

# The Field Review



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## Four Arrested on Environmental and Criminal Charges Following 21-Month Investigation

During the early morning hours on August 4, the OSP SWAT Team served a search warrant relating to a 21-month long investigation led by Tpr. Marc Boyd (Fish and Wildlife, Springfield) in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies. The four-day search at the approximate 60-acre property led to the discovery of a substantial amount of illegally dumped and buried solid waste and hazardous materials; a large marijuana growing operation; a stolen dump truck; and five stolen vehicles crushed and buried using a large excavator, with some found in a dam built to create a custom pond. Officers seized a Link Belt 4300 track-mounted excavator, firearms, marijuana plants, stolen vehicles, and other items.



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Officers arrested and lodged three Springfield-area suspects in the Lane County Jail on multiple environmental and felony charges (listed below), and cited a fourth suspect for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled (UPCS)—Methamphetamine. Additional environmental and big game charges are pending.

**Suspect #1:** Unlawful Disposing of Solid Waste, Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle (x 6), UPCS—Methamphetamine, Unlawful Manufacturing of a Controlled Substance (UMCS)—Marijuana, UPCS—Marijuana, and Possession of a Stolen Firearm. **Pending** criminal and civil charges include: Water Pollution in the First Degree, Depositing Motor Vehicle Parts in Waters of the State, Unlawful Possession of Iodine, Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree, Unlawful Storage and Disposal of Waste Tires, Theft by Receiving, Aggravated Theft in the First Degree, Criminal Mischief in the First Degree, Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree, Placing Offensive Substance in Waters or Other Property, Unlawful Open Burning of Prohibited Materials (LRAPA), Trafficking in Stolen Vehicles, Conspiracy to Commit a Crime, and Racketeering.

**Suspect #2:** UMCS—Marijuana, UPCS—Marijuana, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Endangering the Welfare of a Minor, and Child Neglect in the First Degree. **Pending** criminal charges include: Forgery in the Second Degree (Insurance Fraud), Criminal Mischief in the First Degree, Initiating False Police Report, and Conspiracy to Commit a Crime.

**Suspect #3:** UMCS—Marijuana, UPCS—Marijuana, Endangering the Welfare of a Minor, and Child Neglect in the First Degree.

Several anonymous tips regarding suspicious activity at this residence started the investigation. In addition to the Fish and Wildlife Division, Criminal Division detectives, Patrol Division troopers, Lane County Interagency Narcotics Team officers, Bureau of Land Management law enforcement rangers, Lane County District Attorney's office, a Eugene Police Department detective, Lane County Sheriff's Office deputies, Lane County Search and Rescue team, ODOT Incident Response, McKenzie River Fire and Rescue, Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, National Marine Fisheries Service, and the State Water Master assisted with the investigation.

The Fish and Wildlife Division would like to especially thank Delta Sand and Gravel in Eugene who provided a large excavator, an operator, and several support staff to the search operation without charge. Delta Sand and Gravel's assistance was invaluable in recovering the buried stolen cars and discovering the extent of the environmental crimes found at the scene.



# High Lakes Patrol

## Troopers Frequently Conduct Wilderness Hike Patrols

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) worked a three-day high lakes angling-boat-wilderness patrol in the Oakridge area. On Friday, before hiking into the Waldo Lake Wilderness, the troopers conducted a short boat patrol on Waldo Lake and completed five BERs. Using the boat, they accessed the Waldo Lake Trail from the mouth of the North Fork of the Willamette River. After parking the boat on the North Shore of Waldo Lake, the troopers hiked into Six Lakes, a 4.5 mile round trip. They checked Round Lake then contacted one camp with two people at Lower Eddeleo Lake. They encountered one compliant angler. After concluding the patrol, the troopers conducted a drift boat patrol at Gold Lake, contacting five anglers and completing two BERs. A check of a group of three anglers revealed the anglers were using prohibited barbed hooks and did not have angling licenses, stating they left them at camp. At 6:20 p.m., the troopers arrived at the suspects' camp to check their licenses. One angler furnished a valid license and indicated the other two went to Crescent Lake Junction to get a life jacket for the cataraft being used. When the anglers returned, the troopers recontacted them. A check of their licenses revealed they were purchased at 7:18 p.m. The troopers cited all three anglers for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hook** and the two anglers who left to buy licenses for **No Angling License**.



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On Saturday, the troopers worked the kokanee fishing tournament at Odell Lake. They checked 66 anglers and performed four BERs. They issued one citation for **Child under 13 Not Wearing PFD**, three for **No Angling License**, and one for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Lines**. After concluding the Odell Lake patrol, they conducted a second boat patrol at Waldo Lake. Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher was dropped off on the North Shore of Waldo Lake, and he hiked the Rigdon Lakes and Wahanna trails to the Taylor Burn cabin in the Waldo Lake Wilderness. During the 7-mile hike patrol, he checked Rigdon, Kiwa, Harvey, Wahanna, and Eastern Brook lakes, contacted seven hikers and four anglers and examined trout (pictured above). After dropping off Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher, Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher completed a boat patrol at Waldo Lake. He conducted five BERs, performed seven boat visual checks, and issued one citation for **Child under 13 Not Wearing PFD** and one for **No PFD**.

On Sunday, Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher spent eight hours hiking 9.2 miles into the Three Sisters Wilderness, starting and finishing at the Taylor Burn Guard Station. During the patrol, he checked the Williams, Otter, Lower-Middle-Upper Erma Bell, Mud, and Edna lakes. He inspected three boats and checked three anglers, four horse riders, and one hiker. Three subjects did not have their wilderness permit in possession. No other violations, except a missing sound producing device in a boat, were found. Most people were surprised to see a uniformed officer in the wilderness. While Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher was on his hike, Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (blistered feet and all) worked a boat patrol on Gold Lake then worked Waldo Lake from the shore. At Gold Lake, he conducted three BERs, checked eight anglers, and issued one citation for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hook**. At Waldo Lake, he conducted five BERs. On the way back to Taylor Burn Guard Station, he checked one ATV. Waldo Lake is "one of the purest in the world. This lake, scooped out by ancient glaciers, covers 10 square miles and reaches a maximum depth of 420 feet. On a clear day, you can see to depths of 100 feet" (USFS). For an interactive map detailing several Middle Fork Travel Corridor areas, please [click here](#).

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Abbreviations and Acronyms					
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	Sgt.	Sergeant
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content			SIU	Special Investigations Unit
BER	Boat Examination Report	LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	Sr.	Senior
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	Lt.	Lieutenant	SO	Sheriff's Office
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	TIP	Turn in Poachers
Capt.	Captain	ODF	Oregon Department of Forestry	Tpr.	Tpr.
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease	ODOT	Oregon Department of Transportation	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
DA	District Attorney			USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
DSL	Department of State Lands	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DWS	Driving While Suspended	PFD	Personal Flotation Device	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
		Ret.	Recruit	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy
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# Wildlife / Hunting

## OSP Seeking Public's Help with Poaching Cases

On August 2, Astoria troopers responded to a report of a wounded 4 x 3 buck shot with an arrow and left in an Astoria residential neighborhood. Troopers believe the incident likely occurred the night before. The wounded deer was located on Niagara Street, and troopers had to euthanize the deer on scene. The OHA TIP Program and the OHA Clatsop County chapter are offering a \$500 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction in this case. Anyone with information is asked to call the TIP line at 1-800-452-7888 or Tpr. O'Connor directly at 503-325-5515 ext. 47.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) is asking for the public's help to identify the person(s) responsible for the unlawful possession/take of a buck butchered and dumped in Lane County. On or about August 10, parts of a deer were dumped on the shoulder of Ferguson Road west of Junction City. The OHA TIP Program is offering a reward for information leading to an arrest in this case. Anyone with information is asked to call the TIP line at 1-800-452-7888 or Tpr. Boyd directly at 541-505-1063.



