

The Field Review

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COVER STORY

Guardian Patrol

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) and Recruit Jerome (Tillamook) utilized the OSP Patrol vessel "Guardian" to patrol offshore Tillamook County, and were assisted by Sgt. Hoodenpyl and Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook). The troopers checked multiple commercial crab pots for compliance, and seized three derelict pots from the 2013-2014 commercial crab season. The three derelict pots belonged to the same vessel and the troopers found the vessel had intentionally closed the biodegradable escape opening. (A biodegradable escape is required on all commercial crab pots so should the pot be left in the ocean for an extended period of time any crab captured may escape). The pots were full of live and dead crabs.



Wildlife / Hunting

WILDLIFE / HUNTING

Pelican Suffered Injuries by a Slingshot

Tpr. Michaels (Klamath Falls) received a call about a man using a slingshot to shoot rocks at some pelicans that were attempting to land on a small pond located within a local golf course. The witness stated that one of the pelicans got hit by the rocks and landed in the pond, while the other birds flew away. The injured pelican remained in the pond until the local bird rehabber caught the bird and determined it to have a broken radius. The suspect admitted he tried to shoot the birds with his slingshot so they wouldn't land in the pond and eat the fish. The suspect was cited for **Harassing Wildlife**.



American White Pelicans: Photo by northwestbirding.com

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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

WILDLIFE

Raccoon Caught in Trap

Photo by m.runnersworld.com

Tpr. McNeil (Baker City) received a report from the city of Halfway that a raccoon was caught by a leg hold trap inside the city limits and responded to the location. Tpr. McNeil found the raccoon caught in two of three traps set in a small canal that runs through Halfway. Shortly thereafter the suspect arrived at the scene and explained that he had set the traps because the raccoon had been fighting with his cats at his residence a block away. After successfully releasing the raccoon with minor injuries the subject was cited for; **Take/Possession of Furbearer Closed Season, Trapping Within City Limits, and Trapping Prohibited Method--Unbranded Traps.** The traps were seized as evidence.



Aiding In A Game Violation



Tpr. Ocheskey (The Dalles) contacted a camp with 4 adults and 4 youth turkey hunters. Two of the youth had harvested turkeys. None of the youth were signed up under the mentored youth program and had tagged the turkeys with two of the adult tags. Two turkeys were seized and two citations were issued to two adults for **Aiding in a Game Violation.** They were told not to take the other youth out hunting without being signed up under the mentored youth program.

**2015 Statewide General Spring
Turkey Season: April 15-May 31**

Wildlife / Hunting

WILDLIFE / HUNTING

Turkey Decoy Shot

Sr. Tprs. Pearson and Frazier and Tprs. Ochsekey and Jubitz (The Dalles) ran a robotic turkey decoy operation on private property adjacent to a public roadway near Wamic in response to complaints of road hunting in the area. An adult male shot "Stanley" the decoy from the driver's seat of his vehicle while parked on the roadway. That man was cited for **Hunting from a Motor Vehicle** and (warned) for Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another and his 20 gauge shotgun was seized.



Tpr. Jubitz and "Stanley"

Stanley was named after a young man who donated a turkey he harvested to be made into a decoy.

Unlawful Use of Bait On Turkeys

Sgt. Kipper (The Dalles) conducted surveillance on an area of private timber land where someone had spread cracked corn. Around 6:20 am an elderly gentleman drove into the area and set up his turkey decoys in the middle of the area that had been baited. Upon contact, the 91 year old man admitted he had put the cracked corn out to attract turkeys but had done so more than 10 days prior. The man was educated on the baiting regulations and (warned) for Hunting Turkey over Bait.

cracked corn: Photos by www.birdlist.org



Cited for No Spring Turkey License

Sr. Tprs. Pearson and Frazier (The Dalles) were checking turkey hunters on the north/south rd. They checked a turkey hunter who ended up not having a tag. As he was making a show of searching for his tag, the open container of beer he had tried to hide in the compartment of his door tipped over and ran onto the floorboard of his vehicle and onto the ground. He was cited **No 2015 Spring Turkey Tag** and **Violation of the Open Container Law**.

