

The Field Review

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Unlawful Take of Antlerless Deer

A F&W Trooper out of McMinnville and a Patrol Trooper out of North Plains along with a F&W Access & Habitat Trooper responded to a report of two subjects who shot and killed three doe deer. The Troopers located the two subjects and the three deer. Both subjects stated they thought they were shooting at bucks. All three deer and the weapons used in the crimes were seized as evidence. Both subjects were cited and released for **Take/Possession Antlerless Deer**.



Wildlife / Hunting

Unlawful Take of a Six Point Bull Elk

F&W Troopers responded to a report of a bull elk found dead in Wallowa County. When Troopers arrived to the location they found a dead 6 point bull elk. Troopers are still investigating the unlawful take.



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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

Fawn Captured and Relocated

F&W Troopers responded to a complaint on Eurchre Creek Road. Three subjects were found to be in possession of a fawn. The fawn was locked in a gated area with goats. The fawn was subsequently captured and relocated by an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) employee.

Unlawful Possession of Blacktail Deer

A F&W Trooper located a subject who was retrieving a deer from the side of the road. The subject had attempted to tag the deer with an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Parking Permit. Investigation revealed the subject didn't have a deer tag. The subject was arrested for **Unlawful Possession of Blacktail Deer**.



Fail to Validate Big Game Tag

A F&W Trooper checked hunters up Woodrat Mountain and came upon a pickup where two hunters had just gotten back from the hill riding an ATV. They both had nice bucks in the back of the truck. The tags were wrapped around the antlers and when asked if the tags were validated, one of the suspects grabbed his pen and was going to validate the tag. The Trooper intercepted the tags and cited both hunters for **Fail to Validate Big Game Tag**.

Unlawful Possession of a Doe Deer

A F&W Trooper of the Baker City office investigated a report of a hunter in the Keating Unit that had intentionally shot a doe mule deer. Upon locating the subject and interviewing him, it was determined that the hunter thought his Oregon Disabled Permit (which was expired) allowed him to shoot a doe in the Keating Unit. The hunter was cited for **Take/Possession of Antlerless Deer Closed Season**, and the doe was seized as evidence.

Hunting Enclosed Lands

A F&W Trooper arrived to a trespass complaint on Hwy 74 in the Columbia Basin Unit outside of Heppner where a 4x4 buck was shot. The incident was investigated and the shooter was cited for **Hunting the Enclosed Lands of Another** and one other subject who helped recover the deer was cited for **Criminal Trespass**. The shooter's rifle was seized and the buck was salvaged and placed into frozen evidence.

Wildlife / Hunting

Hunting Outside Unit Boundaries

F&W Troopers patrolled the Metolius Unit with an emphasis on hunting within the unit without tags. During the patrol, four citations were issued for **Hunting Outside Unit Boundaries**. (Western rifle deer tags in Metolius Unit)

Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

F&W Troopers from St. Helens and Portland conducted a Wildlife Enforcement Decoy (WED operation) in Yamhill County. During the operation, a vehicle stopped and the passenger shined a light on the decoy and fired two rounds with his .22 caliber rifle. The vehicle was stopped and the passenger received criminal citations for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Buck Deer, Hunting with the Aid of Light and Hunting Prohibited Hours**. The driver was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime**. The rifle was seized.

Discharging Firearm from Roadway

F&W Troopers conducted an end of season elk decoy west of Bend. Two vehicles observed the decoy. The first slammed on the brakes and the driver exited and laid his rifle across the bed of his truck in the roadway and shot. The suspect chambered another round and then saw the game truck approach. The male was in violation and cited for **Discharging Firearm from Roadway**.

Troopers Checking Licenses

A F&W Trooper worked the Zone 1 duck season opener at Fern Ridge Wildlife area. The Trooper contacted hunters as they entered the wildlife area to answer any questions, to make sure they had all their licenses, validations, and stamps as well as checking to make sure they all were using legal equipment. In all, 42 hunters were contacted.

Unlawful Take of Cackler Geese

F&W Troopers conducted an ATV patrol of the Sauvie Island Wildlife area contacting approximately 50 waterfowl hunters. They also received a complaint concerning a hunter shooting Cackler Geese in the Wildlife Area (which is closed). Troopers contacted the hunter who initially denied shooting any geese, but a Cackler Goose concealed in the brush was located. The hunter ultimately admitted he had shot the goose and stated he was actively targeting geese in the closed area. The hunter was cited criminally for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Game Bird** and issued warnings for **Fail to Allow Inspection** and **No NW Goose Permit**.



