

# The Field Review



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## Two Lengthy Multi-State Investigations Resulted in 98 Counts of Wildlife and Criminal Charges

While at the Portland Sportsman's Show in February 2009, a subject contacted Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) with information regarding a Washington subject who had been falsely applying for Oregon resident licenses and tags. A follow-up investigation by Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) revealed the suspect had been applying for Oregon resident licenses and tags since 2005. The suspect sold his house in Portland in 2004 and moved to Washington, but he continued to use his Portland address. In 2008, the suspect applied for and drew a resident Wenaha Unit controlled hunt archery tag, a highly coveted tag for archery hunters. In 2008, there were only 20 controlled archery tags issued for that unit, with 2,428 first choice applicants. The suspect harvested a trophy bull elk during that hunt and entered it into the Sportsmen's Show contest.



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With the cooperation of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) officers and Skamania County Sheriff Office deputies, a search warrant was served on the suspect's residence in Cook, Washington, in April 2009. WDFW also developed information the suspect was a convicted felon. During the warrant, the trophy bull elk was recovered, along with another elk and a forked horn deer that were killed in the John Day area. The trophy elk still had the medal hanging on it from the Sportsman's Show. WDFW also seized numerous firearms, ammunition, and marijuana from the residence. The suspects have been charged in both Oregon and Washington with wildlife and criminal violations. The identity theft and theft of services charges stem from using another person's address to obtain falsely applied for Oregon resident hunting licenses and tags. The first suspect was charged with **Identity Theft (x 6)** (Hood River County), **Theft of Services (x 4)** (Hood River County), **Unlawful Taking Bull Elk** (Wallowa County), **Theft First Degree—Bull Elk** (Wallowa County), **Unlawful Possession of a Firearm (x 12)** (Washington), and **Possession of over Forty Grams of Marijuana** (Washington). The second suspect was charged with **Identity Theft (x 2)** (Hood River County) and **Possession of over Forty Grams of Marijuana** (Washington).



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Five men face charges in Deschutes County Circuit Court following a 10-month investigation involving officers from Oregon and Idaho. In September 2008, Fish and Wildlife troopers started an investigation after Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) found a camera in the woods near a bear bait site. Hayes recovered a photograph from the camera of one of the suspects whom he knew from previous contacts. The investigation led troopers to serve a search warrant in February 2009 at a residence near La Pine regarding Unlawful Black Bear Baiting and False Application for Residence License and Tags. During the search, troopers discovered evidence of numerous illegal baiting and taking of bears, illegal taking of deer, and various other wildlife crimes that occurred in Oregon and Idaho. Troopers seized 40 videotapes and a camera depicting at least four known subjects engaging in wildlife crimes of interest to Oregon and Idaho. Also seized from another residence involved were moose, bear, and cougar taxidermy mounts. For several months, Hayes and Sgt. Pond (Bend) worked with Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG) officers on this case. IDFG officers traveled to Bend to view the videotapes and other evidence.

All five suspects turned themselves in on the Oregon charges. In July, the five suspects were booked into the Deschutes County Jail and have pending future appearances in Deschutes County Circuit Court on **64 counts** of wildlife and criminal charges: **Suspect #1:** 23 counts, including Theft First Degree and Unlawful Take/Possession (bear, moose, deer, and cougar); **Suspect #2:** 24 counts, including Conspiracy, Theft First Degree, Unlawful Take/Possession (bear and deer), and False Application; **Suspect #3:** 12 counts, including Theft First Degree, Waste of Wildlife, and Unlawful Take/Possession (bear and deer); **Suspect #4:** 4 counts, including Theft First Degree and Unlawful Take (bear); and **Suspect #5:** Borrowing a Deer Tag (for a complete list of the charges, [please click here to read the press release](#)). Idaho charges are pending.

# Award

## Wallowa County District Attorney Received Prosecutor of the Year Award

Wallowa County District Attorney Mona K. Williams was selected as the 2008 Wildlife Prosecutor of the Year for her support, hard work, dedication, and prosecution of those who violate State fish and wildlife laws. On July 31, Division Director Captain Walt Markee and ODFW Director Roy Elicker presented the award, on behalf of the Oregon Sportsmen's Coalition (OSC), to Ms. Williams at the Oregon District Attorney's Association (ODAA) 2009 Summer Conference in Bend. "Ms. Williams is an advocate for Oregon's fish, wildlife, and natural resources, beneficially serving the public through her dedication and persistence in prosecuting those who disobey state laws," said Markee. "We sincerely appreciate the Coalition sponsoring this award and acknowledging the state's prosecutors who work diligently to bring those to justice who blatantly disregard our laws." In partnership with the Division, OSC, which consists of numerous outdoor enthusiast groups opposed to the unlawful and unethical taking of wildlife, sponsored the award. Division troopers submitted nominations, and these were forwarded to Coalition groups for their review and selection.

Ms. Williams has "worked tirelessly for the citizens of this county since taking office in 2007," said Senior Trooper Mark Knapp (Enterprise). "She has prosecuted cases ranging from homicides and sex abuse to domestic violence and assaults. Ms. Williams has prosecuted all of these cases vigorously while working as the sole prosecutor for the county. In addition to prosecuting the above mentioned crimes, Ms. Williams has prosecuted fish and wildlife crimes with the same passion that she has for the other major crimes. Whether the fish and wildlife crime involved the use of DNA and ballistic forensics or new case law, Ms. Williams has never showed any shyness for the courtroom or litigation if the case warranted full prosecution."



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Ms. Williams has recently prosecuted the following cases:

- ★ Guilty, **Unlawful Taking of Elk**. Sentenced to two years probation, 40 hours of community service, and \$1,820 in fines and restitution.
- ★ Guilty, **Unlawful Taking and Waste of Elk (x 3)**. Two elk heads seized. Sentenced to two years probation, 40 hours of community service, two years suspension of hunting privileges, and \$2,083 in fines and restitution.
- ★ Guilty, **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Big Horn Sheep**. Sentenced to 40 hours of community service, two years suspension of hunting privileges, and \$6,800 in fines and restitution.
- ★ Guilty, **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. Sentenced to 14 months in jail (repeat game violator), two years post-prison supervision, and fines.
- ★ Guilty, **False Application for Landowner Preference Tags**. Sentenced to two years probation, 80 hours community service, three years suspension of hunting privileges, and \$1,016 in fines and restitution.
- ★ Ms. Williams is currently prosecuting a case in which DNA and ballistic forensics were used to link two Portland-area hunters to an extra, illegally taken bull elk in the Chesnimnus Unit. Although this case is still pending trial, the defendants have been charged with two felony counts of **Criminal Mischief—1<sup>st</sup> Degree** and **Theft—1<sup>st</sup> Degree**, as well as numerous misdemeanor game charges.

OSP nominations from those who work with the Wallowa County DA's office praised Ms. Williams for her work. "Ms. Williams has always made herself available to answer questions and discuss pending investigations with the local Fish and Wildlife troopers despite her busy schedule," said Knapp. "In addition, Ms. Williams has accompanied the local troopers on several ride-alongs in order to better understand the lay-out of the fish and wildlife crime in which she is prosecuting." During the presentation, Captain Markee and Mr. Elicker presented Ms. Williams with a wildlife print by artist Frank Miller to acknowledge the Coalition's appreciation for her professional achievement in this area.

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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
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# Commercial Fish / Marine / Shellfish

## Subject Indicted on 43 Charges

Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) had grand jury on a subject cited for numerous commercial fish offenses involving abalone. The grand jury returned indictments on 13 felony and 30 misdemeanor charges.



