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## Division 2011 Team of the Year Award Presented to Southeast Oregon Team

The Division recognized the impressive work of the **Southeast Oregon Team** when Capt. Jeff Samuels announced on May 1 they were the recipients of the Division's Team of the Year award for 2011 during a presentation at the Baker City office. This is the sixth presentation of the award since the Division implemented a new program commending the outstanding teamwork by our troopers in protecting Oregon's natural resources.

Supervised by Sgt. Isaac Cyr, the seven-member Southeast Oregon Team (Team) is comprised of one sergeant and six troopers who are assigned to offices in Baker City, Burns, and Ontario. The Team is challenged by diverse natural resource enforcement issues, as well as general law issues, in an extremely remote area of the state. They patrol an area consisting of 23,089 square miles, or 24% of the state of Oregon and larger than the combined states of Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

Harney County, the largest county in Oregon at 10,133 square miles, is patrolled solely by Sr. Tpr. Randy Caldwell. In 2011, Team members distinguished themselves by their exceptional performance conducting extensive, complex criminal fish and wildlife cases, dedication to public service, and outstanding teamwork. The Team's members possess a great deal of knowledge and specialized skills for working in the backcountry, from accomplished whitewater raft and jet boat operators to experienced horsemen.

"I am very impressed at their level of teamwork, service to the public, and protection of natural resources," said Capt. Jeff Samuels. "The Team has such a vast and unique area that they have to patrol and protect, and they successfully do so with such few people."

Ranging from 2 to 16 years of service, the following Team members have a total of 70 years of OSP law enforcement experience: Sgt. Isaac Cyr (Baker City), Sr. Tpr. Brad Duncan (Baker City), Sr. Tpr. Jason McNeil (Baker City), Tpr. Anthony Spencer (Ontario), Sgt. Bob Wilson (Patrol, formerly Ontario Division trooper), Sr. Tpr. Randy Caldwell (Burns), and Tpr. Andrew McClay (Patrol, formerly John Day and Burns Division trooper and Team member for most of 2011).

The Team faces critical issues in their patrol area, including anadromous and sensitive fish species in the Snake River (ESA-listed Chinook, steelhead, and native bull trout); Lahontan cutthroat trout in Malheur and Harney County streams; compliance concerns dealing with limited entry big game seasons; border issues with Idaho and Nevada residents hunting in Oregon; bighorn sheep, antelope, and Rocky Mountain goat populations; Native American off-reservation hunting and fishing issues; and a multitude of rural law enforcement challenges. The Steens Mountain Unit is as a Mule Deer Initiative area that receives additional enforcement protection through an action plan authored by Sr. Tpr. Randy Caldwell. The Team also addresses OSMB issues on local lakes and rivers and enforces scenic waterway laws and regulations on the Owyhee and Snake Rivers. The Snake River has the largest navigable rapids in the state. Team members are consistently operating jet boats, rafts, and kayaks through these treacherous waters. The Owyhee River is also extremely remote and challenging. In 2011, Sr. Tpr. Brad Duncan authored an action plan to address nonmotorized vessel use and river permit compliance, angling regulation enforcement, and archeological resource protection.

During 2011, the Team had several notable natural resources and general law cases. A few of the year's highlights include:

Sr. Tpr. Brad Duncan, assisted by Sr. Tpr. Jason McNeil, contacted some subjects near Austin Junction within the Sumpter Unit who recently treed and killed a cougar using dogs. The troopers cited one subject for **Taking Cougar Prohibited Method—Use of Dogs** and **Hunting without a Valid License** and another subject for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Taking Cougar Prohibited Method—Use of Dogs**. McNeil and Duncan also investigated a hunting complaint that occurred during the last weekend of archery season. The investigation revealed a Baker City subject killed a large six-point bull elk without an elk tag while bow hunting for deer. After killing the bull, he called a friend with an elk tag to assist in covering his crime and in transporting the elk. The meat was then distributed between three residences, and the trophy rack was hidden at the second accomplice's house. While interviewing one suspects at his residence about the case, McNeil noticed some striking similarities in how a whitetail buck was field dressed in the suspect's garage (a rifle season harvest) with

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Back Row: Sr. Tpr. Randy Caldwell, Sr. Tpr. Jason McNeil, Patrol Tpr. Andrew McClay (formerly Division trooper in John Day), and Sr. Tpr. Brad Duncan. Front Row: Patrol Sgt. Bob Wilson (formerly Division trooper in Ontario), Sgt. Isaac Cyr, and Tpr. Anthony Spencer.

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a mule deer buck that had been dressed, wasted, and dumped outside of town two weeks prior that he was investigating. During the interview regarding the elk incident and the separate deer incident, McNeil determined the suspect had in fact dumped the deer after it had spoiled. The troopers issued citations for **Taking Bull Elk without a Valid Tag, Borrowing a Big Game Tag, Loaning a Big Game Tag, Waste of Wildlife, Placing Offensive Substances on Highway, and Aiding in Wildlife Offense.**

Prior to the opening of turkey season, Sr. Tpr. Randy Caldwell located some corn he believed was placed to bait turkeys. He borrowed a trail camera from ODFW and placed it near the site. He was able to obtain photos of the suspect and his vehicle while the suspect was putting corn out two days prior to the season. On opening day, Caldwell and Tpr. Andrew McClay worked the area, but the suspect did not arrive. The next Saturday, Caldwell worked the baited area again and contacted the suspect as he was hunting turkey. The suspect denied he placed any of the corn, but changed his story after Caldwell informed him of the trail camera photos. Caldwell cited the suspect for **Hunting Turkey Prohibited Method—Bait.**

Tpr. Anthony Spencer and Sgt. Isaac Cyr were patrolling the Owyhee Reservoir when they observed a boat moving upriver with the registration numbers taped over. This was the same boat OSP and BLM had reports on operating in the wild and scenic section of the Owyhee River that is closed to motorboats, and a BLM ranger cited the owner last year for the same violation. They could not overtake the boat, so they waited at the motorized deadline for over three hours for it to return. They observed and videotaped the boater operating in the closed area as it was returning. The owner advised the citations were worth it, and he would continue to operate his boat in that area. The troopers cited the operator (the owner's son) for **Operating a Motorboat in a Prohibited Area** and the owner for **Fail to Properly Display Registration Numbers.**

Sr. Tpr. Brad Duncan and Tpr. Anthony Spencer contacted a group of rafters on the Owyhee River during a raft patrol. Two elderly women had been knocked out of their raft; one subject went into shock, and both were suffering from mild hypothermia. The troopers rendered first aid and camped with the group of rafters for the night at the Hike-Out Camp in case any further assistance or medical treatment was needed. The women decided they did not want to raft any further, so arrangements were made, and the troopers hiked out of the canyon with the women the following morning so they could meet a shuttle. The troopers then hiked back into the canyon and resumed their patrol.

