



# **OREGON STATE POLICE** **FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION**





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*On the cover:  
Senior Trooper Marshall Maher  
patrolling in the Beatys Butte Unit  
during pronghorn antelope season.*

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## Youth Hunter Assisted in Powers WMU

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper located a successful youth cow elk hunter in the Powers Wildlife Management Unit (WMU). The temperature was rising rapidly and meat spoilage was a concern. The Trooper assisted with packing the meat out of the canyon, so it could be taken to a meat locker. No meat was lost due to spoilage.

## Hunter Education Class - Prineville

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper provided a presentation for a hunters education class in Prineville. The class was attended by approximately 20 students, many who had parents present during the class. The presentation went well and there were many good questions asked by the audience.

## Coast Guard Open House - Brookings

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper attended the annual Coast Guard open house in Brookings. The Trooper answered questions and spoke with the public on the duties and responsibilities of the OSP Fish & Wildlife division. He also had the opportunity to show the general public the equipment used by Fish & Wildlife Troopers.

## OSP Presentation - Nehalem Bay State Park

A Fish & Wildlife Sergeant gave the third in a series of three evening presentations at Nehalem Bay State Park. Topics covered included a description of the duties of an Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Trooper, water safety when participating in recreational activities, and safety equipment required while boating. The presentation was well received by the attendees. At the conclusion of the presentation, the attendees were invited to examine various personal flotation devices (PFDs) on display, and experience deploying rescue throw bags.



## Duck Banding - Fern Ridge Wildlife Area

Members from the Springfield Fish & Wildlife team joined up with Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) biologists from the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area in an attempt to capture and band several species of ducks. During the operation the team members were able to capture, document, and band nearly 80 ducks. Among the ducks captured were Mallards, Teal, and Pintail. Due to team work and a close working relationship with ODFW the operation was a success.



# PRONGHORN ANTELOPE SEASON

## SW Region Antelope Saturation Patrol

Fish & Wildlife Troopers from the Springfield Area Command departed from their assigned areas to assist Troopers from the Lakeview area with the 2019 rifle antelope season. The premier antelope hunts that take place in and around the Lakeview area typically take hunters up to 18 years of accumulated preference points. During these long awaited hunts, most tag holders have family and friends to share in this once in a lifetime hunt.

Due to the vast, remote and rugged location, the troopers utilized several different tools such as ATVs, an Oregon State Police airplane, as well as the first Fish & Wildlife K-9 Buck. During the two-and-a-half-day patrol the Troopers patrolled four hunt units and contacted over 150 persons associated with the antelope hunts. Three hunters were warned for various hunting violations and two hunters were cited for **Failure to Immediately Validate Antelope Tags**.

During one of the investigations, K-9 Buck was vital in locating a subject. K-9 Buck's handler had been watching the subject from a vantage point for an extended period of time. After moving locations to get closer, the Trooper was unable to locate the subject due to the rolling hills and sage. The Trooper deployed K-9 Buck to see if he could locate the subject and downed antelope. K-9 Buck immediately caught the scent of the subject and antelope and led the Trooper directly to the location of the kill. Thanks to K-9 Buck's track, the Trooper was able to locate and cite the subject for **Failure to Immediately Validate Antelope Tag**.

During the ATV patrol a Trooper spoke to one hunter who had located what he suspected was a poached antelope buck. After speaking to the hunter, Troopers were able to locate the remains of a large antelope buck. Investigation determined the buck had been shot before the season and left to waste.

Throughout the busy weekend, Troopers also assisted several hunters with their ODFW ELS accounts, and demonstrated the proper way to tag an animal after it had been harvested.



# PRONGHORN ANTELOPE SEASON

## East Region Antelope Saturation Patrol

For the 2019 Pronghorn Antelope season(s), OSP Fish & Wildlife Division increased their enforcement presence throughout East Region, utilizing local Troopers as well as personnel from adjacent worksites and regions. Fish & Wildlife Troopers made use of utility and all-terrain vehicles, as well as their standard patrol trucks, to access some of the most remote locations in Oregon to ensure voluntary compliance with hunting regulations.

