

The Field Review



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WED Program Successful in Detecting Wildlife Law Violators

Since establishing the Wildlife Enforcement Decoy (WED) program in 1991, with the primary goal to enforce laws and apprehend violators without the loss of wildlife; the Division has included more wildlife species, genders, and robotics. The “animal” decoys include turkey, mule deer, blacktail deer, whitetail deer, Roosevelt elk, and Rocky Mountain elk. Troopers, often aided by retirees, volunteers, and interagency personnel, conduct both day and night WED operations in various times of the year and in different areas around the state. The Division tracks certain data to monitor the program's effectiveness. In 2009, 72 troopers conducted 190 total WED operations (24 closed season), equating to 467 total operation hours (241 day, 226 night) and 1108.5 OSP and 124.5 nonOSP personnel hours. Of the 858 vehicles noted driving by the decoy, troopers noted 471 vehicles observed and 103 subjects fired at the decoy, with 103+ citations issued (41% day, 67% night). The following are notable WED operations conducted in October:



WED placed near closed area. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Niehus and Ret. Sr. Tpr. Bertram (Klamath Falls) operated the WED on several occasions over the course of the second weekend of deer season. On one occasion, they contacted a group of subjects after the driver shot at the decoy from within the truck. The driver had already filled his tag and admitted to trying to fill his elderly father's tag. The father admitted he planned on tagging the deer. The troopers cited the driver for **Unlawful Taking of Deer (No Valid Tag)** and his father for **Loaning a Big Game Tag** and seized the driver's rifle.

Sr. Tpr. Kipper, Sr. Tpr. Vanderwerf, and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) conducted a night deer WED operation near Dufur. A vehicle drove into the set, and the driver canted his vehicle toward the decoy to illuminate it with his headlights, parked, leaned over his 12-year-old son seated in the passenger seat, and fired a round out the passenger side window from a .300 magnum rifle. The operator then jumped out of the vehicle, went through a ditch, grabbed the decoy, and then pulled it partway down the hill towards the road before being contacted and stopped. The troopers cited the man for **Taking Deer (WED) with Aid of Artificial Light**.

Sr. Tpr. Merritt, Tpr. Stone, and Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) conducted a closed season deer WED operation during the Cascade bull elk season. The first vehicle to observe the WED stopped, and the female passenger fired once using the truck window as a rest. Upon contact, both the driver and passenger were laughing and explained that they knew it was a decoy, so the passenger shot over its back just to see what the officers would do; however, upon inspection, the brand new decoy had one well-placed bullet hole right through the ribcage. Troopers cited the female for **Unlawful Taking Deer (WED) Closed Season** and the male driver for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense** and seized the female's rifle. Both admitted to knowing deer season was closed during the elk hunt.

Sr. Tpr. Knapp (Enterprise) was off duty in the Sled Springs Unit when he saw a group of subjects driving the roads with rifles. Concerned there may be illegal activities occurring in the area, he put together an operation using the 1 x 2 bull elk decoy. The next morning, Knapp, Sr. Tpr. Coggins (Enterprise), and Sgt. Hawkins (La Grande) performed a WED operation on a well-traveled gravel road in the Sled Springs Unit. At about 7:40 a.m., a pickup drove by the decoy set, and the driver slammed on the brakes. Two occupants were in the vehicle, one adult passenger and one juvenile driver. The passenger put a rifle out the passenger side window and began shooting at the decoy. The driver jumped out, climbed in the back of the pickup, and began shooting at the decoy. Seven shots were fired at the decoy before troopers could get them stopped. Knapp cited the passenger for **Hunting from a Motor Vehicle, Aiding in a Game Violation (Hunting from a Motor Vehicle), and Open Container**. The juvenile was warned for Hunting from a Motor Vehicle. They were also given several warnings on other miscellaneous violations.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo and Sr. Tpr. Reid (McMinnville) worked a deer WED operation near Timber. Two vehicles entered the set, and the drivers stopped and turned off their headlights. After about four minutes, two subjects got out with flashlights and located the decoy. Both subjects got back in their vehicles and left. Turnbo then heard something; and, using night vision, he located a subject with a firearm walking toward the decoy. As he neared the decoy, the subject turned on a light and fired one shot with a shotgun at the decoy, causing the decoy to fall. The subject celebrated his “victory” and walked over to the decoy. He picked up the decoy, threw it down, and took off running. Reid arrived and announced over the PA for the subject to stop and he was under arrest. The subject ran down the trail that led right to Turnbo who told the subject he was under arrest and to stop. Turnbo saw the subject try to reload, but the subject could not find any rounds. The subject ran into the bushes. The troopers convinced him to come out, and he surrendered. The troopers cited the subject for **Taking Deer with the Aid of Artificial Light and Escape in the Third Degree**.

Recognition

Fish and Wildlife Division Trooper Received ODOT's Traffic Award



Sr. Tpr. Brad Duncan at award ceremony. Photo credit: File

On October 13, 2010, Sr. Tpr. Brad Duncan (Baker City) received Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Safety Division's Looking Beyond the Traffic Ticket award during the 2010 Oregon Transportation Safety Conference (OTSC) held in Salem. The award was one of three to Oregon police officers in the Routine Traffic Stop award category. Duncan was recognized for a January 2, 2010, traffic stop he conducted east of Baker City on I-84 eastbound after seeing a juvenile female passenger not using safety restraints. The 19-year-old male driver from Kuna, Idaho, was seen making several lane changes without signaling prior to the stop. The 14-year-old female did not have any identification and could not remember her parent's phone number. She initially gave a false name before admitting her true identity and that she was a runaway from Washington. Further questioning led to her revealing a second girl was in a hidden compartment inside the pickup. When troopers lifted up the bench seat in the rear passenger compartment area, they located a second 14-year-old runaway girl from Washington. The troopers detained both girls and turned them over to the Department of Human Services for return to their relatives. They arrested the driver who later pled guilty to two counts of **Custodial Interference in the First**

Degree. More information is available on OSP's website at http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/NEWSRL/news/01_03_2010_i84_mp315_runaways_hidden.shtml. ODOT presented several awards to other deserving recipients.

Division Troopers Honored at Marine Board Conference

The Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) recognized Division troopers for outstanding performance and lifesaving efforts during the 2010 boating season at OSMB's annual Marine Law Enforcement Conference held in Bend, on October 16, 2010. OSMB recognized Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) as the top performing Division trooper of over 100 troopers, presenting him with the Trooper of the Year award. Martin Maher conducted 182 boat examination reports and issued 20 citations and 57 warnings relating to boating safety.



OSMB awarded Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher Trooper of the Year. Photo credit: File

OSMB also presented three troopers with lifesaving awards for protecting and serving the public in two water-related incidents. On July 25, 2010, using a Division patrol boat, Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) transported fire personnel and equipment to an area not easily accessible by land near the McKenzie River to combat a fire. During the transport, they observed a father and son who fell from their inner tube pinned in a [strainer](#). Fortunately, both males had life jackets on and their heads were above the water. The troopers safely removed them from the strainer and lifted them into the boat. Emergency services were contacted, and the victims were transported to and treated at a local hospital. After delivering the firefighters to the fire zone, the troopers received a call about a woman who had a seizure while recreating on the river. Her friends were able to get her safely to shore, but she continued to seize. The troopers responded, stabilized the female, contacted emergency services, and coordinated transportation for her and her friends back to the boat launch. In an incident on May 20, 2010, Tpr. Marvin Ritter (John Day) rescued a 90-year-old man after he crashed into the John Day River and was struggling to hold on to his partially submerged vehicle. Ritter secured a line and was able to get to the victim in the swollen, fast-moving current. He was able to get a life jacket on the subject while onshore emergency responders were preparing to pull both men to safety. The victim was taken to the hospital and treated and released the next day.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

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

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Commercial Fish / Sport Shellfish / Marine Board

Over Half of Shrimp Landed Wasted

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) assisted Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) by interviewing a skipper of vessel that landed 40,327 pounds of commercial pink shrimp of which 23,162 pounds went to waste. Harris cited the skipper for **Waste of Food Fish—Commercial Pink Shrimp**.