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## Shellfish Closely Guarded

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) contacted 39 clambers on Yaquina Bay. Several diggers attempted to hide their clams. She warned 18 for Exceeding the Limit on Bay Clams and Clamming Prohibited Method, cited three for **Exceeding the Daily Limit on Bay Clams** and two for **No Shellfish License**, and returned the 168 seized clams to the bay.

After inspecting the “one” legal crab in a boat, Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) and Tillamook County SO located six more (with one female, four undersized) on the floorboard in the bow. They had nine pots out with only one shellfish license. Howell cited one subject for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab** and issued three warnings.

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) observed a boat offload a cooler behind a trailer then moor the boat in a slip. Upon contact, the operator said they went crabbing, but did not retain any keepers. When asked about the cooler, the operator replied it contained crab, and they were likely over their limit. Davis checked then cited the operator for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Dungeness Crab** and **Fail to Display Catch on Request**.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted 30 razor clambers on three patrols, issued 13 citations and several warnings, and seized about 150 clams. A man cited for failure to retain continued to “high grade” after obtaining his limit. Three cited were digging clams for children; and one was cited criminally, as Klepp and two witnesses saw him dig all 50 clams as his three young daughters played on the beach nearby.

When a boat operator coming into Garibaldi saw Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) and Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook), he started throwing crab overboard. They instructed him to stop, but he continued. Upon contact, the subject had 22 legal crab. He said he pulled his pots earlier and was going to sort the crab later. They cited him for **Exceeding the Bag Limit Dungeness Crab** and returned 10 crab to the bay. Upon checking another boat, they issued a citation to an unlicensed crabber for **Unlawful Possession of Dungeness Crab** and released 12 crab.

Charter clients contacted Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) claiming the captain left with *their* crab. They booked a bottomfish trip and helped pull crab pots, thinking they would retain some crab. Upon return, the captain told them they did not pay for a crab trip. Van Meter was told the boat retained 42 crab. She discovered 30 in a tote. Both the captain and deckhand had shellfish licenses. They dumped the other 12 crab when they realized the other deckhand was unlicensed. When asked about the extra six, the captain immediately took them and released them into the bay, and exclaimed they now only had 24. Van Meter cited the skipper for **Exceeding the Daily Limit on Dungeness Crab**.

## Commercial Activities Monitored

Sgt. Thompson and Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) contacted a live fish buyer at South Beach Marina who did not have a license to buy fish out of Portland. He was cited for **No Commercial Buyer’s License**.

Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) contacted a vessel as it docked at a Charleston fishery preparing to offload tuna. The captain had been operating the vessel for over three years and had never purchased a license. Bowen cited him for **No Individual Commercial Fishing License**.

Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) assisted ODFW with a charter boat in Garibaldi. ODFW found a wild coho during a check. When the captain saw the fish, he immediately took it from the sampler and threw it in the bay. Guerra cited him for **Unlawful Possession Wild Coho**.

Sr. Tpr. Torland (Newport) checked at a charter boat at South Beach Marina. All six clients had not validated their tags yet. He contacted the skipper who took responsibility. Torland cited him for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense—Fail To Validate Harvest Card**.

At a processing plant, Tpr. O’Connor (Astoria) contacted two trawlers. One was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Commercially Taken Undersized Chinook Salmon** and warned for unlawfully possessing wild coho. The other was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Commercially Taken Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**.

Tpr. Schwartz (Astoria) observed a gill net fisherman after hours pull his net, land three salmon, and moor the vessel at an offloading facility. He contacted the fisherman who admitted he had his net out after hours, for the boat was stuck. He cited him for **Commercial Fishing Closed Season**, warned him for Fail to Sell, and seized three salmon.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) cited a commercial harvester for **Failure to Complete Commercial Razor Clam Logbook Prior to Leaving Digging Area**, after discovering 50 pounds of razor clams when he made a traffic stop after the man traveled to a new digging area. The man did not have his logbook. He was cited for **No Operator’s License** and **Operating Motor Vehicle without Required Lighting**.

ODFW notified Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) of an overage. The skipper and the plant disputed over the species. ODFW determined the fish were chili pepper rockfish, not Pacific Ocean perch. The skipper was also going off of the selective flatfish trawl limits but used a large footrope trawl net, giving the vessel an 870-pound overage, 290% over the limit. Using a multiple gear limit, a 362-pound (30%) overage on lingcod was also found. Urbigkeit cited the skipper for **Exceeding Trip Limit on Shelf Rockfish** and **Exceeding Trip Limit on Lingcod**.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) worked several 10-hour night Columbia River Chinook/sturgeon gillnet seasons. One night, he observed two vessels retrieve their nets. When the vessels arrived and both skippers walked off the vessels, he contacted them; but the two skippers immediately jumped back on their boat. One skipper untied a rope affixed to the side, but Klepp could not determine if any sturgeon were attached before it sank. This man then threw a legal sturgeon overboard. Klepp counted this six sturgeon (one over the weekly limit). Klepp cited the skipper for **Illegal Possession of Commercial Sturgeon—Exceeding Weekly Possession Limit** and **Littering in a Waterway** and the deckhand for **No Personal Commercial Fishing License**.

# Marine Board

## Compliance on Rivers Fair, Joint Cooperation Beneficial



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Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) responded to a report from WDFW of sturgeon anglers in the sanctuary closure between McNary Dam and the I-82 Bridge. Mayer contacted Benton County SO (Washington) while en route. The SO had a boat on the water in the area. Mayer boarded the boat with SO deputies and contacted the operators in violation. He cited three subjects for **Angling Closed Area**.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) and Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) patrolled the Williamson River. Although they contacted many people and completed several BERs, they cited only for **No PFD**. Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) patrolled the Willamette and Middle Fork Willamette Rivers. They completed six BERs, 24 visuals, checked 12 anglers, and issued five citations.

Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen and Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) conducted two patrols on the Rogue River from Lobster Creek to Foster Bar, focusing on safety. They completed multiple BERs and warned several boaters. Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles), Tpr. Ring (Arlington), and Sherman County SO Marine Deputy Hall conducted boat patrols on the John Day River out of LePage park. Over two days, they checked 40 anglers, performed 11 BERs, and issued one citation and several warnings.

Sr. Tpr. Moore, Tpr. Fromme (Portland), and Clackamas County SO conducted 49 boat exams on the Clackamas River near Carver Park (15 pass, 34 fail). They issued six citations for and 28 verbal warnings. While Sr. Tpr. Klepp and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) patrolled the lower Columbia River checking sturgeon anglers, they contacted a guide boat with six people on board. Three subjects were using barbed hooks, and two did not have an angling license. They cited the guide for **Aiding in an Angling Violation** and two of the clients for **No Angling License**.

Tpr. Schwartz and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) conducted a joint boat patrol with WDFW on the lower Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean. A boat angler landed a salmon as officers contacted him. The angler stated he caught and retained other salmon and opened his cooler. Schwartz asked the subject why he had three salmon, and he replied he thought he only had two. When asked why he was still fishing, the subject said he was catching and releasing. Officers cited the subject for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Salmon and Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks**. During the patrol, officers contacted 38 anglers and issued six other citations and nine warnings for various violations.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) organized a weekend patrol on the Deschutes River with Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles), Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras), Tpr. Carothers (Fossil/Condon), Tpr. Ring (Arlington), and Ranger Baldree (BLM). They conducted boat patrols on various segments during the day and patrolled the camps at night. They received complaints on two camps (one had over 60 people) at Harpham Flat. They contacted the camps several times, and campers failed to comply, even after several citations and one arrest had been made. As the subjects were intoxicated, officers evicted the subjects the next morning. In all, they checked 58 anglers; lodged one for **Disorderly Conduct**; and issued 22 citations and numerous warnings for angling, boating, environment, and criminal violations.