Overall, the seasons resulted in high compliance, though there was a learning curve with the new electronic licensing system. In one situation, a hunter had harvested an antelope and was unable to validate his tag due to confusion with the electronic licensing application. A Burns Fish & Wildlife Trooper was able to assist the hunter in navigating the application in order to properly validate the antelope tag. Hunters are reminded to ensure they fully understand the application prior to hitting the field. The most notable issues revolve around failing to sync the electronic licensing application with the on-line hunter profile, forgetting passwords when out of cellular service, and failing to login to the application prior to traveling to a location without cellular service.

Although compliance with regulations was good, East Region Fish & Wildlife Troopers apprehended or are continuing to investigate individuals who were involved in the unlawful taking of antelope. One investigation resulted in the arrest of an individual who had drawn an archery antelope tag and ultimately killed an antelope with a firearm. The arrest resulted in the seizure of the unlawfully taken antelope as well as the rifle used in the taking.

Another arrest stemmed from a wildlife enforcement decoy (WED) operation where an individual, who had already harvested and tagged an antelope, shot the antelope WED from a roadway. That individual's rifle was seized and he was cited and released for the offense.

Several WED operations were conducted throughout central and southeastern Oregon which resulted in many citations for hunting from a roadway/motor vehicle and other offenses.

Lastly, East Region Fish & Wildlife Troopers are continuing to investigate incidents where antelope were unlawfully taken prior to the season(s) start dates. These are on-going investigations and will likely remain so well into the future.

Fish & Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles Area Command traveled to Rome, Oregon on special assignment during the week to assist the East Region Fish & Wildlife team working antelope season in the Whitehorse Unit. Many contacts were made and hunters were happy and surprised to see Fish & Wildlife Troopers in some of the most remote corners of our state.



## Unlawful Take of Antelope - Maury Unit

A Fish & Wildlife Sergeant received a report of an individual shooting an antelope with a rifle then walking up to it and shooting three arrows into the antelope in the Maury Unit. Fish & Wildlife Troopers were called out to respond with the Sergeant. Troopers located the man who presented them with a valid archery antelope tag. The man ultimately admitted to shooting the animal with the rifle. The antelope, rifle, bow, used arrows, used shell casing, and archery tag were all seized as evidence. The suspect was lodged at the Crook County Jail for **Unlawful Take of Antelope to wit: Prohibited Method.**

# GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



## Starlings Cause Transformer Fire - Valley Falls

Fish & Wildlife Troopers responded to a fire threatening Highway 395 near Valley Falls. There were no investigators available so a Trooper and a Forest Service Officer conducted the origin and cause investigation. The Trooper determined that five starlings had crawled into the arrestor on the power line transformer at the area of origin. The birds shorted out the transformer, caught on fire and fell to the ground, causing the fire. The fire was limited to approximately 3-4 acres and was quickly controlled. The fire caused extensive damage to a rancher's corrals. Surprise Valley Electric responded to assist with the power line damage. A big thanks goes to the volunteers that quickly responded and prevented the fire from getting out of control in the dry, windy conditions.



## Trespassing and Vandalism - Clackamas County

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper was called to a private property near Aims for a report of vandalism to locks and possible trespassers. Sticks had been shoved into the locks on the gates and a lessee saw/heard other hunters in the area that did not have access. While the Trooper was doing an area check he accidentally ran over two home-made metal spikes hidden in the road, puncturing his two front tires. While Troopers were fixing the flat tires they encountered two subjects who were trespassing on private property. The subjects admitted that they walked past a locked gate that was posted as no trespassing. The two subjects were issued citations for **Trespassing**.

## ATV Violations - Bastendorff Beach

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper spotted a vehicle in the closed section of Bastendorff Beach, near the South Jetty. Upon contact, a water sport enthusiast stated he drove on the beach, beyond the posted signs, based on his understanding of the posted map, not the written signs, as the map indicated that area was open for vehicular traffic. He was without a flag or ATV Decal as well. He was warned for **No ATV Flag** and **No ATV Decal**, and cited for **Operation in Violation of ATV Posted Restrictions (Closed Area)**. Upon inspection of the map, the area was clearly depicted as closed. Two other motorists parked on the sea wall were contacted. One was warned for **No ATV Flag** and **No ATV Decal**, and the other for **No ATV Flag**. They both had flags and equipped their vehicles with them.