Commercial Inspections Conducted

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) contacted the captain of a local groundfish boat regarding a 19% overage of Pacific Ocean perch. As a result his investigation, O'Connor cited the captain for **Unlawful Possession of Groundfish—Exceeding the Cumulative Trip Limit of Pacific Ocean Perch**.

Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) investigated several overages. Bowen issued one captain a **citation** for a 12% overage and issued two warnings. He investigated another commercial fish overage that resulted in the captain receiving a **citation** for being 12.25% over his two-month 4,000-pound limit of sablefish. Bowen issued another captain a **citation** for being 32.9% over his two-month trip limit of slope rockfish and darkblotched rockfish.

Crabber Caught Pulling Another's Pots

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook), with the help of Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland), finished an investigation of a subject who was crabbing on Tillamook Bay when he pulled another's crab pots, kept the crab, and retained one of the pots. Galusha cited the subject for **Theft II** and **Criminal Mischief III**.

Shellfish Investigations Worked

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) contacted two subjects crabbing on Tillamook Bay at Piers End. One subject had in his possession three undersized Dungeness crab. When asked if they had their shellfish licenses, one subject stated that they did not know they needed one. Galusha issued one subject a citation for **No 2010 Shellfish License** and both subjects several verbal warnings.

Tpr. O'Connor and Rct. Warwick (Astoria) contacted crabbers and anglers on Neawanna Creek in Seaside. O'Connor asked a subject for his shellfish license; and, upon producing it, O'Connor noticed a Washington driver license. The subject admitted to moving to Oregon two months prior and purchasing the license the day of the contact. O'Connor cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of a Falsely Applied for Resident Shellfish License**. Warwick cited a salmon angler for **No Angling Harvest Card** also during the patrol.

Subject Caught Selling Subsistence-Caught Salmon

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) was contacted by Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) who received a report off duty that two tribal members were en route north from Sherars Falls with a load of subsistence-caught salmon and steelhead. It was believed that the two men were probably going to pass the fish off as commercially caught Columbia River fish and sell them to a buyer. Pearson spotted the vehicle and followed it to Celilo. He then broke off tailing the two subjects and caught up to them again at Maryhill on the Washington side where he watched the two sell their fish to a commercial buyer. The subjects then crossed back into Oregon, and Pearson stopped them with the assistance of Tpr. Jubitz (Patrol). The commercial buyer was contacted and voluntarily supplied the fish tickets. Pearson's investigation determined the two subjects falsified their names and enrollment numbers on the fish tickets. In addition, one subject was not an enrolled member of any tribe permitted to fish in Zone 6 of the Columbia River, and the other had been caught by Pearson several years prior selling Deschutes River fish to a commercial buyer. Only Warm Springs tribal members may catch subsistence fish at Sherars Falls, and the law prohibits selling those fish commercially. Pearson charged both subjects with **Unlawful Transport of Food Fish** and additionally cited one subject for **Unlawful Participation in a Treaty Fishery** and lodged him in jail. Pearson will work with WDFW officers regarding charges in Washington.



Trooper checking paperwork at a fish dealer. Photo credit: File

Highlights from Numerous Boat Patrols

Sgt. Lea, Sr. Tpr. Harris, and Tpr. Brandon (Coos Bay) conducted a boat patrol on the Smith River. During the boat patrol, the troopers detected several angling violations. They issued citations for **Failing to Validate a Salmon Tag, Continuing to Angle after Retaining Limit of Adult Salmon, and No Salmon Tag**.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl and Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) conducted a boat patrol on Tillamook Bay and the Trask River. During the patrol, the troopers located two subjects who retained two wild Chinook salmon and had not validated them on their angling harvest cards. One of the subjects tried to distract Galusha into thinking other anglers had caught fish, but Galusha caught the subject as he was in the process of trying to validate his fish. The troopers cited both subjects for **Fail To Validate Angling Harvest Card**.

Tpr. Vogel (St. Helens) contacted a boat on the Multnomah Channel during a boat patrol with Columbia County SO. When Vogel boarded the boat, he discovered two sturgeon in the bow of the boat. Not only was sturgeon season closed at the time, but the two subjects had not validated their sturgeon. Consequently, Vogel seized the sturgeon and cited both subjects for **Unlawful Possession of Sturgeon Closed Area** and additionally warned the subjects for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Cards**.

Sport Angling

Sturgeon Retained on Closed Day

Sr. Tpr. Moore and Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) responded to a complaint on the Willamette River involving three subjects keeping sturgeon during closed season/nonretention day. The investigation revealed that three subjects landed several “shaker” sturgeon, an angling term for undersized sturgeon. A consent search of the subject’s vehicle revealed two sturgeon, a 40-inch and a 43-inch, hidden in the trunk. The troopers cited two subjects for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** and one subject for **Illegal Possession of Sturgeon—Closed Season x 2**.



White sturgeon at Bonneville Fish Hatchery. Photo credit: Creative Commons/b

Subjects Angled in Closed Creek

Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) contacted a subject who reportedly had been angling and retained a Chinook salmon on Slick Rock Creek off of Hwy 18. Slick Rock Creek is closed to Salmon angling. Subsequent to the investigation, Canfield cited the subject for **Taking Salmon Closed Stream** and **Fail to Validate Harvest Card**.

Off-Duty Trooper Witnessed Violations

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) received a complaint from off-duty Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) of snagging on Salmon River. Kehr contacted Schoenborn who had witnessed multiple snagged fish and one retained 30-pound Chinook hen snagged in the belly. Kehr contacted two males who were “landing” a salmon snagged in the side as he walked up. His investigation led to citing both subjects for **Unlawful Possession of Foul-Hooked Salmon, Aiding—Unlawful Possession of Foul-Hooked Salmon**, and **Snagging** and one for **Littering in a Waterway**. Kehr seized the salmon and the “fishing” gear as evidence.

Illegal “Angler” Lodged in Jail

Tpr. Connell (Hermiston) and Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) responded to the Umatilla River regarding a complaint of snagging at a popular fishing hole in Umatilla. Upon arrival, they contacted a subject who had two snagged salmon. The troopers also determined the “angler” was a nonresident and possessed a resident license and tag. The troopers took the subject into custody and lodged him in the Umatilla County Jail for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging Salmon** and **Illegal Possession of Falsely Applied for Tag and License**.

Angling—Only Legal Harvest Method for Game Fish

While checking anglers at the mouth of the Elk River, Sgt. Lea and Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) observed two subjects grab salmon from the surf as the salmon washed up on the beach. The legal harvest method for freshwater game fish is angling. The law prohibits taking any game fish unless the fish is hooked in the mouth, including snagging, spearing, gaffing, netting (unless the fish is legally hooked), trapping, clubbing, shooting, and/or ensnaring. The troopers cited both subjects for **Unlawful Take Salmon Prohibited Method—By Hand**. They also cited a third subject for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime** after he assisted one of the salmon grabbers and actually tagged the fish.

Subject Just Wanted to Get His Friend a Fish

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) responded to the North Fork Nehalem River on a snagging complaint. Nehalem Hatchery staff reported that two subjects were at the Nehalem Hatchery disabled angler dock and trying to snag Chinook and coho salmon with spinners and spoons. Upon arrival, Hoodenpyl watched two anglers cast out spoons and then jerk the pole aggressively while reeling the lures in. After a short period of time, Hoodenpyl watched one subject as he hooked a Chinook in the back, landed the fish, and then retained the fish. Upon checking the angler, Hoodenpyl found the fish that was snagged was tagged by the angler who did not catch the fish. The first subject admitted he snagged the fish and told Hoodenpyl he was just trying to get his friend a fish to take home. Hoodenpyl cited the first subject for **Unlawful Possession Foul-Hooked Salmon** and the second subject for **Borrow/Loaning an Angling Harvest Card**.

