Purchasing Hunting/Angling License while Owning Restitution to ODFW.**



Juveniles Shot Ducks with Bow

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) investigated a report of two mallard ducks with crossbow bolts in them at the Lakeside County boat launch. After a couple of weeks, a witness came forward identifying two juveniles who had reportedly been seen in the area shooting a pistol crossbow. The juveniles had already been questioned about the incident, but the witness information led to further questioning. As a result of the investigation, Harris cited two 14-year-old boys for **Animal Abuse II.**

Juveniles shot ducks with crossbow (bottom left and below). Photo credit: File



Unlawful Turkey Hunting Discovered near The Dalles, Creswell, and Gold Hill

While off-duty Tpr. Ocheskey (Patrol) was scouting for a new turkey spot, he came across a trail camera set up to watch an area scattered with rolled oats and corn. Ocheskey called Tpr. Frazier (The Dalles) and reported the incident. Ocheskey and Frazier hiked back into the site, and the troopers determined turkeys had been in the area and had eaten most of the rolled oats and corn. They also found poultry pellets strung along for about 200 yards leading to the site the camera was placed. On opening morning of turkey season, Frazier and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) hiked into the baited area. They observed two subjects with bows come into the site and attempt to call over the baited area. Pearson, Frazier, and Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) contacted the subjects at their vehicle. The troopers located the trail camera in one of the subject's backpacks and determined the subjects had trespassed in order to access the bait site. The troopers charged both subjects with **Hunting Turkeys over a Baited Area** and, at the landowner's request, warned the subjects for Criminal Trespass.

On day two of turkey season, Frazier responded to a complaint of a person shooting a hen turkey on private property. Frazier contacted the suspect on the border of USFS property along with subjects hunting the private land adjacent to the federal land. After talking with all parties involved, Frazier determined the suspect shot twice at a tom turkey, missing the first time, and, in excitement of the moment, the suspect shot again, this time hitting the tom along with the hen. Frazier cited the suspect for **Taking Hen Turkey Closed Season** and, at the landowner's request, warned the subjects for Criminal Trespass.

While Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) was attending mandatory first responder training, he received a call from a landowner on Hamm Road west of Creswell. The landowner reported hearing two gunshots near his home and, when he looked down the highway, he saw a male subject loading a turkey into a pickup. The landowner provided a vehicle license plate and suspect description. After completing the training class, Maher followed up on the case and contacted the suspect at his residence in Eugene. The suspect admitted killing the turkey, but only afterward, when validating his tag, did he realize spring turkey season opened the following day. Maher cited the suspect for **Taking Turkey Closed Season** and seized the turkey and the suspect's shotgun.

Sr. Tpr. Collom and Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) received a complaint from a landowner who witnessed a drive-by turkey shooting on his property off Ramsey Canyon Road in Gold Hill. The landowner grabbed the dead hen turkey that was shot and saw the same vehicle come back with three juvenile occupants who left the scene once they realized the landowner had the bird. The landowner obtained the vehicle license plate information. Thompson proceeded to the kill site while Collom responded to the vehicle's registered owner's address. As Collom pulled up to the residence, he noticed two turkey wings and two legs on top of the vehicle's trunk. The suspects eventually came out of the house. Thompson and Collom issued citations to two different subjects, each for **Unlawful Take of Turkey—Hen and Hunting with Prohibited Weapon—.22 Caliber**, and seized two hen turkeys and the .22 rifle.

Commercial Fish / Shellfish / Marine

Leave Young Seal Pups Alone

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) received a call of a seal pup picked up and on the commercial basin docks in Brookings. Upon contact, he found a newborn seal pup with the umbilical cord still attached stressed out by its close proximity to people. Stinnett left the seal pup on the dock and asked everyone to leave the pup alone. The next day, Sr. Tpr. Johnson (Patrol) responded to the beach near the USCG station where two separate people picked up the same seal pup and placed it in their vehicles. Johnson cited both subjects for **Taking Juvenile Wildlife**, provided education on leaving young seal pups alone while presumably mothers feed, and ordered the pup released back on the beach.