## Two Blodgett Subjects Sentenced

Two Blodgett subjects arrested February 2012 relating to two poaching incidents in Lincoln County were sentenced in Lincoln County Circuit Court in May. The arrest stemmed from an investigation with Benton County SO. A reward totaling \$3,000 was paid to an anonymous person who provided information that led to an arrest and conviction. The first case started November 3, 2011, after a hunter found a five-point bull on a tree farm in the Burnt Woods area. Two days later, a dead cow elk was found in the same area covered with brush and a large portion left to waste. Troopers determined the incidents were related.

Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport), with the assistance of Benton County SO Forest Deputy Iverson, identified the two suspects. Subject #1 pled guilty to Unlawful Take of Elk—Closed Season x 2 and Waste of a Game Mammal x 2. The court sentenced subject #1 to \$2,458 fine, \$6,000 restitution (jointly with other defendant), three years hunting license suspension, five years probation, and 135 days in jail. Subject #2 pled guilty to Aiding in a Wildlife Offense—Unlawful Take of Elk x 2 and Criminal Trespass II. The court sentenced subject #2 to \$2,212 fine, \$6,000 restitution (jointly with other defendant), three years hunting license suspension, five years probation, and 120 days in jail. The reward was comprised of \$500 from OHA and \$2,500 from The Humane Society of the United States and The Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust. Questions regarding sentencing should be directed to the Lincoln County DA.



Two elk poached in Lincoln County. Photo credit: File

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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	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	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
DWS	Driving while Suspended			WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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# Dispositions / General Law

## Dispositions Received

Tpr. Brandon (Coos Bay) received a disposition on a case where a subject unlawfully shot a red-tailed hawk. The subject pled guilty. The court ordered the subject to pay **\$2,000** restitution.

Sr. Tpr. Davis (La Grande) had a sentencing hearing on a subject found guilty for Unlawful Possession of Bull Elk and Unlawful Take of Bull Elk x 2. Wallowa County sentenced the subject to \$3,000 restitution, \$1,000 fines, three years hunting license suspension, and 10 days community service.

The second of two archery hunters cited by Tpr. Ritter (John Day) for Hunting on the Enclosed Land of Another x 3 during the 2011 Northside archery elk hunt pled guilty to one count. The court dismissed the other two counts and sentenced the subject to three years hunting license suspension, \$500 fine, one year probation, and 40 hours community service.

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) received dispositions for two elk cases he worked during the 2011 hunting season. The first case involved a subject killing a bull elk during a cow season. The court found the subject guilty and sentenced the subject to \$1,500 restitution to ODFW. The second case involved a subject killing a cow elk with an invalid tag. The dates of the hunt he had a tag for had already passed, and he killed a cow elk. The court found the subject guilty and sentenced him to \$1,500 restitution to ODFW and \$100 fines and fees.

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) received a disposition on a subject he arrested for Burglary, Theft, and Endangering the Welfare of a Minor. A logging company was the repeated victim of burglary and theft in the La Pine area and asked Hayes to assist with apprehending the suspect(s). Hayes located evidence and a suspect. With the assistance of OSP detectives, a buy of stolen items resulted in the suspect's immediate arrest. The court sentenced the suspect to 30 days in jail, three years probation, no drugs or alcohol, \$3,200 restitution to the company, \$200 fees, and no contact with victims.

## Trooper Arrested 3 with Warrants

Tpr. Andrews (Salem) stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. He identified the driver as a **Fugitive from Justice** out of Washington, stemming from multiple charges that included UPCS—Methamphetamine, Criminal Trespass, and Burglary. Andrews lodged the subject in jail.

Tpr. Andrews (Salem) stopped a vehicle for several traffic violations. Upon contact with the driver, he noted signs of impairment and identified him as a subject with multiple warrants. Andrews arrested and lodged the subject on multiple charges, including **Felony Warrant—UPCS Methamphetamine, Felony Warrant—Homicide, and Misdemeanor Warrant—Theft III**. After the subject failed SFSTs, Andrews charged the subject with **DUII**.

Tpr. Andrews (Salem) was in a trailer park where he contacted a subject who stuck her head out of the window of her trailer and began stating something unintelligible. The subject then exited the trailer and asked Andrews if he would be providing her with a free trip to jail. After learning she had two outstanding warrants, Andrews lodged the subject in jail for **Misdemeanor Warrant—Harassment and Misdemeanor Warrant—Criminal Mischief II**.

## Suspicious Behavior Checked Out

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) was travelling southbound on Hwy 395 and observed a vehicle stopped at the intersection of a USFS road. When the driver saw him pass by, he waited at the intersection until Ritter was out of sight. About 30 seconds later, Ritter turned around and started back to check out the driver's suspicious behavior. Ritter met the vehicle traveling southbound. He saw in his rearview mirror one of the vehicle's tail lights was not working. When the driver saw Ritter brake to turn around, he immediately pulled over and stopped on the side of the road, partially blocking the southbound lane. The driver had been cutting firewood on USFS property and said he fell a tree on his pickup, causing extensive damage to his truck, and severely cut his finger on his chainsaw. Ritter noted the driver exhibited many signs of impairment. The driver consented to SFSTs, but he was very agitated and kept tensing up and clenching his fists whenever Ritter stepped close enough to administer the test. Ritter called for backup, and Tpr. Hutchison (Patrol) arrived a short time later. The driver failed SFSTs, and the troopers took him into custody for **DUII**. Hutchison transported the driver to and lodged him in jail, BAC .14% about two hours after the initial contact.

## Uninsured Speeder Nabbed

On the way back to town from Fourmile and Fish Lakes, where he checked three boats and 25 anglers and issued 16 warnings for minor violations, Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) had a speeding car catch up to him. He watched as the driver kept pulling out, looking to pass in a no-passing zone. The driver eventually passed Niehus in a passing area but continued to pass the pickup in front of him, extending into the no-passing zone and then continuing on at a high-rate of speed. When Niehus was able to safely get around the pickup in front of him, he was only able to catch up with the violator because the suspect got stuck behind traffic. When traffic cleared, the suspect sped off again. Niehus was barely catching up to the suspect at 99 mph (speed governor) and then paced the suspect between 90-95 mph. Eventually, Niehus was able to stop the suspect. He issued the subject citations for **VBR 90+, Passing in a No-Passing Zone, and Driving Uninsured**.

