

The Field Review

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Waste of Big Game Mammals

A F&W Trooper out of Lakeview investigated the suspicious death and waste of a cow elk. The Trooper contacted the property owner who admitted to killing the cow elk along with a spike bull and a calf in an attempt to scare them off a hay stack. The landowner admitted to not trying to obtain any damage or hazing permits to address the elk damage. The subject was cited in lieu of custody for **Waste of a Big Game Mammal - Elk**. Additional charges will be included in the report for review by the District Attorney.



Wildlife / Hunting

F&W Trooper Wades Into Water to Save a Deer

A F&W Trooper out of the McMinnville field office responded to Rogers Landing on the Willamette River in Newberg for a deer that was stuck in a chain link fence in the water. Upon arriving, he observed a buck deer stuck in a chain link fence gate. The deer was also high centered on a chain that was used to lock the gate shut. The Trooper waded into thigh deep water and pushed the gate far enough for the deer to be able to squeeze through as he lifted the rear legs up and over the chain. The deer got through the opening and was able to swim a short distance to shore.



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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

Unlawful Take of Antlerless Elk

A F&W Trooper out of Newport was contacting hunters in the area of the Salmon River estuary when he was advised a cow elk had been killed. Three spike bulls and the cow were shot that morning within about ½ hour. It was determined which hunter was responsible for shooting the cow; who admitted the cow had died next to his spike and he was the only one who had fired in that area. It appeared the subject's round went through the spike and hit the cow in the neck. The hunter and his group assisted in salvaging the cow. The hunter was cited for **Take/Possess Antlerless Elk Closed Season** and the cow elk was seized and will be donated to charity.

Unlawful Take of Bull Elk

A F&W Trooper was in a taxidermist's shop in the Roseburg area and noted an individual brought in a five point bull elk to be European mounted. The Trooper suspected the individual did not have the proper tag for the animal and checked Outdoor Central. The individual was found to have a spike only tag for the Powers Unit, thus making the five point animal an unlawful harvest. The Trooper followed up on the case and seized the antlers and skull from the taxidermist and found the carcass to be pending processing at a local butcher. The Trooper found that the hunter's tag was on the animal at the butcher and it was indeed a spike only tag. F&W Troopers contacted the hunter and he thought he was issued a "big bull tag" for the Powers Unit and shot the five point during the big bull hunt, which is the Powers Unit second season hunt. The animal, skull and antlers were seized and the hunter was cited for **Unlawful Take Bull Elk**.

Wildlife Enforcement Decoys

F&W Troopers from the McMinnville, Portland, and St. Helens offices collaborated to run multiple Wildlife Enforcement Decoys (WED) throughout Yamhill County during the 2015 Western Oregon Deer and Coast Elk seasons. Over the course of the big game seasons there were seven separate instances of poachers shooting the WED resulting in over a dozen criminal citations being issued with charges including **Unlawful Take/Possession of Buck Deer, Unlawful Take/Possession of Bull Elk, Aiding in a Wildlife Offense**, and **Hunting with Artificial Light**. Seven firearms were seized and placed into evidence and multiple violation citations and warnings were also issued as a result of contacts made during the WED operations.

Suspect Cited and Released

A F&W Trooper out of the Portland field office responded to the Rosalyn Lake property owned by PGE about possible poaching. Upon contact with the reporting party, the Trooper learned the suspects had left and relocated to a different area that was owned by a private company. One suspect was located in a parking area and said her boyfriend was out scouting around but not hunting. The Trooper saw a male subject about 50 yards down the trail, who ran off into the bushes when he saw the Trooper. The Trooper ran down the trail and located the suspect hiding in the brush with a bow and arrow. Another F&W Trooper arrived and assisted with the investigation, where the male suspect was subsequently cited and released for **Hunting on Enclosed Land of Another**.

Wildlife / Hunting

Unlawful Take of a Swan

A F&W Trooper out of St. Helens received a report from an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) employee that two hunters shot a swan in the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area. The Trooper contacted the hunters as they were leaving the hunt unit and observed a rolled up jacket stuffed in the bottom of one of the hunter's decoy bags. The Trooper confronted the subjects about the unlawful kill and they immediately revealed the swan rolled up in the jacket. The hunters claimed they thought the swan was a goose initially and were not sure how to proceed once they identified it as a swan. One hunter was cited for **Unlawful Take/Possession of a Swan**. The second hunter was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense**.