## Dazed Hawk Rescued in Coquille

A Fish & Wildlife Sergeant was dispatched to a report of a hawk striking a window in Coquille. Officers from Coquille Police Department assisted with removing the bird and transferring it to OSP. Arrangements were made by a Fish & Wildlife Trooper to transfer the Sharp Shinned Hawk to the Cascade Raptor Center for an evaluation. The hawk was unable to stand or fly, but was alert.

# ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS



## Mysterious Death of Deer - Douglas County

A Roseburg area Fish & Wildlife Trooper investigated the mysterious death of three otherwise healthy blacktail deer (one buck and two does). The investigation revealed that all three deer had jumped over a concrete barricade adjacent to the northbound Interstate-5 106 exit. After jumping the barricade, all three fell about 40 feet landing head first on a concrete driveway ultimately killing all three deer. One deer was salvaged and donated to Wildlife Safari; the other two were not salvageable and removed for disposal.



## Illegal Bear Baiting - Yamhill County

Fish & Wildlife Troopers received information regarding a bear bait station in rural Yamhill County. That same day the Troopers met with the reporting party at the property where the bear bait station was said to be. While walking to the bait site the Troopers and reporting party came in contact with the suspects who admitted they were hunting for bear. After interviewing the suspects they eventually admitted to setting up a bear bait station several weeks prior to the start of fall bear season. The Troopers were led to the bait station by the suspects and the suspects were ultimately issued criminal citations for **Hunting Bear With The Use of Bait**.

## Unlawful Take of Bear Cub - Umatilla County

An ODFW biologist reported that a subject checked in a black bear head that was likely a cub. The subject told the biologist he accidentally brought in the bear that his friend shot and went back home to get his bear that he killed. A Fish & Wildlife Trooper arrived on scene and met with the biologist. It was apparent the bear was a cub. The subject brought in his black bear head that was identical to the other. The subject explained he and his friend shot the bears together after watching them in a tree for a half an hour at a distance of 40 yards. Both of the heads were seized and both carcasses were seized from two residences. The Trooper cited and released the two subjects for **Unlawful Take of a Black Bear Cub**.

## Antelope WED Operation - Ochoco Unit

Fish & Wildlife Troopers conducted an antelope wildlife enforcement decoy (WED) in the Ochoco Unit. 23 vehicles drove by the WED and three vehicles stopped. A driver and passenger from one vehicle both exited and shot the WED from the road. It was determined that one of the men had a valid tag and the other had already shot, harvested and tagged an antelope only a few hours earlier. One subject was cited for **Hunting from a Roadway**; the other subject was cited and released for **Unlawful Take of Antelope to wit: Exceeding Bag Limit**.

## Dog Caught in Trap - Morrow County

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper investigated a trapping complaint where an unbranded leg trap was used in Ione city limits and trapped a domestic dog belonging to a city employee. The suspect was located and admitted to the trap being his and also said he would contact the dog's owner and would pay for the vet bill. The dog's owner was advised of the outcome and the suspect was cited for **Trapping in City Limits**.

# ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS



## Attempted Taxidermy Sale Reveals Violations

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper saw a Craigslist ad offering taxidermy mounts for sale or trade. The seller was located in the John Day area. The seller was contacted and verified they were still in possession of the mounts. It was determined the seller had obtained them in exchange for work performed at a local shop. The wildlife mounts consisting of two mule deer shoulder mounts, two antelope horns on plaques, and one elk antler on a plaque were seized pending location of original owners. The seller was warned for the offense of **Attempting to Sell Taxidermy Without Permit**.

## Subject Cited for Hunting in a Prohibited Area

Albany Fish & Wildlife Troopers received information and photographs from a reporting property owner who witnessed a subject hunting from the roadway. The suspect stopped his vehicle in the roadway when he saw a buck deer on private property. The suspect exited his vehicle with his bow and came to full draw on the buck when the property owner confronted him and photographed the incident. The suspect was later contacted and issued a criminal citation for **Hunting Prohibited Area: Public Road**.

