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FLORENCE RECEIVES AND LAUNCHES NEW BOAT

The Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division recently placed a new 25 foot North River Rigid Aluminum Inflatable Vessel (RAIV) boat into service in Florence. The new water craft was purchased to replace a 1992 model Rigid Hull Inflatable (RHI) and will, as reported by Fisheries Section Lieutenant Dave Anderson, “provide the Florence Fish and Wildlife Trooper a reliable safe platform from which to enforce ocean fisheries such as crab and salmon.” The RAIV is an advancement in the development of the RHI. Defined in Wikipedia, *a rigid-hulled inflatable boat, (RHIB) or rigid-inflatable boat (RIB) is a light-weight but high-performance and high-capacity boat constructed with a solid, shaped hull and flexible tubes at the gunwale. The design is stable and seaworthy. The inflatable collar allows the vessel to maintain buoyancy even if a large quantity of water is shipped aboard due to bad sea conditions. The RIB is a development of the inflatable boat.*



RHI as it is being built. Photo credit: File

Uses include work boats (supporting shore facilities or larger ships) in trades that operate on the water, as well as use as lifeboats and military craft, where they are used in patrol roles and to transport troops between vessels or ashore. (OSP Fish and Wildlife uses the boats for many patrol operations).

The combination of rigid hull and large inflatable buoyancy tubes was patented by Admiral Desmond Hoare in 1969 after research and development at Atlantic College in Wales.

In 1964, Rear-Admiral Desmond J. Hoare and his students at Atlantic College in South Wales replaced the torn bottom of their 12-foot-long (3.7 m) sailing club rescue inflatable boat by a plywood sheet glued to the inflatable tubes. This proved a successful modification but was rather uncomfortable at speed offshore and so the floor was rebuilt with a “Deep-Vee” bow blending to a nearly flat section stern. This boat was named Atlanta and later that year an Atlantic College RIB was displayed at the London Boat Show.^[1]

The first commercial RIB is believed to be the Avon Rubber Co Searider which was launched at the January 1969 London Boat Show.



RHI on the river. Photo credit: File

The hull is made of steel, wood, aluminum, or more commonly, a combination of wood for the structure and glass-reinforced plastic (GRP) composite for the shaped and smooth surface. Some manufacturers also weave Kevlar into the GRP sheets for extra strength. The hull of a RIB is shaped to increase the performance of the boat in the water by optimizing its hydroplaning characteristics. “Deep-Vee” hulls cut through waves easily but require greater engine power to start planing than “Shallow-Vee” hulls, which plane at lower speed but with a more uncomfortable ride. As with the design of most boat hulls they represent a compromise of different design characteristics. Modern “all round” RIB hulls combine a “Deep-Vee” hull at the bow which flattens out to present a broad planing pad. This is a flat area on the rear of the hull designed to allow the boat to have a stable surface to plane on.

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The tubes are usually constructed in separate sections to reduce the effect of a puncture, each with a valve to add or remove air.

1 ^ Sutcliffe, David: The RIB and its place of birth the Atlantic College, Granta Editions, 2010; ISBN 978-1-85757-103-5

The custom made tubes of the new RAIV are puncture and UV resistant, featuring heavy-duty fendering where it counts, pressure relief valves and an ease of installation. All seams are welded and taped to enhance durability and airtight integrity with heavy-duty rub rail and "D" ring patches for adhering lifelines. All tubes are tested to double working pressure and over-pressure relief valves are installed to prevent damage.

Every RAIV hull is constructed with marine grade aluminum (5086) and filled with waterproof foam so even when the tube chambers are deflated it's virtually unsinkable. All seams and joints are welded continuously on both sides ensuring strong, trouble-free service for years to come.

OSP Fish and Wildlife currently has seven Rigid Hull boats. With the exception of the one in Roseburg, they are all situated at different stations along the Oregon Coast. Sr. Tpr. Scott Salisbury appreciates the qualities of the new Rigid Hull.

"Great new boat. It has a much better design with many new safety features and comforts. It has a covered cabin that has seats and storage with better visibility. It has rails along the sides, more storage, covered/



RHI on the river. Photo credit: File

better console. This boat takes rougher seas and allows us to patrol in more diverse weather conditions."

Inter-Agency Cooperation

On Saturday 03-09-2013 Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher and Sr. Tpr. Ron Martin attempted to locate the vehicle of a suicidal subject from Oakridge. The vehicle was located on property below Hills Creek Dam. The vehicle was unoccupied so the troopers searched the area in an effort to locate the suicidal subject. A cell phone was heard ringing near a grove of trees near the vehicle. The subject was found deceased with a single self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head and a pistol in close proximity to the body. Oakridge PD was still in the process of taking the initial suicidal subject report when the body was located. Sergeant Brewster responded to the scene. Next of kin notification was conducted by Sr. Tpr. Maher and Oakridge PD Chief Scobert.

Japanese Tsunami Debris on Horsfall Beach



Tsunami Debris on Horsfall Beach. Photo Credit: File

A boat approximately 20' in length washed ashore north of Coos Bay on Horsfall Beach and is believed to be debris from the Japan Tsunami. State Parks and ODFW have been notified and will be working to have the boat removed and any invasive species addressed.

Assistance to Deschutes CO SO on Metal Theft Investigation

Sr. Tpr. Hayes received a request for assistance from Deschutes County Sheriff's Office in locating a metal theft suspect. Sr. Tpr. Hayes located the subject in Bend with the stolen scrap metal. The subject was lodged at the Deschutes County Jail for Theft I and Criminal Trespass II.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AIS	Aquatic Invasive Species	FTA/FTP	Failure to Appear/Pay	Rct.	Recruit
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	IDFG	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game	Sgt.	Sgt.
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	ODFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife	UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	ODOT	Department of Transportation	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
DA/DDA	District Attorney/Deputy DA	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	OPRD	Parks and Recreation Department	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DSL	Department of State Lands	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
DWS	Driving while Suspended	PFD	Personal Flotation Device	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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Wildlife / Hunting

Suspect Admits Hunting on Enclosed Land

Sr. Tpr. Michael Reel (Portland) was assigned an investigation into a terminated fire department volunteer. After multiple interviews with witnesses and friends Sr. Tpr. Reel and Tpr. Schoenborn contacted the suspect at a relative's residence. The suspect admitted to hunting on fire department property without permission on two occasions. The suspect also admitted to hunting after legal hours and using his vehicle headlights. Suspect was cited and released on scene for Hunting on Enclosed Land of Another. (2 counts). The suspect will have additional charges of Hunting Closed Hours and Hunting With the Aid of an Artificial Light.