## Troopers Patrolled Lakes and Reservoirs

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) patrolled Cottage Grove, Dorena, and Dexter Reservoirs. He inspected 17 boats and issued citations for **Towing a Water Skier without an Observer and Identify Numbers Not Displayed—PWC**. Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) observed a boat on Lookout Point Reservoir past sunset without lights and attempted to get the boat to come to shore, but the boater sped away. Boyd momentarily left, and the boat approached the ramp. He returned and contacted the subject, citing him for **Operation without Required Lighting**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) conducted boat patrols at Dexter Reservoir (Annual Pikeminnow Derby). They checked 48 anglers and completed 12 BERs. Later that day, on the Lower McKenzie and Willamette Rivers, they checked 55 boats, completed 18 BERs, contacted six anglers, and issued 17 citations. Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) patrolled Hills Creek Reservoir and checked the boat ramp. He observed a PWC towing a knee boarder without an observer and cited the operator for **Towing without an Observer**.

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) and Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) worked a patrol on Odell Lake, conducting eight BERs and issuing one citation for **No PFD**. On Topsy Reservoir, Randall observed a PWC spinning 180 degrees and hitting its own wake causing himself and the passenger to fall off several times. He cited the operator for **Unsafe PWC Operation**. Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) did a two-day patrol on the Lake of the Woods and Fourmile Lake. He completed 21 BERs, cited four boaters, and assisted Klamath County SO with a boat crash.

Sr. Tpr. Knapp and Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) conducted a two-day patrol on Brownlee and Oxbow pools. They performed six BERs, checked 37 anglers, and issued six citations. Sr. Tpr. McNeerney and Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) conducted a 5-hour patrol on Timothy Lake. They conducted 13 BERs and checked 23 anglers, resulting in six citations and 18 warnings. Sr. Tpr. Griffin (La Grande) observed five subjects in an 8-foot rubber raft on Morgan Lake. While two juveniles were wearing PFDs, two adults and one baby did not have PFDs available. He cited the operator for **Insufficient Number of PFDs**.

Sr. Tpr. Collom and Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) patrolled Howard Prairie Reservoir. They checked 15 anglers and issued five citations. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs, Sr. Tpr. Merritt, and Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) conducted a patrol on Galesville Reservoir. They completed 13 BERs and issued five warnings. As they approached one anchored boat, one of the three subjects tossed two trout into the water. When the troopers contacted the subject, they counted 13 trout. The subject said they were getting close to their limit and he decided to toss out the two trout. The subject was cited for **Waste of Game Fish—Trout** and for a warrant for Failure to Appear—DUII.

# Marine Board

## Multiple BUIs Detected on Various Water Bodies

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs and Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) conducted patrols on Ben Irving Reservoir and Diamond Lake. They completed 19 BERs, checked 30 anglers, issued numerous warnings, and towed in a disabled PWC. At Diamond Lake, they arrested a subject for **BUI**, BAC .24%.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) teamed up for a boat patrol on Fall Creek Reservoir. A few minutes after launching the boat at Winberry State Park, they heard a verbal dispute in a boat at the dock. A male was yelling at a female to "get off my boat." Upon contact, the male appeared intoxicated. He had operated the boat to the dock from "party cove" and had consumed about 10 beers. He failed SFSTs and was arrested for **BUI**, BAC .11%.

Sgt. Allori, Tpr. Fromme (Portland), Tpr. Clement (Albany), Tpr. Olsen (Salem), Rct. Vogel (St. Helens), and Clackamas County SO conducted a saturation patrol on the Clackamas River, issuing **117** citations for **No PFD** and seven for criminal offenses. One female cited for MIP was transported to hospital due to a high level of intoxication. Fromme arrested one subject for **BUI**, BAC refused, lodging the subject in Clackamas County Jail. Vogel made a **BUI** arrest, but this person was hospitalized, BAC hospital blood draw **.475%**.

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) assisted Tpr. Smith and Tpr. Katsikis (both Patrol) locate a subject who fled on foot after running his car off the road at Bullards State Park. Harris held the subject while Chief Webb (Bandon PD) and troopers responded. The suspect refused to follow commands, fought officers, and was OC sprayed by Harris. The subject resisted and spit while being handcuffed and escorted to a vehicle. He was charged with **BUI** (he operated a kayak while intoxicated, which initiated the call), **DUII**, **Reckless Driving**, and **Resisting Arrest**.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) received a report of a capsized boat on Klamath Lake. Niehus and a Klamath County SO (KCSO) responded via boat. Spotters also arrived. No one had located the boat. Niehus and Deputy Spicher continued onward to be sure. In 3-foot rollers, they found the boat and a man clinging to the side of it. As they assisted, the man climbed back into his boat. The man's behavior was not consistent with one in distress, though his boat was sinking. They convinced the man to get in their boat, and the man's odd behavior continued, even after arriving on shore. KCSO arrested him for **BUI**—**Drugs**.

## Boat Patrols on Ocean and Bays Yielded Numerous Citations

Sgt. Thompson and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) conducted a patrol out of Newport and Depoe Bay. They checked 40 anglers, gave out six warnings, and issued seven citations. Tpr. Schwartz and O'Connor (Astoria) conducted a Columbia River/Pacific Ocean patrol and made several contacts, resulting in various warnings and citations. One sturgeon and two Chinook were seized. Sr. Tpr. Lea (Florence), Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay), and Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) patrolled out of Winchester Bay. They contacted 75 anglers and cited seven. Tpr. Thomas and Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) worked out of Garibaldi. They checked 40 coho anglers, with six citations and four warnings. Tpr. Thomas patrolled out of Garibaldi with Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville). They issued six citations and numerous warnings. Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) worked near Newport. They checked 53 anglers and 16 boats, resulting in six citations and several warnings. Tpr. Schwartz (Astoria) and Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) patrolled out of Astoria. They contacted several anglers, issued 10 citations and many warnings, and seized three coho. Tpr. Schwartz and Rct. Vogel (St. Helens) worked out of Astoria. They issued three citations and several warnings. Sr. Tpr. Klepp and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) responded to the Hammond Mooring Basin and picked up eight coho and Chinook salmon. They will be issuing six citations.

## Enforcement Floats Discovered Non-Compliance

Tpr. Davis and Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) patrolled the Umpqua River by cataraft. They issued four citations for **No Angling License** and warnings for angling and boating violations.

Sr. Tpr. Griffin and Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) spent three days rafting the Wallowa and Grande Ronde Rivers over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. They cited three subjects for **Unlawful Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Trout** and one for a drug-related offense.

Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) and Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) conducted a raft patrol on the Snake River in Hells Canyon. During the patrol, they contacted numerous subjects. They issued citations for **No Harvest Card**, **No Non-Resident Angling License (2)**, **Offensive Littering**, and **No Certificate of Numbers**.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson's daughter Jill accompanied Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) and Pearson (The Dalles) on a raft patrol on the Deschutes River in the Maupin area. Jill's fluent Spanish-speaking skills were put to use to help interpret when they contacted a group of Spanish-speaking individuals during the float fishing with bait in an artificial lure-only section of the river. In addition, two of these subjects did not have angling licenses. During the float, troopers issued only three citations for **No Angling License** and one for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson and Sgt. Shortt (The Dalles) conducted a two-day enforcement float down the Deschutes River from Warm Springs to Harpham Flat. Pearson and Sgt. Katzenstein (The Dalles) conducted a raft patrol of Segment 4 on the Deschutes River on another day. They made several contacts and issued one citation for **Possession of a Falsely Applied for Resident Angling License** and one for **No Boaters Pass**.