Angler Filleted Salmon at Creek

While checking anglers at Big Creek, Rct. Herman (Astoria) watched an angler walk up a trail with a large garbage bag. Herman contacted the angler, and a subsequent search revealed the angler had four coho fillets, multiple salmon egg scenes, and a coho head in the bag; but he did not have any of the backbones with the adipose fins. Herman cited the angler for **Unlawful Possession of Mutilated Salmon** and seized the salmon. The law prohibits a subject from possessing in the field game fish dressed or mutilated so that size, species, or fin clip cannot be determined until the angler has reached their automobile or principle means of land transportation and has completed their daily angling.

They Snagged Just for Fun

Rct. Herman (Astoria) watched as two anglers snagged multiple salmon at Youngs River Falls, but they threw all of the salmon back into the water. As Herman approached to contact the anglers, one of the anglers saw him coming and threw his fishing rod into the brush. Herman retrieved the rod and found the anglers were using an extremely large bare treble hook with no bait or lure, and they had a large amount of lead weight wrapped around the hook shank. Upon a frisk for weapons, Herman found one angler in possession of less than an ounce of marijuana. The anglers stated they were just snagging the salmon for fun, and they were not planning on keeping the fish. In addition, neither had a harvest card, and only one had an angling license. Herman cited the anglers for multiple offenses including **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging, No Valid 2010 Combined Angling Harvest Card**, and **UPCS—Marijuana**.

Sport Angling

Barney Is Fly-and-Lure Only

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) contacted two subjects angling on Barney Reservoir who had retained three trout using worms. Barney Reservoir is a catch-and-release only reservoir with anglers being limited to artificial fly-and-lure only. Galusha cited one angler for **Unlawful Retention of Trout** and issued both subjects warnings.

Only Two Wild Fish per Year Allowed on Nestucca

Rct. King (Tillamook) finished a case involving a subject who has been catching wild Chinook on the Nestucca River and not validating them on his angling harvest card. He would have his picture taken with the wild fish and display these photographs at a local sporting goods store. The Nestucca Basin has a bag limit this year of two wild (nonadipose fin-clipped) Chinook per year due to poor return estimates in the river system. King cited the subject for **Exceeding Bag Limit Fall Chinook**.

Father Angled with False License and in Closed Area

Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) contacted a man and his two juvenile sons fishing on Mill Creek, a closed stream. The man presented a resident angling license issued to him in September 2010. Through questions regarding his knowledge of the regulations, Lea determined the man and his family moved to Oregon in September. Lea cited the adult for **False Application for Resident Angling License** and warned the father and both his sons for Angling Closed Stream.

Juvenile Cited for Possessing Illegal Fish

Sr. Tpr. Vanderwerf (The Dalles) and Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) located a juvenile riding his bike in Cascade Locks with a fishing rod and a large plastic bag. The troopers remembered the boy from a snagging case last year when he ran from them. They inspected his catch and located a salmon with its adipose fin recently removed. The fish had gill net marks, and the boy showed them where the net was near Herman Creek. The boy claimed he caught the fish and it swam into the illegal net. He further explained he accidentally cut off the fin getting it out of the net and was going to call us. The troopers cited the boy for **Unlawful Possession of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Salmon**.

Subjects Hid Snagged Salmon in the Brush

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) responded to a snagging complaint at Youngs River Falls. O'Connor arrived and saw four subjects angling near the falls. When the subjects left the area walking back toward the parking lot, one of the subjects retrieved two salmon from the bushes. O'Connor contacted the subjects at the parking lot. When the subjects emerged from the trail, they did not have any fish. They originally denied having caught any fish, but later they admitted they caught two fish that they hid in the bushes because they did not have licenses. O'Connor issued three citations for **No Angling Harvest Card** and two for **No Angling License**. The suspects retrieved the salmon from the brush, and O'Connor seized them.

Division Trooper and Patrol Recruit Encountered Angling Violations

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) had Rct. Tague (Patrol) riding with him for a week for his "game time," and he attempted to get him exposed to a variety of fish and game activities. They worked both anglers and deer hunters. Tague was exposed to camp, angler, and hunter checks and assisted in two decoy operations. They encountered several violators during the week including contacting some anglers leaving the Rogue River near Hays Falls. The anglers initially denied having any fish, and after a short conversation the troopers found two illegal salmon in the back of the suspect's truck. The fish were estimated at about 35 pounds each. The trooper cited the angler for **Taking Salmon Closed Season** and seized both fish. Later, Tague helped check warm water anglers. Cushman explained to Tague that observation prior to checking anglers is important. After they watched an angler for a short period of time, they observed the angler use three rods. The trooper cited the angler for **Angling Prohibited Method—Three Lines**.



Trooper with seized fish. Photo credit: File

Subject Cited Twice by Trooper in One Week

While checking anglers at Big Creek, Rct. Herman (Astoria) observed an angler he cited at Youngs River Falls two days earlier for illegal salmon angling. When checking his license and tag during this patrol, Herman found the angler still did not have a harvest card. In addition, Herman discovered the second angler with him foul-hooked and retained a coho. Although the second angler did have a harvest card, he had not validated any fish. Herman cited the first subject **again** for **No Valid 2010 Combined Angling Harvest Card** and the second for **Unlawful Possession of a Foul-Hooked Salmon** and **Failure to Immediately Validate Angling Harvest Card**. Herman's subsequent investigation revealed the second subject was also driving with a suspended driver license. Herman additionally cited him for **DWS** as well.

Nestucca Closed to Protect Spawning Fish

Tpr. Peterson (Tillamook) responded to a complaint that two subjects were angling in a closed area on the Nestucca River. The Nestucca River at the time was closed to angling for salmon upstream from Farmer Creek to protect spawning fish. Peterson located the two anglers near Beaver and found one of the anglers caught a Chinook salmon and retained the fish. The subjects told Peterson they were unaware of the current regulations and they did not know they could not fish for Chinook there. Peterson subsequently cited one of the anglers for **Unlawful Possession Chinook Salmon** and seized the salmon. A records check revealed the other angler had a warrant for his arrest out of Marion County charging **Probation Violation—DUII**. Peterson subsequently lodged this subject in the Tillamook County Jail on that warrant.

Wildlife / Hunting

Subject Shot Deer on Road Right of Way

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) responded to a complaint of two subjects trespassing while attempting to retrieve a shot deer. While en route, Hand received a complaint from two subjects who stated a landowner would not let them retrieve their deer. Hand interviewed the witness and the two subjects. He learned the two subjects were traveling down a rural road when they saw some deer cross the road. The passenger then got out of the vehicle and shot a small buck before it could jump the fence onto private property. Once shot, the deer jumped the fence and died. The subject attempted to contact the landowner then walked over to his deer. Meanwhile, the witness contacted the landowner via cell who demanded they leave (and they did). The deer was salvaged. Hand cited the subject for **Hunting Prohibited Area (Road Right of Way)**.

Buck shot on road right of way. Photo credit: File



Five Bucks Poached

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) and Tpr. Cutsforth (Patrol) responded to a poaching complaint in the Springfield area. The complaint indicated one individual killed at least five buck deer this year. The suspect was contacted and interviewed about the alleged violations that occurred in Lane County. At the conclusion of the contact, the troopers cited the suspect for **Exceeding the Bag Limit of General Season Blacktail Buck Deer x 4, Unlawful Take of Buck Deer—No 2010 Bow Tag, and Failure to Immediately Validate Big Game Tag—2010 Western Oregon Buck Deer Tag** and seized 57 large packages of deer meat, a scoped centerfire rifle, five deer buck heads, one elk skull, and an arrow shaft as evidence.

