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Oregon State Police Will Crack Down on Salmon Anglers Using Barbed Hooks

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With spring Chinook season heating up, Oregon State Police will step up enforcement of new barbless hook rules for recreational salmon fishing on the Columbia River and other major fishing spots.

Anglers using barbed hooks face a citation and a \$110 fine. If it's clear they knew about the new rule but used barbed hooks anyway, the offense rises to a Class A misdemeanor.



Spring Chinook fishing near the Sellwood Bridge in 2010.
Photo Credit: Brent Wojahn, The Oregonian

The new barbless rule took effect Jan. 1; in an effort to reduce the mortality of wild fish that anglers catch and then release. Oregon State Police officials say about 80 percent of anglers are complying.

The rule is new, but state troopers aren't letting anglers off the hook. Captain Jeff Samuels, director of OSP's Fish and Wildlife Division, said troopers have issued several citations so far. With spring Chinook returns increasing, he said, enforcement will too.



Barbless

"It's a new regulation, so there is an education piece to it," Samuels said. "but there is no grace period."

Last year, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission mandated use of barbless hooks for all salmon, steelhead and trout fishing in the Columbia River, in the Willamette River below Willamette Falls and in portions of eight tributaries or select areas. The changes are spelled out in ODFW's sport fishing regulation updates.

Anglers can keep hatchery fish -- typically marked by a clipped adipose fin -- up to bag limits. But unmarked wild fish must be released.



Barbed

Barbless hooks should reduce the mortality of wild fish caught and then released, fish managers say, including runs listed under the Endangered Species Act. An existing barbless hook requirement for sturgeon fishing remains in place. —End Article —

Fisheries Lt. Dave Anderson commented, "For decades OSP has enforced barbless hook requirements in various state fisheries, including ocean salmon and Columbia River sturgeon, through visual inspection of hooks. Current enforcement of the new barbless hook rule on the Columbia River and its affected

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tributaries is conducted in the same manner. Troopers do not ensure compliance through the use of cotton balls, business cards or other means of catching material on a barb.

Two-Pole Violation

Sr. Tpr. Stone observed three anglers at Ben Irving Reservoir, one of which was tending two rods. Upon contact it was discovered that one angler did not have a license and the other was using two rods and he did not have a two-rod validation. Since the father was already in violation he decided to claim the female's rod as well and was cited for Angling Prohibited Method to wit: No Two-Pole Validation.

Two Kayakers Receive AIS Warnings

Sr. Tpr. Harris checked two kayakers at Eel Lake. One was cited for No Personal Flotation Device and both were warned for No AIS Permit.

Columbia River Patrol

Sgt. Schwartz conducted a solo boat patrol on the Columbia River this week, which resulted in 3 citations for Angling with More than One Line.



Photo credit: Jeff Samuels

Frazier Cites Anglers

Tpr. Frazier contacted and cited a subject for angling closed season at Laurence Lake.

Tpr. Frazier cited a subject for No Harvest Card after he was contacted while angling for steelhead on the Hood River.

Boat Patrol on Snake River

Tpr. Miller and Sgt. Chris Hawkins conducted a boat patrol on the Snake River. During the patrol 14 anglers were checked, 6 rafts were inspected, 3 motor boats were inspected and two guides were checked.

No Angling Licenses in Baker City Area

While checking warm water anglers on Brownlee Reservoir of the Snake River, Sr. Tpr. McNeil of Baker City cited two subjects for No Angling License.

While checking local ponds for trout anglers, Sgt. Cyr of Baker City cited one subject for the Unlawful Possession of Marijuana and one subject for No Angling License.

Four Cited for No Non-Resident

Tpr. Keeler cited four subjects in one week for Angling Without a Non-Resident Angling License. The citations came from three different angling contacts.

Deschutes River Anglers Prohibited Method

Sgt. Lea responded to a complaint of anglers using bait on the Deschutes River. Sgt. Lea observed a group of five individuals on the bank of the river. Three adults and one juvenile were angling with bait. Upon contact, three adults were cited for No Angling License and warned for Angling Prohibited Method. The mother of the juvenile was warned for Aiding in a Game Violation.



Deschutes River: Photo credit: Wikipedia

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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.	Sr.
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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Sport Angling

No Angling License at Ana Reservoir

Tpr. Tague was working Ana Reservoir and observed two people who had been fishing, suddenly stop and put their poles away as Tpr. Tague checked another group of anglers. Tpr. Tague then contacted the anglers who stated they both did not have a current license. Both subjects were cited for No Angling License.

Empire Lakes Violations

Tpr. Brandon checked anglers at Empire Lakes. One citation was issued for No 2013 Angling License. A second angler was contacted who said he had left his fishing license at home. Tpr. Brandon ran a check on his mobile computer through ODFW and learned that the subject had a suspended angling license. The subject was cited and released at the scene for Angling While Privileges Suspended.

Illegal Sturgeon Fishing in Isthmus Slough

Tpr. Keeler contacted a subject sturgeon fishing in Isthmus Slough. The Arizona resident did not possess an Oregon fishing license or sturgeon tag and was using a barbed hook. The subject was cited for No Non-resident Angling License, warned for No Sturgeon Tag and Use of Prohibited Gear-Barbed Hook.

Three Cow Creek Anglers Cited

Sr. Tpr. Stone observed a group of people angling at a campsite along Cow Creek. Upon contact the group had no idea of seasons or rules, nor had they attempted to find out prior to contact. All three anglers were warned for Angling Trout Closed Season and the leader of the group was cited for Taking Trout Closed Season, one illegal trout (steelhead smolt) was seized.

Trout Fishermen Cited on Powder River

While patrolling the Powder River below Mason Dam, Sr. Tpr. Duncan of Baker City contacted two individuals that were trout angling. Both subjects were unlawfully using bait, one was unlawfully using two poles, and one was angling without an angling license. One subject was warned for the use of bait and cited for Angling Prohibited Method-Two Poles. One subject was warned for use of bait and cited for No Non-resident Angling License.

