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Multi-Agency Patrol Nets Illegal Crab Gear

During the week of February 26, 2008, a joint enforcement operation was conducted from southern Washington to the central Oregon Coast. The purpose of the patrol was to monitor and inspect commercial Dungeness crab gear.

The Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division (OSP) partnered with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), the United States Coast Guard (USCG), and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of Law Enforcement (NOAA).



Photo Credit: WDFW

In 2007, the Dungeness Crab Tri-State Agreement between Washington, Oregon, and California put into effect the rule LE 200, which requires vessels fishing for Dungeness crab off the shore of another West Coast state to have a Limited Entry permit for that state. A cooperative and coordinated effort towards enforcing the Dungeness crab regulations between OSP, California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), and WDFW, have helped to create a fair and level playing field for the West Coast Dungeness crab industry.

Since Oregon does not have a large offshore enforcement vessel, Washington and Oregon worked cooperatively to utilize Washington's enforcement vessel, the *G. H. Corliss*, to patrol the coasts of southern Washington and Oregon.

The officers used OSP's patrol boats and the USCG's 47' motor life boats to locate suspected illegal crab gear, then the *G. H. Corliss* to pull and inspect the crab gear.



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During the four-day patrol, thousands of crab buoys were inspected. The officers seized 72 commercial crab pots, 42 pots for not having buoy tags, and 26 pots for illegal release mechanisms and recovered four derelict pots.

Additionally, the officers collected twine samples from seven different vessels' pots and

sent them to the Oregon State Police Forensics lab for analysis for treated cotton. Oregon law requires a release mechanism secured by a single strand of 120 thread size untreated cotton twine which, when removed, will create an opening of at least five inches in diameter in the top or side of the pot. This allows an escape method for crab in the event the pot is lost. If crab cannot escape a pot, it will continue to "ghost fish" (attract more crabs into the pot), which ultimately impacts the resource. As a result of this operation, it is anticipated that ten criminal cases will be pursued.

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Wildlife / Hunting

Troopers Seeking Public's Help in Illegal Killing of Several Elk

According to Sr. Tpr. Brad Van Prooyen (Gold Beach), on February 22, 2008, a 7 x 7 bull elk was shot and left to waste during a closed season on Edison Creek Road about five miles north of Gold Beach. Troopers from the Gold Beach office responded. Following an extensive investigation, troopers determined that two white male adults were observed chasing the elk just after several rifle shots were heard by a witness. An unknown make or model white van was seen in the area. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Sr. Tpr. Dan Stinnett or Sr. Tpr. Brad Van Prooyen at (541) 247-6641.



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Sr. Tpr. Don Frerichs and Sgt. Dean Perske (Roseburg) responded to the Glendale area regarding two dead elk. Someone shot two bull elk and left them in a field below a residence. The elk appeared to have been shot early in the morning. One of the bulls was still alive when Frerichs arrived. Reward were put up by two private parties for \$2,000 each, two hunters for \$1,000, and the Umpqua Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association for \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the shootings. Two weeks later, Frerichs responded to the same area regarding another bull elk that had been shot and left in a field. The bull had been killed earlier that morning. A possible suspect was identified. All three elk were salvaged. This is the same area where a large 7 x 7 bull that was shot and left in a field in October 2007.

Suspects Admitted to Multiple Violations

Sr. Tpr. Paul Randall (Klamath Falls) received a complaint of shooting on the Wood River Wetlands during the special white front goose season. This season is for private lands only and the wetlands are under Bureau of Land Management (BLM) control. Randall responded to the complaint and walked in on three people. In their possession were two rifles and a shotgun. They admitted to multiple violations (shooting at birds with rifles, shooting at protected species, etc.). Two subjects were cited for **Hunting Prohibited Area**. One of the subjects was additionally cited and released for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. His firearms were seized.

Washington Resident Had Oregon License and Tags

Tpr. Luke Schwartz (St. Helens) contacted an angler who was fishing for sturgeon on the Columbia River near Goble. As Schwartz checked the individuals Oregon resident license, the angler volunteered that he still had a Washington license. Schwartz checked and found the Washington license was also a resident license. The investigation revealed that the individual moved to Oregon in July 2007 and he purchased a resident hunting license two months later in September 2007 in Scappoose, Oregon. Schwartz cited the individual for **Falsely Applying for an Oregon Resident Hunting License and Falsely Applying for an Oregon Resident Western Deer Rifle Tag**.



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Suspect Criminally Cited for Illegal Take of Bull and Waste

Sgt. Isaac Cyr and Tpr. Larry Bowen (Coos Bay) investigated an incident on Weyerhaeuser property where a hunter shot a 4 x 4 bull elk while in possession of a late season cow tag. The investigation determined that he was also out of his unit. He was cited criminally for **Illegally Taking Bull Elk Closed Season and Waste of Wildlife**.

Multiple Subjects Involved in Illegal Take of Bull in Wrong Unit

Sr. Tpr. Don Frerichs and Sgt. Dean Perske (Roseburg) responded to a complaint from Weyerhaeuser of subjects who shot a bull elk and left it. While responding, the troopers received information that the subjects returned and retrieved the elk. Frerichs was able to intercept the vehicle on its way out of the woods. One of the subjects had a cow tag for the Melrose Plus Unit. It was determined that the suspect was at least four air miles out of the unit, in addition to having shot a 4 x 4 bull. After the suspect shot the illegal bull, the suspect went to town and persuaded two other adults and two juveniles to help him retrieve the elk. The shooter was cited for **Unlawful Take, Closed Season—Bull Elk, and Hunting Closed Area**. The other two adults were cited for **Aiding**. The two 15-year-old juveniles were warned. The elk was seized. The shooter estimated his shot at 60 yards and still thought the elk was a cow. Four bullet wounds were found in the elk.

Wildlife / Hunting

Bobcat Not Unlawful

Tpr. Larry Bowen (Coos Bay) investigated the take of a Bobcat that was originally reported as unlawful. The investigation resulted in the Bobcat being released to the landowner. The Bobcat was killing the landowner's chickens.

Suspect Failed to Present Bobcat Ownership Tag

Sr. Tpr. James Griffin (La Grande) cited a male subject for **Failure to Present Bobcats for Ownership Tags** after he attempted to get his two bobcats tagged at ODFW in La Grande. He was numerous days past the required check-in date.

Vehicle Tracks and Shoe Impressions Proved Guilt

Sr. Tpr. Randy Caldwell (Burns) received a complaint regarding a cow elk killed and left in a damage hunt area west of Burns. Vehicle tracks and shoe impressions were taken and the tag list was reviewed. Upon contact with a person of interest, evidence supported the issuance of a citation for **Exceeding the Bag Limit—One Elk**.

Citations Issued During Bunny Round-up

Tpr. Curtis Weaver (Lakeview) worked a "bunny round-up" near Christmas Valley. The round-up occurs late at night and involves spotlighting jack rabbits. This year's round-up resulted in numerous calls to 9-1-1 for trespass and other complaints. As a result of his late night efforts, Weaver wrote three citations for **Hunting with the Aid of an Artificial Light** and two citations for **No Hunting License**.