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Tpr. Ritter (John Day) is asking for the public's help in solving an illegal deer killing in John Day. On or about August 19, a buck was mortally shot with an arrow at the 7th Street Ballfield Complex near the east end in John Day. The wounded deer ran behind a nearby residence where it died. The OHA TIP Program and local OHA chapters are offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest in this case. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Tpr. Ritter at 541-575-1363 ext. 23 or the TIP line at 1-800-452-7888.



Prior to August 21, 2009, an illegal take and waste of a cow elk occurred during closed season about 4 miles north of Tillamook near Kilchis River Road and Barker's Bridge. Tillamook troopers determined the elk was killed along Kilchis River Road and then drug up a spur road where portions of the meat were taken. The OHA TIP Program and the OHA Tillamook County chapter are offering up to a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest in this case. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Tpr. Howell at 503-842-2899 or the TIP line at 1-800-452-7888.

## Air Support Helped Identify Violators

Sr. Tpr. Menlow (Pilot, Bend), Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist), Sr. Tpr. Randall, and Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) participated in a night air/ground patrol. Bean contacted a subject who shined a flashlight out of the vehicle's passenger's side window on some deer. The passenger also pointed a rifle at the deer but did not fire. Upon contact, the passenger admitted to hunting buck deer. The passenger was cited for **Hunting Deer Closed Season** and **Hunting with the Aid of an Artificial Light** and the rifle was seized. Niehus contacted a subject who was shining a light directly at the airplane. The subject was contacted in his camp and, upon contact, was seen putting away a rifle. The subject was a convicted felon and was cited and released for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm** and the firearm was seized.

## Subject Killed Raccoon for Attacking His Cat

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) received a complaint of a subject who killed two raccoons at an apartment complex in Lincoln City. Kehr contacted both the complainant and the suspect. Raccoons had attacked and injured the suspect's cat at the complex. Ten days later, two raccoons and the suspect's cat had a confrontation again; but an attack did not take place. The suspect scared the raccoons off of his back balcony and into a tree. The raccoons climbed down the tree to the ground. The suspect left his second story apartment in pursuit of the raccoons. He chased them around the front of the complex and up two flights of stairs. He cornered the raccoons on a back balcony and killed them, while the complainant watched through her sliding glass door. The suspect disposed of the raccoons. Kehr cited the suspect for **Animal Abuse I**.

## One Too Many Bighorn Sheep

Sr. Tpr. Johnson and Tpr. Ritter (John Day) conducted a bighorn sheep investigation regarding a Murderers Creek Aldrich hunt tag holder who shot two bighorn rams. The suspect hit the first, and largest, of the two rams in the hindquarter with his first shot. He missed entirely with his second. It appears the hunter got excited and took his eye off of the first ram as he chambered the third round. He apparently shot the second ram with his third shot, thinking it was the first ram. He shot two more times, hitting the first ram each time. The troopers cited the suspect for **Exceeding Bag Limit—Bighorn Sheep** and seized the second ram and a video of the hunt, showing the events occurring exactly as described.

## False Licenses and Tags

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) conducted a follow-up investigation of a husband and wife applying for Oregon hunting and fishing licenses using a Port Orford address while living in Walla Walla, Washington. An address check revealed a new owner bought the house over two years ago. The business address listed is vacant, and city records do not show a business license for three years. Stinnett checked with the suspect's father who said his son moved to Walla Walla three years ago. Information was forwarded to Eastern Oregon troopers for citations.

Sr. Tpr. Coggins (Enterprise) and Detective Gardner (SIU) investigated a Washington couple who purchased resident license and tags during the past two years. Troopers learned the couple sold their Oregon residence in July 2007 and moved to Washington. They purchased Oregon resident licenses and tags in 2007 after they moved and in 2008. Troopers cited both subjects for **False Application for Residents License and Tags (x 4)** and warned them for **Taking Deer without a Valid Tag (x 2)** and **False Application for Resident License and Tags (x 6)**.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Photo Posted on Internet Holding Raccoon

Tpr. Olsen (Salem) received information about a picture posted on a social website of a juvenile raccoon on the shoulders of person. Olsen contacted the person, seized the raccoon, and cited two adults for **Holding Wildlife without a Permit**.

## Kit Fox Den Located near Red Mountain

While returning to camp from checking antelope hunters, Sgt. Brown (Pendleton) and Lt. Scorby (East Region) observed a kit fox and den on the shoulder of a roadway. They attempted to take photographs but were unsuccessful. They obtained GPS coordinates for the local wildlife biologist. Kit fox are an extremely rare sight in Oregon and are currently listed as threatened.

## Sage Grouse Taken Closed Season

When Sr. Tpr. Caldwell and Rct. McClay (Burns) contacted two antelope hunters in their camp in the Juniper Unit, they observed a sage grouse feather on the ground and a plastic bag on top of the garbage with blood on it. Examination revealed the bag also contained sage grouse feathers. One camp member led officers to a sage grouse carcass in the sage brush. He stated his young grandson shot the grouse the day before, and he had helped clean and eat it. He was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Sage Grouse—Closed Season**.

## Cited for Multiple Violations

Over two months, Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) investigated a Myrtle Point man who had been committing various Fish and Wildlife violations. With the assistance of Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay), in August, the subject was arrested and lodged in the Coos County Jail charged with **Unlawful Take of Deer—Closed Season** (March 2009), **Unlawful Take of Grouse—No Upland Bird Validation** (November 2008), **Unlawful Take of Spike Deer—No Valid Tag** (November 2008), and **Unlawful Take of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Steelhead** (January 2008).

## Antelope Pursued Illegally

Sgt. Brown (Pendleton) and Lt. Scorby (East Region) responded to a complaint of a subject shooting at antelope while leaning over the hood of a vehicle on a roadway near Red Mountain. They determined the report was accurate and issued the subject a citation for **Hunting Antelope Prohibited Method—Within Fifty Yards of a Motor Vehicle** and warnings for Fail to Possess Antelope Tag (left in camp) and Hunting from a Public Roadway.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) checked 15 hunters and 11 antelope during opening weekend in Beatys Butte. One of the first antelope checked was taken by a man Thompson contacted Friday night camping outside his hunt area. When contacted Saturday, the man said he took the antelope in an area where Thompson spent part of the morning and had not seen him. Suspicious, Thompson contacted Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview). Later that day, Weaver observed the man run a stop sign and stopped him. Thompson's suspicions were correct. During the course of the stop, the man admitted shooting the antelope in the wrong area but gutted it in his hunt area. Lt. Gifford (SW Region) and Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) located the gut pile. Weaver seized the antelope and cited the man for **Taking Antelope without a Valid Tag**.

## Alligator Discovered Sunning on Log

Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) received a complaint of an alligator in the Applegate River near Murphy, southeast of Grants Pass. Children living in the area went down to play by the river and saw the alligator sunning itself on a log. Marchand responded and confirmed the report. No homes were in the immediate area from where the alligator may have come from, and it was not known if it escaped or was intentionally released. Oregon law prohibits the release of non-native species into the wild. A pet store owner said the alligator would have had no problem surviving through the winter. Marchand felt the 3 1/2-foot alligator could not be captured alive before it ventured back into the water. Due to safety concerns, he shot the alligator before climbing out onto the log to retrieve it. Marchand's investigation revealed the alligator escaped from a holding facility, and it had to walk down a field about an 1/8 of a mile to get to the river where it was located by the children. Marchand determined the owner did not violate any laws.



