

# The Field Review

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## ***Fish and Wildlife Troopers Seek Public's Help with Bull Elk Poaching***

Roosevelt Bull Elk

The Oregon State Police (OSP) Fish and Wildlife Division in Newport is asking for the public's help locating the person(s) responsible for the unlawful killing and waste of two bull elk in Lincoln County. On Wednesday, March 4, 2015, Newport OSP Fish and Wildlife Tprs. received a complaint of two dead bull elk floating in the Siletz River about three quarters of a mile upriver from Strome Park. The following morning, both of the bull elk were located. One bull was identified as a 5x6 and the other as a 5x5. Both were shot and left to waste with no meat removed from the carcasses. The elk were not salvageable, and it appeared the elk had been dead for a few days. A reward of \$6,000.00 is being offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction related to the investigation. The reward of \$1,000.00 is being offered by The Oregon Hunters Association Turn-In-Poacher Program. An additional \$5,000.00 is being offered by The Humane Society of the United States and the Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Sr. Tpr. Kehr or Sgt. Thompson through the Turn-in-Poachers hotline at 1-800-452-7888. Information may be kept anonymous.



# Wildlife / Hunting

## WILDLIFE / HUNTING

### Unlawful Killing of Doe Deer

Tpr. Kenyon (Salem) concluded a weeklong investigation where a subject shot and killed two doe deer on his neighbor's property and left the deer to waste. The subject eventually confessed to shooting at the deer in the morning with one rifle, and shooting at the deer again that afternoon with a different rifle. The subject was cited criminally for 2 counts of **Waste of a Game Mammal** and 2 counts of **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass**. Both rifles were seized as evidence.



Black-tailed deer: Photo by fws.gov

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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 Influence Intoxicants/Drugs	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 / HUNTING

### Unlawful Kill of Cow Elk

Tpr. Smithers (Gold Beach) continued an investigation that originally went to Tpr. Keeler (Central Point) regarding two elk which had been shot near Pistol River. Subsequent investigation led Tpr. Smithers to three subjects who had trespassed onto private timber property and shot two cow elk. Two of the three subjects had Land Owner Preference tags, however neither of the tags were valid for the location where the elk were killed. One subject had no elk tag at all. During the investigation approximately 200 packages of elk meat were seized. Two subjects were issued citations for **Hunting Prohibited Area - Outside of Boundaries** and the third subject was cited for **Aiding in a Game Violation and No Big Game Tag**.



Cow Elk: Photo by galleryhip.com

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### Failure to Validate

A motorist was stopped by Sr. Tpr. Rzniewicki (Astoria – Patrol) for a traffic violation. Upon contact, Sr. Tpr. Rzniewicki noticed the subject had recently hunted geese and a plastic bag of fresh goose meat was lying next to him on the seat. The subject admitted to shooting 3 Canada geese a couple hours earlier and had failed to validate the geese on his daily goose harvest report form. Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) was contacted and arrived at the scene several minutes later. Investigation revealed the subject breast-fed the geese out prior to checking the geese into the goose check station and had failed to validate his daily goose harvest form. The subject was subsequently cited for: **Failure to Validate Goose Harvest Report Form**.



Canadian Goose: Photo by www.blogspot.com

### Unlawful Take Investigation

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) was called out at 4:00am to a shooting complaint on the lower Siletz River. Through investigation it was found 4 subjects had floated the river in a motorboat in the middle of the night and using spotlights while shooting at various wildlife. Two .22 caliber rifles, a .410 shotgun and two spotlights were seized that night. A few days later Sr. Tpr. Kehr concluded the investigation and issued 11 criminal citations to the four subjects, including **No Hunting License, Unlawful Take of furbearer, No Furtaker license, Hunting with aid of Artificial light, Unlawful take of Game Bird, Waste of a Game Bird, and Aiding/ counselling in a Wildlife Offense**.

# Angling

## **ANGLING**

### ***Troopers Conducted a Drift Boat Patrol***

Sr. Tpr. Martin & Tpr. Maher (Springfield) conducted a drift boat patrol on the Middle Fork of the Willamette River from Dexter Dam to Clearwater Landing in Springfield. While patrolling they checked 11 anglers and inspected 4 boats. An angler that was contacted along the river near Jasper Park was cited for **No Angling License**. During the patrol a citizen reported a tree blocking the river channel upstream from the Clearwater boat ramp. The obstruction was checked and there was just enough room to get the patrol drift boat around the end of it. Lane County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol was contacted and was advised of the obstruction and will coordinate with the Marine Board for removal.



