



OREGON STATE POLICE FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION





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*On the cover:
A Fish & Wildlife Trooper checking
commercial crab pots near Cape
Perpetua Marine Reserve*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Photos courtesy of Justin Moore

Troopers Assist on Bighorn Sheep Capture

Fish & Wildlife Troopers from John Day assisted Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) with a bighorn sheep capture and collaring in the Aldrich hunt area. In total, 15 sheep were collared as well as DNA samples and nasal passage swabs taken. The sheep were released on site. The capturing was performed by a contracted helicopter crew and the operation was also attended by representatives from Leupold and Nosler.



Ban on Deer/Elk Urine for CWD Prevention

On January 1st of 2020, House Bill 2294 went into effect, banning possession of commercially produced cervid urine in Oregon. This new law was enacted to protect Oregon's cervid populations by helping to stop the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) into the state. Hunters or businesses who have these products should safely dispose of them by bringing them to an [Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife \(ODFW\) district office](#). ODFW staff will arrange for any scents collected to be incinerated at 1800 degrees, a temperature known to kill the prion that causes CWD.

Recently, a Portland Fish & Wildlife Trooper contacted all the major outdoor retail stores in the Portland area, including several archery shops, and provided them with education about the new law. The Trooper found that most of the shops were still selling cervid urine products. These stores were provided with a copy of the new law and asked to remove the products from their shelves.

Learn more:

myodfw.com/articles/cwd-what-hunters-can-do

Ban on deer/elk urine scent lures begins January 1, 2020

Safely dispose of urine scent products at ODFW collection sites

The 2019 Oregon State Legislature

passed a bill that bans the possession and use of commercial deer and elk urine scent attractants that contain or are derived from any cervid urine beginning in 2020.

Any business or individual who possesses these types of commercial products after Jan. 1, 2020 will be in violation of wildlife laws.

The ban will reduce the threat of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) to the state's deer, elk and moose populations. It is based on a recommendation from the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA). Cervid urine products are also banned in several other states.

Business or individuals that have these products should safely dispose of them by bringing them to an ODFW office (contact list at www.myodfw.com). ODFW staff will arrange for any scents collected to be incinerated at a temperature known to kill the prion that causes CWD.

"It's important that these products are not poured down a drain or on the ground when they are discarded," says Colin Gillin, ODFW wildlife veterinarian. "We want to limit the prion that causes the disease from being deposited on the landscape."



An elk with CWD. Photo courtesy of Wyoming Fish and Game and the CWD Alliance (cwd-info.org)

About Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

CWD has not been detected in Oregon's wildlife but has been found in free-ranging deer and elk in 26 other states including several western states.

The disease is caused by a protein called a prion that damages the brain of infected animals, causing progressive neurological disease and loss of body condition. CWD is untreatable and always fatal.

The prions can spread through the animal's body fluids (including urine, feces and saliva) and by nose-to-nose contact between infected animals. Prions shed through bodily fluids can bind to soil minerals and remain infectious for long periods in the environment, spreading to new animals for years as deer and elk come into contact with infected soil. Some plants have been shown to uptake the prions from infected soil, potentially increasing the risk for infection and spread.

Urine sold commercially as a scent lure is collected from captive cervids in farmed cervid facilities. Nationally, CWD continues to be found in wild herds and captive cervid facilities and is spreading to new areas and facilities annually.

Hunters who hunt out of state or in Canada are prohibited from importing any deer, elk, caribou or moose parts containing central nervous system tissue where the prions exist (so any part of the brain or the spinal column) into Oregon.



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

COMMERCIAL CRAB ENFORCEMENT



Commercial Crab Gear Found in Cape Falcon Marine Reserves

Fish & Wildlife Troopers conducted an air patrol of the Cape Falcon Marine Reserve with the US Coast Guard and located seven commercial crab pots 150 yards within the reserve. The next day, a Trooper conducted a boat patrol with the US Coast Guard to verify which fishing vessel the pots belonged to. The Trooper located the pots and verified their identity. While on the patrol, the Trooper observed the fishing vessel the pots belonged to was out working gear south of the reserve and had moved the gear found the day before closer to the boundary. The captain of the fishing vessel was later interviewed and subsequently cited and released criminally for **Commercial Fishing Closed Area: Marine Reserve**.