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## Unlawful Bear Hunting

Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) was called out for an investigation involving a bear bait. His investigation led to the arrest of two subjects for **Hunting Bear Prohibited Method—Bait** and a third subject for **Aiding in a Game Violation—Hunting Bear Prohibited Method—Bait**.

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) received a complaint from ODFW that when a man checked in a bear skull at their Central Point office as required, the man indicated his friend shot the bear, and he tagged it. Collom contacted both subjects. They had not covered all the details in their story and made conflicting statements. When Collom pointed this out, they admitted the man who tagged the bear was not the shooter. Collom cited one man for **Borrowing a Big Game Tag—Bear** and the other for **Loaning a Big Game Tag—Bear** and seized the bear.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman and Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) checked the area of a bear bait station Cushman had been watching and saw a vehicle parked and walked into the bait station. They found a man and a boy in a stand over some bait. Cushman had an idea who the man was. He previously determined the man and his girlfriend each tagged a bear this year, and the girlfriend had a second tag. The troopers were sneaking in and saw the bait site when the man whistled at them. The man told the troopers he was bear hunting with his stepson and was using "doe in heat" lure as bait. Collom checked the bait pile and saw spray bombs on a wood pile with some dog food, bread, vegetables, meat, and red jelly liquid underneath. The man said he did not know you could not bait bear. He also had a mentored hunter slip forged with his girlfriend's signature. He thought it was okay to mentor the youth with his girlfriend's extra bear tag and forged slip. He also admitted he shot the bear his girlfriend tagged also. The man was cited for **Unlawful Take of Bear—No Tag** and for **Hunting Prohibited Method—Baiting Bear**. The girlfriend was later cited for **Loaning a Bear Tag**.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Shaw Creek Poaching

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) met with a group of hunters in the Shaw Creek area (off of Siuslaw River Road) who found a headless bull elk. The hunters hiked with Maher to the bottom of a clear-cut where the elk was found. Upon examining the carcass, Maher determined the elk was killed at least one to two weeks prior and had been partially consumed by other wildlife. Maher found evidence indicating the elk had been shot with a rifle. He has not identified any suspects and is continuing the investigation.

## Elk Taken Closed Season Wasted

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell and Rct. McClay (Burns) responded to information they received of subjects hunting cow elk within the forest boundary. The current hunt taking place was only valid off of forest lands. Troopers determined the camp of four hunters killed three elk within the forest boundary. Two of the three elk were deemed unfit for human consumption. They were killed the weekend before and had been hanging in the camp in 90-degree temperatures since that time. Troopers issued three citations for **Taking Elk Closed Season**, one citation for **Hunting Elk Closed Season**, and two citations for **Waste of Wildlife—Elk**. They also issued warnings for Unlawful Possession of Deer Antlers and Improper Validation of an Elk Tag. ODFW Biologist Rod Klus (Hines) provided valuable assistance to the troopers.



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## Unlawfully Taken Deer and Elk

Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) received information about a subject who killed a trophy buck with a rifle during archery season. Halsey contacted the subject and determined the suspect killed the buck with a rifle. He seized the trophy 3 x 4 with a drop-tine and cited the subject for **Taking Deer Prohibited Method—Rifle**.

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) investigated a suspicious incident of a subject who rifle shot a deer and delivered it to an elderly couple. The subject told Bean the couple told him a few days prior they would like a deer if he found one. When contacted, the couple told Bean they were only joking; however, Bean found deer cut and wrapped in their freezer. Bean cited the subject for **Taking Deer Closed Season** and the couple for **Aiding in a Game Violation** and seized the deer meat.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) investigated the report of a subject who possibly was elk hunting with a firearm during bow season. He found the subject's vehicle parked in a stand of timber in the Sour Grass Prairie area. He hiked in and found the subject hunting out of a tree stand. Maher found him in possession of a bow, a scoped .223 rifle, and a .357 magnum pistol. The subject said he was bow hunting for elk; but a check revealed he did not have a bow tag, only had a Cascade bull elk rifle tag. Maher cited the subject for **No Bow Elk Tag**.

At 8:30 p.m., Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) notified Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) about a report of two subjects who rifle shot a bull elk on Weyerhaeuser property near Vaughn Creek. Maher responded at about 9:00 p.m. The witness led Maher, a Lane County deputy, Rct. Imholt (Springfield), and Tpr. Youngblood (Patrol) to the site. They observed an ATV leave a residence and drive into a clear-cut where the elk was reportedly shot. A long hike in the dark, through clear-cuts, and across a creek led officers to an abandoned ATV. Maher continued hiking up a hill and located a dead 5 x 5 bull. About an hour later, he talked the two suspects out of the tree line. Maher learned they both shot the elk, because they needed the meat, and neither had tags. Officers field dressed the elk, then they escorted the suspects to their residence and seized both rifles. One suspect was cited for **Unlawful Taking of Elk**, the other for **Aiding in a Game Offense—Unlawful Taking of Elk**, and both for **Criminal Trespass II**. The officers hiked back to the site and quartered and packed out the elk. Filthy and tired, the officers cleared the area at 3:00 a.m. The elk was donated to the mission.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) noticed two out-of-breath deer hunters were putting bows in the back of their pickup. The hunters told Maher they had just taken shots at a buck but missed. A check revealed one hunter had a bow tag, but the other had a Western Oregon rifle tag. The rifle tag holder was quite dismayed to find out he did not have a bow tag and blamed a store for giving him the wrong tag. Maher educated the hunter about his responsibility, citing him for **No Bow Deer Tag**.

Tpr. Boyd and Rct. Imholt (Springfield) investigated a complaint from ODFW of a Waltherville subject who was issued a hazing permit for deer to protect his private garden; but information received indicated that he, with assistance of another person, killed a buck. Imholt led the investigation and found a neighbor killed a buck at the landowner's request. Imholt cited the landowner for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** and the neighbor for **Unlawful Take of Blacktail Buck Closed Season** and seized the antlers, frozen meat, and a bow.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) investigated a report of bow hunter who bow shot a forked-horn buck in the hindquarters and left it to waste. The witness field dressed the deer to keep it from wasting and then reported the incident. Ritter followed a blood trail several hundred yards from where the dead deer was found, almost back to where the suspect's ATV had been parked earlier that day. He located the suspect in his camp. He determined the suspect killed the deer and left it to waste. Ritter seized his unvalidated tag and will be citing him for **Waste of Wildlife (Fail to Retrieve)** and **Fail to Validate Deer Tag**.

Tpr. Howell, Tpr. Thomas, and Rct. Galusha (Tillamook) conducted a knock-and-talk in Nehalem after receiving information that a person had been in the garage and found a freshly killed deer hanging. The troopers contacted a subject who let them look in the garage. They found blood, deer hair, and ropes in the open area of the garage, consistent with processing a deer. When they asked to look in the freezers, the subject told them to get a warrant and prove he had a deer. Howell and Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) secured the residence and buildings, while Thomas, Galusha, and Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) applied and received a warrant. The search located a large amount of fresh and frozen deer. The subject then told the troopers he located a road-struck deer, so he butchered the deer and placed it into his freezers. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Deer**.