Parents Loaned Children their Tags

Sr. Tpr. Wilson and Tpr. Spencer (Ontario) contacted a group of subjects that were in possession of three bucks. The group had three tags amongst four people (parents and two adult sons). The investigation revealed one son who had a tag shot two deer, using his tag on one and his mom's tag on the other. The son without a tag shot the third deer and used his dad's tag on it. The troopers cited one son for **Borrowing a Big Game Tag and Exceeding the Bag Limit—Deer** and the other son for **Borrowing a Big Game Tag and Taking Deer without a Tag** and warned the parents for **Loaning Big Game Tags**. The troopers also seized two deer, two rifles, and the parents' borrowed tags as evidence. They salvaged the deer and took them to Vale for processing and donation.

Subject Trespassed to Take Deer

Sr. Tpr. Carter (Pendleton) was notified of a trespass complaint on East Birch Creek Road. A landowner caught two subjects gutting a deer on his brother-in-law's private property. The landowner told the subjects they could not hunt on private property, and he took down the license plate and description of the suspects and their vehicle and notified his brother-in-law. By the time the brother-in-law arrived, the two suspects had departed. Carter responded and retrieved DNA samples. Sr. Tpr. Ford (Patrol) and another agency's officers responded to the registered owner's residence and located the suspect vehicle and registered owner. A forked-horn mule deer buck carcass was visible in the vehicle. The officers contacted the owner and his nephew who matched the witness' descriptions. Ford interviewed the suspects and determined they shot the buck from the roadway. Carter arrived and assisted Ford with seizing the buck, a 7mm Remington Magnum rifle, and a bloody knife. The troopers cited the suspects criminally for **Criminal Trespass II, Taking Buck Deer—No Valid Tag, and Aiding in a Game Violation**.

Complainant Stopped Suspect from Shooting

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) received a complaint of a suspect hunting deer inside the Springfield city limits. The complainant stopped the suspect from shooting a deer with his bow. The suspect was at a full draw in his driveway. Boyd located the suspect at his residence and interviewed him. Boyd cited the suspect for **Hunting inside City Limits and Hunting without a 2010 Hunting License or Deer Tag**.

Subject Took Spike in Forked Horn or Better Area

Ret. Sr. Tpr. Carver (McMinnville) contacted a subject on Stimson property in McGregor tree farm area. This subject was very happy about the spike buck he shot, while only possessing a Western Oregon rifle deer tag, and was showing the deer off to Carver. Unfortunately, Carver had to inform the subject the deer he shot was illegal since he had to harvest a buck with a forked horn or larger. Carver seized the deer and cited the subject for **Unlawful Taking Spike Deer**.

Subject Hunted Deer in Front of OSP without Tags

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) was patrolling the Silver Lake Unit when he located a vehicle parked in the road. As Hand moved in closer, he noted the passenger was out of the truck and aiming a rifle at two does. As Hand stopped next to the subject's vehicle, the man with the rifle turned around and quickly motioned for Hand to move along. Hand stayed in his position. The man repositioned himself and aimed several more times at the does. When the man came back to his vehicle, Hand asked to see his license and tag. As the man unloaded his .30-06, he told Hand he did not have a tag and was not hunting. Hand did not buy his story and cited the subject for **Hunting without a Valid Deer Tag**.

Deer Taken in Wrong Unit

Tpr. Sogge (Bend) patrolled the Metolius Unit near the Western boundary and located a vehicle a couple of miles within the Metolius Unit parked at a lesser-known trailhead. A few hours later, a subject returned to the vehicle with a rifle and packing out a buck. Sogge contacted the subject who advised he used the trailhead to cross over the Pacific Crest Trail (boundary line) to the Santiam Unit where his tag would be valid. Sogge advised the route did not make sense. Sogge took a DNA sample from the deer; and, the next day, Sogge and Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) hiked into the wilderness area and located the remains of the deer two miles from the road and one mile inside the Metolius Unit. They took another sample. The investigation revealed the subject killed the buck within the Metolius Unit. The troopers cited the subject for **Taking Deer Closed Season** and seized the deer and his rifle.

Wildlife / Hunting



Troopers with seized poached elk. Photo credit: File

Subject Poached Three Elk on Private Property

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) received a compliant on a Friday from a landowner reporting one bull elk had been killed on their property and two subjects were trying to gain access to retrieve it. When he arrived, he learned the two subjects were actually illegally hunting on the ranch's property and one subject killed two bull elk, a 4 x 5 and a 5 x 5. With the assistance of Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sgt. Martin (Springfield), the investigation resulted in issuing citations to the first subject for **Hunting while Criminal Trespassing, Exceeding the Bag Limit of Cascade Bull Elk, Fail To Validate Cascade Bull Elk Tag, and No 2010 Hunting License in Possession** and the second for **Aiding in a Game Offense—Exceeding the Bag Limit of Cascade Bull Elk** and seizing both subject's rifles. The landowner was gracious enough to assist the troopers by providing not only physical labor in removing the meat but also ATVs to access the remote, very steep, and muddy terrain the subjects shot the elk in. All the meat was removed by about 1:30 a.m. Saturday morning and donated to the Eugene Mission. Later that day, Martin Maher returned to the ranch to gather more photos in the daylight. When he got back to the area where the elk were killed, he found an unsalvageable dead spike bull about 100 yards from the branch bull carcasses.

Suspects Thought Elk Were Mule Deer

Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) responded to a report of two deer hunters who shot and killed two bull elk near the Penland Lake area. The witness stated he walked up on two young men who were very excited to have just shot and killed their deer. As the suspects were congratulating each other on their kills, the witness informed them the two animals were both bull elk, not mule deer. Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) and Tpr. Davis (Patrol) responded to assist. The troopers seized and salvaged both elk, citing both suspects for **Taking Elk Closed Season**.

Subject Failed to Salvage All the Meat

Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) conducted a routine camp check and observed an insufficient amount of meat hanging for the 5 x 5 bull elk head found in camp. The subject told him the other meat was wasted. He gave Miller the GPS coordinates for the kill site. Miller hiked down over 3,000 feet into Joseph Canyon (about 1.2 miles). A total of 129 pounds of meat was salvaged from the elk carcass, and Miller and the subject packed out the meat. That same evening, Miller and Sr. Tpr. Coggins (Enterprise) went back to the camp and cited the subject for **Waste of Wildlife** and seized the head and meat.

Complaint Yielded Additional Violations

On opening day of deer season, a hunter in the Murderer's Creek Unit reported that a subject shot at a buck from a public roadway while sitting in the driver's seat of his vehicle. Tpr. Ritter (John Day) found the vehicle in a camp and contacted the suspect. He determined the suspect did shoot at a buck from his vehicle while parked on a public roadway, but missed the deer; however, Ritter's investigation revealed that the suspect's 19-year-old stepson later shot and killed a 2 x 2 buck without a tag, and he borrowed his mother's tag to put on the deer. Ritter further determined the suspect aided his stepson in taking the deer and transported the deer back to their camp in his vehicle. Ritter cited the suspect for **Aiding in a Game Violation—Taking Buck Deer without a Tag** and warned him for Shooting from a Public Roadway and Hunting from a Motor Vehicle. He additionally warned his wife for Loaning a Buck Deer Tag. Ritter will be issuing the stepson citations for **Taking Buck Deer without a Tag** and **Borrowing a Buck Deer Tag**. Ritter seized the deer.

Buck Attacked Photographer

A buck mule deer attacked a Hermiston subject on a wildlife area on Army Corps of Engineer's property just below McNary Dam near Umatilla, resulting in injury to the man's leg that required medical treatment. The man was bird watching at the wildlife area and apparently got too close to the deer while taking photos. He was treated at and released from a local hospital. Patrol troopers responded to the area after the attack. Sr. Tpr. Carter (Pendleton), Tpr. Mayer (Heppner), and ODFW biologists also responded to locate the deer.

Two Adults Attempted to Fill Juvenile's Tag

Sr. Tpr. Hayes, Sr. Tpr. Love, and Tpr. Sogge (Bend) contacted a hunter during rifle deer season who thought some subjects up the road shot at elk. The troopers contacted two men and a juvenile girl a short time later. The girl possessed a valid youth elk tag, but she did not look as if she had been out of the vehicle. The two men were looking for blood from an elk they said *she* shot. The troopers located three rifles in the vehicle and determined who was using them. They also found two bullet casings in the road that belonged to the rifles the men claimed. The troopers determined the men attempted to fill the girl's tag and cited them each for **Hunting Elk Closed Season** and seized their rifles.