## Harvested Elk Skull Remains Recovered from Bear

Fish & Wildlife Troopers responded to the Grizzly Unit on a report of a hunter who believed a bear had drug off her cow elk head with her tag in its ear. Upon investigating the densely timbered area, the Troopers located what was left of the cow elk skull next to a large pile of bear scat. The hunter's story was verified and a duplicate tag was issued to her. The remains of the cow skull were also returned to the hunter.

## Deer Killed by Pellet Gun, Shooter Cited

A St. Helens Fish & Wildlife Trooper received a report from a subject who killed a deer with a pellet gun. The subject stated that there were three deer eating plants in his garden. The subject stated he shot three pellets toward the group of deer in an attempt to scare them off. A short time later a small doe dropped to the ground and died. The subject self-reported the incident and cooperated with the investigation. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Take of Antlerless Deer** and warned for **Harassing Wildlife**. Examination of the carcass revealed a small hole, consistent with the size of a pellet, entering the chest cavity between two ribs in the vicinity of the heart.

## Subject Cited for Hunting from a Roadway

On the night before the opening day of archery elk season, a Hermiston Fish & Wildlife Trooper received a complaint of an individual traveling very slowly on a state highway where previous poaching complaints had been received. The following morning, the Trooper observed the same vehicle near the location and eventually located the vehicle stopped in the roadway and the subject standing in front of the vehicle holding a bow. Several bucks were observed running from the location and after an investigation, the subject was cited for **Hunting from a Roadway** and other traffic related offenses.

## Bear Hunting Violations - Tillamook County

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper received some trail cam pictures from a concerned citizen. The pictures showed a bear carcass being packed out of the Farmer Creek area in rural Tillamook County in the middle of the night. After locating one of the suspects in the pictures who was a long term camper in the area, it was found that one of the two subjects at the camp had shot a bear. It was noted that the subject who admitted to shooting the bear was not in any of the pictures from the trail cam. Further investigation of dates and times on the camera and the ODFW bear check in data sheet revealed the information given by the suspects was not credible. Troopers re-contacted the two subjects at the camp and after separating and interviewing them individually, it was found that the subject who tagged the bear was not who had shot the bear. One subject was cited criminally for **Lend/Borrow a Big Game Tag, Failure to Immediately Validate Big Game Tag, and Failure to Check-In Bear Within Ten Days**. The bear head and hide were seized and the bear meat was not seized because they stated that it had spoiled and they had thrown it away. Other pending charges include **Waste** and **Attempting to Exceed the Bag Limit**.



# MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



## Dungeness Crab Closed Season Patrol

The Marine Fisheries Team participated in a border to border ocean patrol for five days following the close of the commercial Dungeness crab season. The focus was on locating any potential strings left out and to document any derelict gear. 70 derelict pots were documented (six of those along the Oregon/California border were pulled and offloaded in Brookings). The team did not locate any full strings.

## Salmon Fishing Violations

Marine Fisheries Team members conducted an ocean patrol to target recreational and commercial salmon fishing as well as the offshore long leader fishery. Numerous boats were contacted. Several citations were issued to recreational anglers for **Failing to Validate Salmon Harvest Card** and **Angling Prohibited Method, Barbed Hooks**.

## Rockfish Limit Violation

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper received information from an ODFW fish sampler that he was out with a sport rockfish angler who was over his marine fish bag limit. The angler had looked up on ODFW's website what the current bag limits for marine fish were and saw the long leader limit of ten fish so he assumed that is what he could keep. He returned to shore with seven marine fish (two over his limit of five). The extra two fish were seized, the subject was cited for **Exceeding Daily Limit of Marine Fish** and the fish were released to a local charity.

## Shellfish Patrol - Clatsop & Tillamook Counties

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper conducted a recreational shellfish patrol and a shellfish sanitation patrol in southern Clatsop County and northern Tillamook County. Two subjects in Garibaldi were contacted as they walked back to their car. The subjects were 16 clams over their limit and had an undersized Dungeness crab in their bucket. The subjects were cited for **Exceed The Daily Limit of Clams** and for **Taking Undersized Dungeness Crab**. 16 clams and one crab were seized.