Restaurant Employee Buys Sport Caught Crab

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper received information regarding a restaurant buying sport caught crab in Eugene in early January. The Trooper contacted the initial reporting party and learned two subjects sold crab to the restaurant from two coolers out of the back of their SUV. The Trooper responded to the restaurant and conducted a restaurant check, finding no signs of illegal fish. He questioned several employees about buying crab and one employee admitted she purchased the crab and cooked some with other employees that day. The rest were taken home and none were sold at the restaurant. The employee was issued a citation for **Buying Sport Caught Crab**.

Commercial Crab Logbooks Incomplete

Astoria Fish & Wildlife Troopers contacted multiple commercial crab vessels as they made landings at local fish plants. While checking the logbooks of a boat that had just finished landing, the Troopers saw that the captain had failed to complete his logbook as required. This captain has been cited multiple times in previous years for the same offense. The captain was cited for **Fail to Complete Dungeness Crab Logbooks**.

Undersized Crab Found in Offload - Charleston

A Coos Bay Fish & Wildlife Trooper located a commercial fishing vessel that had just completed a small offload of commercial crab in Charleston. The dockworkers advised the Trooper there were no undersized crab located. While looking at the top of one of the totes, the Trooper observed the grade of crab overall was very small. The Trooper measured five crab and found two of them to be undersized. After finding more undersized crab in the first tote, it was determined all crab needed to be measured for legal size. The Trooper and a dockworker measured the 2,282 pounds of crab finding 23 pounds of undersized crab in total. The captain and crew were interviewed and the newest crew member took responsibility for the undersized crab. The crew member was issued a violation citation for **Take/Possession of Undersized Commercial Dungeness Crab**.



MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



A Marine Fisheries Team member checking crab pots

No Wholesale Fish Dealer License - Charleston

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper contacted a wholesale dealer in Charleston who had not purchased his 2020 wholesale dealers license and had been buying and selling crab all week. The dealer was under the impression that his license from 2019 was good for 365 days. The dealer was warned for **No Wholesale Fish Dealer License** and immediately went and bought his license.

No Oregon Angling License - Tillamook Bay

Fish & Wildlife Troopers contacted a Washington resident angling for marine fish on the north jetty of Tillamook Bay. When asked for his angling license the subject presented a 2018 Washington angling license. The subject stated that he thought that the Washington license would work (even though it was a 2018 license) because he was on a north jetty, and had fished off the north jetty of the Columbia River before (in Washington) using that license. The subject was cited for **No Non-Resident Angling License**, and two marine fish were seized.

Angling Closed Season - Ecola Creek

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper watched a subject angling for cutthroat trout on Ecola Creek in Cannon Beach. The subject had caught and released multiple trout before being contacted, and claimed that he did not know that Ecola Creek was closed to trout angling. The subject was cited for **Angling Closed Season**.

Multiple Fish Ticket Violations - Astoria

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper received a complaint from ODFW regarding several razor clam harvesters that had complained about an Astoria wholesale fish dealer not completing fish tickets for their razor clam harvest. Around the time of the initial complaint, the dealer found out that harvesters were complaining about the issue, so they completed a large number of fish tickets at one time and submitted them (months late). Troopers went to the dealer who was only able to provide records back to March of 2019. The dealer acknowledged that fish tickets had not been completed and that they were late. The dealer also provided a folder labeled "2019 missing fish tickets" which contained a list of fish tickets the dealer had submitted late. The dealer gave consent to the Troopers to take the records temporarily for photocopying. Upon reviewing the dock tickets provided, there were still several landings from March through September of 2019 that had not been reported on a fish ticket. The unreported landings were not just razor clams, but also included Columbia River salmon and open access ground fish. There were also a number of razor clam landings that were likely duplicated onto multiple fish tickets. The dealer was issued citations for **Failure to Submit Fish Tickets to ODFW Within the Required Time Frame, Failure to Complete Fish Receiving Tickets, and Failure to Maintain Records for Three Years**.