OSP Fish and Wildlife Troopers Patrolling Middle Fork of the Willamette River

### ***Fail to Allow Inspection***

Recruit Fough (Tillamook) observed a subject who caught a Steelhead and hid it about thirty yards down river and continued to angle without tagging the fish. Recruit Fough contacted the subject and asked to see his angling harvest card which he said he left in his vehicle. Recruit Fough asked the subject if he had any fish on the bank and the subject said he had caught a Jack Steelhead but let it go. Recruit Fough walked the riverbank, found the dead fish and subsequently cited the subject for **Failure to Allow Inspection of Catch** and warned him for Fail to Validate Angling Harvest Card.



Steelhead: Photo by brazdasflyfishing.com

# Angling / Shellfish / Environment / General Law

## ANGLING

### *Steelhead Donated to a Charity*



Sgt. Allori (Portland) received a complaint concerning an angler who was in possession of a wild steelhead on the Sandy River. Sgt. Allori located the suspect's vehicle and waited nearby until the angler and his partner returned. Upon contact, the angler admitted catching the steelhead, but claimed the fin had already been cut off and therefore thought it was legal to keep. Sgt. Allori noted there was a fresh cut where the adipose fin should have been. Additionally, the angler had not tagged the fish. The angler was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Non-Adipose Clipped Steelhead**. The Steelhead was seized and donated to charity.

### *Unlawful Anglers*

Fish and Wildlife members from Bend, Prineville, Madras and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife conducted a two day planned operation for pre-opener and opener of the Bull Trout fishery on Lake Billy Chinook. The following are the stats: 53 angler checks, 1 cited for Undersized Bull Trout, 2 cited for No Angling License, 2 Marine Board Warnings, and performed 20 boat examinations for safety equipment.

OSP Fish Wildlife Troopers



## SHELLFISH

### *Unlawful Possession Mutilated Shellfish*

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) was checking recreational crab on Yaquina Bay with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Shellfish Samplers. One of the Samplers discovered a 5 gallon bucket full of Red Rock crab claws. A count of the claws revealed 184 Red Rock claws. The owner of the boat took responsibility for the claws and was cited for **Possession of Mutilated Shellfish**. The claws were seized and given to the Newport Aquarium who utilized them for food for their starfish and other animals on site.

## ENVIRONMENTAL

### *Unlawful Transport of Forest Products*

Sgt. Warwick (Astoria) contacted two men leaving a plot of private timberland with a large load of freshly cut firewood. Neither of the men had a permit for the wood, but admitted that they knew they needed one. Both subjects were cited for **Unlawful Cut/Transport of Special Forest Products** and the wood was left at the scene.

## GENERAL LAW

### *Fish and Wildlife Troopers Involved in High Risk Stop*

Tpr. Borchers and Tpr. Boeholt (Portland) were patrolling the Sandy River in Troutdale when dispatch broadcast a menacing call on I-84 at milepost 25. The call was aired as a suspect was pulling over and pointing a gun at the victim. The Tprs. located the vehicle and initiated a high risk stop. The driver was taken into custody without incident. Multiple weapons and a ballistic vest were located in the vehicle. A Multnomah County Sheriff's Deputy lodged the driver on the multiple charges.

# Interagency / Public Relations

## **INTERAGENCY COOPERATION**

### ***Theft of Elk Antlers***

Tpr. McCosker (John Day) received a request from a John Day Police Officer to assist with the investigation on several sets of elk antlers that had been stolen. Tpr. McCosker and the Officer went to the residence of the local antler buyer with the intention of inspecting his records. The suspect informed the Tprs. that he did not keep any records of antler purchases. Buyer was cited for **Failure to Maintain Records**.

### ***Elk Shot in Fox Valley***

Tpr. McCosker (John Day) received a call from the Grant County Undersheriff of an elk that was shot in Fox Valley. Tpr. McCosker advised the Undersheriff that there is an open private land elk season. Tpr. McCosker drove down the road on which the elk was shot and found the remains of the gut pile on United States Forest Service (USFS) land. By contacting the local meat processor, Tpr. McCosker learned that a man dropped a cow elk off for processing on the morning of March 16. Tpr. McCosker contacted the hunter who admitted to shooting the elk on public land. Citations were issued to the man and his father-in-law who were hunting together