## Drug Distribution Detected

Tpr. Wetzel (Florence) responded to a two-vehicle crash on Hwy 101. His further investigation revealed subject #1 drove off the road and down an embankment. Subject #2 was following subject #1. Subject #2 observed what happened to subject #1 and turned around and drove down the embankment in an attempt to help. A consent search located 15 marijuana plants in subject #2's vehicle. Wetzel cited subject #1 for **Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance—Marijuana** and subject #2 for **UPCS—Marijuana, UDCS—Marijuana, and UPCS—Schedule IV Prescription Medications**. Wetzel additionally lodged subject #2 in jail on a **Felony Warrant**.

Tpr. Reel and Tpr. Ferguson (Portland) stopped a vehicle for Speeding on Hwy 224 in Milwaukie. Upon contact with the driver, Ferguson noticed indicators of drug impairment. The driver consented to and failed SFSTs, and the troopers arrested the subject for DUII. A search of the vehicle incident to the arrest revealed evidence of possession and distribution of heroin and methamphetamine and seizure of multiple cell phones and almost \$1,500 in cash. After completing an evaluation, the troopers lodged the subject in jail for **Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance (UDCS)—Heroin, UDCS—Methamphetamine, UPCS—Heroin, UPCS—Methamphetamine, and DUII—Controlled Substance**. Tpr. Schoenborn and Tpr. Borchers (Portland) assisted with the custody of the suspect and vehicle search.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Pheasant Shot Out of Season

Tpr. Jewett (Pendleton) received a report that two suspects shot a pheasant out of season, south of Pendleton, in the Columbia Basin Unit. He located and contacted the subjects. His investigation revealed the subjects had trespassed on private property and did take a pheasant out of season. Jewett cited one suspect for **Criminal Trespass II** and **Taking Pheasant Closed Season**.

## Moose Antlers Sold and Witness Tampered With

Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) contacted a subject in Albany just after he had sold a set of moose antlers still attached to the skull. The subject, who is not allowed to practice taxidermy, also took a set of deer antlers without a transfer slip and quoted a price and timeline to do a shoulder mount. As a result of the investigation and other details discovered, Halsey cited the subject for **Unlawful Sale of Moose Antlers Attached to the Skull** and **Tampering with a Witness**.

## Subject Attempted to Sell Prohibited Species

ODFW notified Tpr. Borchers (Portland) of a subject attempting to sell on the Internet a red-eared slider turtle, a prohibited species in Oregon. Borchers scheduled a buy of the turtle. When he and Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) arrived at the suspect's apartment, the suspect took Borchers into a room where the turtle was kept. Borchers entered the room, stopped for a moment, and was then extremely surprised to see at his feet, a 10½-foot Burmese python which had escaped from its tank. Borchers quickly exited the room until the owner retrieved the snake and put it back into its tank. Schoenborn then entered the room to retrieve the turtle and turned it over to ODFW. Among other reptiles in the apartment was a 2½-foot iguana as well. The troopers determined the subjects legally possessed the remaining animals. The troopers warned the subject for Attempting to Sell a Red-Eared Slider Turtle.

## Cougars Illegally Taken without Valid Tags

Tpr. Clement (Salem) received a report from ODFW of a subject who reported shooting a cougar the day after he bought his tag. Clement contacted the Dallas subject who admitted to the offense. While Clement interviewed the subject, Tpr. Glaser (Salem) seized the cougar pelt from a taxidermist in Salem. Clement cited the subject criminally for **Unlawful Taking Cougar—No Valid Tag** and seized the cougar meat as evidence.

Tpr. Kehr (Newport) was informed of a large cougar killed up Widow Creek in north Lincoln County. He found the subject saw the cougar on a fresh deer kill the night before while bear hunting but was unable to get a shot. The subject visited a local store that evening where he purchased beer but not a cougar tag. The following morning, the subject returned to the deer kill site where he shot and killed the cougar just before 6:00 a.m. The subject immediately made a post on a social media site with his phone that he had a big cat down. When Kehr checked the date and time the subject's tag was issued using his mobile data terminal, he discovered the subject purchased his tag that morning at about 7:45 a.m. at the same store he had bought beer from the night before. Kehr contacted the subject and interviewed him. The subject told Kehr he killed the cougar at 9:00 a.m. When Kehr inquired about the social media post, the subject confessed to shooting the cougar just prior to 6:00 a.m. Kehr met with the subject in Grand Ronde where he cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Cougar—No Tag** and seized the cougar and the subject's tag and rifle as evidence.



Oregon has populations of ring-necked pheasants. Photo credit: Wikipedia, public domain

## Subject Unlawfully Baited Turkeys

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) concluded a month-long investigation assisted by Sr. Tpr. Merritt and Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) into the illegal baiting and hunting of turkey in the Powers Unit. Using both still and video surveillance equipment, the troopers worked to identify and locate the suspect who visited Douglas County on weekends to turkey hunt. Once located and presented with a small mountain of evidence, the suspect confessed to killing two turkeys and continuing to hunt with one tag. In addition, he admitted to purchasing an automated feeder. Allegedly, this was the suspect's first year of using the feeder method. The troopers cited the suspect for **Unlawful Take of Turkey Prohibited Method—Over Bait, Failure to Validate Turkey Tag, and Hunting Turkey without Valid Tag** and seized a 12-gauge shotgun.

## Subject Took Both a Deer and a Turkey Vulture

Sr. Tpr. Kehr and Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) followed up on an anonymous deer poaching complaint in the Siletz area. They contacted the suspect at his residence where he eventually admitted a friend shot a doe behind his house with a .22 caliber rifle. The troopers' further investigation led to discovering a dead turkey vulture near the deer carcass that the subject shot and killed with the same .22 rifle his friend used to shoot the doe. Supposedly, the friend was on a commercial fishing trip. The troopers seized the rifle and several packages of frozen deer from his residence and cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Illegally Taken Deer Meat** and **Unlawful Take of a Protected Species—Turkey Vulture**. When the friend returned from the fishing trip, the troopers made contact. As a result of the investigation, the troopers determined the initial suspect lied, as he actually shot the deer.

## Bomb Squad X-Rayed Goose and Found Pellet

Tpr. Freitag (Salem) responded to a hunting complaint in Keizer near the Willamette River. The complainant reported his neighbor had been shooting at geese in his backyard with a pellet gun on a prior day and later found a dead Canadian goose in his neighbor's yard. Freitag interviewed the suspect who denied shooting his pellet gun while geese were in his yard and said he only uses the pellet gun for target practice. Freitag seized the goose and had the OSP Bomb Squad x-ray the bird, revealing a pellet consistent with the pellets the suspect was using for "target practice" lodged in the goose's chest cavity. Freitag re-contacted the suspect and learned the suspect had given the pellet gun away. Freitag charged the suspect with **Unlawful Take Canadian Goose—Closed Season** and submitted a report to the DA. The DA requested Freitag add charges of **Tampering with Physical Evidence, Waste of a Game Bird, and Hunting within the City Limits**.

