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Troopers Contacted over 1,000 Anglers during "Operation Leviathan"

For the short two-day recreational sturgeon season due to dwindling numbers and predicting a record angler and boater turnout, Sgt. Allori (Portland) coordinated a massive saturation patrol of the Willamette River by Astoria, St. Helens, Tillamook, Portland, Salem, The Dalles, and McMinnville Fish and Wildlife Division troopers (17 on Friday and 16 on Saturday) and Clackamas County SO Marine deputies (two on Friday and two on Saturday) called Operation Leviathan. Over the two days, troopers worked by boat and on foot a total of 376 hours.

During the operation, troopers contacted 1,154 anglers and determined 108 were not in compliance, a 91% compliance rate, resulting in issuing 44 citations and 116 warnings and seizing nine fish. Troopers also lodged one subject on a felony arrest warrant. Citations included: **Fail to Validate Harvest Card (7), No Angling License (6), Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods (2), No Harvest Card (2), Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hook (7), Unlawful Possession of Undersized Sturgeon (6), Taking Sturgeon without Valid Harvest Card, Angling Prohibited Hours (8), Unattended Line, No Harvest Card in Possession (2), and UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana (2).** Warnings included licensing and harvest card (50), Marine Board (13), Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks/Gear (7), Unlawful Possession of Undersized Sturgeon (4), Unattended Line (4), guiding-related (2), Aiding in an Angling Violation, Fail to Immediately Release Sturgeon, and Angling Prohibited Hours. Troopers also issued 33 Trespass warnings, 27 for entry on Gilbert River (closed until April 15) and six for entry on Port of Portland property.

The following are some of the February saturation cases:

Sgt. Schwartz (Astoria) contacted a sturgeon angler on the Multnomah Channel. A records check revealed the subject had a Felony Warrant for **Failure to Appear—Possession of a Controlled Substance I**. Schwartz placed the wanted subject into custody. The subject was later lodged at the Columbia County Jail. Schwartz also cited the subject for **No Angling License**.

Sgt. Schwartz, Tpr. Warwick, Tpr. Herman (Astoria), and Tpr. Shimer (St. Helens) assisted Portland Division troopers during the sturgeon saturation and patrolled the Multnomah Channel. In two days, North Coast Team troopers contacted **338 sturgeon** anglers, issuing 11 angling citations and one drug-related citation and dozens of verbal warnings for various angling and Marine Board-related violations.

Tpr. Ferguson and Tpr. Reel (Portland) contacted two anglers on the Willamette River at the Power Line Hole located in North Portland. Observation before contact revealed the anglers both had lines in the water at least 45 minutes prior to legal fishing time. Upon inspecting their gear, the troopers found both were using barbed hooks. The troopers cited both anglers for **Angling Closed Hours** and **Angling Prohibited Method—Using Barbed Hooks**.



Correct way to measure a sturgeon. Fork length must be measured in a straight line. Photo credit: File

An OSP volunteer who observed a subject retain what appeared to be an undersized sturgeon from the Multnomah Channel late in the evening contacted Tpr. Warwick (Astoria) and Tpr. Shimer (St. Helens). While en route to the location, Warwick and Shimer observed the suspect vehicle turning onto Hwy 30 from Sauvie Island. The troopers initiated a traffic stop and a consent search located an undersized 33-inch sturgeon within the vehicle. The troopers cited the driver for **Unlawful Possession/Take of Undersized Sturgeon** and seized the fish.

While working the Willamette River for the opening of sturgeon retention season, Tpr. Ferguson and Tpr. Reel (Portland) observed several people angling from a boat before legal fishing hours. At about 5:30 a.m., Ferguson and Reel were assigned shore patrol and were walking along the river on Swan Island when they saw an angler cast out a line from a boat. Further observation revealed all three people on board had a line in the water. Troopers also watched one angler land and retain a sturgeon. The troopers notified Tpr. Peterson (Tillamook) who was patrolling in a boat with The Dalles troopers and guided them to the suspect boat. Sr. Tpr. Vanderwerf and Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) boarded the suspect boat and learned who caught the fish. The troopers found the fish was still alive and determined it was legal size; however, since the subjects were angling during closed hours, they seized the fish and had it released unharmed back into the water. The troopers cited all three subjects for **Angling Closed Hours** and the subject who landed the fish additionally for **Unlawful Possession of Sturgeon**.

Dispositions

Trophy Restitution Ordered for Using Wrong Weapon

The court found a subject who Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) investigated for shooting a 5 x 5 whitetail buck during a muzzleloader season with his .270 bolt action rifle guilty and sentenced the subject to **\$7,500** restitution to ODFW, three years hunting license suspension, two years probation, and forfeit rifle.

Notable Dispositions Received

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) appeared in Lane County Circuit Court involving a Unlawful Cut and Transport of Special Forest Products case. The court found the suspects guilty and sentenced each to a \$354 fine and forfeit the wood.

Four subjects who Tpr. Ritter (John Day) cited for Hunting without a Valid Used or Unused Elk Tag during the 2010 rifle elk hunt in the Murderers Creek Unit pled guilty. The court sentenced each subject to three years hunting license suspension, \$300 fines, and 40 hours community service.

In Fall 2011, off-duty Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) observed a subject Exceeding the Limit of Chinook on the Elk River. Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) responded and arrested the subject. The suspect pled guilty, and the court sentenced the subject to \$635 fines/fees, \$250 restitution to ODFW, 18 months probation, and 18 months angling license suspension.

Big Game Poachers Sentenced

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) charged a subject with Exceeding the Bag Limit—Bull Elk x 2, Waste of Bull Elk x 2, and Tampering with Physical Evidence x 2 for killing three bull elk during the 2010 Murderers Creek bull elk rifle hunt, leaving two of them in the field to waste, and returning the following spring to destroy the evidence. The subject pled guilty, and the court sentenced the subject to \$4,000 fines/fees/restitution, two days in jail, three years license suspension, 100 hours of community service, 18 months probation, and forfeit the 5 x 6 bull elk antlers.