Sturgeon Fishing with Barbed Hooks

Tpr. Frazier contacted two anglers on the Columbia. Both subjects were warned for Angling for Sturgeon with a Barbed Hook and one was cited for Angling with Two Lines.



North Twin Lakes Citations

Sr. Tpr. Bean contacted a group of anglers near the boat ramp at North Twin Lakes. He had been watching the subjects angling for over an hour. Upon contact it was discovered the boat they were in did not have any personal flotation devices. One of the subjects that Sr. Tpr. Bean observed angling, denied fishing. It was later discovered that this subject's angling privileges were suspended for failure to pay child support. He was cited and released for Angling While Suspended. The operator of the boat was cited for No Personal Flotation Devices. Sr. Tpr. Bean is investigating one of the subjects that has failed to register as a sex offender for over a year.

Idaho Residents Without Licenses

Tpr. Spencer of Ontario contacted two anglers on the Snake River that were angling for catfish. The anglers were a father and his 14-year-old son. Neither angler had an Oregon angling license, they were from Idaho. They were in possession of two catfish. The juvenile was warned for the angling license violation. The adult was cited for No Non-Resident Angling License. The fish were still alive and were released. Both subjects were warned for Unlawful Take of Catfish and the father was warned for Aiding in a Wildlife Offense.

While patrolling Brownlee Reservoir near the Burnt River mouth, Sr. Tpr. McNeil of Baker City cited an Idaho resident for No Angling License.

Multiple Citations and a Rescue

Sgt. Lea patrolled a closed section of the Deschutes River between Wickiup and Crane Prairie Reservoir. The section of river contained numerous large visible spawning trout. Two subjects were observed catching and releasing several large trout. One was contacted and cited for Angling Closed Streams. Sgt. Lea was dispatched to a shooting northeast of Madras prior to contacting the second angler.

Tpr. Miller, Sgt. Hawkins and Sgt. Cyr conducted a boat patrol on the Snake River below Hells Canyon Dam. During the patrol the following activities occurred:

- Two citations for Fail to Validate Salmon/Steelhead tag
- One citation for Expired Boat Registration
- One angling license warning
- One AIS permit warning
- Three Marine Board warnings
- 17 angler checks
- One guide check

Sport Angling

During the boat patrol, a boat was contacted that had engine problems and was stranded on the opposite side of the river from the boat ramp. The operator was able to get the boat running again and attempted to cross the river. Shortly after leaving the shore the boat died and was adrift in the current. Tpr. Miller was able to position the patrol boat next to the stranded boat, while Sgt. Hawkins and Sgt. Cyr safely brought the two occupants on board the patrol boat. A tow line was affixed to the stranded boat and the troopers towed it safely to the boat ramp.

Lack of Barbless Hooks below McNary Dam

Sr. Tpr. Gardner contacted a subject angling below McNary Dam. The subject was angling for salmon. The subject had been told by both Tpr. Jewett and Sr. Tpr. Connell the prior week of the barbless hook restrictions for salmon and steelhead on the Columbia River. Sr. Tpr. Gardner found the subject had two poles, one in the water and one out. The barbs on both poles had just the tip of the barb removed and a crushable amount of the barb left. The subject was cited for Angling Prohibited Method-No Barbless Hook.



Trout—Glen Canyon Dam:
Photo credit: Terry Gunn

Illegal Trout and Cabezon Possession

Tpr. Peterson (Tillamook) contacted three adult males and one juvenile while they were fishing on the Trask River. Upon contact, Tpr. Peterson saw they were cooking two Cutthroat Trout and he saw that they had two additional trout on a stringer. The trout season is currently closed on the Trask River and does not open until Memorial Day weekend. All three adults said that they were unaware that there was a trout season and were subsequently cited for Angling for Trout Closed Season.

Tpr. Smith (Tillamook) responded to Garibaldi Marina where a subject was found in possession of Cabezon (Scorpion Fish). Anglers are currently restricted from possessing Cabezon and this angler was unaware of the retention closure. The subject was subsequently cited for Unlawful Possession Cabezon.



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Chinook Salmon:
Photo credit: File

Chinook Tag Not Validated

Sr. Tpr. Stone observed two anglers in a vessel angling with three poles for Spring Chinook on the Umpqua River. After over an hour of observation the boat was contacted; the man using an extra rod also had a Chinook which had not been tagged. When asked, the suspect stated he had caught the fish about 20-25 minutes earlier. When told he had been watched for over an hour he sighed oh, well it was earlier this morning. The man was cited for Failure to Validate his Salmon/Steelhead Tag and Angling Prohibited Methods (more than one rod).

Violation of Anti-Snagging Regulation

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs cited two subjects on the North Umpqua River regarding enforcement of the new anti-snagging regulations. One subject was observed using a large plug with two treble hooks and heavy weight below the Swiftwater Bridge. The subject was contacted and found not to have a license or tag. He was cited for No Resident Angling License and warned for the treble hooks. Another subject was angling in the fly area with a treble hook and bait near Susan Creek. The subject was using an additional pole to cast out a lure with additional treble hooks. He was cited for Angling Prohibited Method and warned for the other violations.

Anglers Having a Good Day—Results in Citations

On opening morning of trout season, Sr. Tpr. Bean was observing multiple boats angling on South Twin Lake. Later that evening he returned to find a boat that was angling earlier in the morning with good success. The subjects were all still fishing and retaining fish. The subjects came to the shore briefly for a beer run and were contacted by Sr. Tpr. Bean. They had five fish and stated that was all that they had caught all day. Sr. Tpr. Bean asked for consent to search, they agreed, and before they could start walking, one subject stated he wanted to come clean and said they were over their limit. One subject admitted exceeding his bag limit while the other three indicated they had caught five fish. They had a total of 23 trout. One subject was cited for Exceeding the Bag Limit while the other three were cited for Continuing to Angle after Retaining their Bag Limit.