Family Tried to Nurse Sick Elk Back to Health

Tpr. Marc Boyd (Springfield) received a complaint of an elk carcass that had been covered with a tarp and dumped near the McKenzie River at the west end of the Deerhorn Bridge. Boyd arrived at the location and located the elk carcass that was still covered with a blue tarp and some sticks and was preparing to photograph the scene when an adult female, who was passing by in her car, stopped to see what was going on. Boyd asked the female if she could tell him anything about the elk. She knew quite a bit, which led Boyd to her husband and a friend.

Investigation revealed that the elk was sick and went down on the family's property. The elk was wrapped in a blanket and they attempted to nurse it back to health, at no time contacting authorities. The elk expired. At this point, the husband and his friend took substantial steps to butcher the elk, only to discover that the elk was so emaciated there was hardly any meat. They loaded the elk into a truck, dumped it near the river by the bridge, and covered it with a tarp and sticks. The husband was cited for **Unlawful Possession of a Game Mammal—Cow Elk** and the husband and his friend were each cited for **Depositing Trash Within 100 Yards of a Waterway**.



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Subject Cited for False Applications

Tpr. Michael Mayer (Heppner) completed an investigation on a Kennewick, Washington resident who had been purchasing resident Oregon tags and licenses for the past two years. The subject was contacted and cited for **False Application for Hunting License, False Application for Elk Tag, and False Application for Deer Tag**.

Game Bird Preserves Issued Warnings

Ontario Fish and Wildlife troopers checked six private game bird hunting preserves. They found numerous minor violations and issued warnings for all of them. They supplied many of the preserves with the applicable administrative rules and provided education for future visits. The primary areas of concern were record keeping and signage of the property.

High School Students Took Deer in Closed Range

Sgt. David Pond (Bend) gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Bend chapter of the Oregon Hunter's Association. The presentation involved illegal activities encountered by Fish and Wildlife troopers during the course of a year and at any given time. During the presentation, Pond received a call from Dispatch that a reporting person found a deer that was killed and left to waste.

After the presentation, Sr. Tpr. Greg Love (Bend) contacted the reporting person, located the dead deer, and collected evidence. The next day, Love and Sr. Tpr. Andrew Menlow (Bend) determined the suspects might be students at Sisters High School. They contacted three suspects and learned they took the deer in the Tumalo Winter Range. One suspect was issued citations for **Taking Deer Closed Season, Waste of Game Mammal, and Illegal Motorized Travel—Tumalo Winter Range Closure**. The other two suspects were issued citations for **Illegal Motorized Travel—Tumalo Winter Range Closure** and **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

Pond and Love will be giving an update presentation to OHA about the incident at the next chapter meeting.

Wildlife / Hunting

Illegal Bobcat Found During Warrant

Sgt. Chris Allori, Tpr. Mark Schoenborn, and Tpr. Dirk Anderson (Portland) assisted the USDA with the service of a search warrant in Beaver Creek for Operation Tattered Wing. Clackamas County Sheriff's Office SWAT team secured the residence and then the premises were searched for evidence of a large scale chicken fighting operation.

During the search, a live wild bobcat was found illegally held in a cage on the property. ODFW Biologist Don VandeBergh responded to the scene to tranquilize the animal. Schoenborn cited the landowner, who was in custody on federal charges, for **Unlawful Possession of Bobcat**. The bobcat was successfully removed from its cage and released into the Mt. Hood National Forest.



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Outstanding Warrant from 1983

Tpr. Lowell Lea (Florence) stopped a car for violation of the basic rule. During the stop, dispatch discovered a valid warrant existed for the driver's arrest out of Multnomah County for **Hunting Prohibited Method**. The warrant was entered in 1983 with a bail of \$55.

Subject Shot Cow and Calf

Tpr. Ryan Howell and Tpr. Casey Thomas (Tillamook) followed up on a case involving a subject that had been hunting elk with a damage control tag in the Gales Creek area. The subject was hunting with a 30-06 rifle and found a herd of elk in a clear-cut approximately 100 yards from his location. The subject shot three times at a calf while a cow stood directly behind the calf. Subsequently, the calf and cow were killed and the subject then only salvaged the calf leaving the cow to waste.

Upon contact with the subject at his residence, he gave the troopers a 30-06 rifle that was not used during the hunt. After a short conversation, the subject then retrieved another 30-06 rifle. This rifle was the one used during the hunt. The subject was cited for **Waste of a Game Animal** and **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Elk**.

Investigation from Prineville to Cottage Grove Proved Suspect Guilty

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) conducted a follow-up investigation in the Culp Creek area east of Cottage Grove regarding a deer case investigation initiated by Sr. Tpr. Mark Prodzinski (Madras). Prodzinski obtained evidence of three deer kills at a residence in the Prineville area. The suspect had recently moved from Prineville back to the Culp Creek area with his parents. The suspect was contacted about the deer remains that he left behind at his previous residence. Investigation showed the suspect had picked up two road-killed deer to use as coyote and crab bait and the remains from those two deer were what was at the residence. Prodzinski also learned of a third deer that the individual killed in October 2007, possibly in the Metolius Unit, and tagged with a Western Oregon Unit deer tag. The suspect was interviewed about that deer and it was determined that he killed the deer in the Metolius Unit. The suspect had the three-point set of antlers from that deer and they were seized as evidence. The suspect was issued citations for **Unlawful Possession of Deer (x 2)** for the deer parts and carcass that he had left at his previous residence and for **Taking Deer Closed Season** for the deer he had killed in the Metolius Unit.

Follow-up Resulted in Citation

Tpr. Brian Miller (Enterprise) cited one subject for **Taking Antlerless Deer Closed Season** and **Waste of Wildlife**. This action resulted from Miller following up on and investigating a complaint from the Fall 2007 deer season.

Deer Hairs Found Four Months Later, Citation Issued

Sr. Tpr. Mike Cushman and Sr. Tpr. DeWayne Price (Central Point) received a complaint in December 2007 of a man who poached a deer and drove off with it in the back of the truck in the Elk Creek area. The responding party only had a partial license plate and the suspect was not located and was asked to copy the license down if he ever saw the vehicle again. A couple of weeks ago, the responding party saw the same vehicle and he copied the license plate down. Cushman kept going by the suspect's residence, but he could never find the suspect at home. He finally contacted the suspect who told him the bed of the truck had been cleaned. Almost four months after the poaching, Cushman was able to find a few deer hairs stuck inside the bed where they were scraped off on a sharp edge inside the box. After Cushman found the deer hairs, the suspect admitted to taking the deer saying it was for food. He was cited for **Taking Deer Closed Season**.

Commercial / Shellfish



Close-up of a Dungeness crab. (Photo credit: Wikipedia/Kevin Cole)

Undersized Crab Sold to Business

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) followed up on a report that a commercial crab fisherman provided undersized crab to a local business. Klepp interviewed the skipper and investigation revealed that the fisherman delivered approximately 400 pounds of mostly undersized crab to the business' employees. The fisherman was cited for **Retaining Commercial Dungeness Crab for Personal Use**.

Commercial Fisherman Failed to Keep Log

While checking commercial crab fisherman in Charleston, Sgt. Isaac Cyr and Sr. Tpr. Richard Lane (Coos Bay) contacted a crab fisherman who did not have his commercial logbook with him. After further investigation, it was discovered the fisherman had not used a logbook all season. The fisherman is going to complete his logbook, send copies in to ODFW, and show the officers proof of this.