# Marine Board

## Multiple Agencies Investigated Boat Crash

On August 22, a tragic boat crash occurred on the John Day River upstream from Le Page Park near the mouth of the Columbia River. A male subject was observed operating his boat at a very high speed when he lost control. Both the male driver and his female passenger were ejected from the boat. The female drowned, and her body was later recovered. The boat sunk and was located the following day in approximately 45 feet of water after Sgt. Katzenstein (The Dalles) received a sonar hit on the boat. The boat was recovered and examined. The Sherman County DA was contacted, and a male suspect was arrested for **Criminally Negligent Homicide** and **BUII** by Sr. Tpr. Raiser (The Dalles). He received minor injuries during the crash. Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles), Tpr. Frazier (Hood River), and Tpr. Ring (Arlington) assisted with the investigation. When the Sherman County Grand Jury met, they indicted the male operator for **Criminally Negligent Homicide, Manslaughter in the Second Degree, and BUII**. OSP, Sherman County SO, US Army Corps of Engineers, Klickitat (WA) County SO, Skamania (WA) County SO, Klamath County SO, and the OSMB Boat Accident Reconstruction Team worked together in investigating the crash. For the OSMB press release, *Collaborative Effort Used in John Day River Body Recovery*, please [click here](#).

## Boat Capsized, Occupants Rescued

On August 29, OSP received a call of a capsized boat in the surf just off of South Beach State Park in Newport. Two men were last seen in the water hanging onto the boat. Upon arrival, troopers found medics on the scene attending three men lying on the beach. An 18-foot aluminum boat was observed overturned in the surf just off of the beach. The three men aboard the boat were alive and transported to a Newport hospital. They were treated and released for hypothermia and minor cuts and bruises. The operator and passengers said they had been out fishing and were trying to use their GPS to navigate back to port in the thick fog and high surf conditions. Not realizing they were so close to the south reefs, the boat was hit by a large wave and capsized, trapping the three men underneath the boat. They managed to get out from underneath the boat and tried to hang onto the boat as it rolled in the surf. The men were eventually pulled from the surf and onto the beach by bystanders. Lincoln County SO and USCG Yaquina Bay assisted with the investigation and removal of the boat.



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## Assistance Provided and Violations Detected on Boat Patrols

Sr. Tpr. Pearson, Lt. Ashmore (The Dalles), and Jake Ferrer (ODFW) conducted a raft patrol on the Deschutes River from Mack's Canyon to the mouth. They contacted three anglers in their camp. One man kept two steelhead the day before and had not validated his tag. Officers issued one citation for **Failure to Immediately Validate Harvest Tag** and two for possessing marijuana.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) conducted an ocean patrol near the Columbia River. They contacted 18 boats (47 anglers) and issued 14 citations and numerous warnings for salmon angling offenses, with most for **Angling Salmon Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks**. Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) conducted an ocean patrol with USCG out of Depoe Bay. They contacted 60 anglers, citing 10 for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks** and **Fail to Validate**.

On the Willamette River near Milwaukie, Sr. Tpr. Moore and Tpr. Fromme (Portland) noted a 22-foot ski boat adrift needing help. Three people were in the water. The operator said the tow rope was wrapped around the prop. They turned on the police lights to slow passing boat traffic. They gave the operator a dive knife, and he swam under the boat several times cutting away the rope. After about 10 minutes, the subject was able to cut the prop free of the rope and started the motor.

Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) and Rct. Nagle (Patrol) conducted a boat patrol on Lake Billy Chinook to address complaints. They observed two subjects on a party barge snag and exceed their limit of kokanee. Both subjects were issued citations for **Fail to Release Foul-Hooked Game Fish** and given warnings on the exceeding issue. Love conducted another patrol on the lake with Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski (Madras). They contacted several anglers who appreciated the enforcement presence. They issued citations for **Fail to Release Foul-Hooked Game Fish (x 4)**, **Exceeding the Bag Limit**, and **No Angling License (x 2)**.

Sr. Tpr. Lea (Florence) and Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) conducted a boat patrol on the Umpqua River. They cited one subject for **Fail to Allow Inspection of Catch** after finding a 35-pound wild Chinook during a consent search. Lea and Davis conducted a boat patrol on the ocean and Winchester Bay. They issued four citations for angling violations.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) attended drift boat school on the Rogue River. While instructors and students were staging at the Shady Cove boat ramp, a young female was noticed swimming nearby in the river. A few moments later, she was no longer observed. A quick search found her struggling and drifting downriver. She finally came to a shallow area and could barely stand up. Niehus threw a rescue bag over her shoulder. She was able to hold the rope and pulled to safety.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles), Tpr. Frazier (Hood River), and Hood River SO Deputy Mike Anderson conducted a float of Segment 4 on the Deschutes River. Deputy Anderson wanted to get some whitewater rowing experience and instruction. They checked 45 anglers and 45 scenic waterway passes during the patrol. The patrol resulted in the following citations and activities: **Failure to Immediately Validate Harvest Tag (x 2)**, **No Angling License (x 2)**, **No Steelhead Tag**, and **Angling Prohibited Method—Using Bait Prohibited Area**.

OSP received a complaint from USCG of a possible intoxicated charter boat skipper. A client called his father complaining about the skipper drinking too much and not bringing them back to port. Tpr. VanHoose and Rct. Hansen (Patrol, Newport) responded and launched with the USCG on their boat to try and locate the vessel. The boat made it into port and Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) contacted the skipper at the dock and started the investigation. VanHoose, Hansen, and the USCG arrived a few minutes later and took over the investigation. The skipper was arrested for BUII, BAC .06 (8 hours after he stopped drinking).

# Commercial Fish / Marine / Shellfish

## Great White Shark Pulled Up in Crab Pot Line



While Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) was interviewing the passengers of the charter vessel during a BUUI investigation in Depoe Bay, a sport tuna boat arrived at the boat ramp. One of the passengers saw him and asked if he knew the numbers to the local newspaper, because he had caught and retained a great white shark. Kehr contacted the subject with the already gutted shark, tentatively believed to be a great white shark. He called Sr. Tpr. Torland (Newport) to assist with the identification to confirm it was a great white shark and not a salmon shark. Under state and federal law,

it is unlawful to take or possess great white sharks. Torland arrived and confirmed the shark was a great white, nearly 12 feet in length. The angler stated the shark was hung up in their crab pot line and was pulled to the surface when they pulled in the pot. The shark was seized and delivered to the Hatfield Marine Science Center where National Marine Fisheries Service and ODFW positively identified the shark's species as a great white shark. The subject will be cited for **Unlawful Possession of Protected Species—White Shark**.



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### Commercial Activities

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) cited a skipper of a commercial groundfish vessel for **Illegal Possession of Minor Slope Rock** after he landed 506 pounds of minor slope in excess of his two-month cumulative trip limit.

In Charleston, Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) contacted a commercial fish seller in violation. Davis learned the deckhand had a warrant and lodged the deckhand in the Coos County Jail. The vessel was warned for No Limited Fish Sellers Permit.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) contacted a boat at the Port of Brookings that landed five canary rockfish. Everyone admitted to landing the fish, but no one had a clue what they were or that they were prohibited. Stinnett cited the captain for **Taking Canary Rockfish Closed Season**.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted an angler at the Hammond dock who had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear on four commercial fish violations—No Commercial Fish Wholesale Dealer's License and failing to submit over 60 commercial fish receiving tickets. He was arrested and lodged into Clatsop County Jail.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) contacted a guide on the lower Rogue River with two untagged large Chinook on board. Eventually, the guide admitted his client landed both fish, and the client told the guide he forgot to get his tag after he landed the second fish. Barden warned the guide for not ensuring each fish was immediately validated and cited the client for **Fail To Immediately Validate Salmon Tag (x 2)**.

Ret. Galusha and Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) contacted a subject regarding a steelhead retained during the commercial salmon troll season. The subject was aware of the regulations prohibiting retaining steelhead for commercial purposes. The subject admitted he did not even look the fish over; he simply noted the adipose fin-clip and retained the fish. The skipper was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Steelhead Caught for Commercial Purposes**.