Wildlife / Hunting

Sr. Tpr. Niehus Investigates Trapping Violations

Sr. Tpr. Niehus investigated one trapper who was trespassing on a landowner's property and failed to check his traps / snares, leaving a bobcat dead in a snare for over two weeks. He will be cited for Criminal Trespass II and Failing to Inspect Traps Within 48 Hours.

While investigating the above case, Sr. Tpr. Niehus had information that a subject had removed a significant number of muskrat traps on the Sprague River, sending the floats down river and throwing the traps into the water. The subject was cited for Criminal Mischief III and warned for Unlawful Removal of Another's Traps. So far, Sr. Trooper Niehus has been able to recover 26 of the 43 traps and return them to the two trappers in this case.



Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Niehus contacted a subject attempting to turn in two bobcat furs to ODFW eight days beyond the five business day grace period for check-ins. The subject was cited for Possession of Bobcat without Ownership Tag and the furs were seized. He was also cited for Unlawful Possession of Raptor Parts.

Illegal Elk Kill in Indigo

Sr. Tpr. Maher received information of an illegal elk kill which occurred in the Indigo Unit south of Cottage Grove. After locating and interviewing the suspect, a rifle was seized. The next morning the elk carcass was seized and the suspect was cited for Taking Elk Closed Season.



East Side Troopers Busy with Multiple Hunting Violations

Sr. Tprs. Lindberg and Prodzinski interviewed a bobcat hunter in the Sisters area with regards to a trespass complaint in the Metolius Unit where the bobcat hunter's vehicle was captured on a game camera in February. As a result of the investigation, the bobcat hunter was cited for Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another.

Sr. Tpr. McNeil of Baker City located a person of interest that had been suspected of trespassing on the Elkhorn Wildlife Area feed site back in February. The subject trespassed onto the feed site to see if any large bull elk were in there. The subject was cited for Unlawful Entry onto the Elkhorn Wildlife Area.

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell of Burns cited a subject for the Unlawful Possession of Owl Parts. An individual in Burns was found to be in possession of owl talons by the Sheriff's Office when they conducted a search warrant regarding an unrelated matter. Sr. Tpr. Caldwell was contacted regarding the wildlife offense and he contacted the subject at the jail and cited him for the offense.

Sr. Tprs. Pearson and Gunderson along with OSP Volunteer Mike Caldwell (Retired OSP F&W), deployed a turkey Wildland Enforcement Decoy on private property along a well known, road hunting route. Even with technical difficulties, they were able to overcome the notorious "Caldwell Curse" and cited one individual for Hunting Prohibited Area - From Public Highway. He was warned for Hunting on Enclosed Land of Another, at the landowner's request.

Sr. Tpr. Ritter has been working with ODFW personnel in the Phillip Snyder Wildlife Area to identify drivers of vehicles who violated the cooperative closure during the last couple of months. The suspect vehicles were caught on camera as they entered and left the closure.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson responded to a trespassing complaint in the Dufur area. Sr. Tpr. Gunderson determined that a Portland area man had trespassed on private property and shot a turkey. The suspect explained that he and his dad had been driving down the road



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when they observed the turkeys on private property. He and his dad devised a plan where he would go onto the property and scare the turkeys toward the road, his dad could then shoot a turkey between the fence and the road. The plan didn't work out that way, but rather the suspect simply shot the turkey on the private property against the fence. It was explained to the men that their plan was flawed from the beginning, but the men wanted to argue that they had been told in a hunters' safety class that they simply had to be off the travelled portion of the road to legally hunt. The landowner signed the complaint for Hunting on Enclosed Lands of Another, and the turkey was seized as evidence.

Night Hunting Complaint Investigated

Sr. Tpr. Merritt completed an investigation which stemmed from a night hunting complaint last month. Two subjects had shot several times at a deer which was located in a private yard near a residence at night. He was able to locate the suspects and issued citations for Hunting/Shooting from a Roadway and Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

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Holding Wildlife in Captivity Complaint

Sr. Tpr. McNeil of Baker City completed an investigation that involved two subjects at a residence holding bobcats, a raccoon and one Canadian goose in captivity. One subject was cited for Failure to Renew Bobcat and Raccoon Holding Permit for 2013. One subject was cited for Holding Wildlife in Captivity. The goose was seized and turned over to ODFW.



Photo credit: File

Shooting Goose Results in Arrest for Parole Violation

Tpr. Tague received a complaint of a goose that had been illegally killed. Lakeview Police and Lakeview Sheriff's Department assisted. The suspect stated he had been out hunting coyotes with his dad when he saw a goose and decided he wanted to shoot it and did. The suspect then took it home, where a roommate called the police. This started a disturbance. The goose and rifle were recovered and the suspect was cited and released for Felon in Possession of Firearm and Taking Goose Closed Season. The suspect was arrested for a parole violation.

Illegal Method Bear Hunt

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury and Tpr. Farrar (Patrol Florence) located a vehicle parked at a popular hunting area. They were able to track out the hunter and discovered he was using a blind and putting out bait for bears. He was cited for Illegally Hunting Bears with Bait.

Trespasser Shoots Elk

Sr. Tpr. Merritt received information that a subject had trespassed on Seneca land behind a locked gate and then shot at a bull elk. Sr. Tpr. Merritt checked the area and could not locate any evidence indicating an elk had been shot and/or taken. The suspect was contacted and later cited for Criminal Trespass II.

Yearling Cougars Euthanized

Sr. Tprs. Madison and Prodzinski responded to assist Prineville PD with a complaint of two yearling cougars in a residential backyard. Ultimately a local cougar specialist euthanized both cougars.