Crew Member Intended to Take Fish Home

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) contacted a commercial shrimp boat offloading in Charleston. He discovered seven lingcod, all measuring less than 23 inches, and one petrale sole buried in ice in the fish hole. Keeler questioned the crew. The crew member responsible for hiding the fish stated he was not going to sell the fish; he planned on taking them home to his mother. Keeler cited the crew member for **Unlawful Possession of Commercial Fish**.



Commercial fisherman retained fish for personal use. Photo credit: File

Patrols Worked to Protect Shellfish Resources



Subject possessed almost 200 clams over the limit. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Harris and Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) patrolled Charleston and South Slough by boat. They cited one operator for **No Certificate of Number**. In another contact, they found a subject who had **203** cockle clams and one littleneck clam. The troopers cited the subject for **Exceeding the Daily Limit of Bay Clams**.

Tpr. Brandon (Coos Bay) checked sport crabbers at the Jordan boat ramp on the Coos River and found one subject using four crab rings. He cited the subject for **Exceeding Limit of Sport Crab Rings/Pots** and issued warnings for other shellfish violations.

Tpr. King (Tillamook) was working clambers on Netarts Bay when he contacted a group of clambers in possession of **65** clams over their individual daily limits. One subject said he was in charge of the group and would take responsibility for the violation. King cited the subject for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Bay Clams**, and the extra clams were returned to the bay.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) was working clam diggers on Tillamook Bay when he saw a female subject who was walking out of the clamming area into the parking lot. When she saw Hoodenpyl, she acted surprised and then turned around and rapidly walked to a male subject in the bay who was sorting clams. Upon contact, Hoodenpyl found the male subject was **71** bay clams over his daily limit and cited him for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit Bay Clams**.

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) worked Clatsop Beach. On one patrol, he cited two subjects for **Fail to Retain Razor Clams as Required**. On a second patrol, he watched a husband dig two limits of clams while his wife followed him around with a bucket. Herman cited the husband for **Unlawfully Digging Another's Clams** and seized 16 razor clams. During this patrol, he cited another for **Fail to Retain First 15 Razor Clams**. On a third patrol, within seconds of arriving, he observed a digger count his clams and then bury the four clams he dug over his limit. Herman cited the subject for **Fail to Retain First 15 Razor Clams**. During this patrol, he cited another for **Fail to Retain First 15 Razor Clams** and one for **Unlawfully Digging Another's Clams**.

Commercial Checks Resulted in Citations

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) cited a subject for **Taking Food Fish Closed Season** after he landed 187 pounds of lingcod at a local fish plant.

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) and Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) contacted and checked four shrimp boats in Charleston over a two-day period and issued only one citation for **No 2012 Commercial Fishing License**.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) monitored a commercial crab offload in Brookings and asked for the commercial licenses. The first crew member said he had a California license and was going to buy his Oregon license as soon as he got paid. The second crew member said she had a 2012 license but left it in her truck. The boat skipper used a John Doe license purchased for the boat. Stinnett warned the female for Not Having License in Possession and cited the male for **No Commercial Fishing License**.

Tpr. Peterson (Tillamook) was checking commercial crabbing vessels at Garibaldi when he encountered a vessel offloading Dungeness crab. He started measuring crab and found the load contained several undersized crab. The entire load was subsequently measured, resulting in finding the load contained 9% short crab. Some of the crab were very short and not even close to the measurement of 6 1/4 inches. Peterson cited the captain for **Unlawful Commercial Taking Undersized Dungeness Crab**.

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) completed an investigation into the theft of commercial slime eel gear out of Charleston. The suspect fishing vessels' two crew members admitted they were involved in the theft of up to 15 slime eel barrels, associated gear, and slime eels. Once the captain of the fishing vessel learned of the investigation, he left Charleston and was later located in an adjoining state. Keeler forwarded a report to the Coos County DA with charges for consideration, and the DA charged the captain with **Theft II** and **Criminal Mischief I**.

OSMB / Sport Angling

Subject Cut Line when Saw OSP

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) observed a subject in a vessel cut his line after seeing the trooper in a truck watching from a road above the Umpqua River. Upon contact, the subject initially told Stone he was just switching out bait. When Stone indicated he had been watching him for well over an hour prior to contact, the subject then admitted to using two rods. Stone cited the subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods**.