Excess Dover Sole Seized

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) cited a skipper of a commercial fishing trawl vessel for **Illegal Possession of Dover Sole**. The skipper landed an excess of 4,048 pounds of Dover sole during the March-April fishing period for large footrope vessels. The fish was seized and sold to ODFW.

Skipper Cited for Failure to Submit

A skipper had made seven sablefish "Fixed Gear" commercial fishing trips in 2007 without providing the logbook ODFW port samplers. The Astoria ODFW groundfish sampler had made repeated requests to the skipper to submit the logbook data, but she was always given an excuse as to why the information was not available. Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) cited the skipper for **Failure to Submit Commercial Fish Logbooks**.

Excess Lingcod and Perch Seized

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) cited a skipper on a commercial fishing vessel for two groundfish overages for the January-February fishing period involving large footrope restrictions and a landing made to a local processor on February 27, 2008. He was cited for **Illegal Possession of Lingcod and Pacific Ocean Perch—Exceeding the Cumulative Trip Limit**. A total of 223 pounds of lingcod and 144 pounds of Pacific Ocean perch were seized and sold to ODFW.

Woman Caught Concealing Clams in Waders

Sgt. Todd Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) was working clambers on Tillamook Bay. There he watched a husband and wife while they clammed for bay clams. After the two subjects had completed clamming, Hoodenpyl watched the female conceal clams inside her waders.

Upon contact with the subjects, Hoodenpyl found that the female was over the daily bag limit of bay clams in her bucket. Hoodenpyl asked the female about the clams in her waders and she denied having any clams concealed. When Hoodenpyl told the female that she was seen putting the clams into her waders, she then produced five bay clams that had been concealed in her front pocket. The husband told Hoodenpyl that he even told her that the State Police was probably watching her. The female was cited for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit—Bay Clams**.

Littleneck clams are one of five clam species legal to dig for at Tillamook Bay. For more information, please visit ODFW at www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/shellfish/bayclams. Photo credit: File



Fish / Angling



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Undersized Sturgeon Seized

Sgt. Chris Allori (Portland) responded to a complaint of a subject that had illegally kept a sturgeon on the Willamette River in Oregon City. Upon arrival, Allori found there were two people that had kept sturgeon on a non-retention day. Both anglers were cited for **Unlawful Possession of Sturgeon** and both fish were seized and donated to charity.

Sr. Tpr. Swede Pearson and Rct. Mark Jubitz (The Dalles) conducted a patrol on the Columbia River from the mouth of the Deschutes River up to the John Day Dam. They seized one 47" sturgeon and cited the angler for **Possession of Undersized Sturgeon**. They checked a total of 41 anglers that were angling for sturgeon, walleye, or steelhead.

Angler Wanted to Fish for Two Species at Same Time

Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria) observed an individual angling at the mouth of Big Creek using two poles. Upon contact, the individual stated that he wanted to fish for sturgeon and salmon and thought he might as well do both at the same time. The individual was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Poles and No Harvest Card**.

Man Caught Sleeping in Camper with Line in Water

Sr. Tpr. Phillip Grove (Ontario) contacted an angler along the Snake River near Huntington. The man was sleeping in a camper with his fishing line still out in the water. Grove discovered that the man had an outstanding warrant for Assault IV in Baker County. The man was cited and released for the warrant and cited for **Unattended Line**.

Angler Cited for No Harvest Card

Tpr. Marvin Ritter (John Day) was checking steelhead anglers on the John Day River when he contacted a subject without a harvest card. When the angler told him he was angling for trout, Ritter pointed out to the subject that trout season did not open for a couple of months. The subject then told him he was actually angling for steelhead. Ritter cited the subject for **No Angling Harvest Card**.

Bass Tournament Held

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) worked a bass tournament at Cottage Grove Reservoir. The tournament director was contacted and it was learned that he might have not made the appropriate notification prior to holding the tournament. Additionally, one participating boat was found to not be properly marked, as required by the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) for small bass tournaments.

Subjects Angled Near Fish Ladder

Sr. Tpr. Chris Ashenfelter and Tpr. Marc Boyd (Springfield) worked the Siuslaw Falls area again as a result of a snagging complaint from March 25, 2008. During the afternoon, they were able to contact the suspects of the snagging complaint. They were not snagging upon contact, but were angling within 200 feet of a fish ladder. Both were cited for **Angling Within 200 Feet of a Fish Ladder** and one was cited **No Angling License**. The one subject cited for No Angling License had been warned by Boyd earlier in the week.

Barney Reservoir—Catch & Release, No Bait

Tpr. Aaron Dietz (Banks) contacted two subjects angling near the dam on Barney Reservoir. Dietz watched both subjects as one subject fished with two poles and retained a trout. Both subjects fished with bait. Barney Reservoir is open to angling, but has regulations restricting angling to catch and release and prohibits the use of bait. Upon contact, Dietz cited one subject for **Unlawful Possession Trout** and **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Poles** and the other subject was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**.

Suspect Angled with Suspended License, Tampered with Evidence, and Boated Under the Influence

Sr. Tpr. Wayne Merritt (Roseburg) observed a vehicle associated with a subject known to local game officers for wildlife violations, parked at a local boat ramp. That subject's angling license is already suspended until 2011. Merritt and Sr. Tpr. Don Frerichs (Roseburg) searched several miles along the river locating the suspect and another subject angling from a drift boat. Frerichs took several minutes of video of the subjects angling prior to contacting them. The suspect was told to row his boat down to the next boat ramp about 1/4 mile below for contact. When the subjects arrived at the ramp, they only had one rod in the boat. The subject who was suspended denied fishing. The other subject in the boat (also well known to officers) also said that the other subject was not fishing, but acknowledged he knew that the other subject was suspended. The suspended subject was also determined to be BUII and taken into custody for **Angling While Suspended, BUII, and Tampering with Evidence** (throwing the pole in the water). This subject had just finished doing 45 days in jail in another county for his most recent of five prior convictions for angling while suspended. The other subject was arrested for **Aiding in a Game Violation**.

Fish / Angling

Troopers Tracked Anglers in Deep Snow

Sr. Tpr. Paul Randall (Klamath Falls) and Rct. Aaron Boyce (Patrol Services) were patrolling the north end of the Klamath Basin when they located a vehicle parked along a back road. The same parking location had been used in the past by persons who trespass onto private property and angle for spawning Redband trout (closed season). The troops were able to track the suspects in the deep snow to the nearby Wood River. The two subjects were cited for **Angling Closed Season** and warned for trespass.



Redband Trout. (Photo Credit: U.S. Fish and Wildlife)

Anglers Cited During Ride-a-long

Sr. Tpr. Chris Ashenfelter (Springfield) had a student ride-a-long from Oregon State University. He was taking classes in fisheries science and needed to ride to complete his class. During the day, Ashenfelter pulled into Leaburg Lake and checked two subjects angling just below the dam. Both were cited for **No 2008 Angling License** and warned both subjects for using bait.

Man Angled Above the Confluence

A hatchery complained about an angler above the confluence. Sr. Tpr. Jeff Allison (Central Point) found the subject upstream on the main channel, with a hatchery steelhead. The man admitted from the start he was in violation. He said he was new to the area, did not see the signs, and thought the confluence was near the deadline. Allison seized the fish and cited him for **Angling Prohibited Area**.