Trapper Cited

Tpr. Tague was assisted by BLM Law Enforcement with a trapping investigation. Tpr. Tague and a BLM Ranger were checking a trap line near Paisley when they observed a trout in one of the snare sets. The trap line also had been within 300 feet of campgrounds and a trailhead. The trapper was contacted and confessed to using the trout in his traps. The trapper was cited for the violation of Trapping Prohibited Method - Game Fish as Trap Bait and warned on the set back violations.

Knock & Talk Results in Citation

Sr. Tpr. Harris was assisted by Myrtle Point PD in conducting a knock and talk at a residence where it was reported that there was a fresh buck deer head in the back yard. The deer head, as well as about 40 pounds of deer meat, were located at the residence. As a result of the investigation, the suspect was cited and released for Unlawful Possession of Buck Deer.

Duck Hunter Cited for Hunting in Moving Motorboat

Sr. Tpr. Harris investigated a report of duck hunters shooting ducks from a motorboat under power. The witness had videotaped the suspects. Two juveniles were identified and located. One of the suspects had been warned recently for other wildlife offenses and was subsequently cited for Hunting Ducks from a Moving Motorboat.

Poacher Cited

Tpr. Keeler and Sr. Tpr. Harris investigated a report of a subject shooting a doe and fawn near Coos Bay. Investigation revealed the suspect had shot the two deer at night in his back yard, taking the meat, then dumping the hides, guts, and other parts into an open well on his landlord's property. The suspect was located and charged with two counts of Taking Deer Closed Season.

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Pit Bulls Harassing Deer in K Falls

Sr. Tpr. Niehus responded to a report of two pit bulls killing a deer in the south suburbs of Klamath Falls. He arrived to find the dogs had been chased off and the deer barely clinging to life. The witnesses reported the same dogs having chewed on a deer several weeks prior, in the same field. A check of the area found the deer had been dragged all over the field by the pit bulls. The deer had to be put down and the carcass was donated to Badger Run Wildlife Rehab for use with rescued birds. Several pit bulls were found in the local area, none matched or had blood on them. An attempt will be made to locate the suspect dogs.

Illegal Importation and Sale of Bobcats and Foxes Preemptively Stopped

Sr. Tpr. Niehus assisted California wardens by contacting a subject in Oregon who had left California before wardens could contact him about an illegal taking of a bobcat. Sr. Tpr. Niehus was able to obtain the information the California wardens needed and they will contact the subject when he returns to California. The investigation and subsequent contact likely preemptively stopped the illegal importation and sale of bobcats and foxes into Oregon.

Cougar Hunter Cited for Using Dogs

In February, Sr. Tpr. Bean contacted a subject who stated he was bobcat hunting. The subject told Sr. Tpr. Bean that he had not put out on anything that day. After breaking contact, Sr. Tpr. Bean drove down the road a short distance and located a spot in the fresh snow where the subject had let his dogs out on a large cougar track. Sr. Tpr. Bean could hear the dogs about a mile away with what sounded like a cougar tread. Before Sr. Tpr. Bean could get to the dogs, the subject located the treed cougar and pulled his dogs off. The cougar ran off. Later, Sr. Tpr. Hayes located the subject near his residence. The subject admitted to lying and stated that it was an accident. Sr. Tpr. Bean later cited and released the subject for Unlawful Pursuit of Cougar with Dogs.



Photo Credit: File

Delayed Reporting Results in Seizure of Bobcats

Tpr. Imholt followed up on a suspect who tried to set up an appointment to check in his bobcats. The deadline to check them in had passed. The trapper said he thought he had more time to check them in. He was cited for Failure to Check in Bobcats within 5 Days of the Close of Season and the three bobcats were seized.

Wildlife / Hunting

Juveniles Confess to Multiple Charges

Sr. Tpr. Hayes responded to a report of a deceased buck deer on BLM land east of Bend that had the antlers allegedly sawed off. While at the kill site of the doe deer, .22 caliber shell casings and two sets of foot tracks were back tracked to a residence approximately one mile from the kill site. Tpr. Young responded to assist during the interview of two teenage boys. A subsequent interview led to a confession. Subject was cited for Taking Deer Closed Season and Waste of Wildlife; .22 cal. rifle seized.

Shooting Complaint at Tumalo Reservoir

Sr. Tpr. Hayes received a shooting complaint at Tumalo Reservoir. The suspect was located and found to be in possession of two firearms. The subject was also found to be in possession of a falsely applied for 2012 hunting license. The subject admitted to having an unlawfully taken 3x3 buck deer and four additional firearms at his residence. The firearms and deer antlers were seized. The subject was found to have 2002 and 2004 felony convictions and was lodged at the Deschutes County Jail for Felon in Possession of Firearm x6, False App. 2012 Hunting License, and Illegal Possession of Buck Deer Skull Antlers.

Elk Shot on Expired Landowner Damage Tag

Tpr. Peterson responded to a complaint that an elk had been shot on a landowner damage tag, where the tag had been expired. Tpr. Peterson arrived and found a small young bull that had been shot (landowner can only harvest a cow) and verified that the landowner tag was in fact expired. The elk was seized and the subject was cited for Unlawful Taking Elk.



Elk Shot. Photo credit: File

Saturation Patrol in Three Counties Results in Numerous Contacts

OSP Fish and Wildlife Troopers, US Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers and Lincoln and Benton County Forest Deputies conducted two late night saturation patrols in Lincoln, Benton and Polk Counties. The patrols were targeting hunters utilizing hounds to hunt bobcats as well as trespass issues on industrial timber property. Law enforcement officers contacted a total of 11 hound hunters pursuing bobcats and raccoons along with an additional 9 contacts of individuals who were not hunting. Several traffic warnings were issued. Tpr. Van Meter assisted Benton County Deputy Iverson with a hunter who had access to a firearm and was a convicted felon. The hunter was charged with Felon in Possession of a Firearm and the rifle was seized.

