

The Field Review



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Division Troopers Instructed Class at Oregon State University

Cooperative enforcement is essential to effectively managing fish, wildlife, habitat, and natural resources. To foster relationships and introduce students to natural resource laws and enforcement, with a specific emphasis on fish and wildlife; Division troopers instructed the Oregon State University (OSU) two-credit Fish and Wildlife Enforcement class (FW 341), both at OSU and the E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area, from November 20-22, to about 30 students. Captain Walt Markee, Division Director, was in charge of facilitating the course. Students interested in forestry, range management, parks and recreation, animal sciences, natural resources, sustainability, and agriculture, as well as fish and wildlife and fish and wildlife enforcement, may benefit from the course.

The objectives were: 1) present the philosophy and concept of fish and wildlife law enforcement; 2) illustrate the need for fish and wildlife law enforcement to complement fish and wildlife management goals and objectives; 3) blend the ideals of fish and wildlife science with management and enforcement actions and illustrate the comprehensive inter-action of all three schools; 4) introduce the complexity of law, citizen rights and how both must be regarded before police action can be taken in order to complement management goals and objectives; and 5) fish and wildlife management is truly the management of people and the enforcement officer is the ultimate people manager (OSU).

The Department of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) offers a superior academic program, incorporating ecology, management, and conservation biology in terrestrial, aquatic, and marine ecosystems (OSU). Celebrating their 75th year, DFW offers Bachelor of Science, Master, and PhD degrees in Fisheries or Wildlife and will soon offer their programs online. In addition to "traditional" faculty and associates, DFW maintains relationships with state and federal agencies and has 38 "courtesy" faculty members (OSU). Oregon State Police is one of the State's agencies who contribute personnel to educating DFW students about the field from experienced law enforcement professionals.

The Division administered the course over a weekend. On Friday and Saturday, troopers taught on campus; and, on Sunday, they took a field trip to E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area near Corvallis to partake in hands-on learning and engage in scenarios. Wildlife used was obtained from road-kills. Class topic discussions included: 1) laws of arrest, 2) Division's partnership with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 3) Department of Environmental Quality/Oregon Plan, 3) Marine Board enforcement, 4) field investigation skills, 5) search and seizure law, 6) hunting and fishing synopsis, 7) Special Investigations Unit, 8) Wildlife Enforcement Decoy (WED) program, 9) archeological investigations, and 10) wildlife investigation scenarios. On the last day, the students took a final exam.

Participating Division members included Cpt. Walt Markee (Headquarters), Lt. Andy Heider (Headquarters), Lt. Steve Lane (Northwest Region), Sgt. Mari Chambers (Salem), Sr. Tpr. Adam Turnbo (Salem), Sr. Tpr. Craig Ball (SIU), Sr. Tpr. David Anderson (SIU), Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge), Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield), and Tpr. Jason Stone (Roseburg). Each trooper either taught a class and/or assisted in scenario training. The Division would like to thank three volunteers for their contributions in assisting with scenario training: Jordan Lane, and retirees Mike Ross and Ray Edwards. The students made excellent comments about the class. For more information on OSU DFW, please [click here](#); and, for extension and outreach programs, please [click here](#).



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Dispositions

Some Notable November Dispositions



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While assisting the Ontario office during the controlled Eastern Oregon Rocky Mountain bull elk season, Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) responded to a trespass complaint near Hereford. A landowner found a headless carcass of a bull elk on his property. After the suspects had not returned for the carcass at dark, the elk was salvaged. The following day, Davis and Sr. Tpr. Wilson (Ontario) contacted the suspect's camp and located the elk head. Troopers learned a 16-year-old shot the bull. They cited the shooter and his father for **Criminal Trespass II** and the father for **Aiding/Counseling in Game Violation—Waste**. As a result of the case, investigated in the Hereford area during the controlled Eastern Oregon Rocky Mountain bull elk season, Baker County fined a subject \$1,545. The court ordered the elk forfeited and directed the suspect to write an apology letter to the landowner in addition to his fine.

In October, a commercial fisherman cited for **Commercial Crab Pots Deployed in the Pacific Ocean More than 4 Days without a Crab Landing and Leaving Commercial Crab Pots in the Pacific Ocean after the Ocean Closure Date of August 15** pled guilty on November 18 to two counts of **Violation of Commercial Fishing Laws/Rules**. The court dismissed the other five counts.

The suspect was sentenced to:

- \$1,203 fees and assessments (with \$203 suspended);
- \$4,000 Restitution to ODFW; and
- Three years of bench probation with stipulations. The defendant shall:
 - Violate no law;
 - Report to the court in writing every citation or arrest on any new crime or major traffic offense within 10 days after citation or arrest;
 - Keep the County Trial Court Administrator advised of his/her current mailing and residential addresses throughout the probationary period;
 - Not own, possess, or control any weapon, firearm, or dangerous animals;
 - Shall not reside in a dwelling or ride in a vehicle in which the defendant knows a weapon, firearm, or dangerous animals are present; and
 - Obtain a full-time job and keep it (if he/she loses a job, get another one right away).

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) received a disposition on a subject who shot a bull elk with a rifle during bow season in the Tioga Unit. The court sentenced the subject to: \$1,900 restitution (\$1,500 ODFW and \$400 OHA TIP fund), a 24-month hunting license suspension, forfeit the elk meat and horns, and a \$400 fine.



Troopers on a crab pot patrol. Photo credit: File

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	Sr.	Sr. Sheriff's Office
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	SO	Turn in Poachers
BER	Boat Examination Report	Lt.	Lt.	TIP	Travel Management Area
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	TMA	Tpr.
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants	ODF	Department of Forestry	Tpr.	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
Capt.	Captain	ODFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease	Ret.	Ret.	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DA	District Attorney	Sgt.	Sgt.	UUMV	Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	SIU	Special Investigations Unit	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
DSL	Department of State Lands			WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy
DWS	Driving While Suspended				

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Environment / Habitat / ATV / General Law

Various Environment and Habitat Issues

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) contacted two mushroom pickers who did not have permits. Rct. Koehler (Patrol) responded to assist and lodged one of the subjects in jail on felony warrants. Harris cited both subjects for **No Mushroom Permit**.

Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) contacted four subjects who were on private timber company property with two pickups with trailers full of freshly cut firewood. All four subjects did not have permission or permits from the landowner to cut and possess the firewood. All four subjects were cited for **Unlawful Cutting Special Forest Products**.

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) received a call of a possible poached elk on Woodrat Mountain. The witness found a name tag in a carcass pile. Allison determined who the hunter was and contacted him. The hunter admitted to dumping the carcass in a very public area of the mountain, and he showed Allison the properly validated tag, head, and meat. He was given a verbal warning for Depositing Offensive Material.



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Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) checked on a complaint of heavy equipment working in Deer Creek in Josephine County. Thompson determined the landowners removed brush and blackberry bushes from the bank, a county ordinance violation of the riparian setback. Thompson forwarded information to DSL and Josephine County. For an excellent article on managing blackberries in riparian areas by Oregon State University Extension Service, please [click here](#).

ATV Laws Enforced

Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) contacted a subject on an ATV pulling a trailer who had accessed private timber company property by using a pirate trail around a locked gate. The subject was cited for **Illegal Motorized Entry North Coast TMA**.

Tpr. McClay (Burns) observed an ATV driving on a two-track road and contacted the operator. The hunter had a loaded 30-06 across his lap. McClay issued the subject a citation for **Operating an ATV with a Loaded Firearm** and a warning for Expired Registration.

Rct. Galusha (Tillamook) responded to a report of subjects using ATVs behind a locked Hancock gate. Galusha contacted three subjects riding ATVs on a private trail that connected to Hancock property. The subjects used the ATVs to get in the area they wanted to hunt, and one subject harvested a spike elk on Hancock property. Galusha cited all three for **Operating a Motor Vehicle in Violation TMA Rules**.

While on surveillance of the mouth of the Elk River, Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) observed four people and two ATVs just south of the mouth. Stinnett contacted three of the subjects. They had a disabled permit allowing the ATVs on the beach but had expired registrations. They also had five salmon. Two adults each tagged one fin-clipped (hatchery) and one non-adipose fin-clipped (wild) Chinook, and the juvenile tagged one wild Chinook. When Stinnett checked the fish, he found four wild and one hatchery. Stinnett cited one angler for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit on Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Chinook Salmon** and warned the juvenile for Improper Tagging (no date). The ATV owner said he had current registration but did not put them on the ATVs. He was warned for the ATV violation.

General Law Investigations

Sr. Tpr. Kipper and Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) responded to a road hazard of bovine cows on Hwy 97 near Grass Valley. As they arrived and were attempting to slow traffic, a full-sized truck came down the hill and hit two angus cows. They shut the highway down until the herd of cows was relocated to a nearby field. Both cows were killed, but the occupants of the truck were not injured.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) checked a couple of hunters in their camp who apparently were intoxicated. A few minutes later, while he was checking another camp, he saw the two hunters drive by. When he caught up with them a couple of miles down the road, they were already pulled over, so he made mere contact with them. The driver consented to FSTs and failed them. Ritter took him into custody for **DUII** and lodged him in jail, BAC .12%.

Lt. Gifford (SW Region) and Sgt. Perske (Roseburg) pulled into a parking lot at a restaurant for lunch and observed three subjects standing at the back of a vehicle with the trunk open. The trunk was full of music CDs. When the officers stepped out of their vehicle, the subjects observed them and quickly shut the trunk. The investigation revealed the suspect was in possession of over 270 counterfeit CDs. Sgt. Mitchell, Sgt. Fugate, and Detective Assmus responded to assist. The suspect was arrested for **Theft in the Second Degree, Unlawful Sound Recording, and Unlawful Labeling of Sound Recording**.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) was in an unmarked, unequipped pickup and observed a vehicle on I-105 travelling at over 95 mph. Boyd contacted Sr. Tpr. Hamilton (Patrol) to stop the vehicle. Just prior to arriving in an area for Hamilton to stop the driver, the offending vehicle apparently noticed Boyd was following him. In an apparent attempt to lose Boyd, the driver slammed on his brakes and slowed very quickly from 60 mph to a stop for no reason. After the vehicle accelerated again, Hamilton was able to make the stop. The driver was cited for **Speeding—90/55 and Unlawful Stop/Deceleration**. As Boyd was issuing the citation, he detected a strong odor of green Marijuana and inquired further. The driver handed him a grocery bag containing green marijuana. Later during a consent search, \$7,900 was seized. The subject was lodged in jail for both **UPCS and UDCS—Marijuana**.

Wildlife / Hunting

Several Cited for Taking Deer Closed Season



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riding ATVs. Lt. Gifford (SW Region) responded and set up surveillance. Three hours later, two of the suspects were observed coming out on an ATV with a deer partially concealed. Sgt. Meyer and Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) responded to assist. Officers contacted the suspect at his nearby residence and found the suspects processing a deer one adult shot that morning after a juvenile allegedly wounded it the night before. Troopers found two other deer hanging and three large buck heads. The suspects only had two tags, and both tags were improperly validated. Troopers cited the first suspect (homeowner) for **Exceeding the Bag Limit on Deer, Unlawful Possession of an Untagged Deer, and Improperly Validated Deer Tag**; the second adult for **Unlawfully Taking Deer Closed Season**; and the third adult for **Aiding in a Game Violation—Taking Deer Closed Season**. The juvenile that supposedly injured the deer the night before was not even hunting with the suspects the morning the animal was killed, the day after season.