# Environment / OSMB

## Subjects Removed Materials from Critical Salmonid Habitat

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) was patrolling for steelhead anglers on the John Day River when he noticed a backhoe and another machine sitting on the bank of Cottonwood Creek, a critical salmonid habitat tributary of the John Day River. He contacted three men and determined they were dredging for gold in Cottonwood Creek by using the backhoe to dig material out of the creek and then dumping the material into a homemade trommel. He ordered the subjects to stop digging, which they did. He identified the subjects and took photos of the operation. He contacted ODFW and DSL who both concurred the subjects had been illegally dredging in critical salmonid habitat without permits. Ritter cited all three subjects for **Removing Material from Bed or Banks of Waters without a Permit**, per ORS 196.810.

## Mining Check Led to Arresting Wanted Subject

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) received a complaint of someone operating a suction dredge in Sardine Creek in the Gold Hill area. The in-stream work period was not until June 15. Thompson found a camp at a mining claim. The dredge was not being operated at the time, and he educated a male subject on some of the mining laws. Thompson later ran a records check and determined he was wanted on a warrant out of Wisconsin for failure to pay child support. Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) assisted when he and Thompson returned to the mining camp and arrested the subject on the **Felony Warrant**. The troopers lodged the subject in jail.

## Boat Patrols Conducted to Monitor Compliance

While patrolling Wolf Creek Reservoir for anglers Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) contacted a group returning to their campsite by boat. During the contact, Duncan cited one subject for **No PFD** and arrested another for a probation violation.



Trooper completing boat patrol. Photo credit: File

On Lofton Reservoir, Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) watched a boat with a young child on board without a PFD on. He contacted the boaters after they pulled off the lake and found two adults and two children under 12 were on board, and only three adult PFDs were available. Niehus cited the operator for **Insufficient PFDs**.

While conducting a boat patrol on a local waterway, Tpr. Stone and Tr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) were assisted from the shore by Sgt. Withers (Roseburg). The patrol resulted in checking 14 vessels and contacting 30 anglers, with only one citation issued for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** after Withers observed the vessel occupants partaking in smoking marijuana while angling.

Tpr. Shimer (St Helens) and Tpr. Warwick (Astoria) conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River. During the patrol, the trooper contacted numerous recreationists, resulting in issuing **eight angling-related citations** and one citation for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**. The troopers ended their patrol by contacting a group at the boat ramp. They lodged one group member on an arrest **Warrant**.

Tpr. Baimbridge and Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) conducted a boat patrol on the lower main Umpqua River resulting in about 12 boat exams, one citation for **Angling Prohibited Method—More than One Rod**, and one warning for No Type IV Throwable. On another Umpqua River patrol, Baimbridge and Stone checked 20 anglers and conducted four boat exams, resulting in one citation for **Angling Prohibited Method—More than One Rod** and one for **No 2012 Angling License**.



Subjects illegally removed material from salmonid habitat. Photo credit: File

## Subjects Caught Offensively Littering

Tpr. Smith (Tillamook) located a large pile of trash on Mt. Hebo Road. He went through the trash and located a receipt for a surfboard which led him to a Tillamook County resident. Upon contact, the subject admitted he received a free truck that was full of trash; and, after several days of owning the vehicle, he dumped the trash on Mt. Hebo. Smith cited the subject for **Offensive Littering**.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) observed two men angling for trout on Sunset Lake. One subject turned around and saw O'Connor watching him. The subject then took a lit cigarette and burned the line at his reel. O'Connor contacted the subject who admitted he burned the line off because he did not have an angling license. O'Connor cited the subject for **Offensive Littering** and additionally arrested him on an outstanding **Misdemeanor Warrant**.

## High Compliance Rate Found on Odell

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) worked a boat patrol on Odell Lake, starting early in the morning. During the 9 ½-hour patrol, the troopers checked 123 anglers and inspected 34 boats with BERs and found a high compliance rate. They issued two citations for **Unlawful Take of Undersize Lake Trout** and one citation for **No Boater Education Card**.

## Life Jackets Required when Riding PWC

Tpr. Clement (Salem) was checking anglers on the Willamette River near Wheatland Ferry when he observed one subject operating a personal watercraft (PWC) without a life jacket with a juvenile passenger. Clement contacted the subject and asked why he was not wearing a life jacket. The subject told Clement he was over 16 years of age and did not need one. Clement explained the dangers of operating a PWC without a life jacket and additionally educated the subject on the law requiring PWC operators to wear a Type I, II, or III USCG-approved PFD. Clement issued the subject a citation for **No PFD—Violation**.

# Commercial Fish / Shellfish / Marine Fish

## Commercial Fishermen Cited

Tpr. Brandon (Coos Bay) investigated a commercial fisherman who did not have the required legal documents and failed to maintain the appropriate logbooks. Brandon cited the subject for **No 2012 Commercial Shellfish Harvest Permit** and forwarded a report to the DA.

Tpr. Peterson (Tillamook) received a complaint from ODFW of two subjects who exceeded their daily limit of rockfish. Upon contact, Peterson found the subjects were in possession of 14 black rockfish and five greenling. The subjects thought the greenling did not count against their daily limit. Peterson seized the greenling and cited the captain for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Greenling**.

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) received information that a commercial vessel delivered an excess of sablefish to a fish plant at the Port of Charleston. His investigation determined the vessel delivered **28.2%** over the allowable weekly limit of sablefish. Keeler contacted the commercial fishing vessel captain and issued him a criminal negligence citation for **Exceeding Sablefish Trip Limits**.

## Participated without Tribal ID

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson, Tpr. Frazier, and Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) checked four subjects as they landed at the boat ramp to offload subsistence gillnet-caught spring Chinook. Two subjects did not have tribal identification on them while participating in a treaty tribal fishery, and one subject provided a name not on the tribal subsistence permit as an approved helper. In addition, the subsistence permits had expired the previous day. The troopers determined the suspect provided a false name because he knew he had warrants for his arrest out of Oregon and Washington. He was listed on the permit, and the Nez Perce Tribe had extended the permit. The troopers lodged the subject on the **Warrants** and for **Providing False Information to Police and Participating in Treaty Tribal Fishery without Tribal ID** and criminally cited the second subject for **Participating in Treaty Tribal Fishery without Tribal ID**.