Two Receive Numerous Warnings

Sr. Tpr. Duncan and Sgt. Cyr of Baker City concluded an investigation involving two bobcat trappers in the Keating Unit. Two subjects were cited for trapping related offenses. One subject was cited for Unbranded Traps, Use of Game Birds for Trap Bait, Waste of Wildlife-Game Birds, and Offensive Littering. The other subject was cited for Unbranded Traps, Use of Game Birds for Trap Bait, and Waste of Wildlife-Game Birds. Both subjects were given numerous warnings for other trapping related offenses.

Injured Great Horned Owl

Tpr. Tague was called to a report of an injured Great Horned Owl in Christmas Valley. The large female owl was captured and taken to a local bird rehabilitation center. The bird has an injured left wing but appears to be otherwise ok.

Bear Cub Rescued from Beach

Sgt. Withers and Tpr. Keeler rescued an abandoned black bear cub from the beach in Bandon. The young cub was turned over to ODFW personnel for transport to a rehabilitation clinic in Idaho.

Cougar Caught in Snare Trap

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs was contacted regarding a cougar that was inadvertently caught in a snare trap near Glide. The trapper contacted Sgt. Withers to report the incident and the cougar was picked up by Sr. Tpr. Frerichs and delivered to ODFW.

Wildlife / Hunting / Shellfish

Hunting Complaints Investigated

Tpr. Borchers and Tpr. Schoenborn attempted to contact a subject at his residence in Oregon City on a shooting complaint from the previous night. An interview with the suspect's brother revealed that the suspect may have killed a deer in 2012 on his Western Deer Rifle Tag, unbeknownst to Tpr. Borchers and Tpr. Schoenborn. A later interview with the suspect did not reveal any illegal activity associated with the shooting complaint from the previous night; however, the suspect did admit to and consent to a search for the 4x4 blacktail deer he unlawfully killed around November 16, 2012, during a closed season. The remaining deer meat and antlers were located at the suspect's friend's house nearby, where they were subsequently seized as evidence. The suspect was cited for Taking Game Mammal Closed Season. The other subject was cited for Aiding in a Wildlife Violation.



Photo credit: ODFW—E.E. Wilson Wildlife Preserve

Tpr. Freitag (Salem) responded to a hunting complaint at the E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area which was closed to all hunting at that time. He contacted a subject who was in possession of a rifle and a shotgun with lead shot (both prohibited at E.E. Wilson) which he said he was using to hunt rabbits and cougar. While interviewing the suspect, he provided a fictitious Oregon driver's license displaying his photo and later admitted he had paid \$120 for it off the street in Woodburn. He was cited in lieu of custody for Forgery II and Possession of Lead Shot.

Limit Exceeded on Cockle Clams

Sr. Tpr. Harris checked clam diggers in Coos Bay. Two clammers were cited for Exceeding the Daily Limit on Cockle Clams. One subject had 135 cockles and the other had 38 cockles. Both were still harvesting cockles when contacted. The limit is 20.



Cockle Clams—Photo Credit: ODFW

Clammers Exceed Limits

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) saw four subjects in Tillamook Bay clamming. Sgt. Hoodenpyl could see there were two small children, a female adult, and one male adult who was doing all the clamming. After viewing the subjects for a short period of time, the male came off the clamming area and had a large bag on his side full of clams. Upon contact with the subject, Sgt. Hoodenpyl found that the subject was 95 bay clams over the daily bag limit. The subject was cited for Exceeding Daily Bag Limit Bay Clams and the extra clams were returned to the bay.

Tpr. Peterson (Tillamook) was checking clammers on the clam flats in Netarts when he saw three subjects who were clamming. When the subjects saw Tpr. Peterson, they all tried to leave the area without being contacted by Tpr. Peterson. Tpr. Peterson eventually was able to stop the subjects after taking a quick bath in the cold bay water (he fell in). Upon contact he found that the three subjects were 24 bay clams over the daily bag limit. All three subjects were cited for Exceeding Daily Bag Limit Bay Clams and the extra clams were returned to the bay.

Clammers Lack Licenses

Tpr. Peterson (Tillamook) contacted a subject in Tillamook Bay who was clamming. Upon contact the subject did not have his shellfish license on his person and was in possession of 29 bay clams which is 9 clams over the daily limit. The subject was warned for not possessing his license and was subsequently cited for Exceeding Daily Bag Limit Bay Clams.

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) worked razor clam tides on Clatsop Beach. Herman issued 9 citations for Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams, 1 citation for Fail To Retain Razor Clams As Required, and 1 citation for Digging Razor Clams for Another. Numerous clams were seized and donated to the local food bank.

Tpr. Warwick (Astoria) contacted a group of clam diggers walking back to their vehicle. One of the clammers broke off from the group and walked down the beach in avoidance of the trooper. Upon contact the man said that his shellfish license was in his "other black pants." When Tpr. Warwick looked him up in Outdoor Central, he found the subject's shellfish privileges to be suspended. The subject eventually admitted that he had tried to buy a license but they told him he was suspended. The clammer was cited for Unlawful Take of Razor Clams While Suspended. One other citation was issued for Failure to Retain the First 15 Clams.

Other citations issued by the North Coast Team included Unlawful Taking of Razor Clams- No Shellfish License and a Criminal Citation for Exceeding the Daily Limit of Razor Clams.

Shellfish / Marine Fish / Commercial Fish

Gold Beach Safeboat Launching in Port Orford

Sr. Tpr. Harris, Tpr. Keeler and Tpr. Smithers participated with this particular boat patrol. The boat is the Gold Beach Safeboat. At Port Orford, the only way for large boats and the entire commercial fleet in town to launch is from the Port of Port Orford's hoist. Smaller boats can launch with a four wheel drive vehicle right on the protected sandy beach. The Safeboat is designed with built-in D-Rings to attach the lead ropes to the hoist for



launching. The hoist operations start at 5:00 AM and the operator remains until the last boat is hoisted out of the water.