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Wildlife / Hunting

Night Flight Operation

F&W Troopers worked a night flight operation in Linn and Marion Counties. Troopers in the ground contacted three subjects in an SUV after they were observed by Troopers in the air actively spotlighting near Sweet Home. A male subject was cited for **Casting Artificial Light** while possessing prohibited weapons. Two rifles, a pistol, ammunition for the three weapons, and a spotlight were seized as evidence.



Borrowing Game Mammal Tag

F&W Troopers out of Albany field office responded to a call of a Trespass in Benton County. After Troopers interviewed the suspects, it was determined that multiple crimes had been committed. The first suspect was cited for **Hunting while in Violation of Criminal Trespass, Take/Possession of Game Mammal** (cougar w/no cougar tag) and **Borrowing Game Mammal Tag** (cougar). The second suspect was cited for **Lending Big Game Tag**. The cougar tag the suspect loaned was his twelve year old son's cougar tag. The rifle, cougar and other evidence of the crime were seized as evidence.

Elk Salvaged and Donated

F&W Troopers worked an area east of Ashland where there had been reports in past years of hunters using helicopters, and now drones, to haze elk to areas where a certain group of hunters would kill elk. No helicopters or drones were witnessed but they did see a herd of about 20 elk that had two branched bulls and four spikes in it. Shortly there after. F&W Troopers responded to the Rogue River area and dispatched a bull calf elk that had been shot and wounded. That elk was salvaged and taken to the butcher shop to be donated.

Doe Accidentally Shot

A F&W Trooper responded to the La Grande area after an individual self-reported accidentally shooting a doe. The female hunter shot one time killing both a forked horn buck and a doe. The doe was salvaged and the hunter paid for the cut/wrap fee for donating it to charity.



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Commercial/Angling

COMMERCIAL

Unlawful Gillnet

F&W Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River in Clatsop and Columbia Counties during a commercial gillnet season. Numerous commercial gillnet vessels were contacted. One vessel was contacted that was using a 6.5" mesh net. The maximum mesh size for this commercial fishery was 6". The fisherman said that he had borrowed the net, and had not verified what size it was before he used it. A portion of the net was seized as evidence, and four salmon were seized. The fisherman was cited for **Fishing Prohibited Method: Exceed Maximum Mesh Size.**

F&W Conducted Guardian Patrol

F&W Troopers conducted a two-day Guardian patrol off of the Coast of Curry County during the Elk River area and Chetco River area commercial ocean salmon fisheries. 22 commercial salmon trollers were contacted. The troopers issued 3 citations for **Trolling Prohibited Method : Barbed Hooks for Salmon**, 2 citations for **No Commercial Fishing License**, and 1 citation for **Waste Commercially Caught Salmon**. One vessel was observed gaffing a salmon to bring it on board the vessel, only to then discard the gaffed (and now dead) salmon back into the water after apparently deciding it wasn't large enough to be worth keeping. The salmon was seized and donated to the food bank.



Failure to Submit Logbooks

A F&W Trooper contacted the owner of a commercial crab vessel that had been warned in previous commercial crab seasons for not submitting his commercial crab logbooks to ODFW as required. The vessel again was delinquent in its requirement this season to submit all of its logbooks to ODFW. The owner was cited for **Fail to Submit Commercial Crab Logbooks.**

ANGLING

Angling Prohibited Method

A F&W Troopers from Coos Bay and Florence conducted a boat patrol in Coos Bay and the Pacific Ocean. During the patrol, commercial bay crabbers, sport crabbers, salmon anglers and groundfish anglers were contacted and two citations were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks.**



Angling Closed Area

A F&W Trooper responded to a closed area angling complaint at Herman Creek. The Trooper observed a male angling in the closed area of Herman Creek and issued a citation to him for **Angling Closed Area.**

Angling/Shellfish/Environment

Unlawful Take of Snagged Salmon

A F&W Trooper out of the Astoria field office worked the opening day of fall salmon season on Big Creek. He cited one angler for: **Take/Possession of Snagged Salmon** after witnessing a man retain a large Chinook salmon that was hooked in the gills.

SHELLFISH

Possession of Undersized Crab

F&W Troopers responded to a report of subjects keeping undersized crab near the Port of Brookings. A check of subjects on the crab dock revealed three subjects with 12 undersized crab and one subject with no Shellfish. The subjects were cited for **No Shellfish License and Unlawful Possession of Undersized Crab**.