## Troopers Worked Halibut Patrols and Found Fair Compliance

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (McMinnville) worked an all-depth halibut day out of Garibaldi. He contacted a boat with three occupants upon their return from angling for bottom fish. Turnbo inspected their catch and discovered the subjects kept 18 canary rockfish and one yelloweye rockfish. One subject said he knew yelloweye were unlawful to retain, but he was unsure about canary. Turnbo issued the three anglers citations for **Unlawful Possession of Canary Rockfish** and seized the illegal fish as evidence.

Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) worked the South Beach docks during the second week of all-depth halibut and logged contacts on 78 boats totaling 170 anglers, resulting in issuing 15 warnings for Failure to Properly Validate Harvest Tag—Inches Recorded for Halibut and one warning on an out-of-state registered boat for No AIS Permit.

Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) conducted an ocean patrol for nearshore halibut and groundfish. The ocean was relatively calm, but eventually winds and rain cut the patrol short. They ran the 40-fathom halibut closure and the 30-fathom rockfish closure and found all boats fishing within the designated areas; however, they found two of three boats contacted with occupants halibut angling were in violation. They issued three citations for **Fail to Validate Harvest Tag**.



Anglers retained protected species of rockfish. Photo credit: File

## Multiple Cited for Affecting Resources

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) contacted a sport clam digger assisting a commercial clam digger harvest bay clams. The digger was cited for **Exceeding the Daily Limit of Bay Clams**. Tpr. Brandon (Coos Bay) had cited the subject the day before for **No Shellfish License** and had warned him for **Exceeding the Daily Limit of Bay Clams**.

Tpr. Smith (Tillamook) contacted two subjects who were returning from razor clamming on the beach off of Cape Meares. During the contact, Smith found one subject was 17 clams over the limit and the other subject was five clams over the limit. Smith cited both subjects for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit Razor Clams**.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (McMinnville) was checking clambers at Netarts Bay when he contacted a group of three adults and one juvenile. Upon inspection of their clams, he noted they were five clams over their limit. Upon asking to inspect their shellfish licenses, two adults stated that they did not have them. One subject went on to say they had found out they needed a license when they arrived at the bay but decided to go clamming anyway. A total of 45 clams were released back to the bay, and Turnbo cited two subjects for **No 2012 Shellfish License**.

Tpr. Warwick (Astoria) observed a subject dig and retain too many clams. When the subject saw the trooper approach, he moved behind his vehicle and threw a large handful of clams under his vehicle to conceal them. After questioning, the subject said he dug a limit for himself and a limit for his wife, and his wife dug 12 of her own. Warwick cited the subject criminally for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit if Razor Clams**.

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) worked Clatsop Beach in plain clothes. He watched one digger count his clams then unbuckle his waders and put multiple clams inside. Herman contacted the subject and another digger with him as they were leaving the beach. The subject had 15 clams in his clam bag; and when Herman asked, he reluctantly took 11 more out of his waders. The other subject had three too many clams in her bag. Herman cited the first subject criminally for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** and the second for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** and seized 17 razor clams. Herman cited four others during the patrol for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** and one for **Digging Part of Another's Bag Limit of Razor Clams**, and seized 15 clams. He donated a total 32 razor clams to the food bank.

# Sport Angling

## Snagging a Persistent Problem near Hatchery Hole

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) worked the Rogue River spring salmon run at the Hatchery Hole and watched for about an hour seeing several fish hooked and lost or released, all foul-hooked. Cushman watched two younger male subjects snagging at the wall eventually land two snagged fish. The subjects did not tag either fish. After about a half hour, Cushman contacted them and found only one subject had a tag, and both fish were now tagged on the same tag. Cushman cited both subjects for **Illegal Take of Salmon—No Tag/Snagged** and additionally cited one subject for **Loaning a Tag**. One subject actually tried to claim he was "catch-and-release" fishing. Cushman was inquired as to what part of snagging a fish, clubbing it in the head, putting it on a stringer, and then borrowing someone else's tag was "release." The subject said that the other guy kept it, not him.

## Fish Concealed in Clothing

Sr. Tpr. Vanderwerf (The Dalles) observed four subjects with six lines out fishing on the Columbia River. He observed one subject catch a sturgeon and a female in the group netted and wrapped it in clothing. Upon contact, Vanderwerf asked the subjects if they caught any fish. The subjects said they caught some fish on a stringer (bass and pikeminnow). As Vanderwerf was asking them about their catch, the female sat on the sturgeon in the clothing in an attempt to conceal it from him. When it became apparent they were going to get citations, the female fainted onto the rocks. The group claimed she had a heart condition. Cascade Locks Fire and Rescue personnel checked out the female, but she refused transport. Medical personnel later determined she had anxiety. Vanderwerf issued citations for **Taking Sturgeon Closed Season, No Angling License, Aiding in a Game Violation—Taking Sturgeon Closed Season, and Angling Prohibited Method—Two Lines** and warnings for No Harvest Card, Angling Prohibited Methods—Two Lines, and Fail to Allow Inspection of Catch.

## Chinook and Sturgeon Unlawfully Retained

Tpr. Reel, Tpr. Schoenborn, and Tpr. Ferguson (Portland) conducted a boat patrol on the Willamette River. Upon backing away from the shore contact where they cited one subject for **Angling with Two Rods**, they discovered an undersized sturgeon attached to a hidden rope. Sturgeon season was closed to retention on the Willamette River. The troopers re-contacted the subject who admitted he retained the sturgeon knowing the season was closed. The sturgeon was released unharmed, and the troopers cited the subject criminally for **Unlawful Possession of Sturgeon—Closed Season** and seized both rods as evidence.

Tpr. Shimer and Tpr. Warwick (Astoria) conducted bank angler checks on Sauvie Island. They contacted an angler at Willow Bar who said a vehicle just left with two male subjects who unlawfully retained a Chinook. The angler also said that they had been poaching salmon all week. The troopers caught up to the vehicle and stopped it for a traffic violation. Inside they found a Chinook tagged as caught in an open area. Through questioning, the subjects admitted they caught the fish in the closed area and had caught and kept two other illegal Chinook that week. The troopers followed the subjects to the residence of one subject who caught the fish and found two more unlawful Chinook in the freezer. The troopers cited one subject criminally for **Unlawful Possession of Chinook Salmon** and the second subject criminally for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violations—Unlawful Possession of Chinook Salmon and Unlawful Taking of Chinook Salmon—Closed Season**.