22 Illegal Traps Seized Near Columbia River

Tpr. Chris Boeholt resolved a trapping investigation after several complaints of illegal traps were reported on City of Portland Property near the Columbia River. Tpr. Boeholt used trailcams catching the person setting the illegal traps. Tpr. Boeholt eventually found the trapper, a teenager, as he was setting his traps. A juvenile was cited for Trapping in the City Limits and Fail to Check Traps within 48 Hours. 22 illegal traps were also seized.

Juveniles Take Elk Illegally

An investigation continued into the shooting and waste of a large bull elk in February on Thunder Mountain approximately 12 miles south of Glide. Mid-March, Sr. Tpr. Merritt received information about possible suspects in the case. Troopers contacted and interviewed two teens. Troopers learned that they had driven to Thunder Mountain at night and then spotlighted and shot at least one elk. Two rifles were seized along with other evidence in the case. Both subjects will be cited for Taking Elk Closed Season, Taking Elk with the Aid of Artificial Light and Waste of an Elk.

Citations in NW Region

Tpr. O'Connor received a report of a hunter wanting to turn himself in for mistakenly shooting a spike elk with a Landowner Preference Tag (LOP). The hunter was contacted and cited for Unlawful Take of Spike Elk - Closed Season. The hunter stated he shot the elk minutes before shooting hours ended and thought he was shooting at a cow elk.



Elk seized. Photo credit: File

Tpr. Caleb Borchers responded to a hunting complaint at Rooster Rock State Park. Upon his arrival, Tpr. Borchers was met by the reporting party who told the Trooper that he had seen a subject shoot at geese only yards from the boat ramp in the park as well as throughout the canal leading out to the river. Tpr. Borchers eventually located the hunter who was cited for Hunting Closed Area- State Park.

Unlawful Possession of Cougar

Tpr. Brandon received information from the Reedsport Police Department regarding a report of a dead bobcat left on the porch of a residence in Reedsport. The bobcat turned out to be a young road struck cougar. The owner of the residence was ultimately contacted at which time he admitted to accepting the cougar from a co-worker and had intended to retain the claws from the cat. The co-worker was also contacted and admitted to picking up the cat from the side of a highway a few days prior. Both subjects were cited for Unlawful Possession Game Animal - Cougar.

Sport Angling

Illegal Angler Snags Himself



Photo credit: File

While conducting a boat patrol on the Columbia River in the Bonneville Pool area, Tprs. Frazier, Gunderson and Routson (The Dalles) approached a boat with one occupant angling for sturgeon near the mouth of the Big White. Once the angler realized the boat approaching him was OSP Troopers he immediately started to frantically move around in his boat and started to reel his fishing line up. As the Troopers approached, it appeared that he was fighting another fish. They also noticed he had retained a sturgeon which was tied off to his boat.

Troopers made contact and the angler advised he was hung up on something. Once he was able to get the hook up to the surface it was apparent he was entangled with another rope line. The Troopers tied off to his boat and assisted with the retrieval of the line. As they were tied off they noticed two half empty containers of sand shrimp along with lead weights on the deck of his boat. They were able to pull the rope and weight to the surface and discovered at the end of the rope was a sack of sand shrimp and several balls of weight tied to the end.



Sand shrimp bait used for illegal chumming for sturgeon. Photo credit: File

With the evidence at hand and following an interview with the angler, it was apparent that the angler was chumming for sturgeon. Unfortunately for the angler his frantic attempts to dispose of his chum line as the Troopers approached resulted in him retrieving the evidence instead of him disposing of it. Angler was cited for Taking Sturgeon Prohibited Method-Chumming.

Violation While Ice Fishing

Sr. Tpr. Bean was checking anglers on Diamond Lake when he observed two abandoned poles that were still in their respective ice holes. A check revealed that both still had bait attached. The holes were completely frozen over. A conversation with some people angling a short distance away revealed that the poles had been out for most of the morning. Several hours earlier they noticed a fish on one of the poles and they reeled it in. The subjects appeared and took the fish back to land and put the poles back out. Sr. Tpr. Bean seized both poles. About an hour later Sr. Tpr. Bean observed a young girl at the location looking for the poles. He followed her back to a cabin near the lodge. The occupants told Sr. Tpr. Bean that they could watch the poles from 500 yards away. They had not seen Sr. Tpr. Bean take the poles. Two subjects were later cited for Angling Prohibited Method-Unattended Lines and their poles were returned.

Tpr. Bennett Cites Two on the Illinois River

In February, Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) located three subjects angling on the Illinois River. The first subject was contacted off the Little Falls Trail. The subject was steelhead angling and had been for a couple of hours. No steelhead were caught by the subject. The subject presented a 2012 angling license and tag. The subject stated he had purchased a 2013 license but must have misplaced it with his 2012. The subject was issued a citation for No Angling License.

Later in the day Sr. Tpr. Bennett made his way downstream and found a vehicle parked near McCaleb's Ranch. Bennett hiked up to the deadline at Falls Creek on the south side of the river and observed two males angling in the prohibited area between Fall Creek and the Illinois River Falls on the north side of the river. Bennett observed one of the males hook and land a large steelhead. After landing the steelhead the subject walked the fish up the river and placed it in the rocks. Bennett observed the subjects continuing to angle. Bennett contacted Sgt. Meyer who responded to the scene. Bennett and Meyer walked the goat trail and located both the male subjects. Bennett cited the one subject for Taking Steelhead Prohibited Area and seized the fish. Meyer cited the other subject for Angling Prohibited Area.

Citation on The Rogue River

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) worked the Rogue River checking numerous anglers that were having fair success for winter steelhead. Bennett performed 10 boat inspections and gave 3 boat warnings. Bennett also cited one angler, who told the Trooper he bought his license in June and thought it was good for a year, cited for No Angling License.

Sport Angling

Sport Angling Citations

Tpr. Warwick and Tpr. Shimer conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River and Multnomah Channel. In February, several anglers were contacted resulting in 8 Citations issued for Angling Prohibited Method-Barbed Hooks for Salmon, Angling Prohibited Method-Two Poles and No Angling License.