Troopers Discovered Tag Violations

Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) and Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) investigated an anonymous tip about illegal hunting activity near Sheridan. They contacted a subject as he was working on a three-point deer head at his kitchen table, the second three-point taken during the Western Oregon rifle deer season. When he saw this buck standing on his property, he shot it as well. The suspect used his friend's tag on the second deer in exchange for half the meat. The suspect was cited for **Exceeding the Annual Limit of Buck Deer** and **Borrowing a Big Game Tag**, and the friend was cited for **Loaning a Big Game Tag**.

Sgt. Tucker (La Grande) checked a muzzleloader whitetail hunter who presented an unused tag and indicated he had not taken any deer; but his daughter shot a doe, left the deer at camp, and returned home to Salem. At the camp, Tucker obtained the tag's information. He called the daughter and she could not provide basic information about the hunt; however, she said her dad took a doe the day she did, and she insisted she shot her deer. When Tucker returned to the camp, he found two deer. Tucker asked where the second deer was earlier. The subject said the deer was hidden near camp; and not knowing what to do, he collected the deer and put his tag on it, validating it for two days prior. Tucker cited the subject for **Fail to Immediately Validate Big Game Tag**. He again asked the subject asked if he shot his daughter's deer, and he denied doing so. Upon contact with the daughter's employer, Tucker learned she was present the day she tagged the deer. Tucker re-contacted the subjects at their camp. He determined the father took both deer. Tucker issued citations for **Loaning a Big Game Tag, Borrowing a Big Game Tag, and Exceeding Bag Limit—Deer** and seized both tags, one deer, and the father's rifle as evidence.

Subjects Tampered with Evidence

Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) followed up on a four-point blacktail buck taken out of season. He tracked down the suspect who admitted to shooting the deer after hours and throwing the antlers in the dumpster knowing Baimbridge was looking for him. Baimbridge cited the suspect for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Tampering with Evidence, and Unlawful Take of Black Tailed Deer—Closed Season**. Baimbridge cited the suspect who drove the vehicle for **Aiding in a Game Violation**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs and Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) followed up on a reported spike elk illegally killed in the three-point Burnt Mountain area in the Tioga Unit. Witnesses observed one suspect gut and drag the carcass into a treed area. Troopers made contact after the suspects packed the elk out and discovered the head was missing. The suspects assured the elk was a three-point on one side, but four witnesses said it was a spike. The suspects said another suspect who was not there hid the head the day before. Baimbridge contacted that subject who also said the elk was a three-point on one side; and, with points about one-inch long, it may have looked like a spike until you got close. He thought someone must have stolen the head, even though he concealed it separate from the body. Baimbridge issued citations for **Aiding, Tampering with Evidence, and Taking Spike Elk Closed Season**.

Sr. Tpr. Allison and Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) received information that a subject killed a large buck then purchased his tag. They checked with the taxidermist the suspect took the head to who confirmed the time the suspect inquired about mounting a big buck. The investigation revealed the suspect purchased the tag later that day, but the suspect harvested the buck the day before. The suspect was cited for **Hunting/Taking Deer without a Tag** and for **False Application for a Tag**. While investigating the deer case, Allison and Meyer stopped at a meat processor and learned a bear brought in did not have a validated tag. Allison contacted that subject who claimed this was his second season hunting, and he was unfamiliar with the regulations. He was aware he had 10 days to check in the skull at ODFW but had not done that yet. Allison cited the subject for **Fail to Validate Bear Tag**.

Sr. Tpr. McNerney (Hood River) and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) arrested a woman on a warrant in Wamic. They received information the woman tagged a large five-point bull another person killed on the opening day of elk season in the Wamic area. Pearson checked that elk on the third day of the season and verified she tagged the elk. After interviewing the woman, troopers determined she did not kill the elk. They identified the shooter and learned the elk and the rifle used were located at the shooter's residence. They obtained and served a search warrant later that evening, and they seized the elk, the rifle, and a deer skull with large antlers the man claimed to have found and picked up several years previously. The female suspect was charged with **Loaning an Elk Tag**, and the male suspect was charged with **Hunting Elk without a Valid Tag** and **Borrowing an Elk Tag**. The male suspect was warned for the Unlawful Possession of Deer Antlers.

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Witnesses Videotaped Subjects



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Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) received a report of a subject who shot a 4 x 4 buck at Oatman Flats. The witness (a non-hunter) thought it was strange the subject would drive over irrigation pipes to retrieve his buck. The witness videotaped the subject leaving the area. Hayes viewed the video and obtained vehicle information. Hayes determined the most likely route the Springfield suspect would take and advised Oakridge troopers. The suspect took great lengths to avoid detection. However, the suspect was located by a Patrol trooper and detained for Hayes. Troopers located and seized a large 4 x 4 buck and a .17HMR rifle. The suspect was lodged in jail for **Theft 1, Taking Deer Closed Season, Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another, and Criminal Mischief III**. The passenger was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

Sr. Tpr. McNERNEY (Hood River), Sr. Tpr. Gunderson, and Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) investigated an illegal deer in Hood River. Two hunters videotaped two subjects retrieving a doe during the doe hunt. After the subjects left with the doe, the two hunters located a buck and salvaged it. Troopers contacted the subjects with the doe and learned one subject shot both deer. He was attempting to fill the other subject's tag and left the deer after they realized it was a buck. Citations were issued for **Waste of Wildlife** and **Taking Buck Deer Closed Season**.

A ranch agent contacted Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) regarding two subjects who killed a spike bull on their property. The agent took Mayer and Sgt. Brown (Pendleton) to the scene about 3/4-mile inside fenced-in property. The agent videotaped the suspects processing the elk, with the left horn growing straight out of its forehead and the right horn straight up. Upon contact the next morning with the suspects camping on ranch property, Mayer and Brown found an elk hanging and a spike bull head, with both horns sticking up. The subjects denied knowing of the non-typical spike. Mayer checked the tag and noted the left horn was broken and stood up to look normal. The shooter was cited for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**, and the elk was seized.