A subject who Tpr. Ritter (John Day) charged with Hunting Outside of the Controlled Hunt Area and Borrowing a Deer Tag for killing a 4 x 4 buck deer several miles from his property while in possession of an LOP tag and then tagging the deer with another person's deer tag during the 2011 Heppner Unit rifle buck hunt pled guilty to Hunting Outside of Controlled Hunt Area. The court dismissed the Borrowing a Deer Tag charge. The court sentenced the subject to three years hunting license suspension, \$800 restitution to ODFW, \$125 restitution to OSP to reimburse cut and wrap fees, \$500 fine, 40 hours of community service, and 18 months probation.

Subject Received Jail and Lifetime Suspension

In February, Lincoln County Circuit Court sentenced a subject who pled guilty to Unlawful Take of Elk x 2, Fail to Validate Big Game Tag, and of Tampering with a Witness to 75 days in jail, **LIFETIME** hunting license suspension, five years probation, \$3,000 restitution to ODFW, and \$1,245 fines. While on probation, the subject cannot associate with anyone hunting and is prohibited from any off- or back-road driving.

Suspects Ordered to Also Write Essay to DA

Two subjects who Tpr. Ritter (John Day) charged with Littering in or near Waters in July 2011 for dumping their beer cans in the John Day River as they fished and floated it in a drift boat both pled guilty. The court sentenced each subject to one year angling license suspension, \$300 fine, and 20 hours community service picking up trash. Additionally, the court ordered each to write an essay on "Why NO ONE Should Litter Anywhere and Especially in our Rivers" and submit it to the DA.

Husband and Wife Guilty for Shooting WED

In February, Lincoln County Circuit Court sentenced a couple for shooting a WED in Fall 2011. The wife pled guilty to Hunting Prohibited Hours, and the court sentenced her to \$1,268 fines, three year hunting license suspension, and three years probation. The husband pled guilty to Aiding in a Wildlife Offense, and the court sentenced him to \$1,768 fines, three years hunting license suspension, and three years probation. While both are on probation, they cannot associate with anyone hunting and are prohibited from any off- or back-road driving.

Juveniles Received Fitting Sentence

The State and parents of two juvenile suspects who Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) and Lane County SO Deputy Combs "rattled-in" in December 2011 reached a settlement, resulting in convicting both suspects of Hunting Prohibited Hours. The court sentenced suspect #1 to \$400 restitution to ODFW for wounding/most likely killing deer, two years hunting license suspension, forfeit bow, and two mandatory talks at Hunter Education classes and suspect #2 to \$354 fines, two years hunting license suspension, forfeit bow, and one mandatory talk at a Hunter Education class.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AIS	Aquatic Invasive Species	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	Rct.	Recruit
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle			Sgt.	Sgt.
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	FTA/FTP	Failure to Appear/Pay	SIU	Special Investigations Unit
BER	Boat Examination Report	IDFG	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game	Sr.	Sr.
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	SO	Sheriff's Office
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under Influence	Lt.	Lieutenant	TMA	Travel Management Area
DUID	Influence Intoxicants/Drugs	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Tpr.	Trooper
Capt.	Captain			UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	ODF	Department of Forestry	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
DA/DDA	District Attorney/Deputy DA	ODFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	ODOT	Department of Transportation	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DSL	Department of State Lands	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
DWS	Driving while Suspended	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy
		PFD	Personal Flotation Device		

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Dispositions / Environment / General Law

Stop Led to Citing both Occupants for DUII

In May 2011, Tpr. Ritter (John Day) made a traffic stop on a vehicle, as authorities suspected the occupants of attempting to burglarize a barn in the Izee area. Ritter arrested the driver for DUII and the passenger who witnesses placed driving the vehicle at the time of the suspected burglary also for DUII. He additionally charged the passenger with Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering x 3, and Open Container. The driver pled guilty. The passenger pled not guilty and went to trial. The court found the passenger guilty on all six charges and sentenced the suspect to 25 days jail, one year driver license suspension, \$3,000 in fines, 18 months supervised probation, 160 hours community service, and write letters of apology to the victims.

Well Driller Fined \$500

In August 2011, Sr. Tpr. Allison and Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) responded to a report of an unknown substance flowing from a pipe into the Rogue River in Shady Cove. The original complaint was from two different troopers who saw the turbidity plume as they went past in drift boats during an OSMB drift boat course. Officials determined the substance was running from a storm drain pipe, not the city sewer pipe, and back-tracked the substance up the storm drain system about a quarter of a mile away and up a ditch to a residence where a contractor was drilling a new water well. Officials determined the substance was slurry from the well drilling operation. Slurry is not allowed to run into the storm drain or the river. The troopers cited the well driller/owner for Water Pollution 2. The court convicted the subject in January and fined the subject \$500.



Marijuana evidence seized during angling patrol. Photo credit: File

Several Trees Cut Down on Private Property

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) received a complaint from a Dayville-area ranch owner indicating two suspects trespassed on his property, cut several trees, and stole the firewood from those trees. Ritter and Tpr. McClay (John Day) contacted the suspects who both initially denied they knew the property was private and they had stolen any of the wood. The investigation revealed both suspects knew the property was private and they cut three standing trees on the property and stole the wood from those trees on two different occasions. After completing their investigation and conferring with the property owner, the troopers charged suspect #1 with **Criminal Trespass II x 2, Theft II, and Criminal Mischief II** and suspect #2 with **Criminal Trespass II x 2 and Theft II**.

Stolen Car Found

Sgt. Pond (Bend) was patrolling the Metolius Unit and observed a BMW parked on a spur road that was missing its tires and wheels. Pond found the car had been sold a couple of times during the last month, and a subsequent investigation found the owner in Eugene. The car was recovered as an unsigned stolen, and the owner retrieved the car.