Angling

SPORT ANGLING

Unlawful Possession of Sturgeon

Tpr. Peterson (St. Helens) was checking anglers at Scappoose Bay Marine Park. when he observed a subject with a sturgeon on the bank. After the subject noticed Tpr. Peterson, he put the sturgeon back into the water and started pushing it from the bank. Upon contact, Tpr. Peterson found that the sturgeon was on a stringer tied to the shore. The subject stated that he thought it was legal if the sturgeon was over 40". The sturgeon was released back into the bay and the subject was cited and released for **Take/Possession of Sturgeon Closed Season, and No Combined Angling Tag.**



Sturgeon

Unlawful Catch of Juvenile Steelhead

Sgt. Halsey (Salem) and Tpr. Andrews (Albany) observed an angler in a closed stream catch and retain a juvenile steelhead. The subject was contacted and subsequently cited for **Angling Closed Area.**



Juvenile Steelhead: Photo by lclark.edu

Exceeding Limit of Lingcod

Tpr. Smithers and Sr. Tpr. Rushton (Gold Beach) contacted 3 subjects in the Port of Brookings. During the contact the subjects were found to be in possession of 7 Lingcod, which put them over the daily limit by 1 Lingcod. 1 of the subjects was cited for **Exceeding Daily Limit Lingcod.** The Lingcod was seized and donated.

Lingcod : Photo by inversionfree.com



OSP Fish & Wildlife Zodiac Patrol

Sr. Tpr. Klepp and Tpr. Herman (Astoria) used the OSP Zodiac to patrol the lower Columbia River from Astoria to the Meager area during the 7-hour commercial tangle net season. They checked 14 commercial vessels. One skipper was cited for **Failure to Operate Live Recovery Box** after a Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Officer witnessed the skipper retrieve his net on two occasions without activating the recovery box. (*Recovery boxes are an important tool in the tangle net fishery to ensure that wild salmon are released in a healthy condition*).

Environment

ENVIRONMENT

2011 Tsunami Debris Located in Waldport

Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) was conducting an offshore patrol with the Lincoln County Marine Patrol. They received reports of a vessel off Seal Rock that may be Tsunami debris. They later located the vessel and identified it as half of a commercial vessel that was consistent with Tsunami debris. There were numerous fish identified as Yellowtail Jack Fish swimming in the open fish hold. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) was contacted and responded to the location of the vessel and contracted with a fishing vessel to have it towed to Newport for further study.



Tsunami debris: Photo by news.lincolncounty.com

Shellfish / General Law / Interagency

SHELLFISH

Troopers Conducted Boat Patrol

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) conducted a 6.5 hour boat patrol on Coos Bay for shellfish enforcement. During the patrol they checked 52 people clamming, 16 people crabbing, and checked 4 anglers. While checking clambers Tprs. issued one citation for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Gaper Clams**, and two citations for **No Individual Clam Container**. While checking crabbers they contacted a subject that did not have a shellfish license in possession and had retained five female dungeness crabs and five male dungeness crabs. All of the male crabs were under the legal size limit. The crabber was issued citations for **No Shellfish License in Possession, Unlawful Possession of Female Dungeness Crab** and was (warned) for Possession of Undersized Male Dungeness Crab.



Dungeness Crab: Photo by www.dfw.state.or.us

GENERAL LAW

Unauthorized Use of a Boat

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (La Pine) received a report of a stolen boat on the Deschutes River. The subject stated that he had left his boat unattended on the river and returned to find it missing. Sr. Tpr. Hayes located the boat downstream concealed in the brush where it appeared the suspects left it concealed until they could return to retrieve it at a later time. Several boat inspections were also conducted.

INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

Survey on Canadian Goose

Sr. Tpr. Jewett (Hermiston) assisted Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) with their Canadian Goose survey. The area covered was from 3 Mile Canyon to Willow Creek on the Columbia River. Sr. Tpr. Jewett operated the OSP boat, while biologists from the Hepner ODFW Office surveyed nesting habitat.

Canadian Goose: Photo by www.ducks.org



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Interagency / Court Dispositions / Public Relations

INTERAGENCY

Stuck in the Mud

Recruit Fough (Tillamook) was on the Cape Mears Spit working clambers when he saw two subjects who were about 30 yards out in the bay with their feet stuck in mud and unable to move. One of the subjects was out of the water while the other was about to his waist in bay water. Recruit Fough walked out in the mud and could not rescue the subjects as they had both sunk too deep in the mud and were stuck. Recruit Fough was then contacted by members of the US Air Force who were conducting training exercises in the area. With the help of the Air Force members, they were able to pull the subjects to safety.