Five-Point and Spike Bulls Shot on Private Property

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson, Sr. Tpr. Pearson, and Sgt. Katzenstein (The Dalles), along with Patrol's Tpr. Ocheskey and Tpr. Bohince, responded to a complaint of subjects who unlawfully shot two elk on private property just west of The Dalles. They determined two subjects shot a five-point bull and a spike bull. As a result of their investigation, the troopers cited one subject for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another, Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** (for his role in assisting the other subject with removing the unlawful elk from the property they were trespassing on), and **Unlawful Possession of Elk** and the other suspect for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another** and **Unlawful Possession of Elk**. One subject was uncooperative during the investigation and shut and locked a gate that Pearson and Gunderson were approaching to drive up to the kill site, even though the troopers asked him not to do so. The troopers obtained another key from a landowner representative to allow entry onto the property.

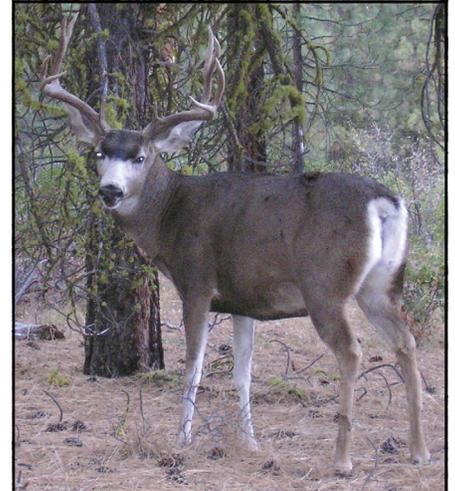
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Mule Deer Shot within City Limits, Arrow Removed and Buck Released

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) and ODFW Biologist Jon Muir responded to a complaint of a deer with an arrow in it. Upon arrival, Muir tranquilized and immobilized the 5 x 5 mule deer buck and successfully removed the arrow. The arrow was retained as evidence in an ongoing investigation. Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) is working involving a person harassing and shooting at deer within the city limits of Klamath Falls. Hand and Muir relocated the buck well outside of the city limits for its release. Muir gave the buck a reversal drug. The buck “came to” only moments later and walked into the woods.

Arrow removed and buck released (left, right). Photo credits: File



Airplane Program Beneficial in Locating Violators

The Mid-Coast Team conducted a night flight operation to locate illegal night hunters. Sr. Tpr. Culp (Salem, Pilot) notified Sr. Tpr. Turnbo and Ret. Sr. Tpr. Carver (McMinnville) about a suspect he located casting a light from a vehicle along Hwy 18 near Grand Ronde. McMinnville Patrol troopers responded to assist. Troopers located and stopped the suspect vehicle and found five subjects who were looking for deer, and all had tags and rifles. The troopers cited all five for **Hunting Deer Prohibited Method—Aid of Artificial Light**.

DA Accompanied Trooper on Deer Complaint

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) and ride along Wasco County Deputy DA Carpenter responded to a report of subjects trespassing and shooting a deer on private property in Tygh Valley. A father and his adult son paid for access to hunt private property in the Tygh Valley area. The son went onto neighboring property where he did not have permission to hunt and killed a forked horn buck. The investigation revealed the same subject killed a spike buck several days before and tagged it with his tag. He used his father’s tag to tag the deer he killed while trespassing. In addition, this tag was not valid for the unit where he killed the deer. Pearson cited the shooter for **Hunting on The Enclosed Land of Another, Exceeding the Bag Limit—Buck Deer**, and **Borrowing a Deer Tag** and the father for **Loaning a Deer Tag** and seized the deer.

Disabled Permit Holder Loaned Tag

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) responded to assist Tpr. Jewell (Patrol) on a game complaint. Jewell located suspects in a vehicle who were reported to have shot an antlerless deer from a public roadway near Myrtle Creek. When contacted, Jewell checked an antlerless deer in the back of the suspect’s vehicle. The deer’s ear had an unvalidated tag affixed belonging to the driver. Both troopers drove back with the suspects to the location and investigated the incident. The driver stated he had a disabled permit and could shoot from the public roadway. After talking to witnesses at the location, the troopers learned another suspect in the vehicle who was not a disabled permit or antlerless deer tag holder shot the deer. Jewell cited the driver/disabled permit holder for **Unlawfully Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** and **Loaning a Big Game Tag** and the shooter for **Unlawful Take of Antlerless Deer** and seized the deer and rifle.

Meat Processor Cited for 11 Counts

Sr. Tpr. Hanson and Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) inspected a local game meat processor and found 11 rotting bear, antelope, elk and deer carcasses hanging in the meat locker dating back to June 1. The owner stated he lost some employees and was overwhelmed with the livestock and game coming in to be butchered. The troopers cited him for 11 counts of **Wasting a Game Mammal**.

Three Cited for Importing Prohibited Parts

Sr. Tpr. McNerney (Hood River) received a report of a subject towing a trailer containing two elk heading westbound on I-84 near Boardman. At the time, no Oregon season was open for elk. McNerney contacted and advised Tpr. Ochesky (Patrol) to attempt to locate the vehicle as they headed toward The Dalles. Ochesky and Tpr. McIlvenna (Patrol) located and upon stopped the vehicle and observed three elk. The subjects killed the elk in New Mexico, a CWD state, and transported the heads with brain matter and part of a spine. The troopers seized all three heads (6 x 6, 6 x 6, and 4 x 2) and a rib cage. McNerney arrived, and he and Ochesky cited all three criminally for **Unlawful Importation of Prohibited Cervid Parts (CWD State) into Oregon**.

Doing the Right Thing Versus Wrong

Lt. Gifford and Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) responded to a self-reported incident involving the taking of a spike buck. A 13-year-old was hunting with his father as a mentored youth. He jumped a buck and shot it thinking it was a legal forked horn. After discovering the deer was a spike, the father called and reported the incident immediately. The juvenile field dressed the deer (his first ever) with the assistance of his grandfather. The troopers warned the father and son for **Unlawfully Taking Spike Deer** and seized the deer and donated it to charity.

Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) and Tpr. Andrews (Salem) received a tip of a juvenile who had reportedly shot several deer this year in the Lebanon area. Troopers cited this same juvenile for shooting the decoy earlier this year. During the investigation, the troopers recovered two deer. Consequently, troopers cited the juvenile for **Borrowing a Big Game Tag** and **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Deer**, the juvenile’s mother for **Loaning a Big Game Tag**, and another juvenile involved in the incident for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** and **Waste**.

Wildlife / Hunting

Cougar Taken with Prohibited Shot

Tpr. McClay (Burns) received a call from ODFW District Wildlife Biologist Rod Klus concerning a cougar a hunter brought in. Klus reported the hunter used a shotgun loaded with #6 shot to kill the cougar. After McClay interviewed the subject the next day, he seized the cougar and cited the subject for **Taking Cougar Prohibited Method—#6 Shot**.

Restriction during Deer/Elk Seasons

A man checked in a bear at ODFW in John Day and said his son-in-law killed the bear in the Malheur River Unit on opening day of buck season. A check revealed the shooter did not have a buck tag. Tpr. Ritter (John Day) contacted the suspect and determined he was hunting bear in the Malheur River Unit during opening day of buck deer with a .243 centerfire rifle without a valid used or unused buck tag. Ritter cited him for **Hunting Bear with a Centerfire Rifle without a Valid Used or Unused Buck Deer Tag**.