### Shellfish Issues

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) received to a report of subjects keeping female crab on the Necanicum River near Seaside High School. He located the subjects. A consent search revealed a cooler containing 20 female crab and one undersized male crab. He issued one criminal citation for **Unlawful Taking of Female Dungeness Crab**.

When Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) attempted to serve a citation in Cottage Grove forwarded from the Coos Bay office, the suspect was not home; so he went about his business and checked Cottage Grove Reservoir. While inspecting a boat at the Wilson Creek ramp, he noticed a female angling from the shore. After completing the inspection, Maher contacted this angler and found she did not have an angling license. Upon obtaining her identification, Maher was surprised to learn the angler was the same person he tried to contact to serve a citation to. After he issued her a citation for **No Angling License**, he served the **No Shellfish License** citation.

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) and Sgt. Perske (Roseburg) received a report about a subject pulling another subject's crab gear in the ocean. The complainant stated the suspect had the victim's crab pot onboard his boat but threw it back in the water after a confrontation. Davis contacted the subject and cited him for **Theft II**. Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) also responded to a complaint of two subjects pulling other subjects' crab gear and taking their crabs in Winchester Bay. Harris located the suspects; and, after an investigation, cited both for **Criminal Mischief III**. He also cited one suspect for **Unlawful Taking Dungeness Crab—No Shellfish License**. Davis cited the other suspect two days prior for **No Shellfish License**.

As Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) arrived at the Embarcadero docks to check crabbers, she noticed two females leave quickly and followed them up the ramp. The first went into the bathroom, and the other joined a group in a picnic area. She checked the crab cookers at the resort and found three small Dungeness crab. Guests told her they watched the first female put the crab in the cooker. Van Meter waited outside the bathroom, but the suspect did not come out. She went inside and the suspect drew her feet up. After waiting a while, Van Meter identified herself, telling the suspect she needed to come out and discuss the crab. To that, the suspect exclaimed she was using the bathroom and would be out soon. Van Meter waited outside to keep an eye on both the suspect and the group. After several minutes, she went back into the bathroom and found the suspect disappeared. She explained to the group they should ensure their friend turn herself in. The suspect continued to hide herself in various parts of the resort until her friends convinced her to give up. When contacted, the suspect told Van Meter she ran because she was scared of what was going to happen. Van Meter cited her for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**.

# Sport Angling

## ODFW Helped Catch Violators and Recover Fish

Rct. Vogel (St Helens) cited one subject for **Unlawful Possession of a Native Steelhead** after being tipped by an ODFW employee. The steelhead was seized.

Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) responded to Pacific City where an angler reportedly illegally retained a Chinook from the Pacific Ocean. Upon arrival, Howell identified the fish as Chinook salmon, based on the completely black mouth and other traits. Upon contacting the anglers, they still did not agree with Howell or the ODFW fish sampler the fish was not a coho. Howell cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of a Chinook Salmon** and seized the Chinook as evidence.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) received a complaint from an ODFW regarding a subject who had been angling on the Siuslaw River and told the sampler they did not catch any fish. The sampler later heard the boat had brought fish in. Salisbury identified the correct boat and confirmed they actually caught fish. He contacted the residence, and the suspect admitted to catching two wild Chinook that they did not tag. They were cited for **Unlawful Possession of Untagged Chinook Salmon** and warned for Failing to Allow ODFW to Inspect Catch.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) received a report from ODFW about a non-adipose fin-clipped coho that was landed. Upon arrival at the port, another subject landed an illegal coho. Stinnett contacted one violator who was extremely angry. He said ODFW last year told him when the fish is questionable, it is always a Chinook. Stinnett discussed how to



Coho salmon. Photo credit: NPS.gov

identify coho and showed the gum line and ribbed tail. One violator had a Chinook for comparison, but Stinnett could not reason with the unhappy angler. He cited one subject for **Taking Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon Closed Season**; but the second violator left, so a citation was forwarded to Roseburg for delivery.

Anglers are retaining illegal salmon in increased numbers this year at Astoria and Warrenton docks. ODFW fish checkers are assisting with recovering illegal fish brought in. Citations issued include **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Coho Salmon, Unlawful Possession of Undersized Chinook Salmon, Unlawful Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon, and Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks**. Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) issued 15 citations in one week for salmon angling offenses at launches in Astoria and Warrenton for the Buoy 10 and ocean fishery; and in another week, he cited 12 anglers at Hammond. Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) and Sgt. Scroup (Astoria) also issued numerous citations to anglers returning from the Buoy 10 fishery. Schwartz conducted an ocean patrol and worked local docks with Rct. Evans (St. Helens). In just one week, they seized seven salmon and issued many angling citations. On another occasion, Schwartz contacted salmon anglers at local docks. He seized 10 salmon and issued citations and warnings for angling and boating violations. Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) worked the local boat ramps and docks and issued several warnings and eight citations for angling offenses. On another occasion, he issued many warnings and 10 angling citations.

## License Issues Common

Sr. Tpr. Griffin and Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) patrolled the lakes basin area of the Willowa Mountains via horseback. They observed 201 people in the back country, made numerous contacts, and traveled 36 miles. They checked one outfitter/guide and nine anglers. They issued one citation for **No Angling License**.



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While observing salmon anglers in the Rogue River Bay, Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) watched an angler known to not have a valid angling license or tag, trolling for salmon with a rod in his hand. Barden later contacted the angler that evening and warned him for No 2009 Salmon Harvest Card and cited him for **No 2009 Angling License**.

Tpr. Ring (Arlington) and Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) responded to a trespass complaint in the Kimberly area near the Hwy 19/207 junction. While en route, they noticed a white Toyota pickup parked in the John Day River with two subjects angling out of the bed of the pickup. After taking several photos, they asked the two subjects to remove the truck from the river. They additionally cited one subject for **No Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Knapp (Enterprise) checked a lake angler who produced a resident angling license. When the subject left, Knapp observed he was driving a Washington-plated vehicle. An ODFW check revealed the subject purchased resident licenses the past two years using a Pendleton address. Knapp checked with the courthouse and discovered the subject sold his residence several years ago. He also learned the subject had a Washington driver license and resident angling license. Upon contact at his Willowa Lake vacation home, the subject thought since he owned property in both states, he could claim dual residency. Knapp cited the subject for **False Application for Resident Angling License (x 2)**.

## Numerous Anglers Cited out of Garibaldi

Rct. Galusha and Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) contacted an angler about a Chinook he retained out of Garibaldi. The subject could not revive his illegal fish, so he kept it and had his daughter tag it. He said if he was caught, he would take the ticket; and if not, he would take the fish home. He was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Chinook Salmon** and warned for borrowing the tag. While Galusha and Thomas were on another patrol, a subject boated by them. After noting the boat they passed was OSP, the subject went off plane, and one of the three anglers crouched down on the floor. Upon contact, troopers found the crouched angler (who was validating his tag with the wrong species and location) and another had not validated their coho. They were both cited for **Fail to Validate**. Upon contacting boat anglers on the Dinner Reef, Galusha and Thomas found they were using barbed hooks and kept three coho. One angler caught two, a second caught one, and a third caught none; but the third tagged a fish. He loaned his tag, because he did not want anyone to limit out, as fishing was "hot." Troopers cited the first angler for **Borrowing a Combined Angling Tag** and the third for **Loaning a Combined Angling Tag** and warned all three for the barbed hooks.

# Sport Angling

## Suspended Angler Caught

A well-known suspended angler was seen angling on the Rogue River by a USFWS employee and the local municipal court judge. They both agreed to testify. Gold Beach troopers have spent many man hours on surveillance and received many phone calls from citizens seeing him angling during his suspension. On August 29, Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) finally located the violator and issued him a criminal citation for **Angling While Suspended**.