## Subjects Angled in Closed Waters

Off-duty Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) reported to Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) that he observed a vehicle parked on Murphy Bridge that crosses the Applegate River and was closed to angling until the end of May. Marchand had received previous complaints that the vehicle owner was fishing directly under the bridge during the closure. Bennett contacted the subject who stated he was steelhead angling with his two rods. Bennett cited him for **Angling Closed Stream**.

Tpr. Nugent (Central Point) patrolled the Rogue River and observed a subject on the other side in a closed section below Cole Rivers Hatchery. Upon contact, the subject acted as if he was surprised he was angling in a closed section, even though signs are visibly posted on all sides. The subject thought he found a secret hole that at this time of year can hold as many as 20 Chinook per 10 square feet. Nugent cited the subject for **No Angling License and Angling in Closed Area**.

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## Repeat Offenders Caught

Tpr. King (Tillamook) watched four anglers on Three Rivers who were standing on the deadline and casting into the closure area trying to hook spring Chinook. Upon contact, he identified one subject as a person he has had many dealings with on Three Rivers. King cited all four subjects for **Angling Prohibited Area—Above Deadline**.

Tpr. Shimer (St. Helens) contacted a subject angling for salmon on the Multnomah Channel who did not have an angling license but made odd comments about buying a license. Shimer cited the subject for **No 2012 Angling License**. Shimer later checked ODFW's licensing system and learned the subject was suspended for lifetime for all angling and hunting in Oregon. Shimer and Tpr. Mayer (Patrol) re-contacted the subject and arrested him for **Angling while Suspended—Lifetime**.

Tpr. Schoenborn and Tpr. Borchers (Portland) observed two subjects casting above the deadline at River Mill Dam on the Clackamas River. Division troopers have previously cited the two subjects for similar violations. After all the other anglers left due to darkness, the subjects proceeded to switch from drift gear to glow-in-the-dark lures with large treble hooks. Both subjects walked above the bright yellow deadline marker and cast into the pool the returning Chinook salmon were using to hold in before they make their ascent up the fish ladder. The troopers cited both subjects criminally for **Angling within 200 Feet of a Fish Ladder or Weir** and seized both subject's angling rods as evidence.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) was patrolling The Dalles Marina area when he encountered a subject walking up the boat ramp who claimed he was not angling. After further investigation, Gunderson located a fishing rod and tackle bag on the dock that nearby witnesses claimed to belong to the subject who just left. Sr. Tpr. Vanderwerf (The Dalles) staged nearby while Gunderson set up long-range surveillance. After 45 minutes, the subject returned for his gear, and the troopers made contact. The troopers identified the subject as someone OSP previously arrested for wildlife and drug offenses. He admitted to being untruthful and committing the wildlife crimes. The troopers booked and released the subject at the jail for **No 2012 Resident Angling License, No 2012 Angling Harvest Card, and Angling for Sturgeon Prohibited Method—Barbed Hook** and seized the subject's gear as evidence.

# Sport Angling

## Subject Attempted to Fill Kids' Limit

Tpr. Jewett (Pendleton) received a complaint that subjects had been exceeding trout limits at Penland Lake. Upon arrival, he contacted a male subject described as one of the violators. After tallying up the fish possessed, the subject exceeded his daily limit by 19. The subject admitted he was wrong and thought it would be okay to fill his limit along with his kids' limit. The subject also told his 15-year-old daughter to fish without a license and to continue to angle after she caught her limit. Jewett cited the subject for **Exceeding the Daily Catch Limit of Trout** and warned him for Counseling in a Wildlife Violation and Catching Another Person's Limit.

## 96% Compliance Found during 138 Angler Contacts

On the Saturday and Sunday over Memorial Day weekend, Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) worked early morning salmon and steelhead anglers on the Middle Fork Willamette River below Dexter Dam and conducted afternoon jet boat patrols on the main, Middle Fork, and Coast Fork Willamette and lower McKenzie Rivers. For the weekend, the troopers checked 138 anglers, conducted four BERs, and issued only six angling citations (on the lower McKenzie River). Of the six citations issued, three were for **Angling with Bait where Prohibited**, one was for **No Angling License**, one was for **Possession of a Falsely Applied for Resident Angling License**, and one was for **Unlawful Taking of Trout**. Good regulation compliance was noted while working the anglers below Dexter Dam and during the Middle Fork boat patrol. While working the south shore of the Middle Fork below Dexter Dam, the troopers rendered aid to an angler who had fallen on the rocks while angling and cut his hand. They called for medical assistance who transported the angler to the hospital for treatment.

## Multiple Cited near John Day Dam

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) worked below the John Day Dam on the Columbia River. They contacted one subject at a motorhome observed swinging a smallmouth bass on a stringer. They learned the subject was in possession of a falsely applied for resident angling license. When asked if he caught any other fish recently, he replied he caught a 44-inch sturgeon the evening before and filleted the fish out. He stated he had not given any of the fish away or eaten any and was in possession of two quart bags of fillets and a small tub full of marinated chunks. The troopers knew it is impossible for that size of fish to yield such a small amount of meat, so either the fish was much smaller or the subject wasted much of the meat. The troopers cited the subject criminally for **Possession of a Falsely Applied for Angling License**, warned him for Fail to Immediately Tag the fish the evening before, and seized the license and fish.

The troopers then drove up onto the John Day Dam and conducted surveillance on a group of four male subjects and one woman angling from the public platform below the dam. They observed the woman and her boyfriend fishing in a closed area and leave a worm container when they left. The troopers contacted the two subjects as they walked to the parking area, at that time, not carrying fishing rods. Neither had fishing licenses. The male stated he could not be cited as the troopers did not contact him while he was in the act of fishing. The troopers discussed the finer points of the law as he threw a profanity-laced tantrum. They cited him for **No Angling License** and **Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway** and the woman for **No Angling License**.

## Angled from Floating Device on Applegate River

Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) responded to a complaint of subjects fishing from rafts on the Applegate River. He located the subjects approximately seven miles downstream and observed them fishing from three small catarafts. Consent searches of the rafts did not locate any fish. Marchand cited all three subjects for **Angling Prohibited Method—From a Floating Device on the Applegate River** and gave out several warnings for minor licensing and Marine Board violations.

## Subject Resisted Arrest

On the Clackamas River at Riverside Park, Sgt. Allori (Portland) was approached by a citizen who reported two people were illegally angling and retained a trout. Allori located the subjects, one of whom fled as soon as Allori made contact. The other angler remained behind but only provided limited information, and Allori could not identify or locate the subject who fled. Allori arrested the remaining subject for angling offenses, but the subject resisted, and it took three troopers to take the subject into custody. Allori lodged the subject in jail for **Resisting Arrest, No Angling License, and Unlawful Possession of Trout**.