Stolen BMW found in Metolius. Photo credit: File

Environmental Investigations Worked

Tpr. Shimer (St. Helens) concluded an investigation in which a woman dumped numerous household garbage items near a creek in Clatskanie. He contacted the subject who eventually admitted to depositing the garbage. Shimer cited her criminally for **Offensive Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) was working in the Elkton area and observed a vehicle parked on private land. He hiked into the area and observed a subject digging for truffle mushrooms. As the subject did not have a permit, Frerichs cited him criminally for **Unlawful Harvest of Special Forest Products**.

Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) and two USFS LEOs contacted several subjects picking salal on private property north of Waldport. The subjects initially ran from the officers. When the officers contacted them two hours later, they learned no one had permits. Canfield cited one subject for **Unlawful Cutting and Transport of Minor Forest Products** and seized 57 bundles of salal.

Manufacturing Discovered during Angling Patrol

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) was patrolling Fall River for anglers and parked near a vehicle that appeared to be a decommissioned ambulance. When he walked by the vehicle, he observed, in plain view, five potted and several starter marijuana plants. He soon contacted two subjects and initiated an investigation with the assistance from a Patrol trooper. The troopers found the subjects were evicted from their apartment and had been living in their vehicle. Hayes cited the subjects for **Unlawful Manufacture of a Controlled Substance—Marijuana** and seized the evidence.

Archaeological Object Removed

Sr. Tpr. Harris and Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) located a subject removing archaeological objects from a known site along Coos Bay. ORS 358.905 (<http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/358.html>) defines an *Archeological Object* as an object that 1) Is at least 75 years old; 2) Is part of the physical record of an indigenous or other culture found in the state or waters of the state; and 3) Is material remains of past human life or activity that are of archaeological significance including, but not limited to, monuments, symbols, tools, facilities, technological by-products and dietary by-products. Per ORS 358.920, a person may not excavate, injure, destroy or alter an archaeological site or object or remove an archaeological object located on public or private lands in Oregon unless that activity is authorized by a permit. Relating to the case, the troopers contacted the subject and cited him for **Removing Archaeological Objects without a Permit**. The subject was cited in 2010 for the same offense at the same site after someone caught him removing archaeological objects. For more information, please visit OPRD's Oregon State Historic Preservation Office's website at <http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/HCD/SHPO/index.shtml>.

General Law / Wildlife / Hunting

Father and Son Poached Numerous Trophy Deer

A suspect and his 16-year-old son allegedly took at least six trophy-class buck deer since the opening of the 2011 deer season. Following a three-week investigation into the illegal deer hunting, on February 13, Division troopers served a search warrant with the assistance of Eagle Point PD. While officers were searching the residence, the suspect came home from an apparent trip in the woods. The suspect was wearing full camouflage clothing and had three rifles and hunting gear in his pickup. During the search, troopers seized 21 sets of deer antlers, fresh and packaged deer meat, twelve fur bearer pelts, and other evidence. The troopers took the suspect into custody and lodged him in the Jackson County jail on 18 misdemeanor charges: **Taking Deer Closed Season, Exceeding the Bag Limit on Deer x 3, Unlawful Possession of Deer x 11, No Written Record of Transfer of Deer Parts, and Unlawful Possession of a Furbearer.** The court initially set the bail at \$72,000. As of the date of the press release, similar charges were pending for the son through the Jackson County Juvenile Services. Tpr. Tague and Tpr. Nugent (Central Point) conducted follow-up to the warrant. They worked on locating a subject that had given the original suspect in the search warrant a set of antlers without a written record of transfer. After reviewing the photos on a phone seized from the search warrant, Tague determined this subject took a trophy 4 x 4 buck on Christmas Eve out of season. Searching previous addresses for the subject could not locate him; however, later in the day, Tague observed a vehicle matching the subject's vehicle at a residence. Tague returned with Nugent and found the subject recently moved there. After contacting and questioning the subject, the troopers cited the subject for **Taking Deer Closed Season.** A consent search of the house found no new evidence.



Evidence seized during Eagle Point search warrant. Photo credit: File

Suspect Tampered with Witness

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) received information from the main witness in a Division wildlife case from November 2011 that the suspect sent her a threatening text message accompanied with a picture of her granddaughter. Van Meter's investigation resulted in her arresting and lodging the suspect in the Lincoln County Jail for **Felony Tampering with a Witness.**

Troopers Caught Fleeing Suspects

Tpr. Tague and Tpr. Nugent (Central Point) were traveling together when a Patrol trooper became involved in a high speed pursuit near their location. The violator hit and run several subjects earlier in Gold Hill and OSP and Jackson County SO deputies were pursuing the suspect. Nugent and Tague set up with other units for a spike deployment. The suspect saw the troopers set up and turned down a side street. As the suspect made his way into a business district, he crashed. Tague and Nugent arrived on scene and helped take the suspect into custody. Troopers arrested the suspect for **DUII, Reckless Driving, Elude by Vehicle, Multiple Hit and Runs, Endangering, and Resisting Arrest.**

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) attempted to stop a subject driving a vehicle near Gilchrist for a traffic infraction. The driver quickly pulled off the road and into a driveway before Bean could catch up, then the passenger fled on foot. The driver quickly stepped from the vehicle and threw a package out. Troopers determined this package contained meth and cited the driver for **UPCS—Meth.** The subject who ran was suspected to have numerous outstanding felony arrest warrants. Three days after the above incident, Bean and Sr. Tpr. Newcomb (Patrol) attempted to contact the subject who fled. Again, the subject ran but was apprehended a short distance away. A search revealed he possessed meth. The troopers lodged the subject in the Klamath County Jail on six warrants worth over **\$150,000** and cited him for **UPCS—Meth.**

Arrow-Shot Deer Released

The Klamath Falls office received numerous calls about a buck deer with an arrow in it and still alive. ODFW made several attempts to locate the deer, but they were unsuccessful. Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) and ODFW Biologist Collom finally located the deer. After they tranquilized the deer, they removed the arrow and successfully released the deer back into the wild.