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Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) and Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) conducted a boat patrol on the Pacific Ocean out of Garibaldi to check coho anglers. During the patrol, the troopers monitored a broadcast from the USCG of a boat in distress. The boat had no power and no radio communications. The troopers located the boat and waited with the boat until the USCG could respond and tow the boat back to the docks. Troopers also issued three citations for **Fail to Validate Tag—Coho**, one for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hook**, and one for **Unlawful Possession Coho—No Tag** and the seized the fish.

# Sport Angling

## Southwest Region Experienced Heavy Angling Pressure

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) received a call about two subjects spearing fish on the North Umpqua River near Whistler's Park. He was unable to locate the subjects, but he contacted two drift boat anglers. Frerichs discovered a hatchery steelhead had not been tagged properly and two illegal trout in a cooler. Frerichs cited both for **Taking Trout Closed Stream** and warned them for Improper Validation of Steelhead.

Tpr. Barden and Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) responded to a report about two wild salmon being cleaned. The suspects had left, but they contacted a guide who said he had seen both "wild" Chinook and would testify in court if needed. They tracked down two suspects who denied the offense. They seized salmon fillets and cited both criminally for **Unlawful Take of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Chinook Salmon** and **Aiding in the Unlawful Take of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Chinook Salmon (x 2)**.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) saw two drift boat anglers below Gold Rey Dam catch a salmon, hit it on the head, and put it in a gunny sack. When he stepped out of the brush, the boat headed downstream out of sight. He contacted the operator who said they released the foul-hooked hatchery fish, and he dropped off the passenger who left the area in a vehicle towing a trailer. Downstream at a ramp, the other man told Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) he caught a fair-hooked wild fish, but the other man netted it and hit it on the head. They revived and released the fish. One man was cited for **Fail to Immediately Release Fish Unharmed** and the other for **Aiding**.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) checked numerous ocean sport anglers. At the Port of Brookings, Barden cited four anglers who misidentified their jack Chinook as "small coho" and seized the illegal salmon. He educated the anglers on properly identifying salmon. Barden responded to an ODFW complaint about an angler who retained two

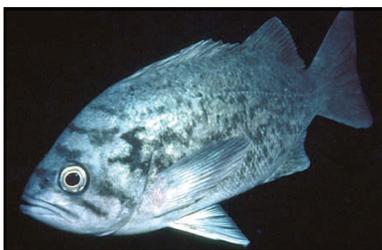


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extra blue rockfish. He seized the rockfish and cited the subject for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Rockfish**. Barden responded to an ODFW complaint of an illegal canary rockfish. He seized the illegal fish and cited the angler. An angler who thought an undersized lingcod was a sea trout was educated on proper identification and cited for **Unlawful Take of Undersized Lingcod**, and the 18-inch lingcod was seized. At the Port of Gold Beach, reluctantly, two anglers showed Barden their catch that included a large yelloweye rockfish mistaken for a vermillion rockfish. Barden seized the fish and cited the angler for **Unlawful Take of Yelloweye Rockfish**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) received reports of illegal angling in Rock Creek off of the North Umpqua River. This area is closed and has a large population of spring Chinook holding over. Troopers have found line, hooks, spears, and carcasses at various holes. After conducting surveillance for several hours, he drove by the deadline and observed seven anglers standing about 9:30 p.m. Frerichs cited one subject, who recently came off of a two-year court ordered suspension for angling violations, for **Angling Closed Area**. On another occasion, Frerichs observed two subjects angling above this deadline. One subject foul-hooked a salmon, but both attempted to bring it in. The fish broke the line at the shore. When Frerichs made contact, one subject walked over to a backpack. After both were arrested, Frerichs discovered a loaded 9mm pistol in the backpack, one subject possessed marijuana, and the other had a warrant out of Wasco County SO for UPCS. He cited and released the first subject for **Angling Closed Area** and **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and the second for **Angling Closed Area**, lodging him in the Douglas County Jail on the warrant.

## Enforcement Issues Central and East

Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) cited two subjects on the Imnaha River for **Angling for Salmon Prohibited Area**. Both were above the deadline.

Sr. Tpr. Griffin (La Grande) and Sr. Tpr. Coggins (Enterprise) patrolled the upper Imnaha River by horseback. They traveled 24 miles, observed 43 people, and checked three anglers. Troopers cited two of the anglers for **No Angling License**.

The Bend Bulletin ran a story in their Outdoors section regarding the wonderful angling at Davis Lake. The lake is fly angling-only and requires the use of barbless hooks. Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) conducted a three-hour boat patrol, producing seven angling citations for **Angling Prohibited Method** and one for a boating violation. Overall compliance was extremely low.

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) contacted two anglers above the Warm Springs boat ramp on the Lower Deschutes River. One subject had two fish on a stringer that exceeded the length limit—one measured 20 inches, large for the Lower Deschutes River. Both subjects were issued citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait** and one subject was issued a citation for **Unlawful Retention of Oversized Trout**.

Tpr. Mayer (Heppner), Tpr. Dietz, and Sgt. Brown (Pendleton) conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River below McNary Dam. During a contact with two shore anglers, one subject was found to have a valid arrest warrant for **Offensive Littering—Fail to Pay Fine** and lodged in the Umatilla County Jail by Sgt. Muhs (Patrol, Hermiston). They contacted several anglers and issued citations for **Angling Closed Area for Sturgeon**, **Angling Prohibited Method (Two Poles)**, and **No Non-Resident Fishing License**, and a warning for Angling Prohibited Method.

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) observed two men cast above the deadline at the Hatchery Hole on the Rogue River. They were standing next to a large yellow sign and had to bend over to cast in close to a cement wall above a rope with buoys on it that stretched across the river. He cited both for **Angling Prohibited Area—Above Deadline**. Meyer again monitored the Rogue River with Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point). They spotted two men at the Chief Hole; one was attempting to snag salmon. They worked in behind the men, when Meyer realized he cited one the day before at the Hatchery Hole. That man learned his lesson, but his friend needed some education. Allison contacted him and found he was from Nevada but had a resident angling license and tag and had been using leader over the length limit. He was cited for **False Application for a Resident License/Tag** and **Angling Prohibited Method—Leader Length over Six Feet** and warned for Attempting to Snag Salmon. The troopers worked their way to the area below Gold Rey Dam and found two men attempting to snag salmon using two hooks on 8-foot leaders. They were both cited and warned for the offenses.

# Sport Angling

## Salmon, Steelhead, and Sturgeon Violations Discovered in Northwest Region

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) investigated another complaint of illegal removal of salmon at the Dexter Holding Ponds. A small dip net was found lodged at the entrance. No evidence was located to identify a suspect or if any salmon/steelhead were taken. Springfield troopers have been monitoring the ponds, but no one has been apprehended.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) followed up on an ODFW complaint, alleging a guide came into the John Day boat ramp and responded to the sampling questions saying he would "not be doing this today." Later that day at a fish processing business, O'Connor located the guide processing seven sturgeon for his clients. O'Connor cited the guide for **Refusing Inspection of Wildlife to ODFW**.

Tpr. Young (Salem) and Rct. Hetland (Patrol, Salem) cited three subjects for **Angling Prohibited Area—Above the Deadline** at Packsaddle Park on the North Santiam River. This year, this deadline had been moved upstream about 200 feet, and is well marked. Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) also observed and cited a suspect for **Angling Prohibited Area—Above the Deadline** and **Attempt to Snag Fish**. Complainants confronted this suspect who continued illegal methods.

Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) responded to both Pacific City and Garibaldi on complaints of retained Chinook salmon during closed season. One subject retained the fish due to the fish's size and color and did not look in the mouth. Thomas seized both fish, citing each suspect cited for **Unlawful Possession Chinook Salmon**. Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) responded to a complaint at South Beach Marina. Three anglers returned to the docks with four coho, but three were wild. She seized the wild salmon as evidence and cited the anglers. Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) worked at Astoria—Warrenton boat ramps. He issued seven citations and several warnings for undersized salmon and sturgeon.

Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) worked two days on the Upper Wilson River. On the first day, he observed two anglers attempting to snag steelhead resting in the shallow pool of water. Upon contact, he cited both for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging**. On the second day, he observed two more anglers attempting to snag in the pool. While attempting to make contact, a third subject grabbed a steelhead concealed in the brush and attempted to release it back into the river. This steelhead had visible snag marks. Schwartz apprehended all subjects, citing the first two for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging** and the third subject for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

Sr. Tpr. Moore (Portland) received a call about a sturgeon angler on the Columbia River near Bonneville Dam. This area was closed to sturgeon angling. Moore arrived and noted two subjects angling, one matching the suspect's description. As he approached, he found a 36-inch sturgeon lying near their backpacks. Moore cited both subjects. The sturgeon was still alive and released unharmed. Sr. Tpr. Hanson (Portland) also responded to the area when ODFW observed two subjects retain a sturgeon. The suspects began leaving without knowing Hanson was following them. When the subjects saw a security guard, they tossed the sturgeon in the blackberries and turned around to run in the opposite direction and ran into Hanson. While searching the bank for a possible second sturgeon, Hanson located where they had stuffed freshly baited hooks in the rocks. He cited the subjects for angling and environment violations and seized the fish and donated it to charity.

Tpr. Fromme (Portland) checked a salmon angler on the Willamette River near Milwaukie. Upon contact with the angler, Fromme could see the angler was acting in an odd behavior and handling what appeared to be a Big Gulp cup. While checking the angler's 2009 angling license



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and tag, Fromme noticed the cup was wrapped in fishing line with hooks and weights attached. Further investigation found the angler to be in possession of a total of five fishing lines all being used at the same time. The angler was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method—Five Lines**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) watched the area below Dexter Dam as ODFW processed adult salmon and steelhead. Maher observed several anglers target the adult steelhead being released back into the river from the outflow pipe. One angler caught one then quickly took it to his vehicle. Maher contacted the angler as he was returning to the outflow pipe area to continue his angling activities. He asked to see his tag for the fish he had taken to his car. The tag was not validated as required. Maher cited the angler for **Fail To Validate Combined Angling Harvest Tag** and another angler later for **No Angling License**.

Tpr. Thomas and Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) worked the Wilson River at the confluence. They observed one angler snag two summer steelhead and attempt to snag more steelhead over 30 times in just over 30 minutes. They contacted the subject, seizing his fishing pole and citing him for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging**. Two other subjects at the same hole were also angling for steelhead. One subject only had a license, while the other had nothing. They were both cited. On another occasion, Thomas and Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) observed two subjects catch and release multiple foul-hooked fish. The troopers seized both subjects' rods, citing both subjects for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging**. One of the subjects had been previously cited by Sgt. Hoodenpyl for **Harassing Wildlife—Salmon on Three Rivers**.

Sgt. Scroup (Astoria) responded to the Hammond Boat Basin, at the request of ODFW, who discovered an unlawful salmon in a boat at the ramp. Scroup cited the subject for the offense. Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) cited 13 ocean anglers at Hammond. On another occasion, Klepp seized seven salmon from the docks and issued several citations. Tpr. Schwartz (Astoria) contacted a vessel at Hammond. The anglers advised they caught and retained three coho. After verifying the fish were legal, Schwartz asked about the presence of additional salmon. The anglers again stated they only had three coho. A consent search of the cabin located two non-adipose fin-clipped coho and one undersized Chinook. One angler produced a 2007 angling license and tag, validated with six fish taken from previous trips. Schwartz issued four citations and seized three salmon. Later, he seized nine more salmon and issued several citations.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Public's Help Sought in Cattle and Deer Poachings

Central Point troopers are asking for the public's help to identify the person(s) responsible for the illegal shooting of cattle—one cow and three calves—in late June and mid-July in Jackson County. Sr. Tpr. Cushman investigated the first incident after the cow was shot some time around June 20. The second incident was investigated by Sr. Tpr. Collom when three calves were shot around July 11 or 12. All were found shot approximately 20 miles northeast of Shady Cove in the upper Elk Creek drainage. Anyone with information is asked to Sr. Tpr. Collom at (541) 776-6236 ext. 392 or Sr. Tpr. Cushman at (541) 776-6236 ext. 292.



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Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) is working a deer investigation in the suburban area of Klamath Falls where at least four deer have been shot in one week. Troopers have recovered evidence but have not developed any suspects as of yet. Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) investigated at least one more (possibly two) deer that has been shot and killed in the Pine Grove area outside of

Klamath Falls. All the Klamath poached deer have been shot with archery equipment; some have died, some have been wounded. ODFW has darted and removed an arrow from at least one animal. A local press release went out and Niehus did a spot on a local television newscast. Anyone with information is asked to call the Turn In Poacher (TIP) hotline at 1-800-452-7888.



Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) commenced an investigation regarding the unlawful attempted take of a buck deer in the South Eugene area. ODFW Biologist Brian Wolfer accompanied Maher during the investigation. The buck was shot by an unknown person using archery equipment and found still alive in a neighborhood near W. 40th Street in Eugene. The buck had to be euthanized by ODFW. At the time of the incident, there were no lawful hunting seasons for deer. Maher is investigating the poaching. Anyone with information in this case should contact the Turn In Poacher (TIP) hotline at 1-800-452-7888.

## Two Jackson County Felons Caught and Cited for Unlawful Possession of Game Mammals

Sgt. Meyer and Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) responded to a request for assistance from Jackson County SO (JCSO) who were serving a search warrant at a residence of a convicted felon and recovered several firearms. A deer was found hanging in a shed at the residence. Meyer and Thompson took photographs of the deer but did not seize it, because it had spoiled (field dressed but not skinned). They did seize some untagged raw bobcat hides, skulls, and a bull elk head. JCSO located the suspect and lodged him in the Jackson County Jail. Meyer contacted the suspect at the jail regarding the wildlife charges and issued citations for **Unlawful Possession of Deer**, **Unlawful Possession of Bobcat**, and **Unlawful Possession of Elk**.

In May 2009, Sr. Tpr. Thompson and Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) responded to a complaint of a dead deer tied to the back of a pickup in the Applegate Unit, in a remote area in the mountains with few residences. They arrived and saw a man appear with a shotgun. The man fled on foot into the woods and could not be located. They located the dead deer that appeared to have been shot with a shotgun slug. Thompson, Allison, and Jackson County SO discontinued their search for the man due to safety reasons. The truck's owner could not be located, but the truck was determined to be stolen. The truck was later located in Southern California, and a man was arrested. He was the same man Thompson determined to have been in possession of the deer and the shotgun. The suspect was a parolee from California and he had been sent back to a California prison. Thompson learned the suspect was moved to the Shasta County Jail to address some charges. He and Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) drove to Redding and interviewed the suspect, resulting in citations issued for **Unlawful Possession of Deer** and **Waste of a Game Mammal—Deer**.

## Troopers Picked Up Road-Struck Game

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) received a call of a road-struck cougar on SR 58 near mp 41. The cougar was hit the night before, but the driver did not know if the cat survived or not. Maher checked the area and located the cougar a short distance off of the roadway. The cougar was recovered and was given to ODFW.

Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) and Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) assisted the Patrol Division with a traffic accident on Hwy 101 north of Manzanita. Investigation revealed that a vehicle traveling on Hwy 101 struck and killed a cow elk. Upon arrival, the troopers found the elk sustained very little damage and was salvageable. Troopers removed the elk and transported it to a cutter to process it for charity.