Several Subjects Illegally Sought Deer

Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) responded to a report of a deer taken closed season. Upon locating the suspect vehicle, Schoenborn discovered deer hair and blood in the pickup bed. After contacting the registered owner, Schoenborn discovered the owner illegally took a Columbian blacktail deer with his rifle and was going to apply his 2009 archery deer tag to it. The second archery deer season was going to open the following day. Schoenborn cited the suspect for **Unlawfully Taking Buck Deer Closed Season** and seized the rifle and the deer as evidence.

Sr. Tpr. Johnson and Tpr. Ritter (John Day) responded to report of an illegally taken buck. They contacted the witness and located where a large 3 x 4 buck was shot and left it to waste. This occurred directly in front of the witnesses as they were driving up the road. They had suspect and vehicle descriptions. Johnson processed the deer as Ritter searched the area. Ritter contacted a camp where he located the suspect vehicle. He learned the subject thought the buck was a bull elk, even though it was only 100 to 150 yards away when he shot it. The suspect was cited for **Taking Buck Deer Closed Season** and **Waste of Wildlife—Buck Deer** and warned for shooting from a public roadway.

Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) contacted a guide regarding a trespass complaint that occurred on the last week of deer season. The guide and client were on the wrong property. The guide stated he thought he was on the right place and did not really know the boundaries. The guide was cited and released for **Criminal Trespass II**.

Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) investigated a report of after-hour shooting near Sweet Home. He located a three-point blacktail buck hanging in a garage where the complaint was directed at with a tag validated for two days prior. Halsey took a temperature reading of the meat, resulting in Halsey determining the buck had been killed early that morning. Halsey cited the subject for **Taking Buck Deer Closed Season** and **Taking Buck Deer Prohibited Hours** and seized a .30-.30 rifle.

Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) followed up on an reported waste case. A renter moved and left a deer. Baimbridge found the carcass with most of the meat gone and the head of a spike deer. He checked the renter's record and found he had a Western Oregon deer rifle tag. He located the suspect who stated he shot a fork-by-spike. When Baimbridge advised he knew it was a spike, the suspect stated he thought if the antlers were tall enough, it was a forked horn. The suspect admitted he knew better and was cited for **Unlawful Take of Spike Deer**.

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) observed a vehicle parked in the Indigo Unit. A short time later, he heard six high-caliber rifle shots. Stone observed a female walking to the vehicle; and when she saw him, she bailed into the brush. When ordered out, she emerged with no gun and said she was going to the bathroom. She stated her father shot a large buck after she missed it with her muzzleloader. Stone located the father dressing a four-point buck. He said he shot the deer with a muzzleloader then shot four more times with the .243 rifle the female hid. Sgt. Perske, Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg), and a USFS LEO assisted recovering the buck and locating the rifle. Stone cited the father for **Unlawful Taking Deer Closed Area** and **Hunting Outside of a Controlled Hunt Boundary** and the female for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime** and **Hunting Outside of a Controlled Hunt Boundary** and seized both rifles and the deer. Both suspects had not been in their legal hunt area all day.

Sr. Tpr. Griffin, Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande), and Sr. Tpr. Madsen (Patrol) responded to Ladd Creek about a subject who shot into a herd of mule deer does. They located the suspect vehicle with three males. A passenger said he shot at the herd to scare them. When they did not move, he shot at one deer with his .22 pistol and hit it. The doe was injured, but they left it. Troopers cited the shooter for **Taking Deer Closed Season, Illegal Take of Grouse, and UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and the driver for **Aiding in Game Violation—Taking Deer Closed Season** and **DUII** and issued both warnings for No Hunting License, No Upland Game Bird Stamp, and Shooting from a Public Roadway. The deer was dispatched, salvaged, and donated.

Wildlife / Hunting

WEDs Used to Catch Wildlife Thieves

Tpr. Howell, Tpr. Thomas, Rct. King (Tillamook), Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem), and Lt. Lane (NW Region), accompanied by KGW Newschannel 8's Grant McOmie, conducted a daytime elk WED with elk halves and the new robo-elk in the Trask Unit during a spike-only hunt. During the operation, a vehicle stopped, and a subject exited with a rifle. While that subject was coming around his vehicle, the front passenger shot at one of the halves from inside the running vehicle parked in the middle of the road. Contact with both hunters revealed the passenger had a disability tag, and he was shooting at the elk half because he did not see antlers and assumed it was a cow. A records check also revealed both subjects were convicted felons. Troopers cited the passenger for **Hunting from a Public Roadway** and both subjects for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**.

Numerous Elk Illegally Taken

Sgt. Scroup and Retired Sr. Tpr. Woods (Astoria) responded to a report of an illegal spike elk taken in the Saddle Mountain Unit. After lengthy questioning, they determined an unlicensed hunter's partner killed the spike; and they both covered it up with ferns so other hunters would not stumble upon it, for they assured they intended to report its location to OSP. The shooter was cited for **Taking Spike Elk Closed Season**.

In a four-day span, Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) investigated seven illegal kills on the winter range. This is up considerably from last year probably due to the good tracking snow. A wide variety of kills were located. Several shot had the heads missing. One was shot and hidden to be retrieved later. Four were shot and totally removed. Three of the kills were solved by Sr. Tpr. Bean and Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend).

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) received a report about an illegal spike elk taken in the Saddle Mountain Unit. Klepp and Retired Sr. Tpr. Wood (Astoria) located the scene. A consent search in the vehicle owner's garage found an elk hanging and a bagged spike head in the garbage. The suspect used an invalid Coast 1st season tag. Klepp cited the suspect for **Taking Spike Elk Closed Season** and **Hunting Elk with No Valid Saddle Mountain Elk Tag** and seized and donated the elk.

Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) and Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) responded to a hunter's report where three subjects retrieved two bull elk and left an injured cow elk hidden under branches. The hunter dispatched the elk and notified OSP. Troopers located the suspects' camp. They determined these subjects hid the illegal cow elk, and the shooter was a convicted felon. Troopers cited the shooter for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm** and **Unlawful Taking Cow Elk** and the other two subjects for **Aiding in a Game Violation** and seized the elk.