Sr. Tprs. Bennett and Marchand conducted a jet boat patrol on the Rogue River. Twenty anglers were contacted and four boat inspections performed. Two anglers were cited for No Angling License. One of those anglers, a female angling with young kids, was also warned for possession of four wild trout and educated in regards to angling regulations on the river

Tpr. O'Connor and Tpr. Herman conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River between Astoria and Westport. About 20 anglers were contacted and warnings were given for marine board offenses and barbed hooks. Two citations were issued for Angling Prohibited Method to-Barbed Hooks for Salmon.

Tpr. Shimer and Tpr. O'Connor conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River. During the patrol numerous angling and marine board contacts were made.

The Troopers contacted two men angling from Goat Island who had a large Chinook salmon on the beach. The salmon had not been tagged on a harvest card and an inspection of both subjects gear revealed they had caught the fish with barbed hooks. The fish was seized and donated. One subject was cited for Unlawful Take of a Chinook Salmon, the other was cited for Angling Prohibited Method-Barbed Hooks for Salmon.



Photo credit: File

Angler's Vehicle Gets Sunk

While conducting a boat patrol with Columbia County Marine Deputies, Tpr. Shimer observed a boat angler in a closed angling area. Upon approach, Shimer observed the angler cut and subsequently throw a rope into the water. After questioning, Shimer issued the angler a criminal citation for Depositing Litter Within a Waterway. After clearing the contact, Shimer and the deputies observed the same angler at the Gilbert Boat Ramp attempting to retrieve his vessel. While doing so, the angler failed to set the emergency brake on his tow vehicle, eventually submerging the vehicle in the Multnomah Channel. A tow truck was contacted to retrieve the boat and sunken vehicle.

Boats Inspected on Multiple Rivers

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher worked boaters and anglers on the MF Willamette River, Dexter Reservoir, and Hills Creek Reservoir. During his patrol he checked 10 anglers and inspected 10 boats completing a BER during each boating contact. While working Hills Creek Reservoir he cited two individuals for UPCS- Less Than One Ounce of Marijuana. Sr. Tpr. Maher also assisted LCSO forest patrol by assisting a citizen that had slid off of a Forest Service road and had become stuck in the snow. A tow was called for the vehicle and a forest deputy arrived and stood by with the citizen until the tow arrived.

Tpr. Warwick, Tpr. Shimer and Sgt. Schwartz (Astoria) conducted boat patrols on the Columbia River and Multnomah Channel. Several anglers were contacted resulting in citations issued for PCS-Less Than One Ounce of Marijuana x2, Angling Prohibited Method-Barbed Hooks for Steelhead x 2, No Personal Flotation Device and No Invasive Species Permit.

Tprs. Frazier, Gunderson and Rouston (The Dalles) conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River in the Bonneville Pool resulting in the following activities.

21 Marine Board checks
70 angler checks
1 commercial boat fish check
5 citations issued
8 warnings

Citations during the boat patrol included:

Unlawful retention of undersize sturgeon
Unlawful possession of a falsely applied for license
No 2013 angling license
Marine Board citations for expired registration 2011

Warnings

AIS warnings, 1- unlawful retention of sturgeon, 1- sound producing device

Type IV, 1- no tribal ID on person.

Adults Fishing in Juvenile Only Pond

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) contacted two adults ice angling at Shevlin Pond in Bend which is a youth only angling pond. Subjects had one trout and were contacted after refusing to let a juvenile fish. Subjects did not have 2013 angling licenses and one was the subject of a 2012 complaint for doing the same thing. Subject was cited for no 2013 Angling License and Angling in a Prohibited Area.

Sport Angling / Shell Fish

Angler Tempted by Closed Area Near Hatchery

Tpr. Nugent was working the hatchery area on foot when he observed four individuals angling a section of the river that was right next to a closed section. Tpr. Nugent waited to see if temptation would get the best of one of the individuals and it did. After one of the anglers swiveled his head and looked in all directions to see if he was being watched he started casting in the middle of the closed section. The illegal angler kept a good eye out from side to side and behind him to make sure he was in the clear for wrong doing, he just forgot to look directly in front of himself. Tpr. Nugent waited in plain view directly across the river for one of the individuals to take notice. When one of them finally took notice the wrong doing angler's attention turned to Tpr. Nugent. Tpr. Nugent told them he would meet them in the hatchery parking lot for his citation. Tpr. Nugent then met the angler and cited him for Angling Closed Area.

Sandy River Angler Gets Caught With Sturgeon

In February, Tpr. Caleb Borchers and Sr. Tpr. Mike Reel observed an angler catch an oversize sturgeon on the Sandy River. Sturgeon fishing is prohibited on the Sandy River and Troopers had received information that people were regularly targeting them. The Troopers saw the suspect land the fish, remove it from the water, tie it up and place it back in the water. Sr. Tpr. Reel contacted the suspect who claimed that he only caught a sucker fish. After additional questioning the suspect admitted to catching an oversize Sturgeon. The suspect then stated that he only tied up the sturgeon to keep it from interfering with his sucker fishing gear. The suspect was cited and released for Angling Closed Season and Removing Oversize Sturgeon from the Water. The suspect's friend was cited for Aiding in a Wildlife Offense.

Steelhead Anglers Not in Compliance

Sr. Tpr. Thomas contacted two men steelhead angling from a jet boat on the North Santiam River. During the course of contact, it was discovered that the operator of the boat did not have his angling license or tag, and had numerous Marine Board violations. The second angler in the boat had retained a steelhead, but had not recorded his catch on his combined angling tag. Numerous warnings were issued, and the operator of the boat was cited for Operation of Boat without Registration, while the second angler was cited for Fail to Validate Combined Angling Tag.

East Region Troopers Check on Anglers

While checking ice anglers at Poison Creek Reservoir, Sr. Tpr. Caldwell of Burns cited two people for Angling Prohibited Method-More Than One Line.

While checking ice anglers at North Powder Pond Sr. Tpr. Duncan of Baker City cited an angler for No Angling License.

Tpr. Routson contacted an angler on the Columbia River and cited him for failing to validate his record harvest card after retaining a keeper sturgeon 20 minutes before. The subject claimed he didn't have a pen but had not asked any of the other anglers if he could borrow one.

Port Orford Crabber Cited

Tpr. Keeler, Tpr. Smithers, and Sr. Tpr. Harris conducted an ocean patrol out of Port Orford. One deckhand on a crabbing vessel was cited for No Individual Commercial Fishing License.

