



OREGON STATE POLICE FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION



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*On the cover:
A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant floats the
Owyhee River on a recent patrol.*

LEAVE WILDLIFE IN THE WILD



Young Raccoon Recovered

Fish and Wildlife Troopers received a call of a female subject in possession of a juvenile raccoon at a local Bottle Drop in Salem. The Troopers responded and contacted the female subject. The subject explained that the mother raccoon had been hit by a car and the juvenile raccoon was orphaned. The Troopers explained the legality of owning wildlife without the proper permits. The subject surrendered the raccoon to the Troopers without incident.



From [Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife](#):

"Never assume an animal is orphaned. Don't remove it from the forest, including your backyard. Female deer and elk and other mammals will often leave their young temporarily for safety reasons or to feed elsewhere. They will return when it is safe to do so (when people, dogs, or predators are not present)."

Fawn Taken - Umatilla County

A Hermiston Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a subject who had removed a deer fawn from the wild, believing it had been abandoned by its mother. The subject was criminally cited and released for **Holding Wildlife in Captivity Without a Permit**.

West Linn Residents Reported and Kept Fawn

Fish and Wildlife Troopers responded to a call about a fawn in captivity in West Linn. The reporting party found the fawn along the road on Saturday and attempted to call ODFW but they were closed for the long Memorial Day weekend. Sometime between when Troopers called the reporting party and when Troopers arrived at their house, just a few hours, the fawn mysteriously escaped from the enclosure and was nowhere to be seen. The reporting party was warned that if they were found with the fawn they would be criminally charged.

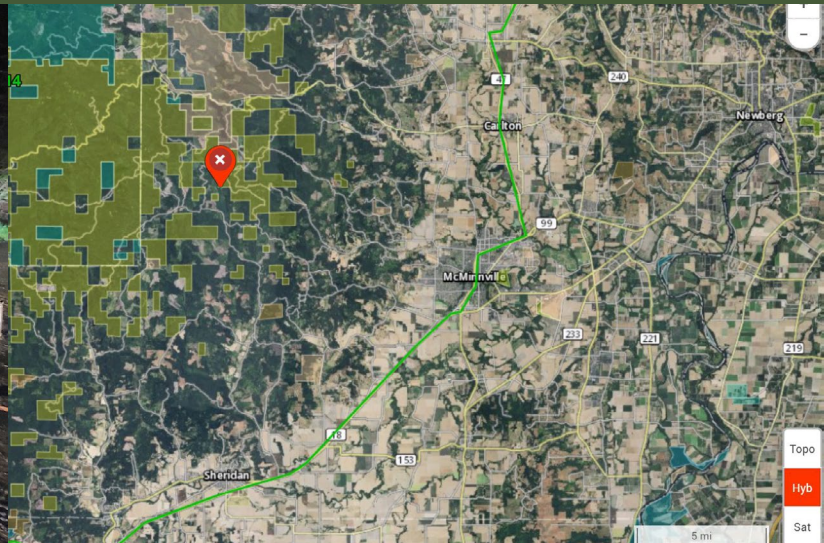
Search Warrant Leads to Captive Wildlife Discovery

Fish and Wildlife Troopers and Patrol Troopers from the Baker City Worksite served a search warrant at a residence in Baker County. It was reported that a subject was unlawfully holding a deer in captivity at their residence. A search warrant was obtained and served. During the search warrant a deer, a Canada goose, and a raven were found to be unlawfully held in captivity without a holding permit. The investigation is ongoing and will be submitted to the Baker County District Attorney's Office for consideration of charges for **No Wildlife Holding Permit**. The seized wildlife was released to ODFW personnel.

For more information and frequently asked questions about injured and young wildlife, please see:

bit.ly/ODFWFAQ

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Yamhill County Family Rescued

On Saturday, May 2nd an OSP Fish and Wildlife Trooper from the McMinnville Office assisted the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) with a search and rescue for a disabled motorist. The motorist got one call out before his cell phone battery died. He stated his car battery had unexpectedly died when his 3-year-old turned his vehicle's light-bar on during the day and they didn't notice until they returned to their vehicle. The motorist stated he and his young family had been stranded on a remote logging spur road off the upper reaches of White Road for several hours and were getting cold. Using a cell phone ping to get in the correct area, the Trooper and a YCSO Deputy located the word "HELP" spelled in the roadway along with several arrows pointing down the correct spur road. Staging the patrol car, both officers used the OSP truck to descend the narrow, muddy road. They were able to locate the family and successfully jump start their vehicle at around 11:30 PM. All involved made it out safe and uninjured.