## Trooper Rescued Eagle and Pelican

Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) had a busy time rescuing injured birds. He and his wife were on vacation near Baker City, when they located an injured eagle along Hwy 86 near Flagstaff Hill. They transported the eagle to the local ODFW office in Baker City. After returning to duty in Bend, he rescued an injured pelican with the assistance of some bass fishermen on Wickiup Reservoir.



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# Wildlife / Hunting

## Tip Following News Reports Led to Suspects in Poaching Case and Uncovered a Separate Crime



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An anonymous tip helped Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) solve a case where a buck was shot, butchered, and dumped at the end of Idyllwild Street off of 10th Street in Creswell. Boyd determined the crime happened on or about July 12. Boyd had very little information to help identify the suspect(s). A July 20 news release announced two rewards: one up to \$500 by the OHA TIP program and the other up to \$2,500 by the Humane Society of the United States. On July 22, Boyd received a tip that led him to two suspects. As a result of the investigation, Boyd cited both suspects—one for **Unlawful Take of Buck Deer and Placing Offensive Substance on Property of Another** and the other for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**—and seized evidence, including deer meat, 3 x 4 velvet buck horns, and a rifle.

While investigating the case, a local resident contacted Boyd with information about a separate wildlife crime. The tip claimed a man struck a deer with his vehicle, loaded it in his pickup, and drove around trying to find someone to take the deer from him, while showing off the antlers he had taken from the deer. Boyd's investigation led to citing a suspect for **Unlawful Possession of Buck Deer Parts**. "Both cases are excellent examples of how people can help protect our state's wildlife and natural resources. Those who break the law seem to have a lot of time on their hands to commit the crime, while police have a limited amount of time to be out in the field preventing these from happening. Whether a reward is offered or not, people stepping forward to help us investigate crimes is critical in solving these cases," said Boyd.

## Nuisance Bears Reported, One Suspect Cited

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) followed up on several complaints of a bear being seen in the residential areas in/around Grants Pass. The bear finally wore out its welcome when it invited itself into a residence for dinner. The bear went through a closed screen door and was shot by the homeowner inside the residence. The resident called OSP.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) received an anonymous call about a resident shooting a nuisance bear but kept it. After checking several homes and seeing damage at every residence, Stinnett confirmed the bear was a nuisance. He contacted one resident who stated a tenant in a residence behind him shot the bear. The resident took him to a refrigerator on the back porch of the house where he recovered a bag containing half a hide, both front paws, and the head. Stinnett contacted the shooter who said the bear got within 12 feet of his three-year-old on a trampoline and would not move when he tried to chase it away. He got the child to safety and shot the bear but did not call ODFW or OSP. He gutted the bear, but did not want the meat, so he gave the meat to a friend. Stinnett had the suspect retrieve the meat and cited him for **Illegal Possession of a Game Mammal—Black Bear**.



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Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) responded to a complaint of a problem bear at Swift Water Park on the North Umpqua. During afternoon hours, the bear had wrecked a camp site, walked across the hood and top of a pickup damaging it, tore the garbage cans up in the parking lot, and

tipped over the dumpster to try and get at fish carcasses placed there by anglers. Frerichs waited in the area for four hours when the large, approximately 300-pound male bear returned for another meal. The bear had to be shot as a hazard.

## Turkey Vultures are Protected Species

Tpr. Young (Salem) received a complaint of a subject shooting birds on private property near the North Santiam River in Lyons. Young discovered the subject shot and killed a turkey vulture with a pellet gun. Young cited the subject for **Taking Protected Species—Turkey Vulture**.



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## Warned and Cited for Illegally Possessing Wildlife

ODFW reported to Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) about a western pond turtle for sale on Craigslist. He contacted the seller at his home and confirmed the species. The man said he obtained the turtle from his neighbor who caught it about 10 years ago. Allison explained the rules regarding possessing wildlife, specifically western pond turtles, warned the man for illegal possession, and took the seized turtle to ODFW.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) investigated a report of a fawn held in captivity in Prairie City. A couple found the fawn lying in the road. They lived in an apartment and made no attempt to conceal the fawn. They were just trying to help the fawn and not hold it in captivity. Ritter educated them and others about the procedures for reporting wildlife they believed to be orphaned, and he verbally warned them about the possession of wildlife. The fawn was turned over to ODFW.

Sr. Tpr. Torland (Newport) received a report of a subject currently at the Cape Perpetua Visitor's Center showing off a bear cub in a live trap, allowing people to take photos of it. Torland responded but was unable to locate the suspect. The subject had visited other businesses in the area doing the same thing. Torland made contact with the suspect at his residence later that afternoon. The suspect had released the cub three miles up a certain road. Torland cited him for **Unlawful Possession of Game Mammal—Black Bear**, then he searched for the cub in the specified area repeatedly but could not locate it.

# Environment / Habitat / ATV



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## Large Marijuana Grow Operation Located in Baker County

A large outdoor marijuana grow operation was eradicated by the Baker County Narcotics Enforcement Team (BCNET) on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property in Baker County. With the assistance of the OSP SWAT team, two people were arrested at the site and approximately 3,500 marijuana plants were located. In July, the outdoor marijuana grow operation, similar to others found over the past several years in Eastern Oregon, was located in rugged terrain in the Snake River area. This is the second large grow operation found in Baker County this year. The outdoor marijuana grow plants were 4- to 6-foot high. If the plants were left undetected and allowed to grow to full maturity, they would have yielded about two pounds per plant. Estimated value of the marijuana would be \$2,000 to \$3,500 per pound, equating to, at full maturity, **\$14 million to \$24.5 million**. The two men taken into custody were both from Mexico and lodged in the Baker County Jail for **Unlawful Possession, Delivery, and Manufacturing of Marijuana**. BCNET is

comprised of members from OSP Drug Enforcement Section, Baker County SO, and Baker City PD. Other agencies and OSP divisions assisting in this operation were OSP Major Crimes, OSP Fish and Wildlife, OSP Patrol, Baker County SO, Baker City PD, Blue Mountain Narcotics Enforcement Team (BENT), Union County Drug Task Force (MERIT), Central Oregon Drug Enforcement Team (CODE), and BLM.

## Various Environmental and Habitat Investigations

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) responded to a vehicle that had crashed into the Siuslaw River. A small amount of fluid had spilled into the river and Salisbury assisted ODOT with clean-up.

Sr. Tpr. Torland (Newport) checked a camp on Yachats River Road. The camp had a large amount of garbage and waste. Torland cited the subject for **Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of a Waterway**.

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) observed two vehicles on back roads loaded with pine cones. He stopped them and learned neither had permits. He cited both subjects for **Unlawful Transport of Minor Forest Products**.

Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) received an anonymous tip about two suspects who dumped construction debris along a rural road. The witness provided a license plate. Schwartz learned the suspect dumped the debris as he took it to the dump, for the load was heavy, and the fee was going to cost too much. He cited both for **Offensive Littering**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) investigated a report about some tractor work in Lost Creek. OSP and DSL checked the area where the rocks were moved. The subject was in compliance with DSL but was advised he might not be with DEQ. The subject was advised to seek advice from ODFW, DSL, and DEQ before continuing.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) investigated a possible chemical spill into Mingas Creek. The water was a deep green color, similar to anti-freeze. He checked the creek and could not find the source. The next morning, he and ODFW checked the creek for dead fish and did not find any. DEQ and Central Point PD also checked. The material and the source could not be identified. It could possibly have been algae or dye.