Failure to Release Dungeness Crab

A F&W Trooper out of Astoria worked Dungeness crabbers with the Department Zodiac on the Columbia River near Hammond and also contacted vessels at the Hammond basin at the dock. While on board the Zodiac the Trooper contacted a vessel with 5 men traveling upriver after they had completed their crabbing. The men had more than their daily limit of crab on board. The Skipper claimed he was merely transporting the excess crab upriver a short distance "To catch them later." The Skipper was cited for: **Failure to Immediately Release Dungeness Crab**.

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Investigation

F&W Trooper traveled to rural Curry County to assist with an environmental investigation associated with a large illegal outdoor marijuana grow on Forest Service property. There were large amounts of garbage throughout the growing operation. Several different chemicals were located including "Furan" a highly toxic substance. Many trees and other brush had been cut down. Multiple animal snares were located throughout the grow site. A gravity feed watering system using plastic tubing was found. Water and soil samples were collected for testing.

Subject Cited for Offensive Littering

A F&W Troopers contacted a large hunting camp on the White River Wildlife Area near Pine Grove and noticed numerous piles of human feces and toilet paper scattered about, as well as other garbage, near the camp. An adult male who said he would take responsibility for the group was cited for **Offensive Littering** and counseled to have the group clean up their mess.



Interagency/General Law/Dispositions

INTERAGENCY

A F&W Pilot flew an angler census flight over the Columbia River with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) as well as an Elk census flight near Lexington.



Travel Management Area

Multiple agencies worked the Fox Butte TMA. Over 200 hunters were contacted. Harvest was slow despite very favorable hunting conditions. A F&W Pilot assisted for a short period of time but was grounded due to unsafe conditions. Five citations for **Travel Management Area** (TMA) violations, nine warnings for TMA violations, one citation for **Aiding in a Game Violation** to wit: no valid tag, one ATV warning no rider safety card, four other subjects will be interviewed later regarding TMA violation.

GENERAL LAW

Driving While Suspended

F&W Troopers observed a subject operating a motor vehicle in Chesnimnus Unit. A check of the license plate revealed that the registered owner was DWS-violation and on felony probation for elude. The condition of probation was to not drive without license. The next day the Trooper passed the subject heading out of town in the Sled Springs Unit. The Trooper noted that the male subject was driving when he passed by. After making contact with the vehicle the subject was cited for **DWS-violation**.

DISPOSITIONS

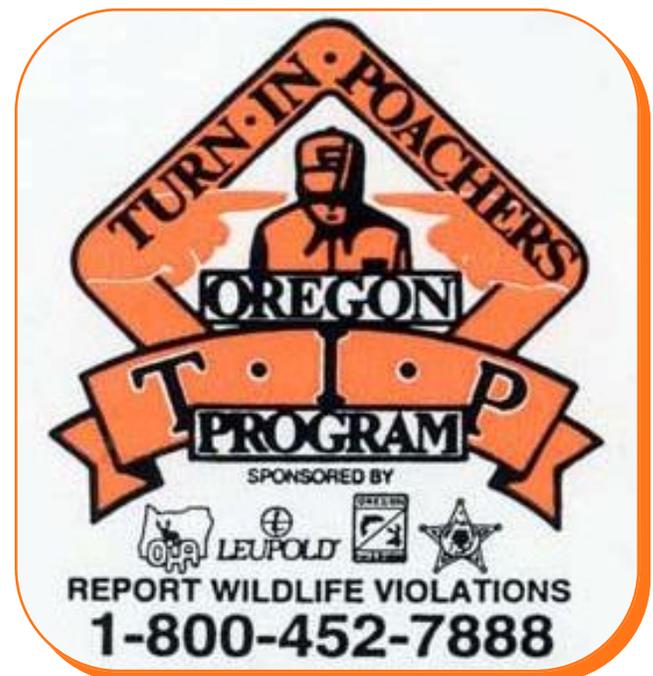
The defendant from a spring 2015 bear baiting case made by the Newport Fish and Wildlife Team appeared and pled guilty to Hunting Bear with Bait in a Lincoln County Circuit Court. The court imposed the following sentence:

*5 year Hunting License Revocation

*\$1000 Fine.

*Forfeiture of .270 rifle, compound bow, tree stand, bait barrel and bucket, and trail camera with memory card.

*3 years probation, which includes; defendant not being allowed in any area in which hunters are, or may be, engaged in hunting game mammals during that season. This applies to both bow and rifle seasons (as well as special and controlled hunts).



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