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) investigated a report of a subject who rifle-shot a bull elk during archery season. Davis contacted the suspect while Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) contacted the accomplice. David took the suspect into custody for **Unlawful Take of Bull Elk**. The accomplice provided Lea with a taped confession, as well as admitting to killing three bucks during Western Oregon rifle deer season. Lea cited him for **Exceeding the Annual Bag Limit**. Follow-up led the Coos Bay Team to serve search warrants at two residences where they located more evidence and obtained taped confessions. They determined one subject shot a four-point bull elk with a rifle then put a 15-year-old's archery tag on it. Troopers will cite a fourth subject for **Aiding in a Game Violation**.

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) worked the last day of the General Western rifle deer season. After legal hours, they set up a WED west of Creswell. The landowner has reported several



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poaching incidents in the area. The WED was used in response to those reports. At 8:45 p.m., a vehicle approached, and the driver cast headlights on the WED. The driver exited the vehicle and shot once at the WED. Troopers contacted three subjects and located firearms and a spotlight in the vehicle. The driver was cited for **Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light** and **Hunting from a Public Roadway**. Five subjects observed the WED out of 19 vehicles.

Subjects Tampered with Evidence

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) received a complaint that three subjects had a large 6 x 6 bull elk rack in the back of their truck that looked about a month old. The subjects told the complainants they found the elk dead. When they were told they could not keep the antlers, they attempted



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to hide the rack and sped away. Kehr caught the vehicle on USFS 17 Road. The antlers were covered with bags, coats, and other gear. They again stated they found the elk dead, and only bones were left. One of the subjects had a Coast elk tag, one had an expired Cascade bull elk tag, and the other had none. Kehr cited the subject who took the antlers for **Unlawful Possession of Elk Antlers** and seized the antlers.

Five-Point Bull Elk Taken a Day Early

Tpr. Stone, Tpr. Baimbridge, and Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) responded to a hunting complaint in the Elkton area. The suspect reportedly shot and wounded a bull elk the day before the controlled Tioga Unit No. 1 elk season opened. The responding officers walked into the unit after dark and searched for several hours. They located a dead five-point bull elk. The next day, Frerichs arrived in the area before daylight and conducted surveillance. He observed the suspect and a female accomplice carrying out parts of the elk. Frerichs and Stone contacted the suspects who both said the bull was killed that morning. Stone confronted the suspect with a photograph taken the night before. The suspect confessed to illegally killing the elk the night before and coming back with his girlfriend that morning to retrieve it. Stone cited the suspect for **Unlawful Take of Elk Closed Season** and seized the elk, the unvalidated tag, and Ruger .300 rifle. Frerichs cited the girlfriend for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**. Both troopers hiked back to the kill site to assist the suspect retrieve quarters of the elk.

Wildlife / Hunting

Squirrel Taken Closed Season

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs and Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) contacted two suspects in vehicles as they left the edge of Calapooya Creek with several waterfowl contained in a canoe. Upon contact, it was discovered one of the subjects shot and killed a western grey squirrel that was in the canoe with the waterfowl. Frerichs cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Game Mammal—Western Grey Squirrel Closed Season**. The subject was warned for Having another Person's Hunting License and Big Game Tag in Possession.

Unlawful Cougars

Tpr. Clement (Albany) responded to a possible unlawful possession of a cougar carcass. Clement determined the suspect found a road-struck cougar and decided to skin it out. Clement cited the suspect for **Unlawful Possession of Game Mammal—Cougar**, and the hide was seized.

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell and Tpr. McClay (Burns) followed up on a possible unlawfully killed cougar ODFW checked in. After contacting the suspect, it was determined the cougar was killed the last weekend of second bull elk season. The suspect did not have a valid elk tag, and the cougar was killed with a .22 rim fire handgun. Troopers seized the cougar and cited the suspect for **Unlawful Possession of Game Mammal—Cougar**.

Several Upland Bird and Waterfowl Violations Detected

Rct. Imholt (Springfield) patrolled the Northwest Goose Permit Zone during closed season. Imholt located a juvenile goose hunter set up with decoys in a private field. He contacted the hunter and informed him of the closure. The juvenile was not aware of the closure and had only goose hunted a few times. Imholt issued the juvenile a verbal warning and educated him on the rules and regulations of the Northwest Goose Permit Zone.

Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) and Rct. Andrews (Patrol) responded to a goose hunting complaint east of Albany near grass seed fields. Upon arrival, two male subjects had four cackler geese in possession and were loading equipment to leave. A search of the area they were hunting, several hundred yards away from their vehicle, revealed five more cackler geese stashed in some dead grass. Troopers cited both subjects for **Exceeding Bag Limit—Cackler Geese** and **Waste Game Bird—Cackler Geese**. They also seized two shotguns as evidence.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) was patrolling the Canton Creek area and stopped a vehicle for several traffic violations. Upon checking the driver, dried blood was observed on his hands, and he admitted to shooting two grouse. Frerichs observed two cleaned upland game birds with no feathered heads or wings attached in a white plastic bag behind the seat. Upon checking the suspect's 12-gauge shotgun, it was found to hold more than three shells and did not have a plug as required for hunting upland game birds. Frerichs cited the suspect for **Disguising Upland Game Birds** and **Unlawful Hunting Upland Game Birds with Unplugged Shotgun**.

Unlawful Possession of Protected and Prohibited Species

Rct. Imholt (Springfield) stopped by the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area and checked two duck hunters getting ready to leave. He noticed the hunters had six ducks in a pile, and one of the ducks looked different. Upon further investigation, the odd-looking duck turned out to be a pied-billed grebe which is not legal to shoot. Imholt educated the hunters on how to properly identify grebes from ducks and issued a citation for **Unlawful Take of Protected Species—Shorebirds—Pied-Billed Grebe**.