Subjects Trespassed on Tree Farm and Killed Elk

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) and Tpr. Glaser (Salem) concluded an investigation from the 2011 Wilson Unit cow elk season. During that time, two subjects trespassed on a private tree farm near Hwy 26 in Clatsop County and shot and killed a cow elk. Based on information provided, the troopers identified two suspects, and Glaser contacted them in Marion County. Consequently, the troopers cited one of the subjects for **Criminal Trespass II** and the other subject for **Unlawful Take of Cow Elk while in Violation of Criminal Trespass II** and for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm** and seized approximately 37 pounds of packaged elk meat.

Driver DUII and Passenger Hunted Deer Closed Season

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) and Tpr. Mathews (Patrol) were getting out of their vehicles to investigate a possible case along USFS Road 19 when they heard several gun shots that sounded like they were fired from just up the road. A subject driving a logging vehicle came around the corner, and Mathews stopped the subject. Maher checked the area where the shots came from and did not observe any other vehicles or persons in the area. The troopers' investigation revealed the passenger in the logging vehicle was armed with a .357 magnum pistol and shot from the moving vehicle at a deer that crossed the road in front of them. The troopers checked the area where the subject fired the shot and could not locate a deer. During the contact, the troopers learned the driver did not have a valid driver license and showed signs of alcohol impairment. After the driver failed SFSTs, Mathews arrested the driver for **DUII, BAC .10%**, and also issued a citation for **No Operator's License.** Maher issued the passenger a citation for **Hunting Deer Closed Season** and seized the pistol as evidence. Additional follow-up was conducted, and a search of the area on another day did not locate an injured or dead deer.

Wildlife / Hunting

5-Point Bull Shot Instead of Cow Elk

Sr. Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) responded to a call regarding a bull elk that had been killed on a local ranch. ODFW issued the landowner a damage tag. Bowen's investigation determined the suspect was attempting to kill a cow but shot and killed a 5 x 5 bull elk. The party involved immediately called OSP and reported the incident. Bowen responded, salvaged the animal, and cited and released the shooter for **Unlawful Take Bull Elk Closed Season**.



5 x 5 bull shot instead of a cow elk. Photo credit: File

Subject Shot Trophy Deer in Yard

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) received anonymous information that a local subject shot and killed a large deer near Mazama High School in early February. Hand learned quite a few young adults and teenagers were gathered at a local residence when several deer walked through the back yard. One subject then retrieved a bow and shot the deer. The subjects then waited for dark to retrieve the animal, and then they took it to another residence for processing. Hand was able to interview four of the subjects and a parent before the main suspect learned of the investigation. Hand then interviewed the suspect and his cousin. Both were cooperative, retrieving what was left of the meat and the antlers. Hand cited the shooter for **Taking Deer Closed Season**, warned his cousin for **Aiding in a Game Violation**, and seized the meat and antlers. The deer had antlers over 28" wide.



Deer taken closed season. Photo credit: File

East Troopers Investigated Deer and Elk Cases

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) received a report that unknown subjects wasted portions of two bull elk, including an entire hindquarter, during the 2011 rifle elk hunt in the Heppner Unit. Ritter's investigation revealed two subjects hunted near Ritter Hot Springs and shot and killed two bull elk a significant distance from the nearest accessible road on opening morning of the five-day elk hunt. Two of their partners told the two shooters they would process the elk and stage the salvageable meat on the other side of a ravine while the shooters walked back to camp to retrieve the pack-boards. When the shooters returned, their partners told them the salvageable meat had been staged across the ravine, so that is what the shooters packed back to their camp. On the final day of the hunt, the reporting party, who was another elk hunter, took photos of the wasted hindquarter left in the brush with the carcasses and then packed the hindquarter out on his horse. Ritter and Tpr. McClay (John Day) performed a necropsy on the hindquarter and determined 90-95% of the hindquarter was salvageable. The troopers charged the two hunting partners who made the decision to leave the elk in the brush each with **Waste of Wildlife—Elk**.

Tpr. Miller and Sr. Tpr. Knapp (Enterprise) investigated a case involving unlawful take and waste of a spike bull elk during cow elk season. The troopers' investigation led them to three suspects. After they interviewed the three suspects, they determined the suspects did in fact unlawfully take a spike during cow season, and the subjects loaned/borrowed tags to tag the spike elk. The troopers charged the subjects with **Unlawful Take of Spike Bull Closed Season, Waste of a Game Mammal—Elk, and Loaning/Borrowing Elk Tag**.

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) investigated a California resident who had been falsely applying for and obtaining resident Oregon licenses and tags. During the investigation, Caldwell discovered the subject also unlawfully killed a buck deer during the 2011 deer season in the Malheur River Unit with a Western Oregon deer tag. Caldwell's investigation resulted in him charging the suspect with **False Application for an Oregon Resident Hunting License and Unlawfully Taking Deer—No Valid Tag**.

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) received a tip that a subject may have taken a large buck illegally in the La Pine area. Hayes drove by the residence and observed a freshly killed 4 x 4 deer head on the subject's property. When Hayes made contact, the subject gave a highly unlikely story about how the subject obtained the deer. Hayes issued the subject a citation for **Illegal Possession of Deer** and seized the antlers and the meat as evidence.

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg and Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski (Madras) followed up a recent report of a suspect who illegally killed a four-point buck in November. The investigation involved numerous interviews with witnesses who had seen the illegally taken buck and either did not know at the time it was illegally taken or did not want to report it. During the investigation, the troopers found the suspect was a falconer and had several violations regarding his falconry. The troopers issued the suspect citations for **Unlawful Possession of Deer and Failure to Submit 2011 Annual Falconry Report**.

Wildlife / Hunting

Trapping Cases Investigated

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) contacted a subject regarding trapping violations discovered. He cited the subject for **Trapping Prohibited Method—Sight Bait within 15 Feet of Foothold Trap Set for Carnivores and Failure to Check Traps Set for Furbearing Mammals within 48 Hours**. The subject also set trap on the ODFW Elkhorn Wildlife Area, a closed area. Duncan warned him for that violation.