## Subjects Caught Angling during a Closed Season

Sr. Tpr. McNeil (Baker City) received a complaint of a subject who a landowner reportedly observe fish on the Powder River the day before the season opened. The landowner informed the subject the river was closed, and the angler kept fishing. McNeil contacted and cited the subject for **Angling Closed Season**.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) checked Chinook anglers on the John Day River prior to the opening of trout season and contacted a subject geared up with what appeared to be for trout. The angler admitted he was fishing for trout and had caught one small trout, but he released it unharmed. The angler said he started out fishing for salmon that morning, but he became discouraged after several hours with no strikes, so he started fishing for trout. Ritter cited him for **Angling Trout Closed Season**.

## Subjects Angled Using Prohibited Methods

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) observed two adult males and a juvenile angling with lures in the fly-only area of the North Umpqua River. He contacted the subjects and discovered they kept a trout and a steelhead. Frerichs cited one adult for **Unlawful Take of Trout Closed Steam** and warned him for No Angling License, Angling Prohibited Method, Unlawful Take of Steelhead, and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation. He cited the other adult for **Angling Prohibited Method** and warned him for No Angling License and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation. Frerichs warned the juvenile for Angling Prohibited Method and seized the fish.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) watched two subjects walk away from the bank where three rods were in the water up to where a third subject was at in the campground. All three appeared to be drinking alcohol. After five minutes away from their rods, Niehus contacted the subjects who stated two of them caught five fish and the third caught only two. Niehus verified all three were fishing, and the two who limited stated they were helping their friend limit. Niehus cited the two "helpers" for **Continuing to Angle after Retaining Daily Limit—Trout** and warned them for Attempting to Catch Another Person's Limit. He additionally warned all three for Fail to Attend Lines. One subject cited mentioned he would have told Niehus a different story if he knew attempting to catch another person's limit was illegal to avoid getting a citation.

# Interagency Cooperation

## Boat Patrols Yielded Good Compliance

Tpr. Mayer (Pendleton) and BLM Ranger Carothers conducted a boat patrol on the John Day River between Clarno and Service Creek and contacted about 12 boaters/ anglers and found all had fishing licenses and BLM river permits. Near the Service Creek boat launch, they located an unoccupied red canoe reported to them multiple times over the prior week. In order to not receive any more reports, the officers secured it on the patrol boat and removed it from the river. One citizen commented they enjoyed seeing the cooperation between the BLM and OSP on the river.

Carothers worked another boat patrol on the John Day River with OSP. Over two days, he and Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) patrolled from Priest Hole to Clarno and contacted 88 boats and checked 39 anglers. They issued only four citations for **No Angling License** and one for **Exceeding Maximum Occupancy in a Campsite by a Group** and gave out warnings for No AIS Permit and Offensive Littering.



Canoe removed from river. Photo credit: File

## USFS LEO Assisted OSP with Lodging Violator

Tpr. Ring (Bend) checked anglers at Crane Prairie Reservoir and observed a subject baiting, casting, and retrieving his gear. When contacted, the subject advised he was not fishing and just assisting his girlfriend who was sitting in a chair. Ring recognized the subject from a prior search warrant and arrest for fish and wildlife violations. The subject had been consuming alcohol. Ring contacted his probation officer who asked he detain the subject for **Probation Violation—Alcohol**. The subject then became belligerent, and Ring took him into custody and transported him to jail with USFS LEO Reed's assistance. Ring also cited the subject for **Angling while Suspended**.

## OSP and SOs Conducted Cooperative Patrols

Tpr. Shimer (St. Helens) conducted an interagency boat patrol with Columbia County SO deputies. The officers noticed a male subject who was intoxicated and anchored fishing. The subject stated he felt okay to drive and operate a boat. Hours later, the officers contacted the subject as he was operating his boat down river. The subject consented to and failed SFSTs. The SO arrest the subject for **BUII, BAC 0.17%**.

Sr. Tpr. Vanderwerf (The Dalles) and Sherman County SO investigated a report of subjects catching and retaining a short sturgeon from The Dalles Pool. The subjects also reportedly hid the sturgeon in a blanket in their vehicle. The officers stopped the vehicle as it left the area. The driver denied having any sturgeon and continued to deny after being asked numerous times. The subject eventually confessed to having a sturgeon in the cooler. The sturgeon measured 37½ inches, well short the 43-inch minimum. Vanderwerf criminally cited two subjects for **Taking Undersized Sturgeon, Aiding in a Game Violation, and Fail to Allow Inspection of Catch**.

Tpr. Shimer (St. Helens) and Columbia County SO Deputy King and Deputy Pixley conducted a boat patrol on the OSP boat. During the patrol, they inspected 15 boats and checked 40 anglers, resulting in citing several anglers and arresting one subject on a **Warrant**. Also during the patrol, Shimer contacted a group angling on Sauvie Island and noticed a pile of what appeared to be psilocybin mushrooms. One subject admitted to picking the mushrooms, taking a picture of them, and sending the picture to a friend of his. He told Shimer he was waiting for his friend to tell him if they were the "hallucinogenic" kind. The subject was also in possession of less than one ounce of marijuana. Shimer arrested the subject for **UPCS—Psilocybin Mushrooms** and cited him for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

## OSP Worked with Local PDs

Tpr. Andrews (Salem) assisted Keizer PD after they responded to a subject shooting birds within city limits. The investigation revealed the subject shot a protected species with a BB gun. Andrews cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Protected Species**.

Sgt. Schwartz (Astoria) observed a subject angling for salmon who he warned earlier in the day for angling without a license. After contacting the subject a second time, Schwartz decided to issue a citation. While preparing to write the citation, the angler walked into nearby vegetation and attempted to hide from Schwartz. Tpr. Shimer (St. Helens) and Rainier PD arrived a short time later to assist. The officers eventually located the subject about 1½ hours later. Schwartz arrested the angler for **No Angling License** and forwarded a report to the DA.

Tpr. Andrews (Salem) contacted a subject he observed walking on the road and caused a vehicle to slow down and swerve to avoid him. The subject was noncompliant and would not respond to commands to stop or keep his hands out of his pockets. Andrews took the subject into custody, despite resistance; but after handcuffing, the subject's attitude escalated, and Andrews had to place the subject on the ground. Andrews, a security guard who happened to be in the area, Patrol Division's Tpr. Kenyon and Sr. Tpr. Meyer, and Albany PD officers eventually controlled the subject and put him in a body suit. Andrews lodged the subject in jail for **Disorderly Conduct II, Interfering with a Police Officer, and Resisting Arrest**.