Clam Bag Limit Exceeded

Tillamook Tpr. Galusha was checking clambers on Tillamook Bay when he saw three adults and three children on the bay with only one adult doing all the clamming. Upon contact Tpr. Galusha found that the group had retained 26 clams over their daily limit. One subject took credit for the overage and was cited for Exceeding The Bag Limit Bay Clams and the excess clams were returned to the bay.

Undersized Dungeness x2

Tpr. Vogel contacted a boat at the Nehalem Bay boat ramp. The subjects had been crabbing and Tpr. Vogel found that half of the crab were undersized. Two of the subjects admitted to measuring the crab and were subsequently cited for Unlawful Taking of Undersized Dungeness Crab. The crab were released back into the Bay.



Photo credit: File

Tpr. Brandon contacted a subject in Winchester Bay and issued him a citation for Unlawful Take Undersized Dungeness Crab after he tried to conceal the crab in his vehicle.

Out of State Resident with Resident License

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) contacted a crabber on Tillamook Bay who presented him with a resident shellfish license and then a Washington State Instructional Permit. Upon interview with the subject, the subject admitted to trying to save money and using his old Oregon address. The subject was cited for Unlawful Possession Falsely Applied For Resident Angling License.

Commercial Fish / OSMB / Environment

Fish Dealer Cited

Tpr. Vogel (Tillamook) and Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) conducted a check on a local retail fish dealer. This dealer has been contacted twice before and it was found that they were in violation and did not have the appropriate paperwork on site for the food fish they were selling. This inspection had the same results so the owner of the facility was cited for Fail To Maintain Records - Fish Dealer.

No Fish Buyer's License Citation

Tpr. O'Connor and Tpr. Shimer contacted a commercial fisherman in the St. Helens area on a complaint that the subject had "bought back" all of his groundfish for the last few years. During an interview, the subject stated he fished a dory off of Pacific City and landed his fish, using his neighbor's fish ticket book. The subject was cited for No Fish Buyer's License. The same subject had been cited by Sr. Tpr. Thomas in 2009 for Failure To Sell Commercially Taken Groundfish.

Food Fish and Fish Dealer Violations in Seaside

Last spring, Tpr. O'Connor and Tpr. Vogel conducted a dealer inspection at a retail seafood establishment / fish dealer in Seaside. Nearly 500 pounds of halibut cheeks were found with invoices indicating the product was received from an Astoria area resident. The Astoria resident worked at a fish processing plant in Alaska and kept halibut carcasses and cut fillets from the cheeks, packaged them in Alaska, and shipped them to Oregon on a barge. The retailer was cited for Buying Food Fish From an Unlicensed Person. The seller was cited for No Wholesale Fish Dealer License.

On Sept. 17, 2012, the seller entered a no contest plea to one charge of No Wholesale Dealer License and was sentenced by Clatsop County Circuit Court to:

- 12 months Bench Probation
- \$612.00 in fines

Class A Misdemeanor conviction. The retailer was convicted of a violation with fines near \$500.00 and the halibut was forfeited to ODFW.

Boat Inspections

Sr. Tprs. Martin and Marshall Maher worked a 7.5 hour jet boat patrol on the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers. The troopers inspected 24 boats (19 BERS and 5 visuals), checked 40 anglers (21 on the McKenzie and 19 on the Willamette) and issued the following citations; 2 cites for Insufficient PFDS, 2 cites for

No AIS Permits, and 1 cite for No Angling License.

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher worked boaters and anglers at Dexter Reservoir and on the MF Willamette River below Dexter Dam. During the patrol he completed six BER's during boating contacts. He issued one citation to the operator of a drift boat on the MF Willamette for Child Under 12 YOA Not Wearing PFD and No AIS Permit.

Jet Ski Accident Results in Death

In early March, Tpr. Van Meter responded to assist the USCG to investigate a fatal boat crash involving a jet ski. A Lincoln City subject went jet skiing over the Salmon River Bar at 6:00 PM. At 9:30 PM the subject's girlfriend called Lincoln City PD to report him missing. Lincoln County Sheriff's Office located the subject's vehicle at a park on the Salmon River. The USCG was called for search and rescue. At 1:00 AM the following morning, the USCG located the overturned jet ski 1 mile west of Lincoln City. At 7:30 AM the USCG recovered the body of the missing person in the ocean off of Lincoln City. The USCG called OSP at 8:00 AM and Tpr. Van Meter took over the investigation. The subject was operating a 1996 Kawasaki 750 stand-up jet ski. USCG Garibaldi recovered the jet ski and towed it to their station. Tpr. Vogel photographed the vessel and it was returned to the family.

Offender Repeats Unlawful Fill Removal

Sr. Tpr. Thompson followed up on an unlawful fill/removal case involving a repeat offender who had been mining on Sucker Creek in Josephine County since September of 2012. The subject had been issued a permit allowing him to move up to 45 cubic yards of material. He is suspected of moving approximately 200 cubic yards of material. He also violated several other conditions of the permit. Thompson issued him a citation for Unlawful Fill/Removal. Department of State Lands is also working on civil damages regarding this case.

Reeves Creek Illegally Diverted

Sr. Tprs. Marchand and Bennett responded to a complaint of Reeves Creek being dammed. Reeves Creek is a tributary of the Illinois River in the Kerby area. They found that a farmer had diverted the creek for irrigation. Information and photos were taken and the case will be sent to Dept. of State Lands and Water Resources for follow-up.

Environment / General Law

Two Subjects Cited for Garbage Dumping

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) located a large garbage dump on a spur road off Forest Service 1726. The garbage consisted of carpet, appliances, clothes, electronics, and house-hold trash. Sr. Tpr. Kehr found information that led him to a residence about 2-3 miles from the dump site. When he pulled up in the driveway, a moving truck was backed up to the garage. The suspect was contacted and asked why he dumped his property in the woods instead of loading it in the moving truck. He eventually admitted to the offense. He was cited and released for Offensive Littering, and said he would pick up his garbage.

Sr. Tpr. Davis (La Grande) followed up on a litter dump he located on Hwy 237. Evidence at the scene led to a subject being cited and released for littering w/in 100-yards of a waterway.

ATV Driver Causes Damage

Sr. Tpr. J. Stone observed a subject operating an ATV in a problem area of Cooper Creek Park. Upon speaking to Douglas County Parks personnel it was learned they wanted to press charges on the vehicle operator and signed a complaint. The man will be re-contacted and cited for causing damage with an ATV / Operating in Closed Area.