Man Cited for Borrowing Brother's License and Tag

While driving through Oregon City, Sgt. Chris Allori (Portland) observed a person sturgeon angling on the Willamette River past legal hours. Allori contacted the angler just as he was preparing to land a sturgeon. The subject lost the fish after the line snapped. Allori then checked the angler's license and tag and discovered both were borrowed from the subject's brother. Allori seized both the tag and license and issued the angler citations for **Angling Prohibited Hours** and **Borrowing an Angling License**.

Anglers Received Multiple Citations

Tpr. Marc Boyd (Springfield) received an angling complaint on the McKenzie River of three anglers using bait near the Greenwood boat ramp. Boyd located the subjects and watched as two of them used bait in a prohibited area. Two of the subjects were cited for **No 2008 Angling License**, two for **Unlawful Possession of Marijuana—Less Than an Ounce**, and two warned for Angling Prohibited Method. Additionally, each of the subject's driver licenses was suspended and they had to wait for a licensed driver to arrive to drive their car.

Angler Cited for No License, Redirected to Store

While checking anglers on the Lower Rogue River, Sr. Tpr. Dan Stinnett (Gold Beach) contacted a couple from Rogue River and asked to check their licenses and tags. The female started searching their car. She finally asked her husband if he had it and if they bought them together, but he did not answer. She asked where she could get a duplicate. Stinnett explained the procedure and gave them directions to the ODFW office in Gold Beach. As they were packing up, Stinnett ran a license check and found that she did not have a 2008 license. Stinnett re-contacted the subject, as she was driving off the gravel bar. He cited her and redirected her to a sporting goods store where she could purchase an original 2008 license and tag.

Angler Provided False Information

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) cited a person at Creswell Pond for **No Angling License in Possession**. The man had no ID and it was learned later that he provided false information. When Maher went to talk to him at a residence in Creswell, the suspect fled the area on foot. Maher interviewed a friend who positively identified the suspect. A business card was left with the suspect's friend. About an hour and a half later, Maher received a phone call from the suspect who requested contact. Maher returned to the residence and met the suspect (who was waiting in his driveway with his identification in hand). The suspect apologized for his wrongdoings and was cited and released for **False Information to Police** and re-cited for **No Angling License**.

Angler Experienced Double Trouble

While working near the CT Bridge, Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) noticed a truck stuck in the mud near the edge of the reservoir. No one was around the vehicle. Maher did some follow-up around the Oakridge area in an attempt to determine who the owner of the vehicle was. Maher contacted a residence in Oakridge where the owner was staying and was advised that the owner and a friend were on their way back up to the lake to remove the vehicle. Maher went back up to the reservoir and contacted the owner as he was continuing his efforts to get his vehicle out of the mud. The owner told Maher that he had gotten his vehicle stuck while he had been fishing at the location. Maher asked him if he had caught any trout and he stated that he had. Maher asked to see the trout. Inspection of the catch revealed that one of the trout did not have an adipose fin clip, which is required of all trout at Hills Creek Reservoir. Maher seized the trout as evidence and issued the angler a citation for **Unlawful Taking of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Trout**. The angler was able to dig his vehicle out of the mud and got it removed from the shoreline of the reservoir.

Environment / Habitat

Business Cited for Pollution

In early March, Sr. Tpr. Mike Hanson and Tpr. Mark Schoenborn (Portland) responded to a chemical spill in the Clackamas River at Estacada Lake. The troopers found a fluorescent yellow chemical covering about a 30 foot square area. The chemical was traced back to a local company in Estacada. The chemical is a metal penetrant called Dubl-Chek (chemical formula HM-406). They discovered that the original company owner had connected a two-inch line into the building's rain gutter system which then connected into the City of Estacada's storm drain system that empties directly into the Clackamas River. Both the current company owner and original owner were cited for **Water Pollution Second Degree**. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is currently conducting a follow-up investigation to decide if they are going to civilly fine the company. NRC Environmental cleaned up the spill in Estacada Lake, the city storm drain system, and the rain gutter drainage system around the company's building.



Photo Credit: File

Landowner Filled in Wetland

Sr. Tpr. Doug Canfield (Newport) contacted a landowner who had filled in a wetland area while developing his land. The owner agreed to Cease and Desist until Department of State Lands (DSL) could inspect the site.

Residences Found in Violation of Riparian Zone

Sr. Tpr. Jeff Allison (Central Point) had an applicant ride along. They checked the Rogue River below Gold Rey Dam and saw two residences across the river in violation of the riparian zone. Allison contacted both landowners, took pictures, and advised Sr. Tpr. Jeff Thompson (our Oregon Plan Troop) for follow-up.

Business Improperly Disposed of Appliances

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) followed up on a littering case. He located the owner of a small business (a local hauling business) who was responsible for the improper disposal of a large chest freezer (half full of rotten meat) on City of Eugene property near Dillard Road. The suspect was cited for **Offensive Littering**.

ATV Club Asked to Reduce Sedimentation

Sgt. Todd Thompson (Newport) conducted a ride-a-long with an OSU student majoring in Agriculture. They patrolled the Mt. Baber ATV area where a poker run with 58 participants was going on. No ATV violations were observed, but they contacted the president of the club regarding sediment entering Bear Creek off of an ATV trail. They suggested that the club use straw bales to help with the sedimentation.

Multiple Citations for Littering while Angling

Sr. Tpr. Greg Love (Bend) contacted three subjects angling at Cline Falls State Park on the middle Deschutes River. A subsequent investigation revealed that the subjects had been drinking beer and tossing the cans into the brush along the river. All three subjects were issued citations for **Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway**.

Subject Cited for No Wood Permit

Sr. Tpr. Chris Ashenfelter (Springfield) located a pickup, loaded with firewood, leaving a Roseburg Forest property. The driver said he did not know he needed a permit and was friends with the property manager. A call to the property manager made it quite evident the subject knew he needed a permit and enforcement action was requested. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Transportation of Forest Products without a Permit**.

Farmers Damaged Salmonid Habitat, Agreed to Restore Stream

Sr. Tpr. Lalo Guerra (Tillamook) has been working on a fill and removal violation involving two farms located along the Kilchis River. Guerra and the Department of State Lands (DSL) contacted two farmers who did work on an unnamed stream that feeds into the Kilchis River. This stream is classified as essential salmonid habitat and has salmon returning to it on a regular basis. The farmers completely stripped the bed and banks of vegetation and other structures essential to salmon. After a long process, Guerra was able to convince the farmers to enter into an agreement with DSL to restore the stream for future salmon runs.

Environment / Habitat

Retired and Volunteer Discovered Wood Theft

Forest Capital Partners (FCP) owns a large portion of land in the JACTMA* area and they help fund the contract. FCP recently advised the State Police that they believe there has been a lot of wood theft from some of their lands off Ulrich Road, near Prospect.

Sr. Tpr. Patrick McNeilly (Retired) was working the JACTMA road closure on February 29, 2008. He and his volunteer were investigating the wood thefts when they found two men cutting and loading firewood off Ulrich Road on Forest Capital Partners land. They had cut down a large Madrone tree and were loading it into a pickup truck. They did not have a wood cutting permit.