Bull Elk: Photo by komonews.com

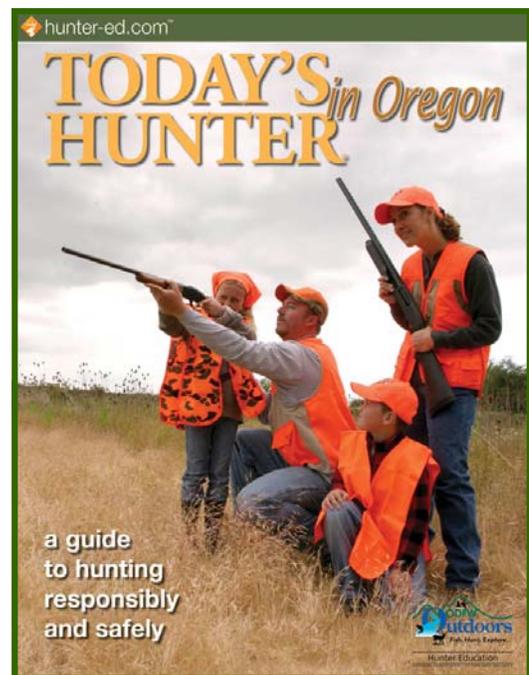
## **Successful Rescue**

Tpr. Mathews (Springfield), along with members from the Linn County Sherriff's and Sisters Fire and Rescue, successfully recovered a 26 year old male who had fallen while hiking above Sahalie Falls outside of Sisters, Oregon. The male was attempting to cross a wet log that traversed raging water just above the large falls when he fell and broke what medical staff believed to be his upper femur. Unable to move, the male clung to the log until being secured to a back board and carried through the water to the medic unit.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

### ***Hunter Education Program***

Tpr. Smith (Burns) gave a presentation and assisted with instruction at a Hunter Safety Course in Burns, 18 students were present.



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# Public Relations

## Trailer of Shame

Members of the Central Oregon Team and the Columbia River Team manned the Trailer of Shame at the Central Oregon Sportsman show. There were a lot of positive comments received from the public.



OSP Fish and Wildlife Trailer Of Shame

## Witnesses were Awarded a Tip Award

Sr. Tpr. Ring (Bend) issued two subjects with a TIP rewards for their help in solving a case where two trophy class mule deer were illegally taken. Both subjects were extremely surprised and happy to receive the \$250.00 checks.



## F&W Trooper Rescues Elderly Woman



On March 29th shortly after noon Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City), was patrolling in the town of Sumpter when he saw what appeared to be a vehicle on fire with three people standing nearby. One person was attempting to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher, but was not having any success. Sr. Tpr. Duncan told the people to get away from the now fully engulfed vehicle for their own safety. He noticed a large propane tank between the residence and the vehicle which he feared may explode. Sr. Tpr. Duncan learned the residence was owned by an 81-year-old woman who was believed to still be inside the home. As the fire spread to the residence, Sr. Tpr. Duncan and firefighter of the Sumpter Valley Fire Department went to the door to inquire and Sr. Tpr. Duncan went inside to look for the woman. Shortly after entering the home, Sr. Tpr. Duncan located the woman and her son still inside the residence. The woman was seated in a chair and her son told Sr. Tpr. Duncan she was unable to stand or walk on her own. As smoke poured into the residence through the door and the house began to burn, Sr. Tpr. Duncan carried the woman out of the house to safety. Later on, Sumpter Valley Fire Department was able to extinguish the fire.

## Spotlight

### *Helping Hand by Lt. David Gifford (SW Region)*



Over the years I have been involved in multiple missions trips involving construction projects in Kosovo, Mexico at a different orphanage and two trips to Peru. The recent trip opportunity came about through one of the mentors I work with in a local program called Walking Tall Southern Oregon.

Applegate Christian Fellowship (ACF) has been a primary supporter of Carmen Serdan, a mission just south of Tecate, Mexico that specifically works with severely disabled individuals who have been abandoned, or often abused and abandoned, by their families. Teams from ACF go down several times a year to do construction / maintenance projects or just to provide some relief and support to the staff at the mission. There are 15 or 16 individuals currently being cared for at the mission. The building we were working on is going to be a clinic with a couple of quarantine rooms for illnesses, and a couple of rooms for basic medical examinations / treatment, along with storage for supplies. One of the mentors I work with in Walking Tall went down in February with a small group and poured the concrete foundation for the building. I was given the opportunity to go on the recent trip to assist with driving to and from Mexico along with assisting on the construction project. I spent most of the week as the cut man operating a chop saw and a skill-saw, and as a general go-fer. Our goal was to get the building framed, sheeted, and roofed which we were able to do. It was a very busy week as we lost most of a day on the way down due to the vehicle issues. We put the last composition shingle on the roof with a flashlight at 7:20 p.m. Friday night and then were loaded in the van and departed northbound at 8:10P. I am hoping to start going with teams a couple of times a year to Carmen Serdan for various projects.