Sr. Tpr. Reid (McMinnville) responded to a complaint in Washington County where a landowner could not find his dog who he just let out of the house. He later found the dog caught in a leghold trap about 100 yards from the landowner's residence. A subject trespassed to set the traps and used sight bait. Reid contacted the subject and issued a citation for **Trespass II and Unlawful Use of Sight Bait**.

A landowner located an unbranded trap on the John Day River. During his investigation, Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) located another branded trap in the area. He contacted the trapper and determined the unbranded trap was his and also confirmed his suspicion that the subject had not checked the traps within the required time. Reid cited the subject for **Fail to Check Traps within 76 Hours for Predatory Animals** and warned him for the Unbranded Trap.

Game Birds Used as Bait

Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) investigated a subject who was baiting bobcats with dead game birds. During the investigation, Cyr determined the subject piled up dead game birds that had not been utilized and captured the "hunting" action on his trail camera. Cyr seized the trail camera and applied for and obtained a search warrant to view the camera footage, leading to discovering the suspect's identity. Cyr contacted and cited the suspect for **Waste of Wildlife—Game Bird**.

Closed Wildlife Area Entered

Tpr. McClay (John Day) contacted a subject sitting in his vehicle at the Phillip Schneider Wildlife Area. He asked him how horn hunting was going, and the subject said he had not found anything. He then asked if he saw the three signs posted on the gate saying closed to all entry. The subject said he did but thought they were for vehicle travel. McClay informed him the closure included foot traffic, pointing out the signs all along the fence. The subject advised his son was in the closed area. The son hiked out after instructed to do so via phone. McClay asked if he saw the signs, and the son said he had. McClay cited both criminally for **Enter Closed Wildlife Area in Violation of Posted Signs**.

Injured Falcon Found

Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) received a report of two subjects hunting geese in an area. The complainant did not know the season and area was open to goose hunting. Imholt checked the subjects in question and found one had not taken the required goose identification class and did not have a goose permit. He cited the subject for **No Goose Permit**. While he was checking the subjects, he located an injured peregrine falcon with a broken wing. Imholt delivered the falcon to the Cascade Raptor Center for evaluation and rehabilitation.

Turn in Suspected Violations

Sr. Tpr. Cushman and Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) responded to a residence regarding a report of poached "swans" hung on a fence. The troopers learned the house was for the ranch hands of one the local ranches. This same ranch has swans that frequent the property, so the report did not sound all that unlikely at first. When the troopers responded and checked the location, they only found parts of a domestic pig the hired hands butchered and hung on the fence during processing. The troopers determined the witness saw the blood-stained towels and meat and assumed someone "poached" swans. Fortunately, unlike many other wildlife cases, the troopers concluded this suspected violation was unfounded.



Falcon with broken wing taken to a raptor center for treatment. Photo credit: File

15 Birds Wasted

Tpr. Clement (Salem) received an anonymous tip regarding wasted geese found in a dumpster at a farm house. Clement contacted a suspect observed placing garbage in the dumpster. A search of the dumpster located two partially breasted out geese and 14 whole merganser ducks. The suspect told Clement he shot the geese at the beginning of January, and he always throws away mergansers. Clement told the suspect the geese looked like they had been shot more recently. The suspect eventually admitted to shooting the geese on January 25 within the NW Goose Permit Zone during the closure. Clement cited the suspect criminally for **Taking Geese Closed Season and Waste of Game Bird** and seized the suspect's shotgun.

Repeat Offender Caught Poaching Geese

Tpr. Andrews (Salem) observed a subject hunting geese who had his NW Goose permit invalidated last year. He observed the subject take five cackler geese before he was able to close the distance enough to contact the subject. Andrews arrested the subject and lodged him in jail for **Unlawful Take Geese—No Northwest Goose Permit x 5 and Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Cackler Geese** and seized the subject's shotgun as evidence.

Goose Hunting Violations Discovered

Sr. Tpr. Klepp and Tpr. Warwick (Astoria) worked goose hunters in the Young's Bay area participating in the NW Special Goose Permit Zone. They observed two subjects taking five geese at three times throughout the day. Upon contact, they determined the subjects would not arrive in time to check their geese at ODFW about 25 miles away prior to the 4:30 p.m. closing time. The subjects validated their daily harvest report form, but none of the times were remotely close to the actual times they shot the geese. The troopers cited both subjects for **Failure to Immediately Proceed to ODFW Goose Check Station and Failure to Immediately Validate Daily Goose Harvest Report in the Field**.

Sport Angling

Illegal Fish Found on Internet Site

Tpr. King (Tillamook) recently located a Tillamook area subject on an Internet site who placed a picture of himself with a wild coho he caught and retained from a local area stream. While traveling on the upper section of Three Rivers, King recognized a building and section of stream as the same stream in the subject's picture. Three Rivers is closed to angling for and retention of wild coho, and Three Rivers does have a healthy run of coho in it. King contacted the subject who admitted to catching and retaining the fish and said he did not know if he could or could not keep a coho on Three Rivers. King cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**.

Tip Led to Catching Steelhead Poacher

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) received a call from a steelhead angler on the North Fork of the Nehalem River who stated a subject snagged and retained a steelhead. The complainant provided Herman the license plate number of the suspect's vehicle. While en route, Herman gave the plate number to Tpr. Topinka (Patrol) who was on Hwy 26 near the rest area. Topinka located and stopped the suspect vehicle on Hwy 26. A consent search found two steelhead in a cooler and another hidden inside a raincoat. When Herman arrived, he found one steelhead was unmarked. The troopers cited the subject criminally for **Unlawful Taking Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Steelhead** and seized the fish.