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



DUII Crash and Arrest - Elliott State Forest

A Fish & Wildlife Sergeant was patrolling in the Elliott State Forest and was following tire tracks of a vehicle that was peeling out on nearly every grassy pullout and sliding around blind corners on gravel roads. The vehicle was located coming back from the way it had gone, still driving recklessly. The driver waved as he went by. The Sergeant turned and attempted to catch up to the vehicle. A Fish & Wildlife Trooper responded from Lakeside, which is where the truck was headed. After catching up to the suspect vehicle, the truck was observed driving recklessly. Before a traffic stop could be conducted, the driver lost control and drove up on a rock embankment. The vehicle landed on the driver's side. The uninjured driver was arrested for **Reckless Driving** and **DUII**.

Boater Rescued - Netarts Bay

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper assisted Netarts Fire and Rescue and the Tillamook County Sheriff's office with a water rescue on Netarts Bay. The Trooper responded to a high viewpoint on the North side of the mouth of the bay to assist. The Netarts Fire and Rescue jet ski personnel initially could not find the 72-year-old boater who had capsized his boat in the surf, and had been swept out into very rough ocean conditions from his overturned boat. The Trooper using binoculars spotted the subject in his life jacket approximately 200 yards from his boat. The information was relayed to the jet ski personnel who quickly located the subject. The subject was brought to shore and treated for mild hypothermia at Tillamook Regional Medical Center.

Criminal Trespass with a Firearm - Polk County

While on patrol, Salem Fish & Wildlife Troopers heard multiple gunshots coming from an old rock quarry located near the Willamette river across from Independence. The Troopers contacted two young adult males that were shooting a .22 caliber rifle, AR-15, and a shotgun. The berm they had been shooting at was small and the Independence Bridge was clearly visible in the background. The rock quarry is private property and the owners do not allow people to shoot there. The Troopers cited both subjects for **Criminal Trespass with a Firearm**.

Suspicious Vehicle - McNary Wildlife Area

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper was patrolling the McNary Wildlife Area near the Columbia River when he contacted a suspicious vehicle. The driver could not explain why he was there and had a high powered air rifle in the passenger seat. During the contact, it was determined that the subject had a short barrel shotgun concealed under the driver seat. A pipe was located in the subject's pocket and the subject claimed the substance inside to be cocaine. The subject said the firearms in the vehicle were used to kill deer for food, since he had been out of work. The subject was arrested and lodged at the Umatilla County Jail for: **Possession of a Short Barrel Shotgun, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, and Possession of Controlled Substance: Cocaine**.

Stranded Family Rescued - Wasco County

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper responded to assist Wasco County Sheriff's office and search and rescue to locate a family that was stranded in the snow. The Trooper located the family in their Subaru approximately 1.5 miles off the main Forest Service road in 1 foot of snow. The Trooper was able to give them aid until search and rescue arrived and transported them out using ATVs with tracks.

Red-Tailed Hawk Rescue

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper responded to the Reedsport area on the report of an injured hawk. The hawk, believed to be a juvenile Red-Tailed Hawk, had a broken wing, and was very lethargic. The hawk was transferred to the Cascades Raptor Center for evaluation. The juvenile Red-Tailed Hawk recovered well in their care, and was recently released back into the wild!



ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS



Bull Elk Shot from Road - Catherine Creek Unit

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper received information from a local landowner about an illegally taken bull elk during the first (1st) Rocky Mountain rifle elk season in the Catherine Creek unit. The landowner had been elk hunting during the season when he heard a shot coming from a county road that passes through the ranch property. By the time, the landowner was able to get to the location there was only a large blood spot left on that road. Recently, the landowner heard about a local individual, who had killed a bull elk in the area, and found a picture on social media with the hunter next to the bull elk he had harvested. The landowner matched up the background scenery from the social media post with the background from the spot he had found the large blood pool in the roadway. The suspect stated he thought the property belonged to a timber company and admitted the elk was likely in the road right-of-way when he shot it. The subject was cited and released for **Unlawful Take Bull Elk: Road/Road Right-of-Way**. The 6-point bull elk antlers and meat were seized.