Duck Hunters Contacted

F&W Troopers contacted two duck hunters at Cottage Grove Reservoir after observing them hunting on the lake in kayaks. The contact resulted in the issuance of five citations and the seizure of a stolen Oregon license plate from one of the hunter's vehicle which was parked nearby. One hunter was cited for **No Waterfowl Validation** and **Insufficient PFDS** and warned for no HIP validation, no AIS permit and no sound producing device. The other hunter was cited for **No Hunting License in Possession, Shotgun Capable of Holding more than three Shells** and **Insufficient PFDS**.

Unlawful Trapping

A F&W Trooper out of the Ontario office concluded a trapping investigation that involved an unlicensed trapper trapping coyotes on BLM property in the



Beulah Wildlife Management Unit. The trapper was cited for **No Furtaker License**.

Failure to Inspect Traps

F&W Troopers out McMinnville contacted a subject at his residence about a trapping complaint. While the subject was out of town his neighbor heard a loud scream coming from his property. The neighbor looked over the fence and discovered a raccoon caught in a leg trap. The neighbor then contacted the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), who arrived at the location and was allowed onto the suspect's property to rescue the raccoon, which was later taken to the Audubon Society. The trap was seized by ODFW and turned over to OSP. The suspect admitted to using traps around his residence to try to catch rats and red squirrels and voluntarily showed the troopers an identical trap that was currently set up in the same location. The subject was cited for **Failure to Inspect Traps within 48 hours**.

Angling / Commercial

Failure to Allow Inspection

While checking groups of crabbers at Newport Pier, a F&W Trooper observed a subject remove a homemade crab box from the water and move towards the end of the pier. As the Trooper approached, he watched the subject remove crabs from the box. When asked what he was doing, the subject started quickly throwing crab back into the water under the rails of the pier. The subject stated he was throwing back short crab in his possession and knew the Trooper would be checking them. The subject was cited for **Fail to Allow Inspection**.

Unlawful use of Spear Gun

F&W Troopers out of the Tillamook field office saw a subject parked in a vehicle along the Miami River. This subject was by himself in the vehicle and told the Troopers that he had a friend with him and the friend was down by the river fishing. The Troopers located the subject by the river and saw him with what they believed was a rifle standing on logs looking into pools along the river. Upon contact with the subject it was found that the rifle was a spear gun and the subject told the Troopers that he was fishing and willing to also take beaver. The subject then admitted to the Troopers that he had already fired the spear gun once into the water and he knew he could not use the spear gun to harvest fish. The subject was cited for **Taking Prohibited Method – Spear Gun** and additional charges have been referred to the Tillamook County District Attorney.

Multiple Citations Issued

A F&W Trooper out of the Albany field office checked local ponds following a new release indicating Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) would be releasing trout. Multiple contacts were made, with citations and warnings issued for **No Resident Angling License, No Two-Rod Endorsement, Refuse License Inspection, and No Resident Angling License in Possession**.

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Commercial

Two Captains Cited

A F&W Trooper participated in commercial crab hold inspections in Newport. During the inspections two commercial boats were contacted for delinquent crab logs books from December 2014 through March 2015. Captains on both boats were cited for **Failure to Remit Dungeness Crab Logbooks within 10 days of Month End**.

General Law

Unlawful Cutting of Christmas Trees

A F&W Trooper out of the Salem field office contacted a vehicle on Trask Road (Linn County). The vehicle had a freshly cut Christmas tree on the roof and subsequent investigation revealed that the subject did not have a permit to cut a tree from the timber property. A records check of the subject also revealed that he had a Misdemeanor Warrant for Contempt of Court out of Marion County. The subject was arrested and transported to the Linn County jail where he was cited and released for **Theft II** and **Criminal Trespass II**. The tree was taken by to the property owner.



Driving Under the Influence

A F&W Trooper came upon a vehicle which had been driven into deep snow on the shoulder of Hwy 35 near the exit from Mt. Hood Meadows. It was quickly determined that the driver of the vehicle had failed to negotiate a corner due to intoxication. The suspect was arrested for DUII and registered a .16% BAC.