McNeilly cited both of the suspects for **Theft of Minor Forest Products**. One of the suspects also had two outstanding arrest warrants. He was arrested and transported to the Jackson County Jail on the warrants.



Photo of Sr. Tpr. Patrick McNeilly and his volunteer. (Photo Credit: File)

**Known as the Jackson Access and Cooperative Travel Management Area (JACTMA), the project is a cooperative effort involving the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Access and Habitat Program, FCP, and OSP to manage public access, protect and enhance wildlife populations, and provide a high quality hunting experience for the public. Begun in 1995, JACTMA includes public and private lands in three parcels near the community of Shady Cove in Jackson County. Patrol and enforcement by OSP is an optimal approach to ensuring a safe and healthy environment for public use of FCP land, as well as to deter and detect the abuse and damage to their land and to the natural resources located upon these lands.*

Watershed Council Members Help Sustain Environment with Annual Cleanup

On March 15, 2008, Sr. Tpr. Lalo Guerra and Tillamook County Justice Court Judge Neal Lemery assisted with the Tillamook County Watershed Council's annual Tillamook Bay cleanup.

The Council's members are from the local community and include local businesses, political representatives, government employees, and citizens. The Council states their "members are not required to have a background or knowledge in natural resources. All that is required is an interest in clean water and enthusiasm to work with others for the benefit of the watershed and local community."

Their Mission Statement is "to help the community improve, maintain and protect watershed health, foster better stewardship and understanding of the Tillamook Bay Watershed, deal with issues in advance of degradation of the watershed and its resources, and promote and implement on-the-ground projects which ensure sustainable watershed health functions and issues." The Council is always looking for people to help. For more information, please visit www.tillamookbaywatershedcouncil.net/index.html or call 503-322-0002.



General Law

Felons Possessed Firearms

Sr. Tpr. James Hayes (Bend) stopped a vehicle for a minor traffic violation on China Hat Road. The operator was subsequently arrested for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. The subject had seven rifles and a pistol in the vehicle.

Tpr. James Halsey (Albany), Tpr. Richard Olsen (Salem), Sgt. Andy Heider (Salem), and Sr. Tpr. Scott Hite (Patrol, Albany) served a search warrant at a Sweet Home residence for firearms. The subject living at the residence is a convicted felon and it was reported that he had several firearms at the home. Ten shotguns and rifles, as well as ammunition, were seized during the search. The subject was cited and released for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**.

Motorcycle Set on Fire and Dumped into River

While checking anglers on the Chetco River, a witness contacted Sr. Tpr. Dan Stinnett (Gold Beach) to report a motorcycle that was dumped into the river on Miller Bar. The witness provided a plate that returned valid to a Yamaha motorcycle. Stinnett located the motorcycle 3/4 of the way under water with the remaining part set on fire. Stinnett winched the motorcycle out. The partial VIN did not match the plate. The motorcycle was towed with a police hold.

Driver Eluded Police and Endangered Juveniles

Sr. Tpr. Paul Randall (Klamath Falls) and Rct. Aaron Boyce (Patrol Services) responded to assist Tpr. Raymond Dube (Patrol Services) with a felony car stop. Dube had been patrolling Highway 62 when he checked a vehicle at a high rate of speed. Dube then turned on the vehicle and attempted to overtake it. The vehicle fled at speeds over 100 miles per hour. A short pursuit ensued and the vehicle came to a stop without incident. The driver was taken into custody for **Felony Elude and Reckless Endangerment**. The vehicle was impounded. The two juvenile passengers were released to family members.

Search Discovered Drugs, Firearms, and Stolen Items

Springfield troopers, with assistance of the Criminal Investigation Division, served a search warrant on a Dexter residence. The warrant was written when the suspect sold Vicodin to an undercover trooper. The Vicodin was found during the search. The suspect had filed a police report with the Lane County Sheriff's Office stating that his house had been burglarized two weeks prior. During the search, items previously reported as stolen were also found, including a rifle, a watch, a bike, and other objects. The suspect also had a car behind his shop that he had reported stolen. Sr. Tpr. Chris Ashenfelter (Springfield) recognized items that had been reported stolen by local rafting companies two years ago. The owners of those companies were contacted and positively identified their stolen property. As a result, the troopers recovered narcotics, 22 firearms, stolen property, and unraveled an insurance fraud scam masterminded by the suspect. The troopers recovered stolen life jackets, which led to the arrest of the suspect for a burglary and theft from an area fishing guide service.

Man Caught not Paying for Gas

Tpr. Marc Boyd (Springfield) received a complaint from Harbick's Country Store (McKenzie Bridge) about a patron that had received gas, but then drove away without paying for it. Boyd followed up and contacted the suspect, citing her for **Theft of Services** and **DWS**.

Juveniles Stole Mom's Car

Sr. Tpr. Dan Stinnett (Gold Beach) stopped to check on a disabled motorist that was out of fuel. After investigating, he found both the subjects were runaways from Washington and both were suspects in stealing mom's car. The vehicle was towed and the juveniles were transported to the Curry County Juvenile Department and turned over to them. They are being held for the **UUMV** charges.

Driver Cited for DUII

Sr. Tpr. Mark Knapp and Tpr. Brian Miller (Enterprise) were en route to Imnaha when they stopped a vehicle for driving down the middle of the highway. Upon initial contact, there was an overwhelming odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. The driver consented to SFSTs and failed. He consented to a breath test and estimated his own BAC at .18. His first blow was a .178 and his second was a .186. The subject was cited for **DUII**.

Angler Check Revealed 12-year-old Warrant

Sgt. Chris Allori (Portland) contacted a steelhead angler at Riverside Park on the Clackamas River. While talking with the fisherman, Allori noticed he had a non-resident angling license. Allori asked the angler how long he had been living in Oregon. The angler, who seemed nervous, said he had been away from Oregon for several years and had just returned a couple of months ago. Allori found that this person had a 12-year-old felony warrant for **Dangerous Drugs/Possession of a Controlled Substance Second Degree**. The angler was arrested by Allori and lodged in the Clackamas County Jail.

Motorcyclist Caught after Seven-hour Wait

Sr. Tpr. Larry Johnson (John Day) patrolled the Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area on an OHV for road closure violators. At 12:30 p.m., Johnson attempted to make contact with a motorcycle operator who was in the heart of the Murderer's Creek Unit's Flagtail Road closure. The operator fled from Johnson when he motioned for the subject to stop. Johnson attempted to overtake the motorcycle, then radioed in the pursuit and got additional resources in the area. With the assistance of the Grant County Sheriff's Office, John Day PD, and other members of the John Day work site, they were able to locate a vehicle associated with the motorcycle. The clothing and helmet the driver was wearing was distinctive, so they set up on the vehicle and trailer to wait for him to return. At 7:45 p.m., the driver returned to his vehicle and they were able to take him into custody without incident. The suspect was lodged in the Grant County Jail on **Felony Attempt to Elude a Police Officer in a Vehicle** (drove onto a public road) and **Violation of a Road Closure**.