At Willow Lake, Sr. Tpr. Cushman and Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) observed two anglers across the lake preparing to leave. The first man wrapped braided fishing line around his hand and threw it into a tree. They contacted the two men after they walked back to the campground. Cushman explained to the first man that leaving fishing line behind is detrimental to wildlife, because various animals tend to get caught up in the discarded line and get injured or die. Cushman cited him for **Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway**. Collom cited the second man for **No Angling License**. About 100 feet of line was collected.

## Collom's Invasive Species Action Plan

Tpr. Collom (Central Point) and Brent Crowe (ODFW) checked boats and trailers at Emigrant Lake for aquatic invasive species. They contacted several people but did not locate any. One boat came in with a 7-pound largemouth bass. The operator took pictures then released it. He was warned for Transporting Live Fish. Sr. Tpr. Thompson and Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) conducted a boat patrol on Emigrant Lake on another day. They conducted several BERs and issued citations and warnings but did not detect any invaders. Allison worked a bass tournament at Applegate Lake related to the plan. The bass club did not show up much to the disappointment of Allison and the resort owner.

## ATV Issues Resolved

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) contacted a subject riding an ATV with a small child on the front. Bennett discovered the subject had a suspended driver license and cited for the offense.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) worked Hills Creek Reservoir patrolling USFS Road 21, when he observed an ATV being operated on the paved roadway. He stopped the ATV rider. This rider was also found to have a suspended driver license. Maher cited the subject for **Unlawful Operation of ATV on Roadway** and for **DWS—Misdemeanor**.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) responded to an ATV complaint from the south coast beach ranger near the north jetty of the Rogue River. Barden contacted three ATV riders who were illegally riding on the ocean shore. Two riders were warned and released, while the other rider



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showed signs of impairment. The rider, who also had a valid warrant out of Nevada, consented to SFST's and failed. The rider was arrested for **DUII** and transported to the Curry County Jail. The rider refused to submit a breath sample and was lodged on a probation violation warrant and **DUII**. He was also cited for **Refusing a Breath Test**.

# General Law / Other

## Public Safety and Enforcement of Criminal and Traffic Laws

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) completed an investigation of a subject who used a bulldozer to clear a fence line through a known archaeological site along the Malheur River, permanently altering the site. After presenting the case to the Harney County DA, Caldwell cited the subject for **Alteration of an Archaeological Site without a Permit**.



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Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) stopped a subject for horse trailer equipment violations. He found three Holstein bull calves inside the trailer and conducted a roadside investigation. He issued a citation for **Unsafe Vehicle**, three warnings for No Transportation Certificate, and one warning for Unlawful Possession of Raptor Parts.

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) stopped to assist a vehicle parked in the middle of the roadway. He learned the subject stopped to pick up a hitchhiker. The hitchhiker was very uncooperative and proceeded to jump in the roadway to stop other vehicles. Bean arrested the hitchhiker for **Disorderly Conduct**. He recontacted the initial subject, determining he was impaired. Bean arrested the subject for **DUII, BAC .20%**.

Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) was traveling on SR 207, when he observed a motor home sitting roadside with smoke coming from the engine and a female attempting to put water on it. When he stopped, he noticed flames coming from the engine. He extinguished the flames before they caused more damage to the interior of the motor home, as the fire had started burning through the floorboard in the rear bedroom. Mayer called Heppner Fire to respond, and they finished containing the fire.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) received a report from US Army Corps Engineers of a subject who climbed over the razor wire fence into a secured area. He reviewed the surveillance tape, identified the vehicle, observed the suspect, and noted a boat below the dam with three females on board with no life jackets. He located and stopped the vehicle for Expired Plates which was driven by a female from the boat. He cited her for **DWS, No Insurance, Expired Plates, and Insufficient Number of PFDs**. She contacted the suspect. When he arrived, Boyd cited him for **Criminal Trespass II**, and impounded the vehicle.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) patrolled the Fall Creek area. He cited a female for **MIP—Alcohol and UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**, then he investigated a car clout that occurred in the Dolly Varden Campground area near the Fall Creek Trail. Four victims had numerous personal items stolen. Later, he encountered a pickup towing a travel trailer on USFS Road 18 near the Broken Bowl Campground, when the window “exploded,” shattering glass on a passenger who sustained minor cuts. What exactly caused the window to break is unknown, but Maher obtained information from campers about two juveniles seen in the campground earlier carrying BB guns. Maher contacted several campsites, but the juveniles could not be located.

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) followed up on a report from a timber company after they photographed a vehicle behind their gate. He contacted the owner who admitted to bear hunting in the area. He said the gate was unlocked, so he entered. Davis cited him for **Criminal Trespass II**.

Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) came upon a driver who was passed out over the steering wheel with his vehicle still running facing the wrong direction. No patrol troops were available. The driver failed SFSTs. He cited the driver for **DUII, BAC .25%**.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles), Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras), Sr. Tpr. McNeerney, and Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) conducted a saturation patrol on the Deschutes River in Maupin. They issued 12 citations for **Violation of Fire Restrictions**, two for **Littering within 100 Yards of Waterway**, and two for **DWS Violation** and numerous warnings.

Sr. Tpr. Moore (Portland) responded to a complaint of a possible pipe bomb on SR 224 east of Estacada. Moore arrived and found what appeared to be a homemade bomb on the guardrail. ODOT was notified and parked a large dump truck between the device and the highway. Moore waited for OSP bomb technicians to arrive. The device was removed and exploded nearby at a safe location.

When Tpr. Fromme (Portland) contacted a bass fisherman at the Cedar Oak boat ramp, a conversation started about where better angling opportunities existed in the area. Fromme recommended a location downriver and pointed him in the direction of Willamette Park, and the angler left. A routine check revealed the angler had a warrant out of Missouri for Fraud. Fromme followed the angler to the next park, and took him into custody, lodging him in the Multnomah County Jail.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) responded to a complaint of a subject shooting at wildlife and passing cars in the Disston area outside Cottage Grove. Numerous people in the area for Bohemia Mining Days saw the vehicle. Boyd patrolled nearly 70 miles of gravel roads in the Bohemia Mines and Fairview Lookout areas, resulting in 12 ATV checks, two warnings for ATV Operation on Paved Roads and one for Fire Violation, six tourists contacts, and an unable to locate on the suspect vehicle.

On the Umatilla River, Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) observed a male angling and a female standing nearby. When he made contact, the male dropped his fishing pole in the water. Per Mayer’s request, the subject retrieved his pole. He did not have an angling license and gave false information. When Mayer obtained the correct information, he found the subject had a restraining order out of Washington, restricting contact with the female. He lodged the subject on the **Restraining Order Violation and Giving False Information to a Police Officer**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) contacted an angler wading in the Willamette River near Glenwood. The angler told troopers he left his license and ID at home, and without prompting, gave them his name (actually, his brother’s). Since he was going to be cited, he was asked to provide his true name. He confessed he used his brother’s name initially and gave the correct name, adding he had a warrant. They confirmed the information. He was arrested on a no-bail felony warrant for Parole Violation (Theft I) out of Lane County; given a jet boat ride to Day Island Park, where a Patrol trooper took him to the Lane County Jail; and cited for **No Angling License**.

# Interagency Cooperation

## Division Troopers Assisted with Elliott Protestors

As a member of the Mobile Response Team (MRT), Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) responded to Elliott State Forest in the Loon Lake area east of Reedsport to assist with a large group of protesters regarding a local timber sale. During his three days on scene, Shugart arrested multiple subjects who were blocking a gate and refused to leave the area. Lt. Gifford, Sgt. Cyr, Sgt. Perske, Sr. Tpr. Harris, Sr. Tpr. Lea, and Tpr. Davis assisted OSP MRT, Douglas County SO, Douglas County Public Works, and ODF employees in dealing with some of the protestors and assisting with scene control. Officers arrested a total of 27 protestors. Numerous others left voluntarily.