The same Trooper also watched two other subjects in Garibaldi return to their vehicle twice to put a limit of clams in the vehicle, then return to digging. The Trooper contacted the subjects when they were finished digging. They each had 20 clams in their buckets, and said that they did not have any clams in their vehicle. A consent search of the car revealed that there were 40 additional clams in a cooler in the car. One of the subjects also had four clams in his pockets. Both subjects were cited and released criminally for **Exceed the Daily Limit of Clams**. 44 clams were seized.

## Digging Part of Another's Bag Limit of Clams

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper observed a large group of clam diggers counting clams and sharing clams amongst each other to cover their bag limits. Two instances of digging part of another's bag limit were documented and two citations were issued for **Digging Part of Another's Bag Limit**.

## Commercial Tuna Sold Without Proper Permit

While driving through Langlois, a Fish & Wildlife Trooper observed signs along the highway advertising tuna for sale. The Trooper located a commercial tuna vessel parked in the markets parking lot selling tuna. Upon contact, the owner/skipper showed the Trooper his catch of tuna and all of his documents. The subject stated he talked to a lot of commercial fishermen in Port Orford who told him he could sell his fish from his boat; so the subject landed his boat in Port Orford and trailered to the town of Langlois 15 miles away to sell his fish. The subject did not have a limited fish seller permit and the associated fish ticket book. When asked how he was going to land his fish without a fish ticket book the subject stated he was going to list the pounds and price in his tuna logbook and send that in. The subject was informed of the laws regarding sale of commercial fish and was issued a citation for **No Limited Fish Sellers Permit**. He was instructed to sell his fish to a licensed wholesale fish dealer or purchase a limited fish seller permit.

# SHELLFISH & ANGLING



## Angling While Suspended - Plympton Creek

Fish & Wildlife Troopers responded to an angling complaint at the mouth of Plympton Creek. The Troopers observed an individual fishing and determined he was the same individual that had been arrested the previous year for illegal gillnetting in the same creek. The subject had just been suspended for three years from the previous case. The subject was using a small kayak to conceal himself in thick brush while he fished with up to three rods at one time. The subject was also observed attempting to snag. The subject was observed landing one salmon which he released. Upon contact the subject consented to a search of his kayak and backpack and was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and a pipe. Initially the subject was only found with one rod, but admitted he concealed the other two rods in the grass he had been hiding in. The troopers retrieved the two rods and seized the angling gear and the subject's kayak. The subject admitted to angling while suspended and when asked about the snagging he said, the fish just kind of "snag themselves." The subject was lodged in the Clatsop County Jail.



## Unlawful Take - Non-Adipose Fin Clipped Trout

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper was patrolling the McKenzie River when he located an angler along the banks of the Leaburg Canal. During the contact, the Trooper located a wild Cutthroat trout in a plastic bag. The angler was cited for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Non-Adipose Fin Clipped Trout**. The trout was seized and entered into evidence at the Springfield Patrol Office.

## Dory Boat Operator Caught with Yelloweye Rockfish

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper contacted a dory boat operator on the beach at Cape Kiwanda who was in possession of a yelloweye rockfish. The angler thought the fish was a canary rockfish when he caught it. The angler was cited for **Take/Possession of Yelloweye Rockfish**. The fish was seized and donated to the Tillamook County correctional facility.

## Chinook Mistaken for Coho - Hammond Basin

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper responded to a complaint from an ODFW fish checker at the Hammond Basin from the previous day in which a group of three subjects brought in an undersized 19-inch Chinook salmon among several legal Coho. The subjects disagreed with the checker that it was a Chinook, retained the fish and failed to leave adequate angling license information. The checker documented the license plate of the vehicle before they left. Contact was made with the registered owner and he was questioned the next day. The man stated he was sure the fish was a Coho and didn't think he needed to provide any information to the checker "Because she wasn't an officer." The man was cited for **Illegal Possession of Undersized Chinook Salmon** and warned for **Failure to Provide Angling License Information to ODFW**.

## Buoy 10 Season Patrol - Columbia River

Fish & Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River during Buoy 10 season. During the boat patrol 28 anglers were contacted. Two citations were issued for **Angling Closed Area: Young's Bay Control Zone**, and one citation was issued for **Take/Possession of Undersized Chinook Salmon**. The angler who possessed the undersized Chinook salmon claimed the Chinook looked large enough but did not actually measure the salmon. Four warnings were issued for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**, two warnings were issued for **Angling Closed Area: Young's Bay Control Zone**, and one warning was issued for **Angling Prohibited Method: More Than One Line/Rod**.