Immediately Validate

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) contacted a boat with multiple salmon anglers coming in from the Columbia River at the Westport boat ramp. The anglers had three salmon on board, none of which had been validated. The anglers claimed they did not have a pen to tag the salmon. When asked why they had kept on retaining salmon once they realized that they did not have a pen, they did not have an answer. While Herman was interviewing the anglers, one of them pulled a pen and his tag out and asked Herman if he knew the stream code for the Columbia River. Herman issued the anglers two citations for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card—Salmon** and one for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense—Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card—Salmon**.

Multiple Angling Offenses Found

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River out of St. Helens on the Department's skiff. He contacted a salmon angler in a boat using two rods. The angler claimed he was just trying to clean off his salmon lure on the second rod. Herman cited the angler for **Angling with More than One Rod/Line—Salmon**. Herman then contacted a salmon angler who was fishing from the beach of an Oregon island in the river. The angler was using two rods as well, and he tried to cut the lines off of both of the rods before Herman could check them. Unfortunately, the lines got caught up in some brush. The trooper was able to pull both the evidence in by hand. Herman learned the angler was from Washington and did not have an Oregon nonresident angling license nor a Washington license or salmon tag. Herman cited the angler for **Angling with More than One Rod/Line—Salmon and No Valid 2012 Nonresident Angling License**. Herman also cited another angler on the patrol for **Unlawful Possession of a Falsely Applied for Annual Resident Angling License**.

Boats Inspected

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) and Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) conducted a boat inspection station at a Hines sporting goods store. The courtesy inspection was advertised in the local newspaper inviting boaters to come have their boats inspected to ensure their boat was properly equipped for the 2012 boating season. From 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., the troopers inspected 16 boats. The event was well received. The troopers also made many other citizen contacts regarding fish and wildlife law and regulations. ODFW was present at the event with their AIS mobile cleaning station.



Trooper conducting boat inspection. Photo credit: File

2011 Licenses not Good in 2012

While off duty, Tpr. Shimer (St Helens) was on Trestle Beach when he observed a subject angling from the shore. The subject was sitting behind a rock and had his rod behind a tree. Shimer recognized the subject as he issued the subject a citation for angling with nine hooks two weeks prior. Shimer called Tpr. Waddell (Patrol), and the two troopers contacted the subject. The subject admitted to fishing with two rods, stating it was okay because he had two licenses, and he presented 2011 and 2012 angling licenses. Waddell issued the subject a citation for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods**.

Angler Attempted to Sang

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) walked into the back side of Cole Rivers Hatchery on the Rogue River and watched a drift boat anchored at the deadline of the outflow, a closed area, with three anglers on board. One angler was using a level wind reel and acting really nervous. Collom watched the angler cast many times up into the outflow and then immediately side jerk in an attempt to snag steelhead. After every cast, the subject would look around to see if anyone was watching. The angler snagged a steelhead, fought the fish, and lost it while he netted it. Collom later contacted the drift boat downstream at Casey State Park, and the snagger mentioned he knew why Collom was there talking to him. He admitted he was just trying to snag one of those spawning steelhead on the redds. Collom cited the angler for **Attempt to Snag and Angling Prohibited Area**.

Four Lacked AIS Permits

Over a weekend, Sr. Tpr. Stinnett and Tpr. Smithers (Gold Beach) conducted two boat patrols on the lower Rogue River, covering only the lower 10 miles of the river. The troopers checked 73 boats and contacted 196 anglers and found fair compliance. They issued four citations for **No AIS Permits** and 22 warnings for minor license-related offenses and boat violations.

Jet Boat Patrol Conducted

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) conducted a jet boat patrol on the lower McKenzie River. They contacted 41 anglers, checked 18 boats with completing 15 BERs, and checked two guides. They found a very good compliance rate during the patrol and issued only three citations, one for **No Angling License**, one for **Angling with Bait when Prohibited**, and one for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Patrol Found Good Compliance

In early April, Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) worked the Middle Fork of the Willamette River above Hills Creek Reservoir for closed season anglers. During the patrol, he issued one citation to an angler for **Angling Closed Season**. This section of the Middle Fork does not open to angling until April 28. Later in the patrol, he worked anglers and boaters at Hills Creek Reservoir. He checked 15 anglers, inspected four boats, and completed a BER during each contact.