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Sr. Tpr. Griffin (La Grande) responded to Ladd Marsh after receiving information about some subjects who killed a protected swan. Upon contacting the subjects and inquiring about the swan, the shooter advised he had hid the swan in some cattails. The swan was retrieved, and Griffin seized the swan. Griffin issued the shooter a citation for **Hunting Protected Wildlife—Swan**.

Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) stopped a subject who was backing up his vehicle down the roadway shining its headlights all around. The juvenile driver stated he saw Baimbridge's pickup coming down the hill and was making sure Baimbridge would not assume he was spotlighting. Baimbridge discovered the juvenile had an unlawful raccoon and four illegal blue jays in the back of his pickup he had shot. Baimbridge cited the juvenile for **Unlawful Possession of Wildlife—Raccoon** and **Unlawful Possession of Blue Jays** as a violation.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) contacted a subject who had been out shooting upland game birds. The birds were cleaned and no feathered heads or wings were attached to the birds as required. The suspect was cited for **Fail to Leave Feathered Head Attached to Game Birds**.

Tpr. Clement (Albany) responded to a possible duck hunter shooting seagulls at E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area, Camp Adair. The hunter was using lead shot in a non-toxic shot-only area. Clement cited the subject for **Hunting Prohibited Method—Lead Shot** and warned for not having a plug in the shotgun.

Tpr. Clement (Albany) responded to a turkey hunting complaint in Polk County. Upon arrival at the residence, Clement verified the turkeys had been shot earlier that afternoon. The turkeys had been cleaned and placed in a refrigerator. The same suspect had been cited earlier in the year for turkey violations by Tpr. Olsen (Salem). The suspect was subsequently cited for **Failure to Immediately Validate Turkey Tag**.

Rct. Imholt (Springfield) patrolled the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area and watched a group of hunters shoot at a duck that was passing by. After being hit several times, the duck set its wings and landed into the water approximately 500 yards away from the hunters. There was no attempt to retrieve the duck for 30 minutes. Imholt contacted the subjects and asked them why they had not gone after the duck. They said that they knew they hit it and it was crippled but was waiting for it to die. Imholt cited one subject for **Fail to Immediately Retrieve Crippled/Killed Waterfowl** and warned the other two.

Sport Angling

Numerous Angling Violations Detected



Coho salmon. Photo credit: ODFW

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) contacted three anglers on the Sixes River who revealed a host of violations. One angler did not have his salmon tag in possession and was warned for the offense. A second angler had retained two large cutthroat trout during closed trout season. He was cited for the offense and the illegal trout were seized. The third angler had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant out of Multnomah County and was lodged in the Curry County Jail.

Rct. Galusha (Tillamook) contacted a salmon fisherman on the Trask River. Upon inspection of the angler's harvest card, Galusha noticed the angler validated one wild Chinook salmon with the current date. When asked where the fish was, the suspect admitted to removing only the eggs and then discarding the fish back into the river since it was dark. The subject showed Galusha the eggs. The subject was cited for **Removing Salmon Eggs without Retaining the Carcass**.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) observed salmon anglers on the upper Elk River. Barden noticed two of the anglers kept jerking their lines, attempting to snag salmon. The anglers also were using large hooks with several ounces of weight hooked below the weight. Barden contacted the anglers, one of which did not have an angling license or salmon harvest card. Barden warned both anglers for Attempting to Snag Salmon and cited both for **Angling Prohibited Method**. The unlicensed angler was also cited for **No 2009 Angling License**.

Sgt. Perske (Roseburg) was observing subjects angling for coho on the upper North Umpqua. Subjects were observed foul-hooking and landing 20 plus coho and foul-hooking and losing probably 20 more in about an hour. All snagged fish were released. The suspects were fishing with a long leader, bare hook, and single bead above that. One subject, who was not having any luck, switched to two 1/2-ounce bare hooks with round ball jig heads and began aggressively jerking. He snagged four coho and lost two others in about 20 minutes before he was contacted. Perske cited the subject for **Snagging**.

Sgt. Allori (Portland) checked a large number of sturgeon anglers at a location on the Willamette River in Oregon City. After checking the anglers, Allori parked across the street from this location where he could observe anglers without being noticed. After a few minutes, Allori saw an angler he had just checked catch and keep a sturgeon without validating his sturgeon tag. The angler threw his gear and the sturgeon into the trunk of his vehicle immediately afterwards and left the river. Allori stopped the vehicle a short distance away. The angler was cited for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**. The sturgeon was the angler's fifth sturgeon for the year.

Sr. Tpr. Harris and Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) contacted a subject who was reportedly taking coho salmon in Tenmile Creek. The suspect was cited for **Unlawful Taking Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon, Failure to Validate Deer Tag, and UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**. Several warnings were given for other wildlife offenses discovered during the contact.

Tpr. Mayer and Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) worked an early morning assignment on the Umatilla River below Three Mile Dam at a location where local troopers have received several reports of subjects snagging coho salmon. Troopers contacted one subject after he snagged and retained a salmon. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Snagged Salmon**.

Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) and Rct. Herman (Astoria) contacted two subjects angling on the Multnomah Channel near Sauvie Island. Upon contact, the troopers observed two fishing poles and two sticks all with lines attached in the water. Herman determined each individual was angling with two lines. The subjects were cited for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Poles and No Angling License**. One fish was seized as evidence.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) observed two young males land a large Chinook salmon on the Pistol River. While moving in to contact the anglers a short while later, Barden observed the anglers quickly leave the area and get into their vehicle. Barden caught up with the vehicle and stopped it for a traffic violation. A consent search revealed the anglers did not keep the salmon, but the driver admitted he did not have an angling license and that was why he tried to leave so quickly. The driver was cited for **No Angling License**.