Lifetime Suspended Subject Caught Angling

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) was checking steelhead anglers on the north fork of the Coquille River and observed one subject quickly pack his gear and head toward his vehicle. When contacted, the subject produced a permanent hunting and fishing license and a 2011 angling tag. When asked to see his 2012 tag, the subject said he did not need one, because he was not going to keep any fish. Keeler cited him for **No 2012 Angling Tag** and informed him he did need a tag. Later that day, a records check revealed the subject had a **lifetime** hunting and fishing license suspension that took effect January 2012. Keeler re-contacted the subject at his residence and cited him criminally for **Angling while Suspended** and retrieved and destroyed the first citation.

Sturgeon Anglers Cited near Portland

Tpr. Shimer (St. Helens) and Tpr. Boeholt (Portland) conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River and contacted over 80 anglers. They issued two citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Using Two Rods**, one for **No 2012 Angling License**, and two for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks**. The troopers also found one subject angling while trespassing on private property and discovered the subject possessed both valid resident Washington and valid resident Oregon angling licenses. The troopers cited the subject criminally for **Possession of Falsely Applied for Angling License and Tag**.

Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) worked sturgeon anglers on the Willamette River in Lake Oswego and observed three subjects catch an estimated six-foot sturgeon and haul it half way out of the river to take pictures with it. A short time later, he attempted to contact the subjects when he noticed an additional subject carrying a 54-inch sturgeon up the same trail he was heading down. The subject hid the sturgeon in the brush and placed handfuls of leaves over it. Schoenborn contacted the subject and cited him for **Unlawful Possession of Sturgeon**. He also cited another subject for **Angling for Sturgeon with Barbed Hook**.

Subject Tried to Conceal Catch from Trooper

Tpr. Galusha and Tpr. Peterson (Tillamook) contacted a subject fishing on the Wilson River in a boat and asked if he had any fish in his boat. The subject denied retaining any steelhead and said he had only hooked and released several cutthroat trout. The troopers asked for the subject to come to the bank so they could inspect his license, and the subject became fairly uncooperative. Once the subject came to the bank, Galusha saw two steelhead in the boat the subject was trying to conceal. The troopers cited the subject for **Continuing to Angling after Retaining Daily Bag Limit of Steelhead**.

Compliance Varied for Different Patrols

Sr. Tpr. McNeil (Baker City) conducting an angling patrol on the Snake River below Hells Canyon Dam and contacted several recreationalists. He cited four subjects who were angling below the dam, three for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks** and one for **Failure to Immediately Validate Steelhead on Combined Angling Tag**.



Snake River near Granite Creek below Hells Canyon Dam. Photo credit: USDA/USFS

Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) hiked in to Hellgate Canyon to check angling compliance. He located and contacted three subjects angling in the area. He discovered two out of the three did not have angling licenses. Consequently, Marchand issued both citations for **No Angling License** and warned one for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods**.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury and Tpr. Wetzel (Florence) floated the Siuslaw River checking steelhead anglers over two days and checked over 50 boats and 100 anglers. Tpr. Farrar (Patrol) accompanied them on one float trip and assisted in checking many anglers and boats. During the patrols, the troopers warned several boaters for **Not Having Life Jackets Accessible** and a few anglers for **Improper Validation of Steelhead Tag**.

Client's Story Led to Guide's Citation

Tpr. Galusha and Tpr. Smith (Tillamook) contacted anglers on the Nestucca River who told them a guide and three clients just went by and claimed they had nine steelhead on board and offered to give one fish away. Galusha rowed downstream and located the guide boat fishing and asked if they had any fish. The guide advised they retained one steelhead, and an out-of-state client tagged the fish. Galusha asked to look at the fish, and the guide held up one hatchery steelhead. When asked to look in the fish box, the guide opened and immediately shut the fish box. Galusha asked the guide to meet him at the bank, where he found the boat retained two steelhead, and neither were tagged. One of the clients took credit for telling the bank anglers the story of nine fish to make the bank anglers feel like they were not as successful as the guide boat. Galusha cited the Guide for **Aiding in a Game Violation**.

Sport Angling / OSMB / Commercial Fish / Shellfish

Trout Unlawfully Taken

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) worked Hills Creek Reservoir near Oakridge and contacted a subject who caught four trout. All of the trout had been cleaned with both heads and tails removed. Trout taken at Hills Creek Reservoir are required to have an adipose fin-clip. Maher checked the fish and found one still had an intact adipose fin. Maher issued the subject a citation for **Unlawful Taking of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Trout** and a warning for Possession of Dressed or Mutilated Game Fish while in the Field.

Above Cottage Grove Dam, on the Coast Fork of the Willamette River, Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) contacted two juveniles, a 16-year-old and a 17-year-old, angling and found the older juvenile illegally took two trout from the catch-and-release only stream. Additionally, neither he or his partner had angling licenses. Maher also learned the older subject drove his mother's car to the location and did not have a driver license. Maher cited the older subject for **Unlawful Take of Trout** and warned both for No Angling License. The 17-year-old's mother arrived a short time later to drive her car home.

Sr. Tpr. Kipper and Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) were patrolling the Pine Hollow Reservoir area when they observed several anglers doing quite well. After a lengthy surveillance, they noted several violations. They observed one male subject angling with three rods conceal eight trout in a plastic bag, hide them under his vest, and take them up and hide them in the back of his vehicle. When contacted and asked to display his catch, the subject showed two trout in a basket creel and denied possessing any others. A search located the trout in his vehicle. The interview determined the suspect and two of his friends were pooling their fish, and one of his friends caught and retained five trout and was continuing to angle. The troopers issued subject #1 criminal citations for **Fail to Display Catch upon Request and Angling Prohibited Method—Three Rods** and a warning for Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Trout. They seized the two trout in his possession and returned them to the lake unharmed. The troopers cited suspect #2 for the violation of **Continuing to Angle after Retaining Daily Bag Limit of Trout**. Later in the patrol, the troopers found another angler further down the bank did not have a 2012 angling license, and they consequently cited this subject for **No Angling License**.

Boat Patrols Conducted

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) observed three subjects fishing out of catarafts on the Siletz River. They navigated the Upper Moonshine Park drift where, only last week, a seasoned guide capsized his drift boat. She discovered two of the subjects did not have life jackets on board their boats. The subjects admitted they realized it when they started, but they decided to launch anyway. Van Meter cited two of the operators for **No PFDs**.