Water Rescue - Douglas County

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a water rescue call at Amacher Park in the Roseburg area. It was reported that a boat operator was trying to put his boat on the trailer and the engine died. He smashed his hand trying to get it started and could not get it started before being beached on the rocks in the middle of the North Umpqua River. The Trooper looked at it and decided he couldn't get his boat safely to the subject. The Trooper put on his dry suit and swam out to the subject. He was able to work the boat off the rocks and into the channel, and from there he rode with the boat operator back up to the boat ramp. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office Marine Deputy acted as a downstream safety with a throw bag during the incident.

Out of Compliance Sex Offender Caught

A La Grande Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted an angler at Morgan Lake who was visibly nervous during the contact. The Trooper checked the subject's status and found he was an out of compliance sex offender. The subject was taken into custody and transported to the Union County Jail where he was lodged for **Failing to Register as a Sex Offender – Felony**.

Subjects Agree to Clean Up Litter

Fish and Wildlife Troopers passed two vehicles that had just turned around at the end of the West Fork Millicoma Road. At the turn around, there was an empty cardboard case of Coors beer and two empty ice bags that appeared to be freshly discarded, possibly falling out of the bed of one of the vehicles. The subjects were contacted in the two vehicles and denied ownership of the trash. A consent search of a cooler revealed a case worth of Coors beer cans and two bags worth of ice. The responsible party agreed to go back and retrieve the trash in lieu of receiving a citation.

Trooper Arrests Subject for DUII

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant was patrolling USFS 16 Road in the Seneca area and stopped a car for multiple traffic offenses. Upon contact, the adult male driver displayed indicators of impairment, and it was discovered that his driver's license was criminally revoked for a prior DUII. The driver consented to standard field sobriety tests (SFSTs) and showed further impairment. The driver was arrested for **DUII and Driving while Suspended (DWS)-Misdemeanor**. The driver provided a breath sample with final BAC of .17%. He was cited and released.

ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS



A Burns Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a report of a dead elk in the Silvies unit and came upon a bear near the carcass. The bear ran up on the hill barking and snorting, clearly wanting the Trooper to leave so it could eat. The elk was determined to be road struck and not poached.

Subjects Found Hunting in Wildlife Refuge

A Mid-Valley Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a complaint of three adult subjects wearing blaze orange hat/vests, one of whom was carrying a rifle, walking on a trail on the Finley Wildlife Refuge in Benton County. The Trooper located the three subjects on the refuge. One subject admitted to hunting turkeys and provided the Trooper with a non-resident turkey tag. The Trooper inspected the rifle and discovered it was actually a pellet rifle. The Trooper asked the subject if he thought a pellet rifle was a legal method and if the refuge was open to hunting. The subject admitted to looking at the ODFW website, but did not do much research. The subject was cited for **Hunt Closed Refuge-Violation** and was warned for **Hunting Prohibited Method**.

Turkey Hunting Violations on Private Property

A Baker City Fish and Wildlife Trooper received information from a landowner regarding a trespass complaint involving a hunter who shot a turkey on their private property. The landowner didn't wish to pursue trespass charges but wanted the subject warned for the offense, making it known they weren't allowed to hunt the property. The Trooper later contacted the subject for follow up and discovered the subjects had not validated their turkey tag. The Trooper issued him a citation for **Fail to Immediately Validate Turkey Tag** and a warning for **Hunting on the Enclosed Land of Another**.

Licenses Bought Using Deceased Parents Names

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper in Bend received information from ODFW regarding a subject who was buying hunting licenses for his deceased parents. Investigation revealed the subject was buying hunting licenses and applying for elk/deer hunts using his deceased parents as party leaders to increase his chances of drawing tags with their preference points. He was cited and released for **Unlawful Application for License/Tag**.

TIP Leads to Bear Hunt Violations

An Oakridge Fish and Wildlife Trooper concluded an investigation that was started after a TIP complaint of possible illegal bear hunting was received via e-mail through OSP General Headquarters. Based on the investigation the involved subject was found to have killed a bear during the 2019 SW Oregon Spring Bear Season and had not checked the bear in as required, and had also reported that he had not hunted during the Spring 2019 bear season when he completed his mandatory hunt reporting. The subject was cited for **Fail to Check in Black Bear to ODFW Within 10 Days of Harvest** and for **Providing False Information to ODFW on Mandatory Report**. The skull from the harvested bear and the 2019 SW Oregon Spring Bear Tag were seized as evidence. The subject had killed a bear during the Fall of 2019 and checked that bear in to ODFW and reported correctly as required.

ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS



Man Survives Rare Bear Attack Near Creswell

Springfield Fish and Wildlife Troopers received information that a male subject and his dog had been mauled by a bear west of the town of Creswell. The male subject was at the hospital being treated for his injuries. Troopers contacted the subject at the hospital. The subject had sustained injuries to his face, mouth, arms, belly, and back. The attack occurred approximately a mile away from the subject's residence when he was walking with his dog on a private timber company road. The bear had walked onto the road from the uphill side as the victim and his dog were coming down the road. They were approximately 20 feet from each other when the dog barked and lunged toward the bear. The bear knocked the dog down and was on the dog when the victim approached yelling and waving his arms. The bear turned from the dog to the victim, knocking him to the ground. The Troopers coordinated with ODFW and Wildlife Services to develop a response to the area of the attack. Wildlife Services deployed hounds in the area of the attack, who immediately picked up a track and ensuing chase. A large mature male bear was treed and matched the description provided by the victim. The bear was shot and killed. The Troopers, ODFW, and Wildlife Services personnel packed the 375-pound bear out over rough terrain. The bear was examined by ODFW Veterinarian staff. The following day, several Fish and Wildlife Troopers, ODFW staff, and Wildlife Services staff returned to the area in attempts to locate the exact location of the attack. Fish and Wildlife K-9 Buck was deployed along the road system the victim had walked. During K-9 Buck's search of the area, the victim was escorted up the road system. The victim was in good spirits and agreed to help. K-9 Buck alerted to an area and later the victim confirmed that the area K-9 Buck had alerted to was the area of the attack. The victim's hat was located just off the road and several hair samples were collected.



Trail Cams Catch Trespassers and Unlawful Dead-Head Collectors in McMinnville Area

A McMinnville Fish and Wildlife Trooper cited nine adults for **Criminal Trespass II** for extensive ATV use on properties belonging to Hancock Forest Management, Stimson Lumber, Hampton Lumber, and Weyerhaeuser. Five juveniles were also warned per the company's wishes.

McMinnville Fish and Wildlife Troopers seized three dead-heads from two shed hunters. One of the Troopers had recovered trail camera photos of the suspects bringing out three dead-heads with numerous sheds. The suspects were very compliant.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



Undersized Pink Shrimp Found

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper on the Marine Fisheries Team was notified by ODFW that a commercial pink shrimp boat had made a delivery of potentially undersized shrimp. Several Fish and Wildlife Troopers along with an ODFW biologist took samples from the load and counted and weighed each sample. The average count per pound for the entire load was 179 (regulations require 160 or fewer shrimp per pound). The captain was interviewed and stated that he knew that he was keeping small shrimp but had hoped that the conveyor belt on his boat would do a good enough job sorting out the small ones. The captain was cited and released for **Exceeding Commercial Shrimp Count Per Pound**. The approximately 13,000-pound load of shrimp was seized.



Ocean Patrol - Charleston

Florence and Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol in the Pacific Ocean out of Charleston focusing on nearshore Halibut and other marine fish. During the patrol multiple anglers were contacted and three citations were issued for **Failing to Immediately Validate Harvest Card: Halibut**. Several warnings were issued for various licensing violations.

Skipper Cited for Lack of Crew Licenses

A Marine Fisheries Team Sergeant checked a commercial market squid offload and discovered three out of the five crew members did not possess Individual Commercial Licenses. The skipper was interviewed who stated he thought he had enough crew member licenses for the crew but was mistaken. The skipper was cited for **Aiding in a Commercial Fish Offense: No Individual Commercial Fishing License**. The other two deckhands were warned.

No Troll Salmon Permit

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper was contacted by ODFW regarding a commercial troll salmon boat who made two landings of salmon without renewing his 2020 troll salmon permit. The fisherman was contacted while he was headed out on a third trip and said he thought he renewed it when he renewed his crab license but apparently, he had not. He returned to port and renewed his license the next day. The fisherman was cited for **No Troll Salmon Permit**.

Troopers Assist USCG with Search and Rescue

Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted an ocean and bay patrol for sport groundfish and crab. One subject was cited for **No Shellfish License**. The Troopers also assisted the US Coast Guard (USCG) with a search and rescue (SAR) call. A 14ft aluminum boat capsized in the bay and both persons on board swam to shore and were uninjured. The vessel however was submerged with only the bow sticking out. USCG boats were too big to get close to the vessel as it was in close proximity to the north jetty rocks. OSP Troopers were able to take the USCG tow line and attach it to the boat so that USCG could tow it to shore. The boat was successfully dewatered during the tow and USCG was able to get it back to the marina where it was removed from the water. Lincoln County Sheriff's Office conducted the boat accident investigation.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



East Region Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Deschutes River, contacting 24 anglers and issuing a citation and warnings for **No Angling License** and **Angling on Private Property without Permission**.