# SHELLFISH & ANGLING

## **Skipper Cited for Take of Native Coho - Newport**

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper contacted a vessel returning to South Beach Marina from ocean salmon fishing. The skipper of the vessel granted a consent search of the boat and two native Coho salmon were discovered. The skipper was cited for **Take/Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon** and warned for **Fail to Properly Validate Harvest Card**. The two native Coho salmon were seized, filleted and donated to charity.

## **Ocean Salmon Patrol - North Coast**

Fish & Wildlife Troopers conducted an ocean salmon boat patrol from the Columbia River south to Cannon Beach. During the patrol over 35 anglers were contacted. Two citations were issued for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**, two citations were issued for **Angling Closed Area: Columbia River Control Zone**, one citation was issued for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks (Ocean Salmon)**, and one citation was issued for **No/Expired Certificate of Number**. During the patrol, one boat was contacted angling within the Columbia River Control Zone, a closed area to all salmon angling. Upon inspection it was determined the boat operator had purchased a resident sports pac license for the State of Oregon while residing as a full time resident in the State of Nevada since early 2018. A license history query indicated the subject had purchased a resident sports pac license in 2018 and 2019. The subject told the Troopers he knew the residency requirements for the State of Oregon but the sales agent sold him a resident license so he thought it was ok. The subject was criminally cited for **Possession of Falsely Applied for License/Tag**.

## **August Free Fishing Weekend Patrol - Oakridge**

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper patrolled Oakridge area streams during the August free fishing weekend. The focus of the patrol was bull trout protection and angling regulation compliance. Light angling pressure was noted in the Upper Middle Fork and North Fork of the Middle Fork Willamette River drainages. One subject was cited on the North Fork for **Angling Prohibited Method – Spin Rod and Bait**. The North Fork is restricted to fly angling only with fly rod and reel and barbless flies.

## **Angling Closure Violations - Deschutes River**

Fish & Wildlife Troopers responded to the mouth of the Deschutes River for continual complaints of subjects violating the temporary angling closure. Since this closure has been in place, there have been numerous complaints about closure violations. The Troopers made contact with one boat that was angling inside the closure. During the contact one subject explained he had caught a salmon, but forgot his phone back at his camp and was unable to validate it. This subject received a citation for **Failing To Immediately Validate Harvest Card**. The other two on the boat were warned for angling in a closed area.

## **Unlawful Take of Chinook Salmon - Lewis River**

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper witnessed a subject catch and retain a Chinook salmon on the Columbia at the mouth of the Lewis River while both rivers were closed to Chinook retention. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Take-Chinook Salmon** and the Chinook salmon was seized.



## **Subjects Cited for 423 Excess Clams - Netarts Bay**

While observing subjects on the shoreline of Netarts bay at low tide, a Fish & Wildlife Trooper watched two subjects on the clam flats near Whiskey Creek Fish Hatchery. Using binoculars, the Trooper could see that they were well over the daily limit of Littleneck clams. When the Trooper stepped out of the brush to contact the subjects on the shoreline trail one of the subjects immediately ducked behind some willows and threw one of the large bags of clams into the brush. The Trooper quickly contacted him and the subject reluctantly retrieved the bag and stated that he didn't know what the limit was for clams. The two subjects were identified to be Washington residents who did have non-resident shellfish licenses. After the two bags were fully counted and two daily limits deducted, the two subjects were found to be in possession of 423 littleneck clams over the daily limit. The two subjects were both cited criminally for **Exceeding the Daily Limit of Clams**. The overage of clams was seized and returned to Netarts Bay.