Heppner Office Receives Littering Complaint

Tpr. Jewett received a littering complaint from an ODFW employee out of the Heppner office. The Biologist found where garbage was dumped and burned at the regulated Heppner hunt area. This area is also posted no burning or campfires. The name of the suspect was found in the garbage which turned out to be a local youth. Tpr. Jewett contacted the suspect and he admitted to dumping the trash and said he thought it would all burn away.

Criminal Cite- Offensive Littering
Warning- Burning in a Restricted Area

Offensive Litter Citation

Sr. Tpr. Harris investigated a litter dump in the Lower Smith River area. Investigation revealed that the suspect was paid \$50 to take the trash to the dump, but the trash ended up on a forest road. The suspect was cited for Offensive Littering.

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Criminal Trespass II Charges for Three

Tpr. Warwick observed three men on dirt bikes and one man on an ATV driving toward a plot of private timber property with non-motorized access only. The four men waited until they thought Tpr. Warwick left the area, and then proceeded to go around the gate. When Tpr. Warwick contacted them, the three subjects on dirt bikes had driven past the gate and the man with the ATV had gotten off and was trying to push his ATV through the narrow gap around the gate. The three men with dirt bikes were cited and released for Criminal Trespass II. The man with the ATV was warned because he had been unable to get by the gate.

Littering Near Waterway

Sr. Tpr. Pearson contacted a group of three sturgeon anglers who were just packing up and leaving a fishing spot on the Columbia River near Taylor Lake west of The Dalles. The group had left a glass bait jar, an empty hook package and an empty cookie package behind. One of the members of the group stated that they were planning on walking back the several hundred yards from their vehicle to pick up their garbage. When Sr. Tpr. Pearson pointed out that it clearly could not be true, another one of the anglers admitted they had just left their garbage and had no intention of retrieving it. A cite was issued for the crime of littering within 100 yards of a waterway and the group picked up and removed their garbage.

Probation Violator Has Warrant for Arrest

A subject from a Department Of Water Resources case was supposed to have his sentencing hearing for a probation violation on his failure to drain his 3 reservoirs, but he walked out of the court room before the judge sentenced him. The subject now has a no bail warrant for his arrest.

Sr. Tpr. Hayes received a complaint of DUII driving on a subject from the previous night while investigating menacing case. Subject of complaint was contacted while out looking for his open beer that fell off of his vehicle onto the roadway. Subject was cited for DWS misdemeanor DUII.

Target Shooters Trespass

Tpr. Freitag (Salem) contacted two subjects target shooting on private property which is posted with large signs stating "DO NOT ENTER". One of the subjects admitted they had walked between the signs, but said a guy at the tattoo shop told him it would be fine for him to shoot there. Both subjects were cited in lieu of custody for **Criminal Trespass II**.

General Law

Motorcyclist Reaches 150 MPH

While Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit was en route to the Saltwater Sportsman Show; a motorcycle passed her at a high rate of speed. Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit activated her emergency lights but the motorcycle accelerated and continued to pull away. Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit reached speeds of over 100 MPH, but she lost sight of the motorcycle within a couple of miles so she terminated the pursuit. NCC put out an attempt to locate and Benton County Deputies attempted to stop the motorcycle on Hwy. 20 west of Philomath. A pursuit ensued with them. The motorcycle went westbound on Hwy. 34 and through a construction zone with active workers. The motorcycle ran out of gas and was coasting downhill west of Mary's Peak as the deputies caught back up with it. The driver attempted to flee on foot after coming to a stop, but was taken into custody by Benton County. Benton County Sheriff's Officers lodged the driver on Felony Attempt To Elude, Misdemeanor Attempt to Elude, 6 counts of Reckless Endangerment, and PCS-Less of an Ounce of Marijuana. Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit contacted the subject at the jail and cited the driver for two Counts of Felony Attempt To Elude. The driver stated he reached speeds of 150 mph when he was eluding Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit.

Marijuana Charges

Tpr. Jewett contacted a suspicious vehicle, with four males inside, parked at the Brownell ponds near the Columbia River. One of the males exited the car and a very strong odor of marijuana came from the subject and the car. Tpr. Jewett obtained written consent from the driver. As the front passenger exited the car, he turned

away and was making abrupt movements to his front belt line area. Tpr. Jewett located a bag of marijuana on the subject that weighed per scale at 26.8 grams. In the vehicle, Tpr. Jewett found one large glass pipe, one digital scale and two grinders. All contained marijuana residue. Cites- PCS-Less than 1 oz. Marijuana x3

Tpr. Thomas (Salem) was checking anglers on the Alsea River when he observed an angler smoking marijuana. The angler was subsequently cited for PCS-Marijuana. Later that day, Tpr. Thomas was checking anglers on the South Santiam River. When Tpr. Thomas walked past one of the angler vehicles, the odor of marijuana was very apparent. The angler who owned the vehicle was located and consented to a search of his vehicle; revealing that he was in possession of a small amount of marijuana. The angler was subsequently cited for PCS-Marijuana.

Sr. Tpr. Stone located five different subjects along the South Umpqua River, three of which were smoking marijuana. The men were contacted and, having been heavily drinking, advised to not drive and to pick up all their empty beer cans. One of the men took ownership of the pipe and pill container with green marijuana. He was cited accordingly and released.

Tpr. Galusha contacted a subject crabbing at Whalen Island near Sand Lake. The subject was extremely nervous and was visibly shaking. Investigation revealed the subject believed he was on probation and possessed a small amount of marijuana in his back pack. A records check showed that the subject was no longer on probation; however, he was issued a citation for Unlawful Possession of Marijuana Less Than 1 Ounce.

Meth Arrests

Tpr. Freitag (Salem) was checking a closed stream for anglers when he contacted a subject. The subject told Tpr. Freitag that he had stopped at that location while he was headed to his grandfather's property to hunt deer. A consent search of the subject's vehicle revealed a glass pipe containing methamphetamine residue. The subject later admitted that

he had driven to this location to smoke methamphetamine, rather than going deer hunting. The subject was arrested and transported to the Linn County Jail where he was cited and released for PCS-Methamphetamine.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) and Tpr. Vogel (Tillamook) responded to a disturbance call where they found a subject who appeared to be very intoxicated on controlled substances. Tpr. Vogel asked the subject to remove his hand from his pocket and the subject pulled out a meth pipe and lighter and started laughing and waving the pipe around. After a short verbal confrontation, Tpr. Vogel arrested the subject for Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine and lodged him in the Tillamook County Jail.