## Unlawful Steelhead Revived

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) contacted several “half-pounder” anglers on rafts at Foster Bar. Onboard one raft were two legal rainbow trout, one illegal cutthroat trout, and an illegal non-adipose fin-clipped steelhead which had just been caught. Barden educated the anglers on Rogue River regulations and cited one angler for **Unlawful Take of Cutthroat Trout**. The cutthroat trout was seized for evidence and the wild steelhead was revived and released in the river.

## Cooler Did Not Contain “Lunch”

Sr. Tpr. Lea (Florence) checked a vessel at the dock. The occupants had been crabbing, and Lea checked several crabs. Lea asked what the other two coolers in the boat contained, and he was told “lunch.” He asked to look in the coolers, and the suspect opened one cooler which contained food. He asked to look in the last cooler. The suspect opened that cooler, and it contained a non-adipose fin-clipped coho. Lea cited the suspect for **Unlawful Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**.

## Criminally Cited for Harassing Wildlife

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) responded to a report that individuals were spearing Chinook salmon out of Clear Creek. Three suspects admitted to attempting to spear salmon and one admitted to throwing rocks at the fish to scare them to the suspects with spears. Duncan recovered two spears at the scene and photographed salmon highly visible in the water. Duncan cited three suspects for **Attempt to Take Game Fish—Closed Stream** and one suspect for **Harassing Wildlife and UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) conducted surveillance and observed two male subjects and a female subject arrive at the location and start looking at the fish. Frerichs observed the two male subjects throwing large rocks on top of the fish with the female advising them where the fish were located. He observed two of the suspects smoking marijuana and another subject throwing beer cans in the surrounding brush. He contacted all suspects and cited the two males for the crime of **Unlawful Harassment of Wildlife—Game Fish** and the female for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime**. One of the male suspects was additionally cited for **Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway** and the other was cited for **UPCS—Less than Once Ounce of Marijuana**.

## Snagging Fish Is Not Only Illegal, But Depletes Resources

While Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) contacted anglers on Big Creek near Knappa, he observed an angler downstream attempting to land an extremely large Chinook salmon. As the angler fought the salmon, Schwartz observed the angler's hook embedded in the salmon's tail fin. After a prolonged fight, the angler finally landed the salmon and was observed removing the hook from the salmon's tail



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fin. Schwartz contacted the angler, who admitted to hooking the salmon in the tail and retaining it because it was so big. Schwartz cited him for **Unlawful Retention of a Foul-Hooked Chinook Salmon**. The Chinook, seized as evidence, weighed in at 55 pounds.

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) received numerous complaints of subjects attempting to foul-hook spawning kokanee salmon and decided to watch the location. During a two-day period, Bean issued 12 citations, with seven issued for **Foul-Hooking Game Fish**.

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) contacted a juvenile angler at a vehicle on the Salmon River. The juvenile was putting a Chinook salmon into the truck that he had caught. His tag was not validated. The salmon had a large, fresh hook mark on the outside of the head. The father was contacted and investigation revealed the salmon was snagged with corkies on the side of the head. He was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Unlawful Possession of Foul-Hooked Salmon**. The salmon was seized as evidence.

Tpr. Schwartz and Ret. Vogel (St Helens) responded to a trespassing complaint at the Big Creek Lodge near Knappa. Just after arriving on scene, they located the suspect and observed him snag multiple salmon while trespassing. Upon contact, the suspect stated he knew he had been told to leave the property and returned to continue fishing. The suspect was cited for **Criminal Trespass II** and **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging**. Several other citations were issued this week to anglers on Big Creek, including Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging (x 2), Aiding in a Wildlife Offense—Snagging, Angling within 200 Feet of a Fish Weir, Fail to Validate Angling Harvest Card, and Unlawful Retention.

At the Cazadero Dam on the Clackamas River, Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) observed a father and son above the deadline attempting to snag Chinook with large single hooks and illegal weights. The father foul-hooked multiple Chinook; two were kept and three were released. Two fish were handed to the son to land; one was kept and one was released. Upon contact, Schoenborn learned the son was only 15-years-old, and the father was trying to teach him how to fish. He cited the father for **Illegal Possession—Snagged Chinook Salmon** and **Weight Attached to Line Less than 18" above Hook** and warned the son. He seized both Chinook and gave them to the mission. On another at the dam, Schoenborn observed two subjects attempting to snag Chinook above the deadline. One subject foul-hooked, landed, and retained a Chinook. The subject handed the fish to a third subject not angling who tagged it. Schoenborn cited two subjects for **Angling Prohibited Area** and **Weight Attached to Line Less than 18" above Hook** and the third for **Borrowing 2009 Combined Angling Tag**. He seized the Chinook and gave it to the mission.

# Environment / Habitat / ATV

## Dredging Complaints Have Increased

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) has been receiving many Oregon Plan complaints in the Grants Pass area. Some involve damming up streams blocking fish passage. Others involve mining. He checked numerous suction dredges. Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) investigated one on the Rogue River. Thompson and Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) checked on three streams in the Grants Pass area reported to have the fish passage blocked. One stream involved a neighbor who pushed some logs in the stream to drive some equipment across. When Thompson and Meyer arrived, the stream had apparently been cleared and the stream was flowing. The other two streams will require some follow-up by ODFW and Thompson. Two Rogue River suction dredging complaints were unfounded, as they were operating within the in-stream work period and had the required permits. The in-stream work period ends in September. Thompson has seen a large influx of suction dredges from California. One prospector told Thompson that California has outlawed suction dredging in streams, and he told Thompson to expect many more prospectors coming to Oregon from California to use suction dredges.

### For More Information:

[Water Quality Permits for Metal Mining](#)

[DSL](#)

[DEQ](#)



Dredging can cause problems to fish habitat, if not regulated and monitored by various agencies, such as DSL, DEQ, and OSP. *Photo credits: File*

## ATVs in Prohibited Areas

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) issued cited four subjects on Weyerhaeuser property for **Criminal Trespass II** after the subjects were found behind a locked gate on ATVs.

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell and Rct. McClay worked south Harney County for bighorn sheep season and cited one hunter for **No Operator's License** and warned him for Operating an ATV on a Highway and No ATV Registration Decal. They also checked four hunters.

Tpr. Ring (Arlington) and Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) responded to a trespass complaint on Hwy 19 along the John Day River. The reporting party had taken several photos of suspects on ATVs riding back and forth across the river, trespassing on private property. They contacted a large camp, and the investigation revealed that several individuals crossed the river on their ATVs and were riding on the private property across the river. The landowner's agent signed the citations and four juveniles were issued citations for **Criminal Trespass II**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) worked Giustina and Weyerhaeuser property in the Dexter and Culp Creek area in the morning. At about 9:15 a.m., he was heading down hill on Weyerhaeuser property and encountered four males, all with rifles, riding on ATVs. Being that Weyerhaeuser, at that time, was currently prohibiting **all** public access (due to high fire danger), the suspects were stopped and detained at the scene. The suspects told Maher they were bear hunting and were not aware of the closure. Maher cited three of the four for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**. The fourth suspect, a 16-year-old male, whose father was with him, was warned for the offense. Incidentally, two of the suspects were reported to have been involved in an earlier trespass complaint reported by Giustina.

With several local private timber companies closed to all entry for fire danger, Newport had a busy opening weekend for archery season. Troopers issued numerous trespass warnings to hunters on closed lands. Sr. Tpr. Hathaway and Tpr. VanMeter (Newport) cited two subjects on ATVs in **Violation of the Travel Management Agreement**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Central Point) received a tip about subjects illegally trespassing on posted private timber property on ATVs. He conducted surveillance in the area and observed three different vehicles trespassing on the property. Frerichs recovered a rifle from one of the suspects that was confirmed as stolen out of Lane County SO in 2002. Frerichs cited three suspects for **Criminal Trespass with a Motor Vehicle**. The investigation into the recovered stolen rifle will be continued.