General Law

Teenagers Bury SUV in Mud

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) followed a set of fresh vehicle tracks that eventually led to an SUV buried in the mud in a clear-cut on Weyerhaeuser property. The vehicle was occupied by three teenagers from Cottage Grove. The 17-year-old driver was issued a citation for **Criminal Trespass II**. His parents arrived at the location and made arrangements to have the vehicle towed out of the mud.

Check Discovered Warrant for Assault

Tpr. Richard Olsen (Salem) was checking anglers near the Green Peter Dam when he saw a subject recognize his truck and take off running up a gravel road. Olsen drove up the gravel road to a timber gate and then followed the subject on foot. When Olsen caught up to the subject he was screaming that he was Jesus Christ. The subject agreed to walk back down the timber gate with Olsen. A check revealed that the subject had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for Assault IV. He was transported to and lodged at the Linn County Jail.

DUII Driver Attempted to Force Trooper off Road

Sr. Tpr. Darin Bean (Gilchrist) was patrolling near La Pine State Park after dark when he attempted to pass a vehicle to catch up to another vehicle without taillights. This subject apparently did not want Bean to pass and moved over into the oncoming lane forcing Bean to take evasive action. Once Bean had safely passed the vehicle, the subject began flashing his high beams. Bean pulled over and stopped the vehicle. The subject did not know who Bean was. He was arrested for DUII. He was lodged in the Deschutes County Jail (BAC .13%). He was also cited for **Careless Driving**. He later told Bean that this might have been the most stupid thing he had ever done before.

Boat Patrol Found Trespassers with Warrants and Violating Probation

Tpr. Luke Schwartz (St. Helens) was conducting a boat patrol on the Columbia River when he observed several individuals trespassing on the railroad tracks that run along Mayger Beach near Clatskanie. Schwartz contacted four individuals and discovered one was a convicted felon for drug possession, another was wanted on a non-extraditable warrant out of Washington for probation violation for Assault on a Police Officer, and another was on probation, with stipulations that include "no alcohol" and "no contact with known drug users." The individual's probation officer was contacted who issued a detainer warrant. Schwartz arrested the individual and transported her by boat to Goble, where Sr. Tpr. Randy Fargher (Patrol, St. Helens) transported her to the Columbia County Jail where she was lodged on the detainer warrant.

Suspect Tried to Run from Trooper on Foot

Tpr. Marvin Ritter (John Day) was passing through Monument when he observed a pickup turn off the road quickly without signaling. Ritter saw this as an obvious attempt to avoid contact with him. The suspect quickly got out of his vehicle, stumbling, looked back at Ritter, and then started walking toward the front door of the Monument store. Ritter told him to stop, which he did. The suspect turned around, looked again in Ritter's direction, and Ritter motioned for him to come back to him. The suspect turned back around and ran for the store's front door. Ritter pursued the suspect on foot and caught him at the store's back door, taking him into custody. The suspect provided a breath sample, with a BAC of .19%, over 2 1/2 hours after the initial contact with him. He was lodged in the Grant County Jail, cited for **DUII and Driving Uninsured**, and warned for other traffic violations.

Angler Failed to Register as Sex Offender

While checking anglers on the Willamette River in Oregon City, Sgt. Chris Allori (Portland) contacted one angler that was a sex offender out of compliance with registration. Investigation revealed that the offender had moved out of state and then re-entered Oregon without properly registering. Allori subsequently cited and released the angler for **Fail to Register as Sex Offender—Address Change**.

Suspect Smoked Marijuana with Infant in Vehicle

Tpr. Casey Thomas (Tillamook) was traveling on Hwy 101 north of Rockaway Beach when he saw a small pickup pass him without a front license plate. Thomas stopped the vehicle and contacted a male driver with a young infant in the front seat. Thomas smelled a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. A consent search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of an ounce and a quarter of marijuana in three separate containers. The driver was arrested for **Possession of a Controlled Substance** and the child was released to a grandparent.

One Life Saved, Another Lost in House Fire

Tpr. Aaron Baimbridge (Roseburg) responded to a call of a house fire and stabbing at a residence in Sutherlin. He arrived with a city officer and observed smoke coming out of the house. Baimbridge and the officer went into the residence and found a male subject with multiple stab wounds lying in the kitchen. Baimbridge and the officer assisted the subject in crawling out under the smoke that was now waist level. The subject then said that his wife was still inside. Baimbridge and one of the firefighters who just arrived tried to get back inside, but could not due to the fire and smoke. A female occupant was later found deceased in a rear bedroom. Investigation is a homicide.

Canine Found Suspect Hiding

Tpr. James Halsey (Albany) was on patrol near Lebanon when he observed a male subject with known warrants enter a residence. The subject would not come out and there were multiple subjects and pit bulls at this residence. A Linn County Sheriff's Office Canine Unit responded to assist. After the residence was cleared by the canine, the canine was then sent underneath the house where the subject was found hiding. Halsey transported the subject to the Lebanon Community Hospital where the subject was treated for dog bites. Halsey then transported the subject to the Linn County Jail where he was lodged for **Probation Violation, DUII, Fail To Comply DUII, and Fail To Comply Theft 2** (mandatory 20 days).

Dispositions

High School Students Sentenced

During the 2007 Big Game Season, Tpr. Dirk Anderson (Portland) and Tpr. Luke Schwartz (St. Helens) received anonymous information surrounding the illegal hunting activities of two Rainier High School students. The complainant alleged that the subjects were bragging at school that they had poached two doe deer the previous evening. Anderson and Schwartz contacted the residence of one of the suspects and they observed three deer heads with antlers attached that appeared to have been recently harvested. They contacted the suspect when he arrived at the residence with his mother. The Troopers learned that the second suspect was living at that same location with the first suspect's family. The second suspect arrived at that location with blood on his shoes.

The subsequent investigation revealed that both suspects went out spotlighting deer on the previous night. One of the suspects shot and killed a forked-horn buck deer while the other suspect held the spotlight. They put the deer in the trunk of the vehicle that they were using. The second suspect admitted to dumping the deer after removing the head because he thought it was "all messed up". The investigation also revealed that the other two deer were also unlawfully taken. One was a spike buck deer that one of the suspects harvested with the intention of filling someone else's antlerless deer tag. The other was a 3 x 3 buck deer that was shot by one of the suspects who didn't have a Western Deer rifle tag. All three deer were seized as well, as well as the suspect's rifles.

The first suspect was charged with **No Valid 2007 Western Deer Rifle Tag** and **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime—Using Artificial Light in the Taking of a Buck Deer**. The second suspect was charged with **Unlawful Taking of a Buck Deer with Aid of Artificial Light, Waste of a Big Game Mammal, and Unlawful Taking of a Spike Deer**. Both suspects were recently sentenced in Columbia County Circuit Court. The first suspect was sentenced to 16 days on the Columbia County Work Crew following his 18th birthday, a four-year hunting license suspension, forfeiture of his .270 caliber hunting rifle, no contact with the second suspect, \$1,600 to the Oregon Hunter's Association Wildlife Enforcement Decoy fund, and a \$234 fine. The second suspect was sentenced to 16 days on the Columbia County Work Crew, a four-year hunting license suspension, \$1,600 to the Oregon Hunter's Association Wildlife Enforcement Decoy fund, forfeiture of his 30-30 rifle and spotlight, and \$509 fine.