Bears Unlawfully Taken

Sr. Tpr. Collom and Rct. Nugent (Central Point) received an anonymous report of two men seen posing with a dead bear on the Internet. A records check found neither man had a bear tag. The troopers contacted the two men. One man admitted to shooting the bear and stated his friend was only posing with him for photos. They cited the shooter for **Unlawful Take of Bear—No Tag** and seized the bear skull and the bow used to kill the bear.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett and Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) worked two bear cases through information received from a volunteer. The volunteer, while getting gas before going hunting, conversed with the attendant about hunting. The attendant stated he had gotten a bear about a month prior up off of Burnt Ridge. The bear was too small, so he did not tag it and left it to waste. Marchand contacted the attendant and his brother who blamed a third subject for taking the bear. The brother admitted to hauling the third subject's bear in his vehicle. Bennett contacted the third subject who admitted to "accidentally" shooting a small bear on August 19, not being with the brother on that trip, but showing the brother a good bear hunting spot. The third subject also stated the brother took a larger bear while he was in eastern Oregon elk hunting because the brother sent him a picture of the bear. Bennett cited the third subject for **Failure to Check In Bear with ODFW** and warned him for **Failure to Properly Validate Bear Tag** and for **Taking** (what was likely) a Cub Bear. Only two packages of meat were left. The attendant and his brother, after giving the troopers the run around, finally called and confessed to taking a bear they thought was too small (160-180 pounds). They stated they shot that bear in the third suspect's hunting spot, brought the bear to their apartment, did not know what to do with it, so they wrapped it in a tarp and dumped it in the gas station's dumpster. The troopers cited the brother for **Waste of a Big Game Mammal—Black Bear** and **Failure to Validate Bear Tag** and the attendant for **Aiding in a Game Violation—Waste of a Black Bear**.

Unlawful Grebe, Turkey, Pheasant, Pintail, Ring-Billed Gulls, and Scaup

Tpr. Olsen and Rct. Glaser (Salem) were checking duck hunters at St. Louis Ponds when they contacted a subject who said he killed a duck. The troopers inspected the bird and identified it as a grebe. The troopers cited the subject for **Taking Prohibited Species—Grebe**.

Lt. Gifford (SW Region), Sgt. Hand, and Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) provided enforcement at the Summer Lake Wildlife Area for the waterfowl opener. Over the weekend, the three checked **125** hunters. During the patrols, they warned 23 for minor violations and cited only one for **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Pintail**.

Tpr. Dietz (Pendleton) responded to a trespass case on Fruitville Road in Milton-Freewater. He determined the suspect shot a pheasant from the road on private property. The suspect claimed he did not know it was private and further stated he got off roadway. The landowner who observed the incident wanted to pursue trespass charges. Dietz cited the suspect for **Hunting Prohibited Method and Criminal Trespass II** and seized the pheasant.

During a patrol, Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) checked 16 hunters, with seven squirrel hunting. During a consent search to check one subject's squirrels, Bennett located a fresh wild turkey in the cooler as well. The subject stated he shot the turkey the day before, and he had his upland game validation. Bennett advised the subject he needs a tag to take turkeys when they are in season. He cited the subject for **Taking Turkey Closed Season**.

Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) patrolled Fern Ridge Wildlife Area. Imholt tracked down three subjects who he observed shoot before legal hours. These subjects used the excuse that everyone else was shooting early also. During the patrol, Imholt checked 68 waterfowl hunters and issued two citations for **No Federal Waterfowl Stamps**, one for **Hunting Waterfowl while in Possession of Lead Shot**, three for **Hunting Waterfowl before Legal Shooting Hours**, and one for **Unlawful Take Scaup Closed Season**. He also issued several early shooting warnings.



Ring-billed grebe. Photo credit: Creative Commons/User MDF

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) received a complaint of two subjects shooting at gulls near Klamath Falls. He responded to the location and contacted two juveniles walking back from their hunt. Hand checked both juveniles and asked about their success. Both denied having any luck, saying they had not killed anything. When Hand advised them of the complaint, both continued to deny having killed anything. Hand then met with the complainant, a noted wildlife artist who specializes in birds, and learned that two ring-billed gulls had been killed and located. Hand then talked to the two juveniles again. Eventually, they admitted to one gull, then later, another. Hand cited both subjects into juvenile court for **Unlawful Taking of Protected Species**.

ATV / Traffic

Division Troopers Enforced ATV and TMA Laws



Trooper checking hunters on ATVs. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo and Ret. Sr. Tpr. Carver (McMinnville) contacted two subjects on ATVs on Longview Fibre property. The investigation revealed the subjects accessed the area through a pirate trail that led around the gate. The troopers cited the subjects for **Operating Vehicle in Violation of North Coast TMA**.

Tpr. Sogge (Bend) contacted a subject on an ATV and cited him for **Carrying a Loaded Firearm on an ATV**. In the Metolius Unit, he cited another ATV operator for **Carrying a Loaded Firearm on an ATV**. In the Fox Butte TMA, Sogge contacted two different subjects operating motor vehicles and cited each for **Illegal Motorized Travel**.

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) was working Cascade bull elk hunters for the opener in the Butte Falls area. Although he checked only 17 hunters, he cited two operators and warned five others for **Illegal Motorized Travel**. Also during the opener, Sr. Tpr. Collom and Ret. Nugent (Central Point) worked the northern part of the Rogue Unit. They contacted 13 elk hunters and cited three operators for **Illegal Motorized Travel** and warned two passengers.

Tpr. Clement (Albany) was patrolling private property in Benton County when he observed a pickup with an ATV trailer hooked to it parked at a locked gate. The company prohibits ATV operation on its property. Clement waited for the subjects to return. He observed two subjects attempt to maneuver their ATV around the gate and to their trailer. He contacted and cited both subjects for **Carrying a Loaded Firearm on an ATV** and criminally for **Criminal Trespass while in Possession of Firearm** and seized both rifles as evidence.

Sr. Tpr. Madsen (La Grande) located a subject in the Starkey Unit with a loaded firearm on an ATV and had an expired ATV sticker. He cited the subject for **Operating an ATV with a Loaded Firearm** and warned him for the expired sticker. On another patrol in the Starkey Unit, Madsen contacted a subject with a loaded firearm on the ATV and his ATV sticker was also expired. During this contact, the subject told Madsen he was bear hunting. The subject did not have a valid elk tag for the hunting unit. Madsen cited him for **Hunting Bear without a Valid Starkey Unit Elk Tag** and warned him for the ATV violations.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) patrolled private property and noticed fresh ATV tracks around a posted gate. He observed three subjects walking up a dirt road with rifles in the area. The subjects advised they rode ATVs into the area but not past the gate. On further investigation, Frerichs located a dead three-point buck on one of the ATVs parked down the road. One subject said he was not hunting because he hunted earlier in bow season. Eventually, the subjects admitted driving around the gate and knew the area was closed. After contact with the landowner, Frerichs cited all three subjects for **Criminal Trespass II**.

Sgt. Meyer and Ret. Nugent (Central Point) checked 15 elk hunters on the last day of the Cascade bull elk season in the Union Creek and Prospect areas. After they noted a closed road with fresh vehicle tracks on it, they traveled down the road and met a subject driving a vehicle towards them. After they stopped the subject, they noticed driver (and only occupant) had a map of the road closure unfolded on the seat. He said he was not hunting, but he was looking for his buddies who had been dropped off on the road above and were hunting down to this road. A records check revealed the subject was driving while suspended (DWS). The troopers cited the subject for **Illegal Motorized Travel** and **DWS** and towed the car. They gave the subject and one hunter who showed up a ride to their other vehicle where two more hunters were waiting. They warned one for Not Having Elk Tag in Possession while Hunting.

Traffic Laws Enforced

Sr. Tpr. Richardson (Portland) and Sr. Tpr. Fosburgh (Patrol) contacted a man in Oregon City following a Reckless Driving complaint. A search located small bindles of heroin, crack cocaine pipes, undocumented prescription drugs, and paraphernalia of heroin use. The troopers lodged the subject in the Clackamas County Jail for **DUII, Reckless Driving, UPCS—Heroin, and UPCS—Cocaine**.