The ocean is rich with sea life in this area. Patrols check the new Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve and Marine Protected Area to become more familiar with the reserve boundaries from an on the water perspective and to test the patrol boat's GPS mapping equipment. Several commercial boats



that were harvesting a variety of species, including Sea Urchins, Commercial Crab, and live Rockfish were also checked. One citation was issued to a commercial crab boat deckhand for No Individual Commercial Fishing



Photos credit: Geri Mathewson

License. Compliance for the rest of the patrol was very good. Some commercial crab gear was checked as well to enforce gear requirements.



Unlawful Possession of Yelloweye

Tpr. Keeler and Sr. Tpr. Harris patrolled the ocean from Coos Bay to Bandon. One of the boats checked had two anglers with three lines in the water. One of the anglers attempted to hide a bag of Yelloweye Rockfish fillets by taking the bag out of a cooler and dropping it in the water. The bag floated and was collected by the troopers. One of the anglers was cited for Angling Prohibited Method (2) Lines and the other was cited for Unlawful Taking Yelloweye Rockfish x2.



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Chinook Salmon Donated after Seizure

Sr. Tpr. Harris responded to a report from ODFW regarding the Taking of Undersized Commercial Chinook Salmon. The captain of the boat was warned for the offense and two (2) 27.5" Chinook were donated to charity.

Wholesale Dealer Cited

Tpr. Keeler cited a wholesale dealer in Charleston for Unlawful Purchase of Fish/Shellfish – No Wholesale Dealer's License. The dealer was delinquent on their 2012 monthly landing fees and monthly reports to ODFW and ODFW had refused to issue a 2013 license. The dealer had purchased over \$8,000 worth of fish and shellfish from local commercial fishing vessels during 2013. The commercial fish and shellfish on the premises were seized.

Lack of Crew License Results in Citation

Tpr. Brandon and Tpr. Keeler conducted a boat patrol out of Charleston checking sport and commercial groundfish fishermen. One commercial fishing vessel was checked with three subjects onboard. The skipper stated he had an individual license and that there were two crew licenses for the boat. The licenses were not obtained at that time. After the boat patrol, Tpr. Keeler checked with ODFW and only located one crew license for the boat. Tpr. Keeler, from shore, located the boat fishing off of Bandon. A check when the boat returned to port verified only one crew license on the boat. The skipper stated he thought there were two and took responsibility for the citation. He was cited for No 2013 Crew Member License.

OSMB / Environment

Boat Inspections

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher conducted a seven hour jet boat patrol on the Willamette and lower McKenzie Rivers. During the patrol they checked 50 anglers and issued two citations for No Angling License and one citation for Angling with Bait Where Prohibited. 24 boats were checked during the patrol (16 BER's) and (8 Visual). Two boating citations were issued. Both citations were for No Aquatic Invasive Species Permit.

Sr. Tprs. Martin and Marshall Maher worked a boat patrol on Dexter Lake then on the Lower McKenzie and Willamette Rivers. The activities during the boat patrols were: Dexter Lake-5 boats inspected (BERS), 5 angler checks, and 1 citation for Insufficient PFD's. McKenzie River-9 boats inspected (7 BERS, 2 visuals) 10 anglers checked, and one citation issued for Angling with Bait Where Prohibited. Willamette River-5 boats inspected, and 17 anglers checked.

Sr. Tprs. Gunderson and Pearson along with OSP Volunteer McClamrock conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River in The Dalles Pool resulting in the following activities:

14 boats checked
32 angler checks

Warnings were issued for No AIS permit (2), No Sound Producing Device (2), and Unlawful Retention of Short Sturgeon (The fish was still alive and released and the angler's measuring tape was deemed faulty).

Citations were issued for Unlawful Retention of Short Sturgeon and No 2013 Angling License.

Failure to Renew Results in Citation

Sr. Tpr. Bennett contacted the operator of a one-man pontoon boat with a gas and an electric motor that was operating with 2009 validation stickers. The subject stated he did not have a temporary certificate of number because he just uses this boat on this lake and he has current stickers on his larger two boats. He was cited for Failure to Renew Boat Certificate of Number.

Joint Ocean Patrol

Sr. Tpr. Canfield conducted a joint ocean patrol with the Lincoln County Marine Deputies. Several recreational salmon trollers were contacted, numerous BER's were completed, and one subject was cited for Angling with Barbed Hooks.

Alesea Bay Rescue

Sr. Tpr. Canfield responded with LCSO Marine Deputies on the report of a female yelling for help on a sand bar in Alesea Bay. The officers launched the OSP boat and ended up directing Central Coast Fire Department to the female's location, where she was rescued.

Suspected Anti-Freeze Spill in Alton Baker

Tpr. Imholt followed up on a suspected anti-freeze spill into Alton Baker Canal from the previous day. He talked to several anglers who saw the water they were fishing turn green in front of them. Tpr. Imholt contacted the BMW dealership near the canal and determined the green water was from a very coolant-like, colored biodegradable cleaner used to clean the floors. At the end of the day the dealership dumps the remaining cleaner into the drain they believed drained into the sewer system. The current system is suspected to be faulty due to lack of maintenance and will be pumped and cleaned to see what the problem is. Anglers reported several fish appeared to have died, but then revived.

ATV Patrol Conducted

Tpr. Ring assisted ODFW with an ATV patrol into Crane Prairie Reservoir to check for illegal anglers on the Deschutes River and



Cultas Creek. Trooper Ring with ODFW ATV. Photo credit: File

The area is only accessible by snowmobile or a tracked ATV. ODFW's tracked ATV was used.

Mining Activity Complaint

Tpr. Smithers received a complaint of mining activity taking place on Nesika Beach. Initial information was that a dredge was being used. After making contact at the location, no dredge was found; however, a 3ft deep by 5ft wide hole had been dug. The subject mining at the time was warned and advised to stop further mining in the area.

Illegal Boat Ramp Construction

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs investigated a Department of State Lands complaint regarding a subject using an excavator to build a boat ramp on the North Umpqua River near Glide. The operation was halted and the information will be forwarded to DSL for review.