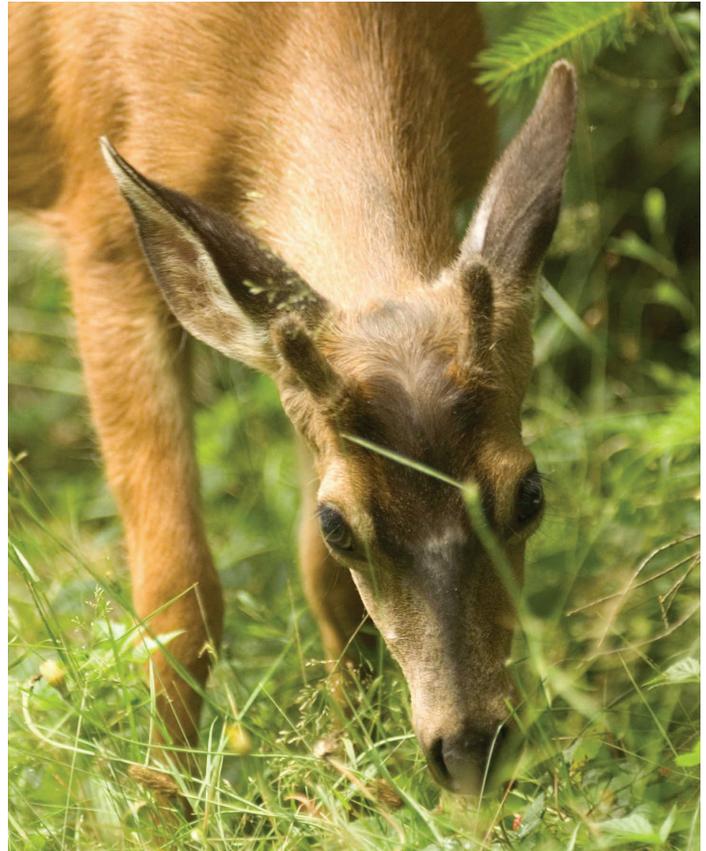


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Subject Falsely Applied for Disabilities Permit

Sr. Tpr. Mark Hathaway (Retiree, Newport) had a trial on a subject that he cited last fall for **Possession of a Falsely Applied for a Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit**.

The subject appeared before Judge Branford, Lincoln County Circuit Court. The subject was found guilty and fined \$100. The subject's permit expired December 31, 2007, and he will have to apply for another permit.

Man Sentenced for Multiple Violations

During the 2007 Big Game season, Tpr. Luke Schwartz (St. Helens) responded to a report of hunting on the enclosed land of another. Schwartz went to the suspect's house to locate the unlawfully taken elk and he found **two** elk. The second elk was tagged by a Clatskanie woman. Follow-up on that elk revealed that the woman's brother shot and killed the elk for his sister. Additionally, he shot and killed two blacktail deer. He had a valid deer tag that he did not properly validate and he used his sister's tag on the other.

Schwartz cited the individual for **Exceeding the Annual Limit of Buck Deer, Borrowing a Big Game Tag, Failure to Immediately Validate Big Game Tag, and Unlawful Taking of Bull Elk—No Big Game Tag**. On March 11, 2008, the man pled guilty to **Fail to Validate Big Game Tag, Exceeding the Annual Limit of Buck Deer, and Unlawful Taking of Bull Elk**.

The subject was sentenced to: forfeiture of his Remington .280 rifle and scope, four-year hunting license suspension, \$3,100 restitution to ODFW, \$2,499 in fines, and probation for three years.

Dispositions

South African Falsely Applied for Resident Tag

On November 2, 2007, Tpr. Luke Schwartz (St. Helens), Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria), and Sr. Tpr. Robin May (St. Helens) conducted a buck deer Wildlife Enhancement Decoy (WED) operation off of a county road in a rural part of Columbia County. This area has been notorious for people hunting from their vehicles, shooting from or across the roadway, not having licenses and tags, and committing other game violations. The driver of a Chevy Tahoe stopped on the county road after seeing the WED, exited his vehicle, and shot across the county roadway at the WED. The passenger also exited the vehicle but did not shoot at the WED.

The driver is not a current resident of the United States, but South Africa (he handed May his South Africa driver license). He was cited and released for **Possession of a Falsely Applied for Resident Western Rifle Deer Tag and Shooting from or across a Roadway**. He was also issued several verbal warnings. On February 28, 2008, Deputy District Attorney Dale Anderson (Columbia County) pled the driver out to **Possession of a Falsely Applied for Resident Western Rifle Deer Tag** and dismissed the charge of Shooting from or across a roadway. The driver received a two-year Hunting License Suspension and paid \$500 to the WED fund and \$500 to OHA.

Clatskanie Man Caught Taking Several Deer

In 2006, Tpr. Luke Schwartz (St. Helens) received information from a person wishing to remain anonymous about the unlawful hunting activities of a Clatskanie man. The information indicated that the man was harvesting up to six deer a year and the antlers from the deer were being stored in the man's carport. Schwartz checked the man's residence and observed several antlers hanging in the carport. Schwartz contacted the man who provided some partial truths. The man agreed to show Schwartz the inside of his freezer where several deer tags and deer meat were being stored. The dates and names on the tags were inconsistent with the man's statements. Investigation revealed that the man had harvested five deer in 2006.

Schwartz cited the man for **Exceeding the Annual Limit of Buck Deer (x 5) and Failure to Immediately Validate 2006 Western Deer Rifle Tag**. On April 17, 2007, the man plead guilty to three of the six charges in the Columbia County Circuit Court and received the following sentence: hunting license suspension through 2013; six years probation; five days in jail; forfeiture of a Remington 30.06 caliber rifle, scope, and a Marlin .45 caliber rifle; \$4,000 restitution to ODFW; \$500 to the TIP Program; and \$683 in fines (total financial obligation of \$5,183).

Two Subjects Received Firm Punishment

Two Sweet Home area men were sentenced in Linn County Circuit Court for wildlife violations and related crimes that occurred Fall 2007. On October 30, 2007, at about 11:00 p.m., troopers observed two subjects breaking a gate lock off accessing private timberland. Both were observed committing the same act during surveillance several times in the prior weeks. On October 31, 2007, at about 2:30 a.m., both men were stopped, as they were driving out of the private timberland. Troopers found in the bed of their pickup a trophy blacktail buck that had been shot illegally with a rifle using the aid of a spotlight.



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The first subject was a convicted felon and could not possess firearms. The second subject was under a two-year hunting suspension for wildlife crimes committed in 2006. Both men were arrested on wildlife and other related crimes and transported to and lodged in the Linn County Jail. On March 14, 2008, the subjects pled guilty. In addition to the sentences below, neither subject may be present with anyone who is hunting and cannot be in possession of any big game animal or animal parts.

The first subject was sentenced to:

- Felon in Possession of a Firearm;
- Two counts of Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree;
- Taking Fish and Game Prohibited Method;
- 90 days in jail;
- \$2,499 in restitution and court fees;
- 36 months of bench probation; and
- Five-year hunting and angling suspension.

The second subject was sentenced to:

- Taking Fish and Game Prohibited Method;
- Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree;
- 105 days in jail;
- \$1,650 in restitution and court fees;
- 36 months of bench probation; and
- Three-year hunting and angling suspension, in addition to his current suspension.