Interagency Cooperation



Participated in Interagency Trainings

Sgt. Pond (Bend) attended the Oregon State Sheriff's Association's Deputies Academy held in Bend. Pond instructed a class on fish and wildlife enforcement to about 35 deputies.

Sgt. Pond and Tpr. Ring (Bend) assisted ODFW with training related to boat operation conducted on Wickiup Reservoir in less than ideal weather. Several different types of boats were utilized from the ODFW fleet.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) instructed at the OSMB Academy held in Jackson County as a boat instructor. Lt. Gifford (SW Region), Sgt. Meyer, and Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) all assisted with two days of scenario training on the water.

Interagency boat training at Wickiup Reservoir. Photo credit: File

OSP and BLM Conducted Patrol on Owyhee

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) and a BLM LEO conducted a whitewater patrol on the Owyhee River from Rome to Birch Creek. The focus of the patrol was enforcing the Wild and Scenic rules that apply in that section, archeological resource protection, and general wildlife and boating laws. During the patrol, they contacted 11 boats and numerous recreationalists. Duncan cited four boaters for **No AIS Permit**.

Captain Concealed Illegal Salmon

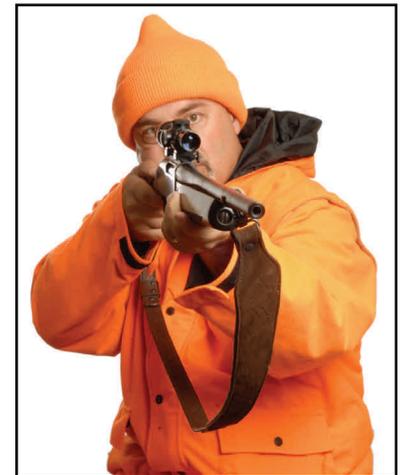
Tpr. O'Connor and Tpr. Vogel (Astoria) assisted WDFW with a case involving gillnetters who used an illegal net during the main stem tangle net fishery. Later that evening, O'Connor contacted a gillnet boat returning from the fishery. He located a nonadipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon concealed in a floor compartment under the steering station in the cab. The captain stated he decided to keep the fish, because he put it in the recovery box for a half hour and could not revive it. The trooper cited the captain for **Unlawful Possession of Commercial Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Chinook Salmon**.

Trooper Helped Catch Murder Suspect

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) responded to Chiloquin to assist the Klamath County SO (KCSO) with a stabbing. Niehus was sent to a residential address where the suspect was possibly located. When he arrived, several subjects were around a vehicle with its headlights on. The subjects blacked out the vehicle, and Niehus lit up the area with high beams. The stabbing suspect ran to the back of the property, which is bordered by Agency Lake. While awaiting backup, Niehus contained the other three subjects at the location and a fourth subject who drove up. KCSO, Tpr. Barden (Patrol), and Niehus searched the area with a dog and night vision and found where the suspect jumped into the lake, took off his clothes, and then emerged further down the lake shore on a dock. Niehus saw a pickup pull up two houses down the road and, when it left, he attempted to flag them down. The pickup continued down the road about 100 yards and stopped at the original residence. Niehus ran to the pickup, separated the suspect from the group that had come out to see if he was alright and held him at gunpoint until KCSO deputies arrived and placed the suspect into custody. The suspect was treated at the hospital for lacerations to both hands, arms, and head then lodged in jail on **Attempted Murder, Assault I, Burglary II, Criminal Mischief I, and FTA—Warrants**.

Follow Safe Firearm Practices and Be Sure of Your Target

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) responded to a Medford hospital regarding a turkey hunter who accidentally shot another turkey hunter north of the Rogue River in southern Oregon. The troopers' investigation indicated two men were turkey hunting around sunrise in the Wimer area and the victim received shotgun pellet wounds to his legs when his hunting partner shot him after a turkey flew out of its roost in a tree. The two hunters were about 70 yards apart wearing



Hunter taking aim. Photo credit: MS Office

camouflage clothing, and visibility conditions were limited because of lighting and terrain. The two hunters proceeded to their vehicle and drove to the hospital. The male victim received non-life threatening injuries and was treated and released.