Disrespectful ATV riders can damage forestland. *Photo credit: File*

## Littering near Waterways Is a Persistent Problem

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) received numerous complaints of persons illegally angling in a major tributary stream of the North Umpqua River that is closed to angling year around. Frerichs contacted and cited three subjects for **Angling Closed Stream and Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway**.

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) observed some men angling at Agate Lake with fishing line wrapped around plastic pop bottles. When the anglers left, one left his line and bottle behind. Collom contacted the anglers. The man who was believed to have had the bottle line did not have an angling license. The other man claimed it was his, and he did have an angling license. Collom cited him for **Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway**.

# General Law / Other

## One of Many Cited for DUII while on Patrol

Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) was traveling on Hwy 47 just north of Gaston when he contacted a person along the highway who had just pulled over to use side of the road as a restroom. Further investigation revealed the subject had been driving and was extremely intoxicated, so he was taken into custody for **DUII**. The subject was transported and lodged in the Yamhill County Jail, BAC .29. It should be noted that this subject was traveling with his pregnant wife who also was extremely intoxicated.

## Forestland Trespassers Suspended

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) responded to a trespassing complaint on Weyerhaeuser property. While en route to the complaint, the suspect vehicle was observed traveling on Coos River Hwy and was contacted at a county park. A second vehicle stopped along with the suspect vehicle. Both vehicles had improper mud flaps. Both operators were found to have suspended licenses. The original suspect was cited for **Criminal Trespass II** and **DWS—Violation**. The second subject was cited for **DWS—Misdemeanor**. Both subjects were cited and released, but the vehicles were impounded.

## Intoxicated Hunter Detected while Working Case

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) worked the upper South Umpqua River above Tiller for spring Chinook protection. He received information about a remote camp where USFS located several salmon carcasses and angling gear at a location. Frerichs hiked into the location and began collecting fishing line and other evidence. While on the river bank, he heard several gunshots coming from a vehicle on the main paved South Umpqua Hwy across from his location. He observed the suspect drive towards Tiller at a high rate of speed, and he hiked back to his vehicle and pursued the suspect. He caught up to the suspect about 10 miles down from the shooting location. The suspect admitted to shooting at a “skunk” with a Ruger stainless 44 magnum pistol and exhibited signs of intoxication. Frerichs transported the subject to the Douglas County Jail for the charges of **Unlawful Hunting from a Public Roadway** and **DUII**. Frerichs seized the pistol.

## Theft and Damaged Discovered on USFS Property

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) received information that a subject and his friends possibly crashed his pickup near the Abbot Butte trailhead and damaged some USFS signs. Collom drove to the location and found several young men trying to get a pickup unstuck. Collom observed several USFS signs were knocked over, apparently by vehicles hitting them. Collom also observed the front bumper of the stuck pickup was damaged as though it had hit more than one sign post. Collom’s investigation revealed there had actually been two vehicles used to run over USFS signs. One of the vehicles was the stuck pickup while the second vehicle had been driven into Shady Cove. Collom cited the two drivers for **Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree**. Collom also learned that a third youngster had taken a USFS sign home. Collom planned to recover the sign and issue a citation for **Theft in the Second Degree**. Collom is following up with the USFS.

## Troopers Assisted with WWI Shell

Sgt. Katzenstein, Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles), and Tpr. Carothers (Fossil/Condon) assisted the OSP Bomb Squad in locating a WWI artillery shell that was at the high water mark of the John Day River near Cottonwood Bridge. They area was cleared of civilians and the Bomb Squad rendered it safe by using a large shape charge of C4.



John Day River offers a unique beauty. Photo credit: BLM

## Troopers Often Find Drugs and Wanted Subjects

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) worked in the Fall Creek area. About 25 minutes into the shift, he contacted a group of campers at a dispersed site on the South Fork of Winberry Creek. While admiring a large collection of interesting rocks displayed on a table near the campfire, the trooper saw a marijuana pipe and inquired as to its ownership. A nervous male subject proclaimed it was his. With a few more questions, the subject also gave the trooper a small baggie of dried marijuana. With no identification and no medical marijuana card, the trooper ran the subject's name and date of birth and was informed he had two warrants for Theft I and Burglary I out of Lane County. The total bail for the warrants was **\$300,000**. The warrants were confirmed, and Maher arrested, transported, and lodged the subject in the Lane County Jail. He also cited the subject for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

## Rural Troopers Handle Varied Enforcement Issues

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) assisted the Grant County SO with a burglary suspect supposedly barricaded in a residential attic. The reporting party stated she woke up at about 4:30 a.m. to find an adult male in her house. The burglar ran out of her house and down the street. A short time later, an SO deputy located the suspect walking down the street. When he saw the deputy, the suspect ran around the corner of a house. The deputy gave a short chase and saw the door of the house the suspect had ran around kicked open. The house was cleared, but no suspect was found. The deputy saw footprints on the wall below the attic access and assumed the suspect was hiding in the attic. When Ritter responded, he discovered the suspect was not in the attic but had jumped over an elderly neighbor’s fence and hid in her yard. When the neighbor saw the suspect in her yard, she let her dogs out, and they chased the suspect over the fence, where he was taken into custody.

# Interagency Cooperation

## Accident Took Life of USFS Employee

On August 20, during a series of Baker County marijuana eradications, Steven Uptegrove, a USFS employee, was killed when a falling snag struck him on the head in the Monument Rock Wilderness Area. For information about Steven Uptegrove, please click [here](#) and [here](#) for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest press releases and [here](#) for the Baker City Herald article.

Sr. Tpr. Hawkins, Sgt. Cyr, and Lt. Scorby (Baker City) assisted the Baker County Narcotics Enforcement Team with removing over 14,000 marijuana plants from two different locations south of Unity in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. USFS crews assisted officers with removing the plants and other forest work. The following day, Hawkins, Cyr and Scorby assisted Detective Jayo (Criminal, Baker City) with the death investigation. After the field phase was completed, the four OSP officers and Baker County SO's Undersheriff Thompson and Detective Rilee carried Uptegrove to the top of a nearby hill where a helicopter transported him out. USFS and Baker County Search and Rescue assisted. The helicopter also transported investigators and rescuers to a staging area. Combating crime costs, not only time and financial resources, but human lives. The Fish and Wildlife Division would like to thank Steven Uptegrove for exhibiting pride, loyalty, and dedication toward serving the public and protecting Oregon's fish, wildlife, and natural resources. We send our heartfelt sympathy to his family, friends, and co-workers for tragically losing a loved one, an affable comrade, and an esteemed colleague.

## Drug-Related Search Revealed Wildlife Crime

The Yamhill County Interagency Narcotics Team conducted a drug-related search warrant in McMinnville. At the residence, members located elk meat, deer meat, an owl, and a bear inside a freezer. Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) responded and investigated the Fish and Wildlife violations. Schwartz determined the bear was shot and killed in 2008 and had been properly tagged. The subject who killed the bear had not checked the bear in with ODFW as required. The deer and elk meat and the owl were given to the subject by friends, and the subject did not have tags or a written transfer. Schwartz cited the subject for **Fail to Check in Bear with ODFW within 10 Days of Harvest and Unlawful Possession Deer/Elk—No Written Transfer**.