Interagency Cooperation / Public Relations

Oregon Assisted California with Residency

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) assisted the California Fish and Game Department with an investigation involving a false application for a California resident commercial fishing license. The suspect applied for the California license earlier in 2007. Klepp provided information and proof of the suspect's resident status in Knappa, Oregon. The information was relayed to the investigating officer in Moro Bay.

Combined Effort to Help Disabled Boat

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) worked anglers and boaters around Oakridge area reservoirs. While working boaters at Dexter Reservoir, Maher assisted the Lane County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol with a disabled boat on the upper end of the reservoir. Maher went on the water with Sgt. Jon Bock (Lane County) and they assisted a boater who had hit some stumps and a rock damaging the outdrive on his Bayliner boat. The boater was towed to the Dexter State Park boat ramp.

NOAA and OSP Conducted Boat Patrol

Tpr. Luke Schwartz (St. Helens) conducted a boat patrol with NOAA Agent Mitch Fong on the Columbia River and Multnomah Channel. Schwartz issued citations for **No Valid 2008 Angling Tag and Angling Prohibited Method**. Schwartz and Fong contacted an individual who was fishing from a boat in the Multnomah Channel. The individual was on probation with a "no alcohol" stipulation. The individual was in possession of an open can of beer and the individual had admitted to consuming some alcohol earlier. The Scappoose Municipal Court Judge issued a detainer warrant and the individual was arrested and lodged at the Columbia County Jail.



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OSP and Sheriff Worked to Recover Capsized Boat

Sr. Tpr. Doug Canfield (Newport) assisted the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office with a boat recovery on the Siletz River. The operator capsized his drift boat when he hit a limb.

Federal Search Warrant Served

Tpr. Larry Bowen and Sr. Tpr. Richard Lane (Coos Bay) assisted in serving a federal search warrant at a Coos Bay business. The warrant was supported by multiple agencies with the EPA leading the effort. The warrant involved the unlawful storage and disposal of hazardous materials.

Underage Drinking Presentation Given at School

Tpr. Marc Boyd (Springfield) spoke as a panel member before the Blue River Town Hall meeting at Blue River High School. The subject of the meeting was to deter underage drinking stemming from a juvenile ATV fatality last summer at Blue River Reservoir. The meeting was attended by about 250 local residents, the school district superintendent, the East Lane County Commissioner, a member of the Lane County Sheriff's Office, and other distinguished guests. Boyd answered a multitude of questions about all aspects of the Department of the State Police and various state laws.

Multiple Responders Assisted in Search and Rescue

Tpr. Ryan Kehr and Sr. Tpr. Doug Canfield (Newport) assisted with a surf rescue and recovery investigation at Gleneden Beach. Sr. Tpr. Bob Shawver (Patrol, Newport) is handling the investigation. A 16-year-old from Aloha attempted to help rescue an 11-year-old in heavy surf at Gleneden Beach and still remains missing. While emergency responders from state, county, local, and U.S. Coast Guard were at the scene searching for the 11-year-old, family members reported the 16-year-old was unaccounted for and missing. The 11-year-old from Westfir was recovered and taken to a local hospital where he later died. The 16-year-old's family had traveled to the Gleneden Beach area on a family outing when the 16-year-old spotted the 11-year-old in the heavy surf and went to help him. The families did not know one another.

About 250 Students Attended Safety Demonstration

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) assisted the Oakridge School District by conducting a boating safety demonstration at the Oakridge Elementary School. Students from kindergarten through sixth-grade were participating in the Oregon State Marine Board's Aqua Smart Program, which is a course of instruction on boating and water safety. As part of the presentation, the troopers talked about the wearing and proper fit of life jackets and the use of throwable flotation devices. One of the department's North River boats was displayed also during the presentations. About 250 students attended the safety demonstration.

Public Relations

Fishing Derby Coming Up on Upper Klamath Lake

Klamath and Agency Lakes are still over 90% ice covered resulting in no Marine Board activity this period. Sgt. Randall Hand (Klamath Falls) is coordinating with Cpl. Shawn Richards (Klamath County Sheriff's Office) on an upcoming Fishing Derby on Upper Klamath Lake. OSP and KCSO will pair up for the event.

Hunter's Safety Class

Tpr. Jason Stone (Roseburg/Coos Bay) spoke to a local hunter's safety class the last week of March.

Sr. Tpr. Brad Bennett (Grants Pass) spoke at a local hunter's safety class for bow hunters.

Meetings and Presentations

Sgt. Randall Hand (Klamath Falls) gave a presentation to a local Sportsman's Group. The presentation largely centered on the findings of three years of a tag compliance check in the Interstate Unit.

Sr. Tpr. Brad Bennett (Grants Pass) went to Southern Oregon University and participated in a recruiting effort for the department. He spoke with approximately 50 potential applicants.

Sgt. David Pond (Bend) gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Redmond Chapter of the Oregon Hunter's Association in Bend. The presentation showed the daily activities Fish and Wildlife troopers throughout the year. About 200 members attended.

Tpr. Ryan Kehr and Sr. Tpr. Doug Canfield (Newport) manned a booth at the local RMEF banquet. They had antlers from local cases on display and answered many questions.

Tpr. Brian Miller (Enterprise) attended a guides' meeting in Lewiston, Idaho. Local Fish and Wildlife officers are trying to get the guides working in Hells Canyon to set an example and release wild steelhead, salmon, and sturgeon without removing them from the water. Most anglers are taking them out of the water for photo opportunities.

Sgt. Todd Thompson (Newport) attended the Mt. Baber ATV Club board meeting. He explained the new ATV laws and the role of the Fish and Wildlife Division. The club has over 1,000 members.

Sgt. Todd Thompson (Newport) met with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) John Lane and Mike Law, USFS LEO Roger Geeting, and ATV advocate Lindy Minton at the Oddfellow Park in Florence. The purpose of the meeting was to go over the development of the new rider fit guidelines for youth under 16. The group had the opportunity to observe several youth on different types of ATVs. A lot of input was given to OPRD, which will help in the development of the new guidelines.

Sgt. Dean Perske, Sr. Tpr. Don Frerichs and Tpr. Aaron Baimbridge (Roseburg) gave a presentation at a local OHA meeting regarding Fish and Wildlife cases from last year. About 30 people attended.

Lt. David Gifford (Central Point) gave a presentation at the Oregon Bow Hunters Annual Convention at Seven Feathers. The discussion focused on archery cases, regulations, and the department's recruiting efforts. Potential candidates were identified and were provided with information. Tpr. Jason Stone (Roseburg/Coos Bay) manned the booth at the convention and made several recruiting contacts.

Hunter Education Now Online

ODFW Hunter Education Program's mission is to continue the heritage of hunting by developing safe and responsible hunters.

Hunter Education is mandatory for Oregon hunters under the age of 18 unless they are hunting on land owned by their parents or legal guardian or are participating in the Mentored Youth Hunter Program.

There are now two options to obtain the required education: workbook option (class or independent) or online. Hunter Education requires an 80% passing grade on the written test, a field day firearms handling test, and an evaluation.

For more information, please visit:

http://www.dfw.state.or.us/outdoor_skills/hunter/index.asp



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