## OSP and Fire and Rescue Located Accident Victims

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) accompanied McKenzie Fire and Rescue (MFR) in their jet boat in order to locate and rescue three boat accident victims on the McKenzie River above Bellingier boat ramp. They located one victim, identified as the operator, on top of a log jam, soaking wet and cold, as he signaled by waving a red life jacket. The operator had jumped out of the boat in an attempt to pull the vessel and the two occupants to safety away from an obstruction. He lost his footing and became temporarily submerged and trapped under a root wad. He eventually freed himself and got to shore. The boat, at the mercy of the current, ran into and became tangled in the log jam. The two occupants grabbed onto limbs to prevent the boat from further movement but were not able to get to shore. MFR transported all three victims to Bellingier boat ramp to awaiting Springfield FD (SFD) medics. Boyd and SFD personnel recovered the boat from the log jam and towed it back to the boat ramp.

# Interagency Cooperation / Public Relations

## OSP Conducted RCA Patrols with USCG

Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) assisted USCG Yaquina Bay Boarding Team on a dockside contact on a boat found fishing inside the Stonewall Banks Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) earlier in the day in the USCG helicopter. USCG took the case and cited the captain federally for **Fishing inside the Closure**.

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) joined USCG Air Division North Bend on an helicopter flight over the Stonewall Banks RCA and found three boats halibut fishing in the RCA. They obtained detailed information on the vessels and passengers. Once on the ground, Van Meter contacted all three boats upon their return to South Beach. She cited all three boat owners for **Angling Closed Area—Stonewall Banks RCA**. Van Meter also checked 54 anglers dockside and issued four warnings for Failure to Properly Validate Harvest Tag—Inches Recorded for Halibut.

## OSP and State Agencies Worked Together

An ODFW fish checker located three undersized commercial salmon while a vessel offloaded in Charleston. Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) cited a deckhand for **Taking Undersized Commercial Chinook Salmon**.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) responded to the White River Wildlife Area on a complaint from ODFW of people driving around a barricade and camping on a closed road. Upon contact, he cited one subject for **Violation of Cooperative Road Closure**.

Tpr. Brandon (Coos Bay) completed an investigation of a California resident who falsely applied for Oregon resident licenses. Brandon forwarded a citation for **False Application for Resident License** to CDFG for service to the Los Angeles-area resident.

Tpr. Smithers (Gold Beach) conducted a patrol in the Port of Brookings with an ODFW fish checker. During an angler check, they located a canary rockfish in an ice chest. They seized the canary rockfish, and Smithers cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Canary Rockfish**.

Sr. Tpr. Knapp and Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) conducted a boat patrol on the Snake River with ODFW. The patrol allowed ODFW access to the lower portions of the Snake River canyon to conduct big game herd counts. Information obtained during this patrol will assist in monitoring the health of big game herds and allocation of big game tags.

Sr. Tpr. Davis (La Grande) completed an investigation involving the unlawful take of a cougar that began while he was assisting IDFG on a separate case and he obtained information related to a cougar killed in Oregon. Davis followed up and identified two suspects. The interviews resulted in Davis charging them with **Unlawful Take of Cougar—No Valid Tag, No Nonresident Hunting License, Loaning a Cougar Tag, Borrowing Cougar Tag, and Aiding in a Game Violation**.

Sr. Tpr. Gardner and Tpr. Mayer (Pendleton) conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River with WDFW Officer Horn. The officers contacted 61 anglers and two guides and inspected 25 boats. They gave out two warnings for No Angling License and one for Fail to Immediately Validate. OSP issued one citation for **No Angling License** and two for **No PFDs**. The officers also arrested one subject on a **Felony Parole Violation Warrant—Absconder Felon in Possession of Firearm**. WDFW issued two citations on the Washington side.

## Troopers Helped Clean Up Rogue River

Tpr. Smithers (Gold Beach) and Patrol's Sgt. Punch performed a Rogue River boat patrol that focused on helping the Trash Dogs as they conducted Rogue River Cleanup. About 90 people showed up to help. The volunteers collected an abundance of trash off the Rogue River bars. For information on the organization, visit <http://trashdogs.org/>.

## OSP and ODFW Interviewed for Wildlife Videos

Lt. Gifford (SW Region) accompanied ODFW Biologist Mark Vargas to Wildlife Images to discuss a recent incident when a bear cub was turned in to them. Executive Director Dave Siddon invited Gifford and Vargas back to film two video messages that KTVL later aired on their Walk on the Wild Side segment. The theme of the first message was "If you care, leave them there" regarding fawns, cubs, seal pups, etc. The message in the second segment advised of some of the common wildlife diseases, including a recent outbreak of canine distemper that has killed several foxes in the Medford/Ashland areas and an ongoing concern with rabies in the Rogue Valley area. For a link to the stories, visit <http://www.ktv.com/news/features/walk-on-the-wildside/>.

## Events and Meetings Attended

Sr. Tpr. Gardner (Pendleton) gave a presentation at the Washington Marijuana Conference held in Wenatchee. His topic had to do with environmental assessment of damages and reporting. The content was well received as well as Gardner's delivery.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) assisted ODFW and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs with a kids fishing derby at a local pond. In spite of cloudy skies and rain, about 45 kids participated, and most limited out. The derby also awarded various prizes. Everyone had a great time.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) gave an update to about 50 people at the May monthly OHA meeting. Tpr. Borchers (Portland) attended a public meeting at the ODFW NW Region headquarters in Clackamas. He answered multiple questions regarding the upcoming proposed angling regulation changes. Sgt. Pond (Bend), Sgt. Katzenstein, and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) attended a OSMB pre-season region meeting in Madras. Several sheriff's marine program deputies attended as well. The meeting discussed OSMB expectations and programs.

## Troopers Spoke to Youth

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) gave a public talk about local wildlife to about 30 Siuslaw Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> graders during a field trip near Mercer Lake. Sr. Tpr. Kehr and Sgt. Thompson (Newport) gave a "Trash Talk" to 12 Career Tech High School students. The class secured a grant through the Mid-Coast Watershed Council to clean up dump sites within the county. The troopers gave the students safety tips and explained what to look for to assist with criminal investigations.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) taught a Hunter Education class to about 15 students. Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) gave a presentation to 20 Hunter Education students at the Sportsmen's Park. He detailed the consequences of violating fish and wildlife laws and why it is important to play by the rules. Tpr. Jewett (Pendleton) appeared at a Hunter's Education class in Milton-Freewater where 60 students attended field day. He received a large interest from parents regarding landowners refusing to allow hunters to retrieve game. Jewett explained the Criminal Trespass laws and when to contact OSP.

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