## OSP and USFS Apprehended Grow Suspects

Tpr. Dietz (Pendleton) received a report from dispatch that two possible suspects from a marijuana grow were observed walking down USFS Road 52 towards Ukiah. USFS LEO Dewayne Ross was en route as well. Dietz contacted a retired USFS LEO, who reported the suspects, and he kept them under observation until assistance arrived. The original camp, when raided, had several weapons, and they had to assume the suspects were armed. The two male suspects looked very tired and run down. They went inside a store in Ukiah and walked back to the south edge of town, where they seemed to be waiting for someone. Dietz and Ross contacted the two suspects, who were wearing two sets of clothing (camouflage underneath street clothes). Ross identified the suspects, and they were taken into custody without incident. USFS transported the suspects to the Grant County Jail.

## Rapid Response Detected Unwanted Species

Interagency cooperation between Sgt. Meyer (Central Point), ODFW, and OSMB and a rapid response plan helped stop a boat with potentially invasive species from entering Oregon waters. For the OSMB press release, please click [here](#).



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## OSP Assisted with Harney County Grow

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell and Ret. McClay (Burns) assisted the Harney County SO with a marijuana grow in the east Steens Mountain area. During the raid, suspects fled the grow site. The suspects were captured several days later still in the area.

## Biologist's Cameras Identified Suspect

ODFW Biologist Mike Hanson (Enterprise) located a garbage dump on state property near Minam. He set up a remote camera at the site and obtained photos of the suspect vehicle. Sr. Tpr. Knapp (Enterprise) contacted the registered owner and determined he dumped the garbage. He was cited for **Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of a Waterway**.

## OSP Served Subpoenas for Montana

In 2008, Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) assisted wardens from Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks serve a search warrant on deer poachers in the Rogue Valley, Oregon, area who illegally took big game in Montana. Several charges (including felonies) were filed in Montana, and Cushman assisted by serving the subpoenas for the Montana to the suspects at their Oregon addresses.

## OSP Assisted with Removing Wildlife

With assistance from ODFW, Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) helped the City of Grants Pass remove a deer from an abandoned reservoir. The deer had to be tranquilized and hoisted out.

Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) assisted Wildlife Services in dispatching and removing a public safety/garbage bear out of Waldport. The bear was not salvageable due to its steady diet of trash.

## SO Discovered False Bighorn Sheep Tag

Lake County SO contacted two people in the Paisley area who had bighorn sheep tags and were scouting. The SO learned one subject was not who she had said she was and had arrest warrants under her true name. The subject was lodged in the Lake County Jail on a No Bail warrant. The SO discovered the subject's sheep tag was issued under her assumed name. This information was forwarded to Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) who interviewed the subject in jail awaiting extradition. Weaver cited the subject for **Possession of a Falsely Applied Hunting License and Bighorn Sheep Tag** and seized her sheep tag as evidence.

# Public Relations / Trainings

## Meetings, Presentations, and Trainings Well Received

Sr. Tpr. Halsey and Rct. Clement (both Albany) gave a presentation at a hunter education class in Harrisburg.

The Mid-Coast Fish and Wildlife Team assisted the ODFW by staffing their booth at the Tillamook County Fair.

Sr. Tpr. Moore (Portland) conducted a hunter education talk to 36 students at the Canby Gun Club. Moore spoke about regulations and answered questions.

Sgt Perske, Tpr. Stone (Roseburg), and Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) assisted at the OSMB whitewater/drift boat school on the Rogue River in the Medford/Grants Pass area.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) attended the Salem OHA meeting and presented two members, Steve Pence and Larry Larson, framed photographs of each assisting with scenarios during a recruit class. Their assistance was greatly appreciated.

Lt. Lane (NW Region), Sr. Tpr. Halsey, Rct. Burkholder, and Rct. Clement (Albany); Sr. Tpr. Chichester, Sr. Tpr. Mediger, and Sr. Tpr. Tindle (all Retired); Linn County SO; ODF; Linn County Parks and Recreation; and representatives from Rosboro Timber, Gustina Resources, Small Woodland Owners Association, Weyerhaeuser, Cascade Timber, Seneca Timber, Gustina Land and Timber, Fruit Growers Supply, and Frank Lumber attended the Linn County Forest Protection Association Landowners meeting at ODF in Sweet Home. The yearly late summer meeting provides the opportunity for law enforcement to discuss landowners issues and to provide them information. Landowners expressed appreciation for the work both OSP and LCSO have been doing on their lands and indicated their willingness to assist on funding issues facing the agencies. Several landowners expressed their appreciation of the recent search warrant served in Springfield on August 4 (cover). This subject has been a long time concern.

Lt. Lane (NW Region), Sgt. Chambers (Salem), Rct. Burkholder (Albany), Retired Sr. Tpr. Chichester, and Retired Sr. Tpr. Mediger attended the quarterly BLM Law Enforcement Cooperative Meeting at Salem BLM. The meeting brings together, federal, state, county, and private timberland security to discuss forest issues occurring on their areas of responsibility. At this meeting, BLM rangers, Linn and Clackamas County deputies, DOJ, USFWS Refuge Enforcement, and three private timberland representatives attended. Lt. Lane provided a PowerPoint presentation, *Status of Poaching in Oregon*, and a recently produced DVD, *Native Remains and the Law*. Both presentations were well received, and attendees were very impressed with the DVD.

Lt. Lane (NW Region), Lt. Gifford (SW Region), Sgt. Punch (Patrol, Gold Beach), Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay), Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach), Sr. Tpr. Gardner (Patrol, Coos Bay), and Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay); tribal police officers from the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw; and the Coos County deputy medical examiner attended the 2009 Archaeology Training for Law Enforcement at the Mill Casino/Hotel in North Bend, sponsored by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) and the Coquille Indian Tribe. Lt. Lane was one of the trainers. He provided the recently produced video *Native Remains and the Law*, gave a short segment on archaeological investigations, and spoke about various cases that have occurred in Oregon over the last several years.



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Other components of the training were provided by Dr. Dennis Griffin, State Historical Preservation Officer (SHPO); Nancy Nelson, Archaeologist, OPRD; Dr. Mark Tveskov, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Southern Oregon University; Don Ivy, Cultural Resources Director, Coquille Indian Tribe; Arrow Coyote, Archaeologist, Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw; and Don Day, Cultural Resources Protection Specialist, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon. The training was excellent, with field trips each day to known archaeological sites within the Coos Bay/North Bend area.

## Dispositions

OSP receives numerous dispositions every month, with thousands of dollars of fines ordered, seized items forfeited, and licenses suspended. The following are examples of dispositions received in August:

Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen and Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) had a trial on August 25 for Taking Wild Chinook on the lower Rogue River and the defendant's friend for Aiding in a Game Violation. Both defendants were found guilty. One defendant was fined \$200 and the other \$75.

Sr. Tpr. Carter (Pendleton) received a conviction on a hunter from a case last year who was hunting while suspended in Umatilla County. The suspect was sentenced to five days in jail, three years probation, fines and fees \$1,763, and three-year hunting license suspension.

Sr. Tpr. Coggins and Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) received a disposition for a decoy operation they conducted last fall, where one subject was cited for Taking Elk Closed Season and Borrowing a Big Game Tag and the second (his wife) for Loaning a Big Game Tag. The subjects pled guilty in Wallowa County. The first suspect was sentenced to fines and fees \$1,133, restitution \$500, and two-year hunting license suspension. The second suspect was sentenced to fines and fees \$130 and two-year hunting license suspension.

After a two-day jury trial, a notorious previously convicted poacher, **Ray Hillsman**, was found guilty of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Criminal Trespass with a Firearm, and Violation of a Lifetime Hunting Suspension. The charges were from three different incidents and a cooperative investigation with Linn County SO. This inconsiderate and reckless poacher is awaiting sentencing.

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