Sr. Tpr. Davis (La Grande) contacted a subject near a timber company gate. The subject admitted to driving his ATV behind a gate and violating a cooperative road closure. The subject was found to have less than one ounce of marijuana and a meth pipe. The subject was taken into custody for PCS-Meth and was lodged in the Union County Jail.

St. Patrick's Day Violator

Tpr. Shimer observed a vehicle approaching him from his rear view mirror. The vehicle appeared to be traveling at a high rate of speed. The vehicle passed the Trooper and was stopped for Violation of Basic Rule. The driver admitted he was out celebrating St. Patrick's Day and had a "few" pints at a Portland bar. The driver consented to and failed Standard Field Sobriety Tests. He was cited and released for DUII-Alcohol.

Menacing With Firearm Investigated

Sr. Tpr. Hayes was flagged down by a female who was being pursued by a male subject that allegedly pulled a Colt 45 over a back pay dispute. The subject's firearm was seized for the night and a report will be forwarded to the Klamath Co. DA for Menacing/Pointing Firearm at Another.

Warrant Arrests / Public Relations

Tpr. Clement (Salem) was conducting angler compliance checks at a local pond when he contacted a subject he had observed coming out of some nearby bushes. A warrant check confirmed that the subject had an outstanding warrant. Tpr. Clement arrested the subject and transported him to jail.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus arrested a subject with a Warrant out of CA for Fugitive from Justice / FTA-Stolen Property. She was lodged at the Klamath Co Jail.

Sr. Troops. Stone and Frerichs observed a man angling on the South Umpqua River. Upon contact he quickly distanced himself from his pole. The Troopers were instantly suspicious given his demeanor; he was found to have felony warrants in Douglas County and no angling license or tag. He was cited for the angling violation and arrested for the outstanding warrants.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) was checking crabbers at Garibaldi when he learned that a truck and boat that had just left the bay had a passenger that had a felony warrant. Sgt. Hoodenpyl located the pickup and boat on Hwy. 101 and saw that the trailer lights did not work. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was contacted. Sgt. Hoodenpyl noticed the rear seat passenger was extremely nervous and moving items around. When Tillamook County Deputies arrived, they recognized the passenger and identified him as having the warrant. The subject immediately jumped from the pickup and ran until he tripped in a yard and was taken into custody. The subject was lodged in the Tillamook County jail on the warrant, Escape, and PCS-Meth.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo and Tpr. Jennings conducted a boat patrol on the Willamette River. While contacting a subject angling without a license, it was determined that he was wanted out of Yamhill County. The Troopers took the subject into custody on 6 felony warrants for Assault in the Third Degree. Tpr. Richardson responded to the area and transported the subject to the Yamhill County Jail.

Tpr. Shimer observed a vehicle pass him and make an un-signalized lane change while swerving in the road. When Tpr. Shimer stopped the vehicle, a passenger exited and ran off before the vehicle accelerated eastbound on Hwy. 30. A pursuit was initiated and lasted approximately 15 miles. Ultimately, the vehicle drove into the St John's area, hit at least one other vehicle and came to a stop in an apartment complex. The driver and only occupant ran from the vehicle, but were taken into custody several minutes later by Tpr. Shimer. Portland Police Bureau assisted in the crash investigation and search of the vehicle. The suspect was lodged on a Felony Warrant, DWS-Misdemeanor, PCS-Meth, Felony/Misd. Attempt to Elude, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering and PCS-Marijuana.

Meetings / Presentations

Sergeant Hand attended a meeting with local farmers, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service regarding goose depredation problems in the Klamath Basin. Local area farmers have become increasingly frustrated with the over-abundance of spring staging geese. The management objective for white-fronted geese in the Pacific Flyway is 300,000 birds; the latest population estimate is 650,000 birds. It is estimated that the majority of these birds stage in the Klamath Basin prior to flying north. A late season goose hunt was implemented several years ago; however, under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, hunting is not allowed after March 10. The majority of the spring birds arrive after March 10. Though nothing has

been finalized, it appears that there is some room for a limited take

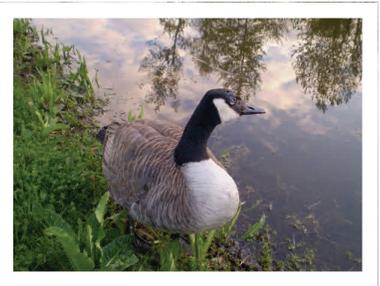


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allowed under depredation permits. Members of the group worked together to put the pieces in place for the permit process.

Tpr. O'Connor and Tpr. Warwick provided a presentation to the Astoria High School salmon biology class. The presentation was designed to peak any interest in future wildlife enforcement careers. As a side note, the students of this class raise salmon at a school sponsored hatchery, the fish are eventually released into Youngs Bay.

Natural Resource Round Table

Sgt. Meyer and Sr. Tpr. Thompson attended a natural resource round table meeting held every six months in the Rogue Valley with DEQ, Dept. of State Lands, USFS, Dept. of Water Resources, Jackson County Planning, Jackson County Code Enforcement, Josephine County Planning, Josephine County Code Enforcement and Oregon Dept. of Geology and Mining Industries. Issues regarding natural resource protection were discussed, with emphasis on Southern Oregon.

Douglas County Sportsman Show

The Douglas County Sportsman Show occurred in February at the Roseburg Fairgrounds. The Trailer of Shame was set up with descriptions and photos of local Douglas County Fish and Wildlife cases that have gone completely through the court system. Troopers received many positive comments from folks at the show.