Ret. King (Tillamook) received a complaint a possible intoxicated driver traveling on Hwy 101 near Beaver. King located the suspect and observed him repeatedly cross the center and fog lines. King stopped the suspect and saw he was extremely intoxicated. The subject failed SFSTs, and King took him into custody and transported him to the Tillamook County Jail. At the jail, the subject refused a breath test, so a search warrant was applied for and obtained for a blood draw. The subject was lodged in the Tillamook County Jail for **DUII** and multiple other violations.

While off duty, Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) noticed a reckless driver on I-105 eastbound. He followed in his personal vehicle and contacted OSP who dispatched troopers to assist. The driver became aware Boyd was following him and attempted to lose Boyd by driving poorly through Springfield. On a dead-end road into a boat landing, Boyd spoke with a citizen who saw the suspect enter the park at a high speed. Boyd blocked the only way out with his vehicle until uniformed troopers arrived. Lt. Edwards, Sgt. Brewster, Tpr. Core, and Tpr. Youngblood responded and lodged the driver in jail on **DUII, Reckless Driving, DWS—Misdemeanor**, and drug charges.

Sr. Tpr. Richardson and Tpr. Fromme (Portland) assisted the Patrol Division in their search for four suspects from a Reckless Driving, Hit and Run, and Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle (UUMV) case in Oregon City. They captured one passenger who fled the scene. The captured suspect was charged with **Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle (PSMV), Manufacture of a Controlled Substance, and Parole Violation—Distribution of a Controlled Substance—Methamphetamine**. OSP obtained information that identified the driver and the other two subjects that were in the vehicle at the time of the incident. Sgt. Allori (Portland) and Patrol's Tpr. Moisan and Tpr. DeForest captured the additional subjects in Oregon City and lodged them in the Clackamas County Jail, charging them with **PSMV, UUMV, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering, Hit and Run, and Kidnapping**. The driver was also charged with **DUII**.

Environment / General Law

Business Received \$20,045 in Fines from DEQ

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) investigated a wastewater discharge complaint at a business earlier this year. Information and photographs were provided to DEQ. Previous complaints and additional investigation by DEQ led to the company receiving \$20,045 in fines from DEQ for a variety of violations involving the company's wastewater permit.

Troopers Continue to Deal with Dredging Complaints

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) is still receiving complaints on gold miners suction dredging on streams in Josephine County even though most streams are now closed to the in-stream work period. He and Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) recently contacted a man preparing to operate a dredge on Sucker Creek behind a locked BLM gate. This is an essential salmonid habitat stream and the in-stream work period closed September 15. The miner was warned for Operating outside the In-Stream Work Period as well as a couple other permit violations.



Trooper on a fill/removal complaint. Photo credit: File

Criminal Offenses Discovered

Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) contacted two subjects as one was catfish angling at Ten Mile Lake after dark. Lea discovered one man was a sex offender who failed to register for two years. Lea lodged him in the Coos County Jail on the felony charges of **Fail to Register Sex Offender Annual x 2** and **Fail to Register Sex Offender Address Change**.

While observing anglers at Green Acres tide gate, Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) observed two subjects sharing one rod while angling. The subjects then shared a marijuana pipe. Upon contact, neither had the required disabled angling license for the area. In addition, one subject had a resident license, and he had lived in Oregon for only two months. A consent search located a marijuana pipe in their bag and a bag of marijuana in one subject's boots. Keeler cited both subjects for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and one subject for **Possession of Falsely Applied for License/Tag** and warned both for **Angling Closed Area—Disabled/Youth Angler Area**.

Rct. Herman and Ret. Sr. Tpr. Stanton (Astoria) conducted a WED operation after legal public entry hours on a private logging road in rural Clatsop County. During the operation, a subject stopped a truck at the WED, appeared to shine a spotlight out of the passenger side, then drove away. Herman stopped the subject; and as it came to a stop, the passenger stepped out of the truck and threw a glass pipe in front of the truck. The investigation and a consent search revealed a handheld spotlight and that the passenger was in possession of marijuana. The troopers cited both subjects for **Trespass in Violation of the Travel Management Agreement—Closed Hours** and the passenger for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Subjects Picked Mushrooms on Closed Property

When Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (McMinnville) contacted three subjects parked on a road closure on Stimson property, he found they possessed about six gallons of chanterelle mushrooms. Turnbo reminded them their entry permit shows it is unlawful to pick mushrooms on the property, and they were well over their limit if they had been on state property. He cited the subjects for **Unlawful Cutting/Transport of Minor Forest Products—Mushrooms**.

Felons Can Possess Bows, Not Firearms per ORS Chapter 166

Tpr. Galusha and Rct. King (Tillamook) finished an investigation of a subject who shot a doe from Hwy 53 on private property. The investigation revealed the subject was a convicted felon and could not possess firearms. After Galusha contacted the subject, the subject admitted to shooting the deer with a rifle and then gave the rifle to him. Galusha cited the subject for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. In another incident, Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) and Rct. Hagedorn (Patrol) made a stop for a traffic violation. The subject was returning from a deer hunting trip. A check of his driver license revealed he was felony revoked and a felon. The troopers found three guns, including one handgun. They cited the subject for **Felony Driving while Suspended** and three counts of **Felon in Possession of a Firearm** and seized the firearms.

Grow Found during Deer Case

Tpr. Hutchison (John Day) was investigating a report of an illegally killed deer; and when he arrived at a Long Creek residence, he noted an overwhelming odor of marijuana coming from inside the home. A 25-year-old pregnant woman who lives at the residence with her boyfriend answered the door. The investigation confirmed the complaint regarding the poached deer. Troopers secured the residence and obtained a search warrant. With the assistance of the Baker County Drug Task Force, troopers located and seized multiple packages of deer meat and located 17 mature marijuana plants and numerous harvested, drying plants, with some hanging over a crib. Hutchison cited a male subject for **Unlawfully Taking Doe Deer—Closed Season and No Hunting License**. Troopers seized the marijuana and other evidence. The case was forwarded to the Grant County DA for consideration.



Marijuana seized during deer case (above). Photo credits: File

Interagency

Troopers Worked Search and Rescues

Tpr. Brandon and Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) assisted the Coos County SO with a search and rescue for an ATV rider who was lost in the dunes near Spinreel. A USCG helicopter located the subject's ATV where he had crashed. The rider hiked out after dark, and the troopers transported the subjects ATV back to civilization.

Tpr. Vogel (St. Helens) responded to assist Clatsop County SO with a search and rescue for two lost hunters near Scappoose Vernonia Highway on Longview Timber Property. Vogel located the hunter's vehicle and led SO deputies through the dense forest on foot. Officers located the hunters. Everyone walked out safely.

Sr. Tpr. Connell (Hermiston) and Tpr. Dietz (Pendleton) were traveling down USFS Road 31 when a hunter ran out from the bushes and flagged them down. The weather conditions were high winds and drifting snow, over a foot deep in places. The hunter reported his father was down in the canyon below Thimbleberry Mountain, had some physical complications, and was possibly suffering from hypothermia. Two of his brothers were with him. They contacted Umatilla County Search and Rescue and stood by with the hunter until they arrived. The brothers walked the father most of the way out before rescuers reached him. An ambulance transported the father to the hospital.

Fish and Wildlife Interagency Patrols and Assistance

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) received a call from a Hood River SO marine deputy who located a subject with an oversized sturgeon. Gunderson responded to the location. He subsequently cited the suspect for **Unlawful Possession of Oversized Sturgeon**. Fortunately, the fish was revived and released.

Deputy DA Anderson advised Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) of a subject who had an arrest warrant issued for failing to appear on outstanding wildlife offenses, **Unlawful Taking of Blacktail Deer** and **Criminal Trespass II**. Schwartz contacted the subject, placed him into custody without incident, and lodged him in the Columbia County Jail.