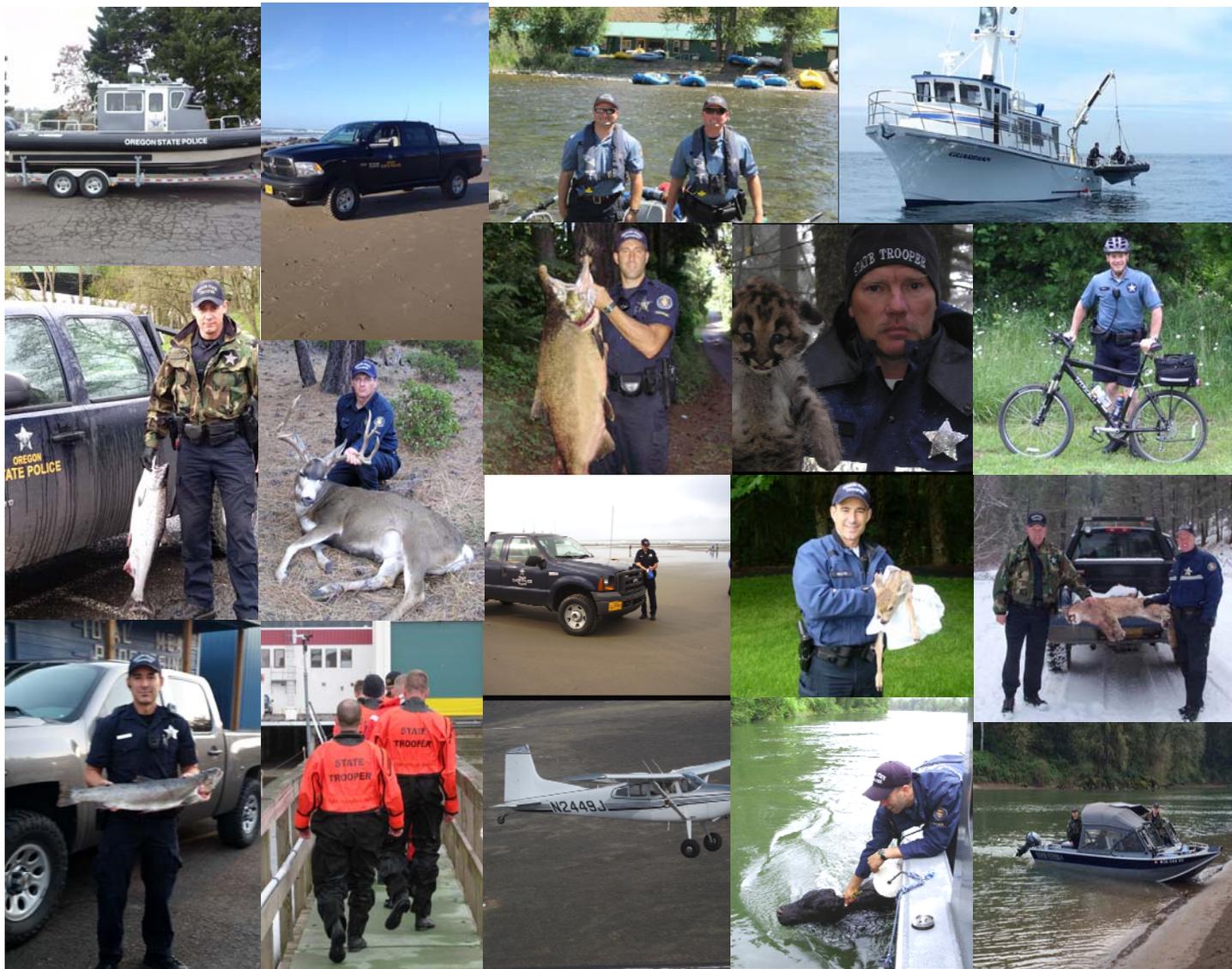
I enjoy short term missions projects and it is a great way to put aside the issues at work for a week or two and readjust my perspective on the world.



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