# CASE DISPOSITION

## Guilty Plea in Wasco County Trout Case

### Case Summary:

In July 2019, two Fish & Wildlife Troopers worked Frog Lake near Mt. Hood on a joint patrol. During the patrol surveillance was conducted on two adults and two juveniles. During the two hours that the Troopers watched the suspects they witnessed the group catch and retain 22 trout. Contact was made with the group and two trout were in their possession at the time of contact. The group denied having more than two trout. After talking with the group about what the Troopers had witnessed over the course of two hours the group changed their story and said they had more fish in their vehicle. In total the group was in possession of 40 trout and said they had also fished at Clear Lake earlier in the morning. The two adults were each charged with **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Trout, Continuing to Angle After Retaining the Daily Bag Limit of Trout** and **No Two Rod Validation**. Additional charges included **Fail to Allow Inspection of Catch** and two warnings were given for **Aiding in a Fish and Wildlife Violation**. 20 Trout were seized and donated to the Rowena Wildlife Clinic.

### Court Disposition:

In August 2019 both subjects accepted a plea offer & pleaded guilty to **Unlawful Taking** with the remaining charges being dismissed. The subjects were each ordered to pay a \$350 fine, (\$250 of which to ODFW); forfeit of trout; and a three year fishing license suspension.

## Guilty Plea for Unlawful Take - Douglas County

In October 2018, a Fish & Wildlife Trooper investigated the unlawful take of a 3x3 blacktail buck. An anonymous tip was reported of a subject killing a buck with no hunting license or tag. A photograph of the suspect and the deer were located on the suspects Facebook page. During subsequent investigation the 3x3 buck deer was seized and the subject was cited for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Buck Deer**. In August 2019, the subject pleaded guilty in Douglas County Circuit Court. The subject was ordered to pay a \$440 fine, \$1000 restitution to ODFW, received a three year hunting license suspension, and forfeiture of the deer parts.



## 2018 Wildlife Prosecutor of the Year Award

Umatilla County Deputy District Attorney Craig Russell was presented the 2018 Wildlife Prosecutor of the Year Award in front of his peers at the annual Oregon District Attorneys Association Summer Conference. The award itself consists of the wildlife print shown, which includes an engraved plaque that was underwritten by the Oregon Hunters Association. The award is sponsored by the Oregon Sportsmen's Coalition, and was OSP's 12th annual presentation of the award.

The prosecutors who work with OSP's Fish & Wildlife Division play an integral role in helping combat wildlife crime and work hard to help bring those to justice who choose to disregard our state laws. Deputy DA Russell was nominated and selected for his outstanding work in 2018 and on his ability to be a good communicator, his availability to our field force, his passion and persistence in prosecuting those who violate the fish, wildlife, commercial fish and environmental laws; and for his outstanding dedication to natural resource protection.

Deputy DA Russell is described as a true professional, with a strong passion for the outdoors and preservation of Oregon's natural resources. He has taken time to educate peers, defense attorneys, and judges on how specific wording is important in prosecuting fish and wildlife crimes; and has played a vital role in the successful prosecution of the cases submitted by the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Team, and members of the Pendleton Area Command.

# TURN IN POACHERS

## PREFERENCE POINTS -OR- CASH REWARDS

5 Points-Bighorn Sheep  
5 Points-Rocky Mountain Goat  
5 Points-Moose  
5 Points-Wolf  
4 Points-Elk  
4 Points-Deer  
4 Points-Antelope  
4 Points-Bear  
4 Points-Cougar

\$1,000 Bighorn Sheep  
\$1,000 Rocky Mountain Goat  
\$1,000 Moose  
\$500 Elk, Deer & Antelope  
\$300 Bear, Cougar & Wolf  
\$300 Habitat Destruction  
\$200 Illegally Obtaining License/Tags  
\$200 Unlawful Lend/Borrow Big Game Tag(s)  
\$100 Game Fish & Shellfish  
\$100 Upland Birds, Waterfowl & Fur Bearers

The TIP program offers preference point rewards or cash rewards for information leading to an arrest or issuance of a citation for the unlawful take/possession or waste of big game mammals.

## WHAT SHOULD I REPORT?

- Nature of violation or activity observed or advised about
- Location of activity (Road, Milepost, GPS, etc.)
- Date and time of violation/activity
- Description of any vehicle involved
- Name and/or description of violator

[Click here to access the TIP form](#)



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Oregon State Police work hand-in-hand with the Oregon Hunters Association and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to ensure the preservation of wildlife resources.

# OREGON STATE POLICE

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