Chetco River. Photo credit: USFS

While patrolling the Chetco River (a closed stream), Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) observed a pickup parked near a known problem snagging area. Upon investigation, Van Prooyen observed two male high school students angling and talking about how the salmon had probably already gone up stream. When contacted, both stated they were fishing for trout and did not know the river was closed. Both were cited for **Angling Closed Stream** and their 3/4-ounce lures were seized.

Marine Board / Commercial Fish / Marine

Troopers Worked a Variety of Marine-Related Cases

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) responded to a report of an injured sea turtle near Nye Beach in Newport. The turtle was determined to be an Olive Ridley. Urbigkeit took the turtle to the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport to be rehabilitated.

While inspecting a drag boat after offloading groundfish in Charleston, Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) determined that two deckhands did not have commercial fishing licenses. Bowen cited each deckhand for **No Individual Commercial Fishing License**.

Tpr. Dietz (Pendleton) and Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River above McNary Dam. They contacted several migratory bird hunters and steelhead anglers. They issued only one citation for **No Angling Harvest Card in Possession**.

While conducting a drift boat patrol on the Sixes River, Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) and Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) issued one subject a citation for **Fail to Validate Salmon Tag**. The troopers also gave out warnings for No Salmon Tag in Possession and Insufficient Number of Life Jackets, and they performed numerous boat safety inspections.

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) responded to an angling complaint on the Alsea Bay. She contacted two subjects who were found to be in possession of five undersized Dungeness crab. Additionally, they had no shellfish licenses. Van Meter cited each subject for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab** and **No Shellfish License**.

An ODFW employee contacted a dory boat angler in Pacific City who retained a cabezon after it had closed to sport retention. The commercial fisherman asked if cabezon was closed to commercial retention, and the ODFW employee told him no. The fisherman then stated it was a commercial trip. Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) followed up on the information and found out the fisherman never sold the cabezon to a wholesale dealer. Howell contacted the fisherman who stated he was unable to find a local buyer and did not want to drive to Newport for one fish. The fisherman was subsequently issued a citation for **Failure to Sell Commercially Taken Cabezon**.



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Public Relations

Meetings and Presentations

Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) attended the ODFW High Desert Region meeting held at the Bend Bowman Archery Club. He received a Special Recognition award for his work with ODFW.

Lt. Lane (NW Region) provided a presentation to 47 OSU Forestry program students, including the *Status of Poaching in Oregon* PowerPoint and the *Native American Remains and the Law* DVD, during a Recreation Resource Management class. Good comments were received on the presentation.

Sgt. Pond (Bend) presented a young hunter with a \$250 TIP reward for information that resulted in the arrest of a subject for **Taking Deer without a Valid Tag**. The subject killed a deer in the Metolius Unit on opening day of deer season and then placed his Western Oregon deer tag on it. On a side note, our reward recipient returned to the Metolius Unit on the last weekend and harvested a nice four-point buck.

Lt. Lane (NW Region) attended the annual Government-to-Government Summit in Salem. The summit brings together tribal leaders and officials from Oregon's Native American tribes and the Governor and State agency heads and employees to review activities for the prior year. Lt. Lane provided a presentation on how he has used the *Native American Remains and the Law* DVD to train law enforcement officials and others in the proper handling of inadvertently discovered Native American remains as directed by Oregon Revised Statutes.

Assistance Provided to Angler's Lab

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) worked Siltcoos and Tahkenitch Lakes, checking several boaters, coho anglers, and duck hunters. One angler's black lab had a hook stuck in its leg. The angler asked Salisbury about a local veterinarian, and Salisbury relayed that the veterinarian was not open on Sunday. Salisbury checked the dog's leg and assured the subject they could get the hook out. Together, they removed the hook and everyone was happy (including the dog).



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Interagency Cooperation

Manager Located Subjects Hunting Turkeys Closed Season

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) responded to the White River Wildlife Management Area (WRWMA) near Pine Grove after WRWMA Manager Josh Moulton located two men who claimed to be hunting turkeys (during closed season). The men had two 12-gauge shotguns, a 30-06 rifle, and a .270 rifle in their possession and were camping on the wildlife area. No evidence could be located indicating they killed any wildlife prior to being caught. The area maintains large numbers of deer, including numerous large bucks, on the winter range in the area at this time of the year. Both men were cited for **Hunting Turkey Closed Season**.

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Montana Assisted with Deer Case

Rct. Galusha, Tpr. Howell, and Rct. King (Tillamook) responded to a complaint where a Garibaldi subject brought into Oregon two deer carcasses with banned parts and a 2 x 3 mule deer head with the skull attached all harvested in Montana. A joint investigation between the Division and the State of Montana revealed that the Garibaldi subject had been hunting with a Montana subject when the Montana subject shot and killed both a 2 x 3 buck mule deer and an illegal doe mule deer. As the Garibaldi subject's sister lives in Montana, he contacted his sister and had her apply her deer tag to the buck, while the doe remained untagged. The Garibaldi subject transported both deer into Oregon in violation of CWD, tagging, and possession laws. Troopers subsequently cited the Garibaldi subject for **Unlawful Possession of Mule Deer and Importation of Cervid Mule Deer Carcasses Killed in State with CWD**. The State of Montana handled the investigation involving the Montana subjects.