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) responded to assist the USFS LEO with suspicious subjects along the Deschutes River near sensitive spawning grounds that was closed to angling at the time. The LEO located two subjects walking out who had hidden their vehicle along the river. When contacted, they denied angling. Bean arrived and asked the LEO which way they had walked from. Bean walked the direction they came from and located two fishing poles hidden in some brush. The two subjects later admitted to angling, and Bean cited them for **Angling Closed Area**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) received call from a landowner regarding a complaint in the Canyonville area. At around dusk, a suspect illegally trespassed and shot a large five-point blacktail buck deer above a mobile home park. The suspect then turned off the vehicle headlights and tried to sneak out of the property when the landowner contacted him. The Douglas County SO held the suspect until Frerichs arrived on scene. Frerichs cited the suspect for **Unlawfully Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another** and seized the blacktail buck deer and rifle. Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) salvaged the deer.

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) received a complaint from Toledo PD of a four-point buck shot inside the city limits the night before and left to waste. Sgt. Thompson, Sr. Tpr. Kehr, and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) responded. The investigation led to a subject who had seen the buck in the baseball field across from his house. He went inside and grabbed a 22 rimfire rifle and opened the top window that faced the ball field. He fired one time hitting the buck in the head and killing it. He was going to retrieve it after dark, but when Toledo PD showed up asking questions about gunfire, he decided to leave the buck in the field. He was interviewed and eventually admitted to shooting the buck. He said he just wanted to fill his tag. The troopers cited him for **Hunting Prohibited Method—22 Rimfire, Hunting Prohibited Area—Inside City Limits, and Waste of a Game Mammal Buck Deer** and seized his rifle, tag, and the deer as evidence.

Suspect Cited in Two States

Sr. Tpr. Wilson (Ontario) received a TIP call about a subject who resides in Idaho and supposedly killed five deer in Oregon near Arock after buck season closed. The tip came in the day the subject was traveling from Oregon back to Idaho. That same day, Wilson teamed up with two IDFG officers who assisted with contacting the suspect. The suspect stated he killed one buck and identified on a map the location of the kill. The location he verbally described and pointed to was in Oregon. He claimed his wife shot the second deer at a nearby Idaho location. The two deer heads were still in the back of the suspect's pickup, and the meat was at a local shop. Wilson cited the suspect for **Taking Buck Deer Closed Season**. IDFG cited the suspect for **Unlawful Possession of Illegally Taken Wildlife** and the wife for **Unlawful Possession of Illegally Taken Wildlife** for the buck she supposedly killed in Idaho.

Extensive Manhunt Located Suspects

On Hwy 126E near USFS 19 road, Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) located the suspect vehicle in an armed robbery and kidnapping case that occurred earlier that day in Oakridge. He initiated a stop, but the suspect did not yield. The high speed pursuit ensued at speeds over 100 mph over several miles. The vehicle separated from Boyd, and officers found the vehicle crashed in a ditch near a driveway near Vida. The three male suspects fled in different directions. Aided by local citizens, an extensive manhunt by OSP, Springfield PD, Lane County SO, USFS law enforcement, BLM law enforcement, and Eugene PD resulted in the apprehension of the suspects. One suspect tried to swim the McKenzie River for about half an hour only to be captured by Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) operating McKenzie Fire and Rescue's jet sled, Sr. Tpr. Cotchell (Patrol), LCSO Deputy Combs, and BLM Officer Cox who transported him to a waiting ambulance for treatment of hypothermia. Tpr. Berland and Tpr. Ulch (Patrol) captured the second suspect in Vida that evening. The third suspect was taken into custody by Boyd, Sgt. Ashenfelter (Patrol), and a deputy after being located and bitten by a SPD K9. The suspects were lodged in the Lane County Jail. For more details, [click for the press release](#).



Fish and Wildlife patrol truck. Photo credit: File

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Presentations and Meetings

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) conducted a public talk at Lowell High School. He did a career class presentation and talked about the duties of an OSP Fish and Wildlife trooper. About 20 students attended.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett and Sr. Tpr. VanProoyen (Gold Beach) and Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) attended a public commercial trawl meeting in Brookings. Sr. Tpr. Harris, Sr. Tpr. Bowen, Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay), and Lt. Gifford (SW Region) attended a public commercial trawl meeting in Charleston.

Troopers Took DAs on WED Operation

Sr. Tpr. Collom, Sr. Tpr. Cushman, and Ret. Nugent (Central Point) had Assistant DAs Laura Abraham and Nick Giles with them on an after-hours deer WED operation in the Elk Creek area during rifle season. They noted 12 vehicles drive by and seven stop to observe the decoy. When one vehicle stopped, the driver and passenger stepped out with rifles in hand; but they jumped back in their truck and drove off as another vehicle approached behind them. Later, another vehicle stopped, and the passenger shot the decoy with the vehicle headlights illuminating it. The troopers cited the passenger for **Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light** and the driver for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense—Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light**.



Division troopers routinely participate in outreach activities. Photo credit: File

Every 15 Minutes . . .

Division troopers are involved in their communities. They attend sporting shows and meetings, give presentations to sporting groups, educate students of all ages, and show support at outdoor-related events. Since a Division sworn member is a fully-trained OSP trooper who is dedicated not only to protect Oregon's natural resources but to enhance livability and safety by protecting people and property; Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) and Tpr. Core (Patrol) participated in an Every 15 Minutes program Lane County SO put on at Blue River High School. Every 15 Minutes is an extensive program to deter underage drinking. The program was well-planned by Deputy Silano and LCSO and heavily supported by the McKenzie River Fire and Rescue and upper McKenzie River community members. Life Flight also participated. The program was very well received by students, teachers, and parents.

Notable October Dispositions

Clatsop County Circuit Court Judge Phil Nelson sentenced three 16-year-old boys for their involvement in the unlawful take and waste of four elk in April 2010. Two of the defendants shot the four elk, one of which was pregnant. Additionally, one of these two defendants led Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) to a false location of where the incident took place.

Defendant #1 admitted to **Unlawful Take of Elk—Closed Season (4 counts)** and **Wasting Wildlife (4 counts)**. The judge imposed the following sentence:

- 10 days detention at Oregon Youth Authority, served up front, and 22 additional days, used at counselor's discretion (2 of the 10 days are for taking trooper to wrong location)
- \$6,000 restitution to ODFW
- \$200 restitution to OHA TIP program
- 160 hours community service at the Gnat Creek Fish Hatchery
- 2 years suspension of hunting privileges
- 5 years probation stipulating defendant write an apology letter to trooper

Defendant #2 admitted to **Unlawful Take of Elk—Closed Season (2 counts)** and **Wasting Wildlife (2 counts)**. The judge imposed the following sentence:

- 4 days detention at Oregon Youth Authority with 12 days used at counselor's discretion
- \$3,000 restitution to ODFW
- \$200 restitution to OHA TIP program
- 80 hours community service at the Big Creek Fish Hatchery
- 2 years suspension of hunting privileges

Defendant #3 admitted to **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense**. The judge imposed the following:

- \$500 restitution
- \$299 fine
- 2 years suspension of hunting privileges

Sr. Tpr. Kipper and Sr. Tpr. Vanderwerf (The Dalles) worked a case the opening weekend of the controlled buck deer season and determined one man shot and killed a four-point buck deer without a valid tag and several others assisted the man in the crime. The shooter pled guilty. The judge sentenced him to \$344 fines and an additional **\$7,500** restitution since the deer fit the enhanced trophy restitution schedule.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) testified at a trial involving a local goose hunter O'Connor cited in February for **Failure to Check in Geese to an ODFW Check Station and Failure to Validate NW Goose Permit**. Troopers worked the area after receiving reports of several hunters failing to check in geese, as required. They observed the subject leave the area with two geese and fail to check them in. Two ODFW employees testified about the specific incident as well offering testimony regarding the necessity of the collection of data related to Canadian geese. Clatsop County Circuit Court Judge Paula Brownhill found the defendant guilty on both charges and ordered him to pay the full base fine for each (\$300 total).

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