Felon in Possession of Firearm

A F&W Trooper received information of a possible trespassing and illegal wood cutting taking place after dark near La Grande. The Trooper conducted a patrol that night focused on apprehending a suspect on the complaint. During the patrol the Trooper observed a subject casting a light from their pickup and watched the subject for some time to see what they were up to. The Trooper ultimately contacted the subject, an adult male, who was now about 30 yards in front of his (the subjects) pickup cutting down a large Ponderosa Pine tree. As the Trooper made contact with the subject (they were some distance apart and the Trooper had to speak loudly to get his attention), he stopped cutting the tree and ran towards the front of his (the subjects) pickup. After the subject got near the front of his pickup he paused, stopped running and began walking. The Trooper took appropriate action (placed him in handcuffs) and questioned the man about his suspicious behavior. The man presented the Trooper with several stories that turned out to be false. Ultimately, the Troopers investigation revealed the following; the man was DWS-misdemeanor, he was in possession of meth, he had a fully loaded .40 cal. handgun concealed in the waist band of his pants that he had hidden in the snow when he had paused in front of his pickup, the handgun was stolen and he was a felon. The Trooper charged the man with: **Felon in Possession of a Firearm, PCS Methamphetamine, Carrying a Concealed Firearm, Driving While Suspended – Misdemeanor, Casting a Light From a Motor Vehicle While in Possession of a Firearm, Theft I Driving Uninsured, and Expired Tags**. He was lodged in the Union County Jail.

Interagency

Logger Rescued

F&W Troopers out of the Newport field office assisted the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and Fire Department in the search and rescue of a missing logging company employee. A male employee of a logging contractor was reported missing on private timber lands north of Siletz. The following morning, the missing male and his vehicle were located down a steep 60 foot embankment. The male had been lying outside his vehicle on the ground for nearly twelve hours before being located. Troopers worked with rope rescue teams and other county rescuers in getting the male victim out of the steep terrain to an awaiting ambulance. It was determined the male driver went off of the roadway, rolled multiple times and the vehicle was resting nearly vertical in trees. The male victim was hypothermic with unknown injuries and was transported by ambulance.

Unlawful Possession of Protected Species

A F&W Trooper assisted Hood River Police Department with a homeless man that had been squatting in an abandon house. Investigation revealed the man had been shooting birds with pellet guns then drying them to eat. The Trooper cited and released the man for



Unlawful Possession of Protected Species and for **Hunting within the City Limits**. Three pellet pistols and one-pellet rifle was seized as well as the parts from a Stellar Jay and a Woodpecker.

Misidentified Ducks

A F&W Trooper was informed of three individuals hunting in the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area that had taken over their limit of canvasback ducks. The hunters were found by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) staff to be in possession of ten canvasbacks, putting the group four over the legal limit. Through interviews it was learned the hunters had misidentified the ducks. All three hunters were issued citations for **Exceeding the Bag Limit**.



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Reports on Nuisance Bears

F&W Troopers assisted an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife employee (ODFW) setting up a bear trap at a residence in Florence. ODFW and OSP have received multiple reports of three nuisance bears breaking into area out-buildings and damaging property. In one case one of the bears entered a residence through a rear sliding door and got into the homeowners' refrigerator.

Dispositions

Subject Ordered To Pay Restitution

In Lane County Circuit Court, a male subject pled guilty to the unlawful take of a bull elk prohibited method: rifle during archery season. This stemmed from an investigation which revealed the subject shot an 8x7 bull elk during archery season with a rifle in the Indigo Unit. A witness observed the offense and was able to provide photographs and a detailed description of the event. The subject was ordered to pay \$15,000.00 in restitution \$500.00 going to the OHA tip fund, five years bench probation, three-year hunting license suspension, forfeiture of the rifle and elk. The witness was presented with a \$500.00 check from the OHA TIP fund.



Subjects received TIP Reward

A F&W Sergeant from the Dalles field office presented two witnesses a TIP reward for \$500.00 for reporting a bull elk that was shot on the last day of deer season. The two were hunting Chukar in south Wasco County when they came across two men that had shot a bull elk. Knowing there was not an elk season in that area they called and reported what they had seen. Troopers from The Dalles office responded to the scene and recovered the elk. Investigation at the scene and a nearby camp led to a search warrant being served at a Milwaukie residence where evidence and statements were obtained. Two men were cited for a number of criminal and wildlife crimes that include: **Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Take of a Bull Elk – Closed Season, Waste of a Game Mammal, Offensive Littering.**



Dispositions/Public Relations

Dispositions

Suspect Pleaded Guilty

The Mid-Coast Team conducted an investigation into multiple illegally taken animals during the fall of 2014. One of the cases involved a bull elk that was shot, its head was removed, and the carcass was left to waste. A suspect was identified and during the investigation multiple general law crimes were investigated along with multiple wildlife crimes. A search warrant was authored by the Trooper on the residence of the suspect, who was ultimately lodged in the Tillamook County Jail on multiple crimes. The suspect pled guilty to one felony theft, one wildlife misdemeanor and was sentenced to:

Time served in jail (approximately 35 days)

Convicted felon – DNA sample

24 months' probation

5 year hunting license suspension

\$2,300.00 restitution to ODFW

\$1,153.00 fines and attorney fee

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