Warning Issued for Self-Reported Unlawful Take

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper received a call from a hunter who wanted to self-report a violation. The subject had a Landowner Preference (LOP) damage tag for a cow elk near Estacada. The subject reported that he accidentally shot and killed a spike bull elk. The subject had it field dressed and quartered for the Trooper upon arrival. The subject was issued a warning for **Unlawful Take of Bull Elk** and the elk was donated to charity.

Trap Ensnares Dog, Owner Cited for Removal

A Fish & Wildlife Sergeant investigated a report received from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) of a male subject who came into their office in Tillamook and reported that his dog had become caught in a leg hold trap. The male subject did not provide his name to ODFW staff. A Sergeant identified the subject and interviewed him in person. During the interview, the Sergeant learned that after the male subject had freed his dog from the leg hold trap, he removed the trap from the ground and took it home with him. He then cut the trap into pieces and completely disassembled it. The trapper had branded his trap and was also contacted and interviewed. The trapper was properly licensed and had not committed any violations of the laws in place that govern trapping activities. The damaged trap was seized as evidence and the male subject who removed and damaged it was cited for **Removing or Disturbing the Traps of a Licensed Trapper**. He was also warned for **Criminal Mischief III**.

Investigation Aided by Ex's Social Media

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper completed a long-term investigation involving a convicted felon from Bend that had unlawfully taken two-buck deer in the John Day area with a rifle. After initially interviewing the suspect and receiving a story from him that the bucks he possessed were roadkill, the Trooper located photographs posted on his now ex-girlfriend's Facebook account with the two of them posing with the bucks. The girlfriend was cooperative and admitted the bucks were shot without the proper tags in John Day - by the ex-boyfriend with a rifle that she loaned him. Arrest warrants were requested for **Felon in Possession of Firearm** and **Unlawful Possession/ Take of Buck Deer**.

Duck Hunting Violations - Viento State Park

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper checked two duck hunters at Viento State park after hearing shotgun blasts up river earlier in the morning. It was determined that they were outside the park boundaries but one of the hunters who had harvested a hen mallard did not have a 2020 hunting license and his shotgun was not plugged. The hunter had also not signed across the face of his federal migratory bird stamp. The hunter was issued violation citations for **Having an Unplugged Shotgun** and **No Hunting License** and warned for not signing his duck stamp. The mallard was seized and placed into evidence.

ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS

Investigation Uncovers Multiple Wildlife Crimes

A Roseburg Fish & Wildlife Trooper completed a nearly three month long investigation into numerous wildlife crimes. Fish & Wildlife Troopers from Roseburg and Springfield, as well as two patrol Troopers simultaneously served search warrants on a cell phone in addition to two residences in early January 2020.

K-9 Buck was deployed outside the residences and outbuildings. At the first residence, a burn pile was searched where K-9 Buck alerted to bone fragments. At the second residence, K-9 Buck alerted to a burn pile where Troopers recovered what was believed to be turkey remains that had been burned. At another part of the property K-9 Buck alerted to deer parts that were wasting under a tarp.

The following charges have been forwarded to the Douglas County District Attorney's Office for consideration:

- Primary subject: **Unlawful Possession of Firearm by a Felon** (3 counts), **Exceeding Bag Limit Deer** (2018, 2 counts), **Unlawful Take Bear No Tag** (2018), **Unlawful Take: 1 spike deer, 1 whitetail buck, and 2 black-tailed buck deer 2019**, **Unlawful Possession Wildlife Parts**, **Fail to Display Wildlife and Hunting Equipment for Inspection**, **Tampering with Physical Evidence**, **No Turkey Tag**, **Hunting Deer Closed Season** (2019), **Unlawful Take/ Possession 1 bull elk**, **Hunting Prohibited Method**, and **Waste of Game Mammal** (deer 2019).
- The second subject is charged with **Hunting Deer Closed Season**, **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense (Unlawful Take Buck Deer Closed Season)**, **No Hunting License or Tags** (2019), and **Hunting Deer Prohibited Method** (22 rim fire rifle).
- The girlfriend is charged with **Unlawful Purchase Firearm for a Felon**, **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense and Unlawful Possession Wildlife Parts** (meat and antlers).
- Third subject is charged with **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense** (2 counts).
- Primary subjects mother is charged with **Tampering with Physical Evidence** (hiding a rifle) and **Unlawful Possession Wildlife** (bear and deer parts/meat).