Traffic Stop Resulted in Lodging Wanted Subjects

Tpr. Warwick (Astoria) stopped a subject driving a small pickup for Failure to Maintain Lane. When the driver saw the emergency lights, he took off at a high rate of speed but stopped a short distance down the road. A LEDS check of the vehicle showed it having been stolen two days prior out of the owner's driveway in St. Helens. With the assistance of Rainier PD, Warwick conducted a high risk traffic stop. The officers took both the driver and passenger into custody without incident. A search of the passenger's person revealed psilocybin mushrooms. When Warwick asked the passenger why they stopped, he said the pickup had run out of gas. The officers lodged both subjects in jail for probation violations. Additionally, Warwick charged the driver with **Possession of a Stolen Vehicle** and the passenger with **Possession of a Controlled Substance: Psilocybin Mushrooms**. The OSP dispatch center contacted the vehicle owner who came and retrieved it.

Interagency Cooperation / Public Relations

Trooper Worked Sportsman's Banquet

Sgt. Pond (Bend) attended a Sportsman's Banquet at the Highland Baptist Church in Redmond. The Trailer of Shame was provided, and several subjects who viewed the display commented on the outstanding work done by troopers to apprehend violators. Approximately 150 people viewed the display, and several youths received hunter orange hats.



Trooper worked Sportsman's Banquet (left and above). Photo credit: File

Agencies Held Q & A for Fishermen

Sgt. Thompson and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport), along with representatives from OSMB, USCG Yaquina Bay, ODFW Marine Resources Program, and Port of Newport, participated in a meeting with 18 charter captains and deckhands from Newport and Depoe Bay. The meeting was a question-and-answer opportunity between agencies and captains to address topics relating to current angling forecasts, regulations, bar cross procedures, and equipment requirements. OSMB also obtained feedback on proposed legislative changes to the OSMB charter boat rules and regulations. The meeting was highly successful for all involved to ensure understanding and consistency in enforcement and operation of the charter fleet in both ports.

Off-Duty Community Service



While off duty, Lt. Gifford (SW Region) helped out at an event entitled "Sometimes Miracles Hide." This is an annual event for subjects with severe disabilities. The individuals are assigned a buddy for three hours and enjoy a sack lunch and a variety of games and activities with their buddy's assistance. Gifford spent the day as a buddy for Justin, a young man who is living life with a great attitude despite multiple disabilities. The caregivers are treated to a banquet luncheon while listening to a keynote speaker, given very nice gift baskets, and allowed to enjoy an opportunity to get a much needed break. Many of the families involved have been coming to the event for years. The event is sponsored by "Joni and Friends," an organization founded by Joni Erickson-Tada who was paralyzed in a diving accident as a teenager.

Presentations Given and Meetings Attended

Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) assisted at the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club teaching a Hunter Education class to about 40 new Oregon hunters.

Sr. Tpr. Reid (McMinnville) conducted a presentation on hunter safety at a local Hunter Education class. Approximately 38 youth and parents attended the presentation.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) gave a presentation at a Hunter Education class in Lowell. About 15 students attended. Maher discussed hunter ethics and hunting regulations.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) instructed a wildlife enforcement class for Boy Scouts in North Plains. Subjects covered included decoy enforcement, wildlife management, and wildlife species identification. About 27 Scouts attended.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) gave a presentation at the Cattleman's Association Meeting in John Day. He went over a case he worked on over a period of three years that was successfully prosecuted with the use of human DNA. The investigation was a very high-profile case in the county and involved several suspects and a cow that had been shot. Ritter's presentation of the facts were well received and generated several positive comments.

Sgt. Hand and Ret. Sr. Tpr. Bertram (Klamath Falls) met with JWTR representatives for the monthly JWTR Access and Habitat meeting.

Sr. Tpr. Gardner (Pendleton) spoke to a local Hunter Education class. He answered several questions and also read a statement written by a convicted violator who committed violations in Umatilla County.

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) and ODFW biologists Bales and Collom attended a Klamath County Commissioners Natural Resources Advisory Committee meeting. ODFW gave an update on white-fronted and snow goose population and management. Hand gave brief testimony on the frustration level the agricultural community has with high goose populations, including three cases where landowners have shot birds out of season.



Geese in Klamath County. Photo credit: File

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