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## Joint Patrols and Investigations

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) worked patrol to assist Douglas County SO for the annual Dune Festival at Winchester Bay. He assisted with a DUII arrest and numerous calls regarding fights near the stage area and incidents on all terrain vehicles.

Sr. Tpr. Knapp and Sr. Tpr. Coggins (Enterprise) transported ODFW biologists into Hells Canyon by jet boat to observe local bighorn sheep. They were extremely encouraged by the number of healthy lambs that were seen. Two subjects were cited for **No Non-Resident Angling License** during the patrol.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) assisted ODFW with a bear complaint. A homeowner shot and killed a sow black bear as it was attempting to break into a chicken coup. After the bear was dead, three cubs appeared and were loitering in the area of the dead sow. Salisbury and ODFW personnel responded to the area. One cub was successfully darted and placed in a cage. The two other cubs were ultimately caught the next day and transferred to ODFW Adair for rehabilitation.



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Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) was patrolling the Powder River near Mason Dam when he contacted a subject in possession of what he believed to be archaeological objects. The subject also had a rake in the bed of his vehicle. The subject showed Duncan where the objects were located, which was an old homestead across the river. The site had been freshly excavated was about 5 feet x 6 feet x 10 inches deep. Numerous broken glass bottles and rusted metal items were evident and appeared to have been freshly unearthed. The items and excavating tools were seized, and the SHPO was contacted. The site is a documented site located on USFS land, and the investigation will be forwarded to the local USFS LEO for completion.

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) and Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) assisted BLM in recovering a Native American grinding stone in May. A BLM ranger issued a citation for **Removing a Prehistoric Artifact**. Duncan has cited the same guide for **Fail to Register Employee with State Marine Board** after one of his employees was discovered to not to be registered first aid or CPR-trained.

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) assisted the Harney County SO with a search warrant at a marijuana grow site involving the OSP SWAT Team. After the warrant was served, a set of elk antlers attached to the skull was located near the grower's camp. Two suspects were arrested during the warrant and were charged with **Unlawful Possession of Wildlife Parts**. They had previously been lodged in the Harney County Jail on charges relating to the marijuana grow.

Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) assisted the Douglas County SO on an attempt to locate on a stolen vehicle that was involved in a burglary up the North Umpqua. The suspects and vehicle were located at a USFS campground and taken into custody at the camp site. They recovered the stolen vehicle along with some other stolen property. The stolen vehicle belonged to a police officer, and the suspects had the 2005 Search and Seizure Manual out on the picnic table when contacted.

Sr. Tpr. Lea (Florence) was traveling through Mapleton when he overheard Lane County SO dispatch a deputy to a fire in an apartment complex. Lea arrived on scene 30 seconds later to find flames coming out of a vent in the back of a unit. Lea got his fire extinguisher, kicked out the vent and sprayed the contents of the extinguisher into the wall space, subduing the flames. He then assisted LCSO with making sure the complex was evacuated. The fire department arrived as the flames picked back up and put out the fire.

Sgt. Allori and Tpr. Buck (Portland) responded to a report of a predatory sex offender at Bonnie Lure State Park where numerous children were playing and swimming. The suspect was convicted in 1996 involving known victims, and he targets children under 12 years of age. He is prohibited from having contact with any persons under the age of 18 or to frequent areas where minors are likely to congregate. A Clackamas County SO deputy arrived just ahead of them, then the suspect ran off into the brush. The area was secured. About 45 minutes later, the suspect came out of the brush. Allori and Buck took the suspect into custody on a Parole Violation issued by his Parole Officer, charging him with **Unlawfully Being in a Location Where Children Regularly Congregate** and lodged him in the Clackamas County Jail.

# Public Relations / Trainings

## Meeting and Presentations

Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) attended the week-long NAWEOA conference held in Newfoundland, Canada.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) gave a hunter education talk to about 20 students at the Mohawk Grange in the evening.

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) testified at the Access and Habitat Board Meeting. The board voted unanimously to fund the JWTR project.

The Astoria City Council invited ODFW, OSP, and Astoria PD to address the number of recent cougar sightings in Astoria. ODFW Biologist Herman Biederbeck gave a PowerPoint on Cougar in Oregon, and Sgt. Scroup (Astoria) spoke about public safety issues.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) hosted the Natural Resource Agency meeting at the Central Point office. This bi-annual meeting is to improve interagency cooperation effectiveness. ODFW, DEQ, DSL, Jackson and Josephine County Code Enforcement and Planning, Water Master, US Army Corp of Engineers, BLM, ODF, and others attended.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) spoke to 500 bow hunters about ethical hunting and the TIP program at the annual Bow Rack event in Springfield.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) provided a presentation at a hunter education class in Brookings, along with stories of local poaching cases.

Sr. Tpr. Torland and Sgt. Thompson (both Newport) gave a presentation on Division enforcement at the Yaquina View Elementary School.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) spoke to 35 hunter safety students in Alvadore. Attendees had good questions and were interested in the TIP program.

Rct. Vogel (St. Helens) and Tpr. Schwartz (Astoria) manned the Trailer of Shame at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. Vogel also spoke before a significant crowd regarding the roles of the Division.

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) gave a monthly update to 30 OHA Rogue River Chapter members. As the guest speaker, he gave a PowerPoint on "Attention to Detail—Sometimes the Smallest Clues Make a Case."



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## Recruits Received Division Training

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) organized scenarios on July 1-2 and 24-25 for 19 recruits during Post Academy training. Three recruits are assigned to the Division. Turnbo invited Deputy Cline (Linn County SO), Rodger Huffman (Agriculture), John Lane (Parks), Randy Henry (OSMB), and Rick Boatner (ODFW). Other Division instructors included Lt. Lane (NW Region), Sgt. Scroup (Astoria), Sr. Tpr. Culp (Salem), Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge), Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield), Tpr. Young (Salem), and Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook). Volunteers who assisted included Larry Larson (OHA), Steve Pence, David Dudley, Tpr. Thomas' father, friends of Turnbo, and Tokuro Shimatani (Japanese exchange student staying with the Turnbo's). Topics included special forest and minor products, ATV laws and regulations, Marine Board, livestock investigation, archaeology, invasive species, commercial fish, shellfish, WED, and trapping.



# Dispositions

## Lifetime Ban on Hunting, Taxidermy

The Bend Fish and Wildlife Team, assisted by The Dalles' Sr. Tpr. Pearson and Tpr. Gunderson, Lt. Scorby (East Region), and Patrol and Criminal troopers, served four search warrants in the La Pine and Bend areas, as a result of information about several suspects illegally taking bear and cougar with dogs, bear with bait, trapping bear with a toothed, leg hold trap, and unlawful digging and possession of Native American artifacts. Officers seized numerous evidence items, including the leg hold trap, dog tracking collars, numerous bear and cougar hides, and several artifacts. Since the main suspect was a taxidermist, his business records were also recovered. As a result of OSP's investigation, in July, a jury found the suspect guilty of Theft (felony), Racketeering (felony), and illegal hunting. The suspect was sentenced to 130 days in jail; probation; lifetime ban on hunting, trapping, taxidermy, and possessing guns (including assisting or accompanying others); \$1,000 fine; and \$2,400 restitution. The artifacts charges are being handled by the federal government.

## Sentenced for Criminal Mischief while Hunting

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) reported that a suspect he cited for Criminal Mischief last deer season was found guilty. The suspect was contacted trespassing on a private ranch and welded the landowner's gate shut following the contact. The suspect received two years probation, 80 hours of community service work, and restitution to the landowner to cover the cost of the welded gate.

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