COURT DISPOSITIONS

Suspect Charged in Court

Sgt. Warwick (Astoria) attended the sentencing hearing for a previous case involving a subject who trespassed in the Astoria watershed and killed a bull elk during the 2013 season. Upon contact when leaving the watershed the subject had his un-validated elk tag still in possession despite leaving the field dressed elk for the night. He was cited for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass** and **Failure to Immediately Validate Big Game Tag**. The trespass related charge was settled with a civil compromise in early 2015. For the charge of **Failure to Immediately Validate Big Game Tag** the subject received the following: \$500 fines/assessments, \$1,500.00 dollars restitution to Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW), 5 days work crew, 36 month hunting suspension and forfeiture of the elk.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR)

Hunter Education Conference

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (Pendleton) and Sgt. Brown (The Dalles) spoke at the ODFW Hunter Education Conference in Pendleton. There were hunter education instructors from all over the state to include some current Fish & Wildlife troopers and retired troopers. Sr. Tpr. Gunderson put together a nice presentation that was well received. After the class, Sr. Tpr. Gunderson and Sgt. Brown made themselves available to speak with the instructors and attendees. They even took in information about possible game violations in the Central Oregon area and put the complainants in touch with the troopers who work in the area.

Discussions with Two Judges from Africa

Lt. Gifford and Sr. Tpr. Niehus attended a luncheon with two judges from Togo, West Africa who deal with natural resource cases and were in the United States on an exchange program hosted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Representatives from the Klamath Tribe, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and an interpreter for the judges attended. Discussions included the roles of the different agencies in relation to fish and wildlife enforcement and protection. A wildlife enforcement decoy was displayed for the event

Judges from West Africa



Spotlight

SPOTLIGHT

Fish and Wildlife Aviation Program

The Aviation Program consists of four pilots and planes strategically assigned out of Salem, Bend, Baker City and Klamath Falls. There are three Cessna 185 and one Cessna 182 fixed wing aircraft assigned to the Aviation Program. These air assets provide enforcement support to the OSP Fish and Wildlife Division in the form of overflights for unlawful hunting activity, such as at night-spotlighting, road closure violations of areas designed to prohibit vehicle use to protect wildlife, and environmental damage (unlawful push up dams or other water diversions) to name a few. Our pilots also provide flights to ODFW biologists for fish and wildlife management such as fish creel sampling, big game herd counts and other management activities. Additionally, this program provides law enforcement air support to other State Police Divisions and other jurisdictions as requested.



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Sergeant Chris Culp (Salem)

Sgt. Culp has been employed with Oregon State Police for 26 years and he has been with the Fish and Wildlife Division for 21 years in the Salem area. He is currently the team leader for 3 Trooper / Pilots in the Aviation Program.



Cessna 185



Senior Trooper Lalo Guerra (Baker City)

Sr. Tpr. Guerra has been with Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division since 1999. He started his flight training and received his private pilot's certificate in 2005. In 2006 and 2007 he received his instrument rating and his commercial certificate. In 2011 he transferred to Baker City to be the East Region pilot for Fish and Wildlife Division.

Cessna 185



Spotlight

Senior Trooper Andrew Menlow (Bend)

Sr. Tpr. Menlow received his private pilot license in 1987 and received his advanced ratings shortly afterward at Lane Community College. He was a Flight Instructor and Charter Pilot in Salem for five years and joined Oregon State Police in 1995. He began flying with OSP in 1997 in the Salem area. In 2004 he transferred to Bend and became the Fish and Wildlife pilot. Per Sr. Tpr. Menlow "Being a pilot is the best job in the Department"



Cessna 182T

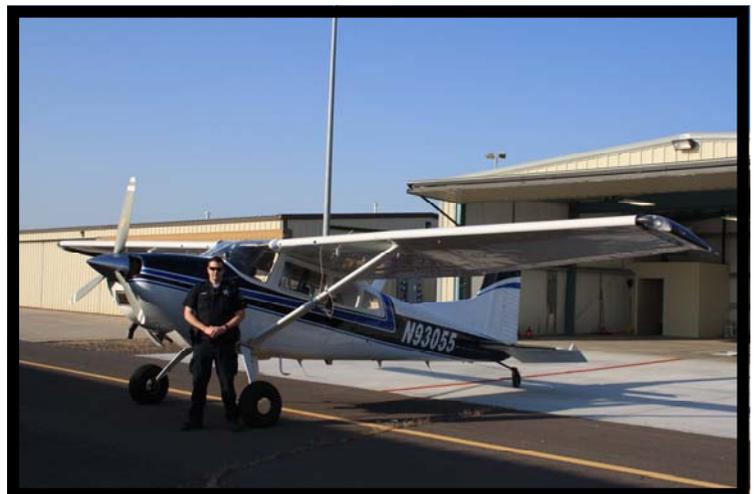


Trooper Scott Jennings (Klamath Falls)

Tpr. Jennings has been with Oregon State Police since 2008. In 2012 he entered the Fish and Wildlife Division and became a Fish and Wildlife pilot in 2013.



Cessna 185



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