Cooperation Investigations with USFS LEOs

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) received a report from USFS employees of two subjects in the Metolius Unit putting deer meat into their vehicle. The subjects advised the meat was from a road-struck doe. Hayes responded from over 100 miles away to investigate and had local deputies contact the subjects while en route. During the investigation, the meat was checked with a thermometer and a 10-degree difference between some of the meat was noted. Hayes learned the subjects had been driving around the Metolius Unit and killed two bucks in separate locations hours apart. He found the kill sites several miles apart with wasted meat. Hayes cited the first subject for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Taking Deer Closed Season (x 2)**, and **Waste of a Game Mammal** and the second subject for **Aiding in a Game Violation**.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) responded to assist a USFS LEO near Elk River. The USFS LEO contacted a subject who was found to be in possession of an untagged forked horn buck deer. The subject admitted he shot the buck while walking on a skid road, dragged it to his pickup, and was driving home when contacted. The hunter was warned for failing to immediately validate his faded and almost illegible tag, and cited for **Failing to Attach Big Game Tag in Plain Sight**.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) heard a single shot from his residence just before dark. The next morning, he drove to that approximate location on USFS land at first light and saw three vehicles parked together. He found fresh ATV tracks leading from the vehicles and heading cross-country. He ran the plates, and none of the registered owners had tags for that unit. All three registered owners are known suspected wildlife violators. Ritter could see smoke coming up from the drainage in the direction the ATV tracks went. He assumed the smoke was a very early warming fire. He drove up the road and checked a couple of hunters. When he went back a short time later, the three vehicles were gone. He drove into Mt. Vernon and located one of the suspects. Ritter learned the suspect and his friends were in the area just walking around at daybreak on the opening morning of the second elk season.



Snag on fire. *Photo credit: National Park Service file photo*

Ritter asked Sr. Tpr. Johnson (John Day) to meet him at the location where he saw the suspect vehicles and search for any signs of poaching activity. They followed the fresh ATV tracks to the location where Ritter had seen smoke rising earlier that morning. They found a very large, approximately 50-60-foot tall snag engulfed in flames. About 300-400 yards further up the ATV trail, they found a large root wad with the tree still attached engulfed in flames, and the flames had burned along the fallen tree. Both fires appeared to have been intentionally set, and no reasonable person could have concluded that either of the fires was intended to be a "warming" fire. They reported the incident to the USFS, who sent a fire-fighting crew to extinguish the fires, and the case was turned over to the USFS LEO.

Interagency Cooperation

SOs Helped Investigate Wildlife Violations

Morrow County SO received a report of a subject shooting a red-tailed hawk from a vehicle off Depot Road near Irrigon. The Morrow County SO deputy located the suspect vehicle and driver. It was determined the suspect was involved in the shooting, and information was forwarded to Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) for follow-up. Jewett contacted the suspect. As a result of his investigation, he cited for **Taking Protected Wildlife—Red-Tailed Hawk** and **Shooting from a Roadway**.

Tpr. Dietz and Sgt. Brown (Pendleton) responded to the Irrigon Wildlife Area to a report of 12 high-power rifle shots and spotlighting. Upon arrival, Morrow County Undersheriff Myron had previously checked the area and could not locate any suspects. Officers contacted the reporting party who gave specific directions to where the activities took place. They searched the area again, but they could not find any signs of wildlife violations. Officers could only find evidence where a vehicle drove in circles on and off the roadway.

Tpr. O'Connor and Rct. Warwick (Astoria) assisted the Clatsop County SO with the search of a suspect who allegedly assaulted another individual with a baseball bat. SO deputies located and arrested the suspect. Officers developed information that the victim poached a spike deer. They gathered enough evidence to obtain a search warrant for the victim's residence. Sgt. Scroup, Sr. Tpr. Wood, Tpr. O'Connor, Rct. Warwick (Astoria), Tpr. Corket (Patrol), and Rct. Schuerger (Patrol) served the warrant. As a result of the investigation, the following charges were forwarded to the DA: **Unlawful Possession of Blacktail Deer, Unlawful Possession of Psilocybin Mushroom, Unlawful Possession of Marijuana, Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, and Violation of a Release Agreement**.

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ODFW Office Staff and Biologists Provided Assistance in Big Game Investigations

Sgt. Allori (Portland) received a complaint from a local meat processor of a hunter who had brought in an elk with a 2006 elk tag on it and then had left to return to his residence. Allori and Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) were en route to the subject's residence when they were contacted by the Clackamas ODFW office who advised that the subject hunter was now in their office applying for an elk tag after the season. Allori and Schoenborn contacted the subject at ODFW. As a result of their investigation, Allori cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Elk**. The elk was subsequently processed, seized, and donated to the Portland Rescue Mission.

Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) became aware of an landowner preference (LOP) tag violation while meeting with Heppner ODFW Biologist Steve Cherry. A local landowner who had taken a 6 x 6 bull elk during the first season had brought in his unvalidated elk tag and requested two damage cow elk tags. Mayer was aware the landowner had taken an elk with his LOP tag and started an investigation to confirm all the facts. When Mayer contacted the landowner the next day, the landowner denied the incident. As a result of the investigation, Mayer determined the suspect killed the 6 x 6 bull elk the first day of elk season, did not tag it, and then attempted to turn it in for the deprecation cow tags. Mayer subsequently cited the landowner for **Fail to Validate Big Game Tag** and **Making False Application for Big Game Tag** and seized the deprecation tags.



Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) and ODFW Biologist Brian Wolfer followed up on some information that a spike bull elk had been shot along the Middle Fork of the Willamette River on an island below the Clearwater Boat Landing. The only way to access the carcass was by boat. Maher ran the jet boat to the location and found the carcass. It appeared the elk was shot a few days before, and most of the meat had been removed from the carcass. A waterfowl hunter who was floating the river found the carcass and reported it. There are no suspects at this time. No season was in progress when the bull was killed.

Sgt. Brown (Pendleton) received information regarding a possible wildlife violation from Cameron Sponseller, an ODFW employee working Bridge Creek Wildlife Area. Two hunters were seen in the area where three elk were found lying dead on a hillside, with one presumably a cow elk. Brown and Volunteer McDougall located the subjects. They determined one of the hunters shot into a group of elk at a spike and thought he had a clear shot, but killed a cow as well. While at the location, another spike bull was located on the plateau below, and no one claimed it. The elk were processed and given to charity. Brown cited the shooter of the cow elk for **Taking Cow Elk Closed Season**. There were 10 elk killed on that hillside in one day. Another spike bull was reported to have been shot and left by a subject later that evening, but was unsalvageable.

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