Buck Deer Head Unlawfully Taken

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper drove by four individuals talking in the driveway at a residence east of Stanfield. One of the members was holding a buck deer head with what looked like hide or vertebrae attached. Upon contact, two individuals said they were driving between Heppner and Ukiah in deep snow when they came upon the deer head in the middle of the road. They got out and noticed wolf tracks leading to the head, around the head and leaving the head. The head was seized and one individual was warned for **Unlawful Possession**.



WA Resident Charged with License Violation

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper was patrolling the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area on a shoot day. He identified a subject with out of state plates and interviewed him. The subject had moved to Washington and then purchased a resident elk tag, as well as upland and waterfowl validations. The subject claimed to be living back and forth for several months. He was cited for **Possessing Falsely Applied for Licenses and Tags**. His license and tag were seized.

ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS

Rancher Reports Hawk Shooting

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper responded to a call from a rancher who reported that two male subjects in a Silver Subaru Forester were shooting at a hawk that was perched on a power line on his property. The Trooper responded to the area and let local law enforcement know to be on the lookout for the vehicle in case it went into town. A patrol Trooper located the vehicle at a bar in Burns and the Trooper responded to the location. The Trooper contacted the two male suspects and interviewed them about shooting at the hawk. The subjects at first denied shooting at the hawk and said they were shooting at rabbits. The suspects eventually told the truth and one male was issued criminal citations to appear for **Hunting from a Motor Vehicle** and **Attempt to Take Protected Wildlife**.

Criminal Trespass - Marion County

Fish & Wildlife Troopers received a tip from a landowner in Marion County of a tree stand, Montana elk decoy, and a trail camera that were found located on their property during the 2019 Cascade elk season. Subsequent investigation revealed that the tree stand and Montana elk decoy were actually located on a different piece of property in which the hunters stated that they had permission to hunt on. The trail camera however was located on the original reporting landowner's property. A suspect was developed using pictures from the camera and leads from social media. That suspect was cited and released for **Criminal Trespass II** and the trail camera was seized as evidence. The other hunter was interviewed, cooperated with the investigation and his tree stand and Montana elk decoy were returned to him.

Walkers Educated on Wildlife Area Closure

Fish & Wildlife Troopers conducted a follow-up investigation on a case involving two female subjects that were caught trespassing onto the White River Wildlife Area by a game camera placed and monitored by The Dalles Fish & Wildlife team. One of the Troopers was able to identify the subjects and contact was made with the pair. A warning was issued to a 17-year-old female and a violation citation was issued to the adult female. Both subjects knew they had gone around the gate but said they just wanted to go on a walk for exercise because it was a nice day. The two were educated on why the wildlife area was closed to all public entry and said they would not go back into the closure area again.

Roadstruck Deer Kept without Permit

A Fish & Wildlife Sergeant was contacted by the Grant County Sheriff's Office about an intact deer hanging at a Mt. Vernon residence. A Trooper responded and interviewed the male adult resident. He stated in summary that he hit the deer the previous night and took it to salvage the meat. Evidence from the deer and vehicle corroborated his statements. He was counseled on properly obtaining a permit from ODFW within 24 hours and providing the head to the ODFW office. The following day, the Sergeant received a report from US Forest Service (USFS) law enforcement of a deer head left hanging on the front entrance to the federal building in John Day. USFS was concerned it may have been purposefully done in protest of the federal government. Surveillance video showed it was the same individual that had the road struck deer. The individual was subsequently notified of the proper location of the ODFW office and warned by USFS for **Disposing of Waste on Federal Property**.

Sex Offender Sweep Uncovers Wildlife Crimes

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a call from Josephine County Probation and Parole doing a sex offender sweep. They located two fresh deer head and hides that were two to three weeks old, with no bullet holes located. Investigation revealed that the subject claimed it was roadkill. The subject was subsequently cited for **Unlawful Possession of Deer Parts**. Additionally, he was lodged on county charges of **Felon in Possession x4** and **Failing to Register as a Sex Offender**.