While on a Multnomah Channel boat patrol, Tpr. Warwick and Tpr. Herman (Astoria) observed a subject using two rods to angle for salmon. The troopers contacted the subject, and a subsequent boating safety inspection also found the angler did not have any life jackets on board nor had a Boater Education card. The troopers issued the subject citations for **Angle with More than One Rod—Salmon, No PFD, and No Boater Education Card** and warnings for various other offenses and gave the subject a life jacket.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury and Tpr. Wetzel (Florence) floated the Siuslaw River and checked over 15 drift boats and 40 anglers. They issued one citation for **Fail to Validate Steelhead Tag** and several warnings for improper validation and a few OSMB warnings. The next day, Salisbury conducted the same float with Tpr. Brandon (Coos Bay). They checked many boats and anglers and, again, found compliance was high, issuing a few warnings for improper validation. On another occasion, Salisbury and Brandon drifted the Siuslaw River and checked several boats and about 50 anglers. They found many in compliance and issued warnings for minor violations.

Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) were driving by Eckman Lake in Waldport and noticed a man and a child on the lake in what appeared to be a homemade raft. The child was wearing a life jacket, but the operator was not. The operator was trying to paddle across the lake, and the raft was not doing well and appeared to be sinking. The troopers contacted a subject on shore that they observed driving back and forth from the park to the ramp area. He said his friend and four-year-old son were trying out a boat they built. The troopers contacted the boaters when they docked. They learned the operator had an arrest warrant, and the father in the truck was suspended. The troopers arrested the operator on the warrant and cited him for **No PFD** and cited the father for **DWS**.

Marine Resources Protected

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) contacted a commercial fisherman and issued him two criminal citations, one as owner and operator of a vessel that **Exceeded the Period Limit on Greenling** and the other for a different vessel the suspect operated that **Exceeded the Period Limit on Black and Blue Rockfish**.

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) cited two crew members on board a commercial trawl boat out of Charleston for **No 2012 Commercial License**. Both subjects had worked on the boat since last year; however, neither possessed a 2011 commercial license either. At least one of the subjects received an advance on his pay this year to purchase his license, which he told the vessel's owner and skipper he had done.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted three commercial groundfish vessels as they made deliveries at area fish plants in Warrenton and Astoria. He issued one deckhand a citation for **No Personal Commercial Fishing License**. Additionally, he found a deckhand had a City of Warrenton arrest warrant for a Probation Violation. Klepp arrested and lodged the wanted subject in jail.

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) responded to an anonymous complaint about a male subject keeping undersized Dungeness crab in the Bandon area. He observed a subject matching the description pull two crab pots and put one crab into his jacket pocket then leave the area on foot heading toward a bed and breakfast. Keeler contacted him as he was returning to his room. The subject stated he just got one crab that he was going to check with his measuring stick in the room. When asked to see the crab, the subject displayed a visibly undersized female crab. The subject said he did not really look very closely at the crab, so he did not realize it was female. When asked about other crab, the subject stated he had two legal crab in a bucket on the deck of his room. Keeler verified they were in fact legal. When asked to look in the room for any other crab, the subject stated he had a few more in the refrigerator. Keeler located 17 undersized Dungeness crab in the refrigerator, and one was also a female. The subject stated he really likes crab and could not help himself. In total, the subject retained 20 Dungeness crab, two female and 16 undersized males. Keeler cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Dungeness Crab—Undersized and Female** and seized and returned the crab to the bay.

Interagency Cooperation

OSP and NOAA Investigated Dealer and Seller



Officers seized 400 pounds of halibut cheeks and other fish. Photo credit: File

In January, Tpr. O'Connor and Tpr. Vogel (Astoria) checked a Seaside-area wholesale fish dealer where employees showed troopers a large quantity of "halibut cheeks" in the freezer. Invoices indicated the company bought the cheeks from an Astoria-area subject who is also employed by a fish plant in Kenai, Alaska. O'Connor re-contacted the business with NOAA Special Agent Hellberg. The owners told officers they were doubling their money on the halibut sales and also receiving black cod and salmon cheeks from a local fish processing plant. The officers contacted the seller who stated he acquired halibut carcasses at the plant in Kenai and processed them himself, removing the cheeks at that facility and shipping them on a barge to Seattle. The seller indicated he did not have a wholesale fish dealer license in Oregon. The officers re-contacted the Seaside dealer and seized almost 400 pounds of halibut and lesser quantities of salmon and black cod. O'Connor cited the dealer for **Buying Food Fish from an Unlicensed Person** and cited the seller for **No Wholesale Fish Dealer's License**. Oregon Department of Agriculture contacted the dealer and advised them of the sanitation issues.

Licenses Falsely Applied for in Two States

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) received a complaint about a subject who was guiding on the Columbia River below the John Day Dam. When he looked into the subject's license, he located resident licenses in both Oregon and Washington. His investigation revealed he had multiple violations in both Oregon and Washington regarding residency requirements for hunting and angling licenses. Gunderson contacted the subject and cited him for **False Application for Oregon Resident Licenses x 5** and forwarded a report to WDFW.

PD Officer Assisted with Angling Check

Tpr. Ferguson (Portland) contacted a subject sturgeon fishing, along with two other people, at the Jefferson Street boat ramp in Milwaukie after observing the angler and another male drinking alcohol and littering near the edge of the Willamette River. Ferguson arrested the angler who was in violation of his probation on a detainer warrant issued by Clackamas County. The subject was transported to and lodged in the Clackamas County Jail. Ferguson cited the other subject for **Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of a Waterway**. Milwaukie PD assisted at the scene.