Environment / General Law

ATV Rider Trespasses

Sr. Tpr. Kehr received a trespassing complaint from a security officer working for a private industrial timber company. The security officer had captured an image on its trail camera of a subject going around a locked and signed gate on an ATV. Sr. Tpr. Kehr located an ATV matching the photo sitting in a driveway of a nearby residence. When Sr. Tpr. Kehr contacted the owner, he also matched the photograph. The subject denied riding on the closed land until Sr. Tpr. Kehr showed him the photograph. The subject then confessed and stated that he has been riding on the closed land for many years and knew he would get caught eventually. The subject was cited for Criminal Trespass II.

Drug Violations

Sgt. Thomas (Salem) attempted to contact a vehicle parked at Walling Pond, when the driver left the area upon seeing the Sergeant approaching the vehicle. While catching up to the vehicle, Sgt. Thomas observed the occupants throw an object out the window. A subsequent traffic stop and probable cause search of the vehicle revealed that the passenger had thrown heroin out the window and was in possession of two different drug kits containing multiple drug (heroin) paraphernalia items and two exposed, loaded needles. The passenger also had a Warrant out of Marion County. The driver was cited for DWS-Violation, Driving While Suspended, and the passenger was lodged at the Marion County Jail on the Misdemeanor Warrant – Theft II and PCS- Heroin.

Tpr Smithers contacted four subjects recreating along the Chetco River. While speaking to the men an odor of marijuana was detected. All four subjects were confronted about the odor and one of the men retrieved less than one ounce of marijuana and a glass marijuana pipe. The male subject claimed ownership of the marijuana and pipe and was subsequently cited for PCS Marijuana-Less Than One Ounce.

Sr. Tpr. Stone observed four men in a boat and noted two of them were smoking marijuana using one pipe and what appeared to be one man's marijuana. Contact was made with the boat. The owner of the pipe and marijuana was cited for Unlawful Possession Marijuana.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury was checking the Upper Siuslaw River for trout anglers. The valley trout season opened on that day, but the coastal rivers were still closed for another month. He contacted and warned several families for Angling Closed

Streams. He contacted one subject parked in his vehicle near Wildcat Creek. Sr. Tpr. Salisbury observed a large baggie of marijuana on the console of the vehicle and an opened beer. The driver failed Standard Field Sobriety Tests and was transported to the Florence jail. He was cited for Driving While Suspended-M, DUII and PCS Marijuana. The BAC was .21%

Driving While Revoked

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell of Burns conducted a traffic stop on a USFS Road in the Burns area and cited and released the driver for Driving While Revoked.

Multiple Drug Violations Following Traffic Stop

Tpr. Glaser stopped a car for a traffic violation on Highway 213 in Salem. The driver was violation suspended and also had a Warrant out of Marion County for Contempt of Court. The driver was taken into custody and consented to a search of the vehicle. Tpr. Lacer (Patrol) arrived to assist with the search. The search revealed the driver to be in possession of 16 grams of methamphetamine, along with 8 pills of alprazolam. The driver admitted to selling methamphetamine for the past three months. The suspect was taken to the Marion County Jail, where she was lodged for Possession of a Controlled Substance- Meth, Unlawful Delivery of Meth, Possession of a Controlled Substance-Schedule IV, and Driving While Suspended-Violation.

Suspect Taken into Custody

Tpr. Tague and Sr. Tpr. Niehus assisted Tpr. Irish (Patrol) with a wanted subject who fled after being contacted at the Running Y Ranch. The subject was spotted hiding on a hillside. Tprs. Tague and Irish along with help from Sgt. Fenner, who acted as a spotter, were able to locate the subject. The subject was taken into custody.

Vandalism in China Creek

Sr. Tpr. Harris assisted the Oregon State Parks with an investigation into Criminal Mischief of Snowy Plover signage at the China Creek Day Use Area.

Nuisance Dog in Park

Tpr. Smithers responded to a dog bite complaint on the beach at Lone Ranch State Park. The victim had been bitten by a small dog on her left thigh. Tpr. Smithers identified the owner of the dog; however, was unable to contact her. Follow-up will continue during the week. A citation for Nuisance Dog will be issued to the owner.

General Law / Interagency Cooperation

Speeder Crashes Stolen Vehicle

Sr. Tpr. Cushman attempted to stop a Dodge pickup for exhibition of speed in the City of Rogue River. The driver of the vehicle sped off, across the Rogue River Bridge and headed north on Hwy 99 towards Grants Pass. Sr. Tpr. Cushman was not able to keep up with it as it reached speeds around 100 mph. He soon lost sight of it and he and other troopers from Grants Pass could not locate it. The next day OSP Troopers were in another pursuit on Hwy 238 near Williams. The driver of that vehicle was arrested when he crashed a stolen Ford Mustang after attempting to flee, even after running over spike strips. It turned out he had been the same driver of the Dodge pickup that Cushman had been pursuing the day before. The Dodge pickup had switched plates on it and that vehicle had also been stolen.

Wanted Suspect Taken into Custody

Tpr. Frazier conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for no seatbelt and smelled marijuana in the vehicle. The subject tried to claim it was just a pipe but finally produced a large bag with over ½ ounce of marijuana. He was cited for Possession of Marijuana-Less Than One Ounce.

Tpr. Ring and his citizen ride along observed some suspicious behavior that appeared to be a possible narcotics transaction taking place in a grocery store parking lot in La Pine. As Tpr. Ring drove towards the location, both vehicles departed in rather hasty fashion. Tpr. Ring overtook and stopped the vehicle that appeared to be in the biggest hurry to leave the area. Upon contact with the operator, Tpr. Ring observed indicators of illegal drug activity and was able to talk the operator into surrendering the bundle of meth he had in his pocket. The subject, who was currently on probation, was lodged on a PO detainer and cited to appear in court for PCS—Meth.