Subject Caught with Duplicate Tags

Through an ongoing investigation into the waste of two elk on opening day of coastal elk second season, a Fish & Wildlife Trooper identified a suspect who had legally killed and tagged a spike on opening day, but had presented an unvalidated elk tag when contacted by the Trooper the following day. The Trooper became aware of the subject taking the spike elk after the season was over and recognized the suspect from her DMV photo as the person he had contacted on the second day of the season. Subsequent investigation revealed the subject had received three copies of her elk tag from a Walmart employee who had difficulty operating the printer and pushed the print button multiple times. The subject admitted to tagging her elk on opening day, then using one of the duplicate tags to hunt the following day when she was contacted by the Trooper. The subject was cited criminally for **Possession of More Than One Big Game Tag**.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING

Subject Caught Impersonating ODFW Staff

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper recently completed an investigation into a subject impersonating ODFW staff on the lower Salmon River. In the Fall of 2019, the Trooper received information of a subject contacting anglers along the Salmon River stating he was an undercover ODFW employee, demanding anglers show him their angling licenses, and telling anglers he needed to take their salmon back to his vehicle for biological sampling. Multiple witnesses provided the subject's physical descriptors, clothing, and fishing equipment. One witness described the subject becoming irate when anglers balked at his requests. The witness followed the subject back to his vehicle where he observed the subject get into the vehicle and speed away. The witness provided the Trooper with the vehicle's description and license plate. Troopers interviewed the subject at his residence in McMinnville. The subject was cited and released for **Criminal Impersonation**.

Angling License Violation - Irrigon Marina

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper contacted three anglers at the Irrigon Marina fishing off a dock. One angler provided his Washington driver's license and said his daughter purchased his angling license earlier in the morning on the ODFW website. He immediately contacted his daughter who could not provide anything pertinent to him having a license. The individual remained on the phone with the daughter while the Trooper confirmed with ODFW that the individual did not have a 2020 license. Their conversation led the Trooper to believe she was currently in the process of purchasing his license. She sent the subject a picture of the completed transaction, which he insisted was purchased prior to the Trooper's arrival. Coincidentally, as soon as he showed the Trooper proof of the transaction, his angling license appeared in his ODFW profile. The subject was issued a citation for **No Non-Resident Angling License**.

Angling Violations - Chetco River

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper observed a boat anchored on the Chetco River. From a concealed location, the Trooper noticed that the subject on-board the boat was using an additional hidden pole off the transom of the boat. Contact was made and subject was initially dishonest about the extra pole. The subject was issued a citation for **Angling More Than One Line/Rod**. During the same contact, the subject was only able to provide a Washington ID. However, he promised that he had been living in Oregon for 10 years. A later check with Washington revealed that the subject is also purchasing Washington angling licenses as a resident while claiming residency in Oregon. Washington will be pursuing charges for False Application.

Subject Angling without Proper License/Tag

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper patrolled the Smith River checking steelhead anglers. One subject was contacted who admitted to not having purchased his angling license or tag for 2020. The subject stated he knew he needed to get them, but had been bored at home, so he decided to take his chances. The subject was cited for **No Resident Angling License** and warned for **No Combined Angling Tag**.

Undersized Dungeness Crab Found at Hotel

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper received a report of subjects retaining undersized Dungeness crab at a hotel in Newport. The Trooper contacted a group of people at their hotel room matching the description provided. A consent search of their coolers and hotel room revealed four undersized male Dungeness crab. The four undersized Dungeness crab were seized and one subject was cited for **Take/Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**.

Vehicles Collide with Commercial Clam Tote

A Fish & Wildlife Trooper was on patrol traveling northbound on US Highway 101. When the Trooper drove around a sharp curve he was confronted with approximately 1500 cockle clams blocking the highway. The trooper soon realized that this was actually a motor vehicle crash involving two vehicles and a commercial tote full of frozen bait clams. The commercially harvested clams were being transported on a dual axle trailer and had slid off the trailer. The tote of clams was hit by two vehicles. No injuries were reported in either vehicle.



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

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