Public Relations

Jackson County Sportsmen's Show

The Central Point/Grants Pass Fish and Wildlife team worked at the Jackson County Sportsmen's Show. The Fish and Wildlife Division Trailer of Shame was displayed. Numerous contacts were made and the Trailer of Shame was well received by the public. While working at the display troopers were notified of a woman who passed out in the nearby stands for the Great Cats of the World Show. Tprs. Bennett, Cushman and Nugent ran over and found a crowd around a woman who was unconscious and turning blue. Troopers laid her down and determined she was breathing and she had a faint pulse. Cushman ran outside and retrieved his first aid bag as Nugent and Bennett attended to the woman. Troopers learned she had given blood earlier in the day and had complained of a headache and she had not eaten all day. The woman was given department issued oral glucose by the troopers until the medics arrived on scene. The glucose immediately brought color back to the woman and her level of consciousness improved while they waited for medics to arrive. The woman was transported by ambulance to a local hospital. Tpr. Nugent's expertise and medical training was evident and appreciated.

Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show

Several Troopers represented OSP Fish and Wildlife at the Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show, the region's largest show of its kind. In its 38th year, it is reported to be the areas most anticipated annual event for outdoor adventurers and sportsmen of all ages. Contacting nearly 1,000 people, the Troopers had a very busy day answering questions and providing information to the show's many enthusiasts.



Tpr. Van Meter with attendee. Photo Credit: File

Saltwater Sportsmen's Show in Salem

Sponsored by the Oregon Coalition for Educating Anglers (OCEAN), the show was held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem, in early March. Numerous seminars and other educational opportunities were made available to those in attendance. OSP Fish and Wildlife had 10 Division members participating.



Tpr. Jim O'Connor with attendee. Photo Credit: File

Umpqua Fishing Enhancement Derby

The Umpqua Fishing Enhancement Derby occurred the week of January 28—February 3rd. Approximately 40 anglers and guides competed along the North, South and Main Umpqua Rivers. On Thursday, OSP assisted with Kids Day at Cooper Creek Reservoir near Sutherlin. Fifty fifth-graders from Eastwood Grade School in Roseburg got the chance to pair up with the guides after ODFW deposited 1,000 trout into the reservoir; with lots of fish caught. The derby banquet happened on Friday night with both a silent and oral auction. Approximately \$60,000 was raised during the derby which will help to pay for local fish enhancement projects in Douglas County.

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski and Sgt. Lea attended a multi-agency meeting at the Pine Creek Ranch, where public recreational access issues were discussed by the Warm Springs Tribe. The meeting was hosted by Warm Springs Confederated Tribes and also had in attendance some personnel from BLM.

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski provided a law enforcement talk to a hunter education class at the Mt. Jefferson Rifle Club, located in Madras. Approximately 15 students were in attendance along with their associated parents/guardians.

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski, Sr. Tpr. Love, Sr. Tpr. Lindberg, and Tpr. Ring attended the Oregon Bow Hunters Association gathering held at the River House Convention Center in Bend. Troopers discussed various big game cases investigated in the past couple of years.

Troopers Attend a Variety of Events

Sr. Tpr. Hayes attended the Oregon Shed Hunters Association annual awards ceremony at Cabin Lake.

Tpr. Ring gave a presentation to a Hunters Safety class with approximately 45 people in attendance.

Tpr. Ring attended and gave a talk about poaching to the OHA Bend Chapter on Wednesday. Approximately 60 people were in attendance.

Tpr. Ring gave a presentation to a Cub Scout class with approximately 15 people in attendance.

Dispositions

In January a subject pled guilty to one count of Unlawful Take of Blacktail Deer stemming from an investigation from last year. As a result of the guilty plea the defendant was sentenced to the following:

3 year hunting license suspension.
3 years Probation.
Forfeit of a .22 Cal. rifle and 9mm handgun
Not associate with the co-defendant for period of Probation
\$735 Fine
\$1,000 restitution to ODFW

Sr. Tpr. Davis (La Grande) received the court disposition from a case he worked with the assistance of the Idaho Fish and Game. A Boise resident pled guilty in Wallowa County Circuit Court to three misdemeanor charges for Unlawful Take of Cougar: No Tag, No Non-resident Hunting License and Borrowing a Big Game Tag. The subject received the following:

60 month hunting license suspension
\$1,014.50 restitution to ODFW
24 month Probation where the subject cannot accompany any other hunters in the field
90 hours community service
Forfeit the cougar hide and skull
Fines and court fees of \$2,163

Tpr. Jewett cited a subject during the 2012 archery season for Criminal Trespass II where no taking was involved. The subject was convicted and took a plea to have it reduced to a violation. Fine—\$1,060

Last Fall Tpr. Herman had heard from elk hunters that there was a 6 point bull elk hanging in a hunting camp in a certain area on a state forest road in the Saddle Mt. Unit. Herman located the camp, but did not see any elk. One hunter was at the camp, and he eventually told Herman that they did in fact have an elk hanging inside of a trailer at the camp, but that he was not supposed to tell anyone that they did. Subsequent questioning revealed that the hunter's brother did in fact shoot the elk. The hunter said that he had tagged the elk, because his brothers all had 2nd season elk tags. The hunter whose tag was on the elk was cited and released criminally for Loaning a Big Game Tag. A second hunter was cited and released criminally for Unlawful Taking - No Valid 210X Elk Tag and for

Borrowing Big Game Tag. A third hunter was cited and released criminally for Aiding in a Wildlife Offense. The 6 point bull elk was seized.

In March, the Clatsop County Circuit Court convicted two of the subjects involved with the case. One received a 3 year hunting suspension and \$5,400 in fines. The 2nd subject received a 3 year suspension and \$400 in fines for Aiding.

As a result of efforts by Tpr. Jim O'Connor, a suspect was sentenced to 30 days in jail and \$700 in fines (for crimes committed in Clatsop County) relating to commercial crab fishery. This is a nice turnabout from past dispositions for similar conduct by the same suspect.

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*Tpr. Van Meter and Tpr. Tindle responded to a complaint of someone shooting a deer with a gun (archery season). The investigation revealed three men flushed a forked horn black-tail buck deer out of the field and one of the men shot the deer once with a 9mm pistol fatally wounding it. The shooter then shot the deer again with a .22 cal. to kill it. The shooter and accomplices had hidden the body of the deer, head, and 9mm in different locations in the surrounding woods. The body and head of the deer were recovered, the meat was salvaged and given to charity. The 9mm was unable to be located as the shooter had forgotten where it was hidden. The shooter was present during the investigation and was charged for **Unlawful Take of Blacktail Buck Deer; to wit, closed season and Tampering with Physical Evidence.** The handgun was found several days later and turned over to OSP by the shooter.*

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