Sr. Tpr. Davis stopped a vehicle on I-84 in Baker County for Failing to Maintain Lane. The operator was unable to provide a

driver's license or any other identification. Additional indicators of criminal activity were observed. A consent search was conducted on the vehicle. Several bindles of meth and the subject's driver's license were located during the search. A check of the subject's status revealed he had two Felony Warrants out of Benton County, Washington. The subject was taken into custody for PCS – Meth, False Info. to a Police Officer and the Warrants. The subject was lodged in the Baker County Jail.

Roseburg Drunk Driver Arrested

Sr. Tpr. Merritt and Sr. Tpr. Stone were assisting the Patrol Division with a crash on I-5 in the Roseburg area when dispatch advised of a possible intoxicated driver heading their way. Sr. Tpr. Merritt observed the vehicle pass the crash scene and noticed it was weaving. He followed the vehicle for a short distance and noted it was again weaving. The driver was contacted and later arrested for DUII. Sr. Tpr. Merritt and Sr. Tpr. Stone later processed the driver at the Douglas County Jail where she gave a breath sample which revealed a BAC of .19%.

Salem Drunk Driver Arrested

Tpr. Andrews (Salem) stopped a vehicle for Exceeding the Speed Limit on Highway 22E. During the stop, Tpr. Andrews noted multiple indicators of impairment, drug use and drug possession. The operator consented to Standard Field Sobriety Tests and was subsequently arrested for DUII. A search of the vehicle revealed a methamphetamine pipe and a marijuana pipe. The subject was additionally charged with PCS - Methamphetamine and PCS Marijuana-Less Than One Ounce.

Assist to Lane SO in Vehicle Theft

Sr. Tpr. Maher recovered a stolen H2 Hummer which had been dumped over a steep bank in the Crale Creek area west of Oakridge. The vehicle had been reported stolen to the Lane County Sheriff's Office in 2011.

Dog Death Investigated

Tpr. Tague, along with assistance from the Lake County Sheriff's Department, investigated the death of a ranch dog. The companion animal was shot in a field that did not belong to the dog owner. The owner called to report that it was suspicious on how the dog died. Tpr. Tague contacted adjacent landowners and determined the dog had been chasing horses, which caused the horse owner to shoot the dog. The horse owner was unaware she hit the dog so she did not report it. The dog had a long history of running at large and chasing livestock.

Runaway Placed in Foster Care

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson assisted Wasco County Sheriff's Office by responding to a request to cover what initially came in as a trespassing complaint. Sr. Tpr. Gunderson arrived on scene to find a 16-year-old being physically restrained, face down, in the gravel road by his father. The juvenile was a confirmed missing person/runaway. His father located him at his maternal grandmother's residence. The father provided proof of custody and explained that there was an ongoing Custodial Interference criminal case with the juvenile's mother, recently initiated by Gresham P.D. The father pled for assistance with the troubled youth, and the boy stated that "he would kill his father if forced to leave with him." The on-call DHS worker was contacted, and the boy was temporarily placed into foster care pending a long term solution. The boy consented to a search of his cell phone which revealed evidence in the Custodial Interference case. The phone was seized as evidence and will be turned over to Gresham P.D. for their investigation.

Interagency Cooperation / Public Relations / Warrants

Animal Abuse

Sgt. Allori and Tpr. Ferguson were on routine patrol in north Portland when they heard a call broadcast concerning a subject that was reported to have struck some Canadian geese with a baseball bat. The suspect was reported to be in a boat somewhere on the Willamette River between the Ross Island Bridge and the Sellwood Bridge. With the assistance of Sgt. Thoroughman and Deputy Guthner (Clackamas County Sheriff's Office) the suspect boat was located and the three anglers on board the boat were contacted at Sellwood Park. One angler was cited for Animal Abuse II and Harassment of Wildlife.

Tree Blocks Channel

Sr. Tpr. Maher met with Lane County SO Marine Patrol, OSMB and USFS staff along the Middle Fork of the Willamette River near the Ferrin access west of Oakridge. A cottonwood tree had fallen in the river and was blocking the channel affecting river navigability. A contractor cut the tree up into pieces and cleared the channel. Later in the afternoon and evening Sr. Tpr. Maher worked streams for pre-season trout angling activity. Sr. Tpr. Maher cited one angler on Fall Creek above Fall Creek Reservoir for Angling Closed Season.

Medford Bass Club Tournament

Sr. Tpr. Marchand is heading up an action plan to check boats for aquatic invasive species at bass tournaments. The Medford Bass Club had a tournament on Saturday at Emigrant Lake. Only eleven boats participated. Marchand arrived at 5:40 AM and most of the boats were already on the water. He was not able to inspect most of them prior to launch. Apparently they had a meeting the Monday before the tournament and do not meet prior to start on Saturday.

Radio Show Addresses Multiple Topics

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher were guests on the KUGN AM 590

morning show. The troopers discussed cougar and bear sightings and awareness. Spring bear and turkey hunting seasons were also discussed.

Marine Board Meetings

Sgt. Lea attended the Marine Board pre-season meeting in Bend.

Sgts. Brown and Hawkins attended the Marine Board pre-season meeting in Pendleton.

Returning Hearts Celebration

Lt. Gifford volunteered at the LA County Pitchess Detention Center in Castaic, CA for a Returning Hearts Celebration. With the assistance of over 200 volunteers, inmates who had completed a 12 week course on being better fathers and husbands were allowed to reunite with their children for the day in a carnival type atmosphere, inside the detention center grounds. Approximately 50 inmates spent the day with about 100 children, ages 5 - 17. It was an emotional day for all involved, but went smoothly. This was the 5th year of the event.

The following day Lt. Gifford was allowed back into the facility with approximately 20 volunteers to observe almost 100 inmates graduate from the 12 week course, Malachi Men.