Two Poaching Cases Solved

With the assistance of Benton County SO, Division troopers arrested two suspects related to two November 2011 elk poaching incidents in Lincoln County. The first case began after a hunter found a five-point bull elk on Starker Forest Stutz tree farm in the Burnt Woods area. The investigation indicated the bull was killed the previous evening. 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 both poaching incidents were related. Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport), with the assistance of Benton County Forest Deputy Iverson, identified the two suspects. Officers arrested and lodged suspect #1 in the Lincoln County Jail for **Waste of a Game Mammal x 2, Possession of Illegally Taken Game Parts, Unlawful Take of Elk—Closed Season x 2, Tampering with Physical Evidence, Hunting Elk Closed Season, Criminal Trespass with a Firearm, and Criminal Trespass II** and suspect #2 for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense x 4, Criminal Trespass II, Waste of a Game Mammal, Tampering with Physical Evidence x 2, and Conspiracy**.

Traffic Stop Led to Discovering Illegal Bobcats

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) contacted a subject during a traffic stop in Harney County and found he possessed two freshly skinned bobcat pelts and one coyote pelt. He recorded only one of the bobcats on his record card, the fifth on his card and limit for the season. He also possessed his son's bobcat record card without his son being present. He advised all of his and his son's bobcats were transported to his home in Washington and not tagged. WDFW went to his home and seized eight bobcats trapped in Oregon. The subject stated his son trapped four bobcats this season but only recorded two on his record card. The son told WDFW the same information. The son only possessed an Oregon furbearer hunting license, not a furtaker's (trapping) license. Caldwell seized one bobcat and the son's bobcat card at the stop as evidence and cited the subject for **Exceeding the Annual Bag Limit of Bobcat, Unlawful Possession of Another's Bobcat Record Card, and Transport Bobcat out of State without Obtaining Ownership Tag**. Caldwell forwarded citations for **Unlawfully Taking Bobcat—No Trapping License x 4, Fail to Record Bobcat on Record Card, and Transport Bobcat out of State without Obtaining Ownership Tag** to Sr. Tpr. Gardner (Pendleton) who served the son.



Bobcats seized in Oregon. Photo credit: File



Bobcats seized in Washington. Photo credit: File

Interagency Cooperation / Public Relations

Landowner to Remove Dam

A landowner built an earthen dam and pond illegally several years ago on a tributary of the South Fork of Beaver Creek, a cutthroat stream and historic coho habitat. Non-permitted rainbow trout repeatedly stocked over the years were reportedly spawning, and the dam did not have fish passage. In October 2011, OSP contacted the landowner who stated he did not have permits as he did not want government involvement. With the extreme water event and flooding, Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) visited the dam near the end of January and saw it had blown out in spots, exposing some of the overflow pipe the landowner installed. Before the landowner could reconstruct the dam, Van Meter coordinated a meeting with OSP, ODFW, Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD), and the landowner in February. Officials gave the landowner options for storage permits via OWRD and fish passage requirements through ODFW. Due to cost, the landowner decided to decommission the dam, and restore the area back to its natural state. ODFW and OSP will work with the landowner to remove the planted rainbow trout, remove the large dam, and re-establish the tributary and surrounding vegetation.

Meetings Attended

Tpr. Tague (Central Point) gave a short monthly wrap-up of poaching cases at the local OHA monthly meeting.

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) and Lt. Gifford (SW Region) attended a meeting with USFWS and CDFG to discuss various topics.

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) attended an Oregon Hay Growers meeting and gave a presentation and answered numerous questions.

Tpr. Shimer (St. Helens) and Tpr. Warwick (Astoria) spoke at an annual OHA Columbia County Chapter meeting. The almost one-hour presentation provided a slide show with highlights of the 2011 big game season enforcement efforts. The presentation was well received and appreciated by members.

Tpr. Borchers (Portland) attended a Friends of the Sandy River Delta board meeting. He answered many questions ranging from general law to fish and wildlife and discussed new ideas to help dog walkers, equestrian riders, nature enthusiasts, and hunters alike to co-exist in the park. He was received with enthusiasm and gratitude.

Troopers Assisted with Derby

Troopers assisted at the 20th Umpqua Fishery Enhancement Derby in February when guides and 40 anglers participated in the three-day fundraising event. On Thursday, about 70 Eastwood fifth graders fished for trout on Cooper Creek Reservoir with the guides' assistance. The tournament kicked off on Friday and Saturday with the guides fishing the North and South Umpqua Rivers and the Main Umpqua River. The \$55,000 raised will fund Douglas County fishery enhancements.

Presentations Given

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) and Lt. Heider (NW Region) provided a presentation about the Division to members at the 2012 Oregon Bow Hunters Convention in Lincoln City.

Tpr. Wetzel (Florence) assisted ODFW and Siuslaw/Florence STEP in educating the Siuslaw 7th grade Stream Team in angling issues and steelhead reproduction.

Tpr. Jewett and Sr. Tpr. Carter (Pendleton) spoke to a Hunter Education class at Pilot Rock Elementary School about ethics, safety, and hunting rules and regulations.

In Gold Beach, Tpr. Smithers (Gold Beach) gave a presentation to a Hunter Education class. He explained the reasoning behind the WED, the consequences of violating hunting laws, the importance of hunting regulations, and ways to be safe while hunting.

Sr. Tpr. Marchand and Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) gave presentations to two Hunter Education classes of about 30 students each and their attending parents. Parents provided appreciated the troopers taking the time out of their busy schedules to make the appearance. Marchand also spoke to a Master Hunter class in February about local hunting issues and fielded many questions.

Division Troopers Participated in Sportsman Shows



(Above and row below) Troopers participated in Sportsman Shows. Photo credits: File

Southwest and Northwest Region troopers participated in various sportsman shows held at Douglas County, Jackson County, and Lane County Fairgrounds and at the Portland Expo Center. At each event, troopers each contacted hundreds of recreationists and fielded numerous wildlife-related questions and educated the public on the duties of a Division trooper. At most of the shows, troopers displayed the Division's Trailer of Shame; and at the Portland show, troopers displayed a wall of seized wildlife and, in cooperation with ODFW, a large TIP banner. Troopers received very positive comments.



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