Douglas CO Sportsman Show

Sr. Tpr. Mayer assisted hunter's education instructors with their field day in the Milton-Freewater area. Sr. Tpr. Mayer spoke to a large group of parents and students, answering miscellaneous questions about enforcement and ethical hunting practices.

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski provided a short presentation to a sportsman group at the Highland Baptist Church.

Warrant Arrests

Sr. Tpr. Maher was patrolling the WEYCo Truck Road near Cottage Grove Reservoir when he found a vehicle parked in a wooded area off the truck road. The trooper contacted the occupants of the vehicle and explained the trespass issues (WEYCo truck road is closed to public vehicle access). A computer check resulted in the arrest of both subjects for Misdemeanor Warrants. The male registered owner of the vehicle was transported and lodged (by Springfield Patrol Tpr. Ellis) at the Lane County Jail on a \$20,000.00 DUII warrant out of Lane County. The female passenger was transported and lodged at the Junction City PD jail on a no bail warrant for Theft III out of Junction City. Neither suspect was charged with trespass.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs stopped a vehicle for careless driving on I-5 near MP 123 northbound. A Warrant was located for the female driver out of Douglas County. Tpr. Feland (Patrol) responded to the scene and took custody of the driver and later lodged her at the Douglas County Jail.

Two Subjects Lodged

Sr. Tpr. Hayes received information of a sex offender with an outstanding no bail parole violation warrant who was hiding near Bull Bend on the Deschutes River. Sr. Tpr. Hayes and Sr. Tpr. Bean located the subject along the river. During the contact another subject who was known to have an outstanding no bail parole violation / DUII Warrants was also located. Both subjects were lodged at the Deschutes County Jail.

Warrant Arrests / Dispositions

DUII Warrant

Tpr. Schoenborn conducted routine angling checks on the Clackamas River at McIver State Park. Upon contacting four subjects it was discovered that one subject had an outstanding warrant out of Multnomah County for DUII. The subject was taken into custody and lodged without incident at the Clackamas County Jail.

Warrant Check Results in Arrest

In March, Tpr. Boeholt contacted a steelhead angler on the Clackamas River in Gladstone. A wants check through NCC revealed the subject had two Warrants out for FTA/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and FTA/False Information to a Police Officer. The subject was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Clackamas County Jail.

Escapee Located in Portland

Sgt. Allori (Portland) was investigating a garbage dump at the west end of Hayden Island in Portland when he observed a suspicious vehicle parked off the roadway. Sgt. Allori eventually contacted a male and female subject who were with the vehicle, both of whom had Warrants for their arrest. The male subject had an outstanding Warrant for Escape from Community Custody held by the State of Washington. Additionally, this person was in violation of a protection order, as the female he was with was the protected party on the order. The male subject was lodged in the Multnomah County Jail for the Warrant and also charged with Violation of Protective Order. The female subject was lodged on an outstanding Warrant for Conditional Release Violation held by Clark County Washington.

Dispositions

In October of 2012, Tpr. Freitag (Salem) and Tpr. Andrews (Salem) received a complaint of a subject who had killed a doe on Weyerhaeuser property near Snow Peak. When the troopers arrived at the subject's residence, he led them into his shop and showed them four freshly killed does hanging from the rafters. The subject said he had killed the four does within the last five days. He also revealed one processed deer in his freezer. He told the troopers he had killed

approximately 10 does illegally within the last 3-5 years. He was cited and released for Unlawful Take Black Tailed Doe to wit: No Valid Tag x5.

Disposition:

Lifetime Hunting Suspension
\$5,400 in Fines and Restitution
2 years Probation
Forfeiture of his great grandfather's rifle

During the fall of 2012, Tpr. Kenyon (Albany Patrol) received a call about a deer that was shot on private property within the Santiam Unit, which is closed to deer hunting while the Cascade Elk season is underway. The reporting party was able to take pictures of the suspects at the scene and observed one of the suspects dragging a deer. Tpr. Kenyon located the suspects at their residence and held them until Lt. Shugart and Tpr. Glaser arrived to investigate the crime. Tpr. Glaser located blood and deer hair on both suspects and in the bed of the pickup. Tpr. Glaser also located a rifle in the back seat of the pickup. Despite all of the physical evidence and witness statements, both of the suspects denied any wrong doing. Tpr. Kenyon investigated and arrested the driver for DUII. Tpr. Glaser arrested the second subject and both men were taken to the Linn County Jail, where the driver gave a breath sample of .21%. Both subjects were cited for Hunt In Violation of Criminal Trespass and Taking Deer Closed Season.

Disposition:

Suspect #1 pled guilty to both charges in Linn County Justice Court and received the following judgment;

Five-year Hunting Suspension
Forfeiture of firearm and other evidence
\$1,000 restitution to the state
\$250 to the OHA TIP Fund
\$1,423 in fines and court charges
(DUII scheduled for trial)

Suspect #2 pled guilty to both charges in Linn County Justice Court and received the following judgment:

Three-year Hunting Suspension
\$500 restitution to the state
\$250 to the OHA TIP fund
\$555 in fines/court charges

Sr. Tpr. Duncan of Baker City received the following dispositions for an elk case that he worked in the Sumpter Unit. The case involved the unlawful taking of three elk and waste of two.

Suspect#1

Guilty of two counts Unlawful Take Cow Elk, two counts of waste dismissed.

\$3,731.75 in fines, assessments, and restitution.
18 months Probation
40 hrs. community service
36-month Hunting License Suspension
Forfeiture of two rifles

Suspect #2

Guilty of one count Unlawful Take Cow Elk, one charge of Fail to Validate dismissed, one count of Aiding in a Wildlife Offense dismissed.

\$2,152.25 in fines, assessments, and restitution.
18 months Probation
36-months Hunting License Suspension
60 hrs. community service

Suspect #3

Guilty of one count of Aiding in a Wildlife Offense.

\$2,091.00 in fines and assessments.



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