Spring Chinook Patrol - Columbia River

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles office conducted a two-day boat/shore patrol on The Columbia River for the spring Chinook fisheries seasons that were announced by ODFW. In addition to salmon, several anglers were out searching for bass and walleye or just enjoying the sun and pleasant weather. Over the two day patrol, approximately 150 boats and as many anglers were observed or checked. Several minor warnings were issued for boating/angling violations with one citation being issued for a personal flotation device (PFD) violation, and two citations for **Angling Prohibited Method: Two Poles**.

Washington Boater Caught in Closed Area

St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Troopers received information regarding subjects aboard a Washington registered boat who were angling in the Multnomah Channel unlawfully. Contact was made and Troopers discovered that the boat owner had tried to camouflage his state registration by just placing an OR over the WN of his Washington registration. Subsequent to the investigation, the owner was cited and released for **Angling Closed Area**. The passenger was also cited for **Angling Closed Area** and a Chinook salmon was seized.

Subject Over Limit on Red Rock Crab

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a subject crabbing in Netarts Bay. The crabber was in possession of 48 Red Rock Crab, 24 over the daily bag limit. The subject was cited for **Exceeding Daily Limit of Red Rock Crab**. The 24 seized crab were returned to the bay.

Yaquina, Alsea, and Netarts Bay Saturation Patrol

Troopers conducted shellfish patrols on Yaquina, Alsea and Netarts Bays. In total, 133 crab and 236 clams were seized. The following offenses were observed and enforcement action was taken:

- **No Non-Resident Angling License – 1**
- **No Resident Shellfish License – 7**
- **Take/Possession of Female Dungeness Crab – 4**
- **Take/Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab – 11**
- **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Crab – 1**
- **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Clams – 8**
- **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Shore Crab – 1**
- **Digging Another's Clams – 2**
- **Clam Digging During Closed Season – 5**
- **Take Crab w/ More than Three Pots/Rings – 2**
- **Fail to Allow Inspection of License/Catch/Gear – 1**
- **Fail to Use Own Container for Clams – 9**
- **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense – 2**
- **Criminal Trespass II – 2**

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Willamette River Boat Patrol

Springfield Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a drift boat patrol on the Middle Fork and Main Willamette River from Clearwater Landing on the Middle Fork Willamette to the Beltline Bridge on the Main Willamette River. During the patrol 12 anglers were contacted. One subject quit angling when he observed the Troopers checking an angler on the river. The subject was contacted and was trying to purchase his angling license on his phone. The subject was steelhead angling and did not have a valid angling license, combined angling tag, nor a Columbia River Basin endorsement. The subject was cited for **No Angling License** and **No Combined Angling Harvest Tag**. Other activities during the patrol included warnings for **Fail to Immediately Validate Combined Angling Harvest Tag** and **No Combined Angling Harvest Tag**.

Crabbing Violations - Tillamook Bay

While on boat patrol on Tillamook Bay, a Fish and Wildlife Trooper happened upon three subjects in a motorized boat. The boat's outboard engine was having issues so the Trooper was asked to tow the vessel back to the marina. The subjects catch of crab was checked at the dock and 36 total crab were found on board. The crab were checked and 12 were found to be undersized and three were female. One of the subjects did not have a shellfish license and claimed he was just riding in the boat. Two of the subjects were cited for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Dungeness Crab** and **Take/Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**. A warning was also issued for **Possession of Female Dungeness Crab**. The subjects were shown the proper way to measure and identify male and female crab. The undersized and female crab were released back into the bay.



Lookout Point Reservoir Boat Patrol

Springfield area Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on Lookout Point Reservoir focusing on boating and warm water angling enforcement. During the patrol 55 anglers were checked and 20 boats were inspected for boating safety compliance. One citation was issued for **No Angling License**. Various warnings were given for angling and boating violations including **Unlawful Taking of Juvenile Chinook Salmon**, **No Angling License in Possession**, **Expired Boat Registration**, **No Boater Education Card**, and **Improper or Insufficient Personal Flotation Devices**. Anglers were having good success on crappie and smallmouth bass. Some walleye were also observed being caught by anglers, as seen in the photo of a mixed catch above.



Lookout Point Reservoir

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



K-9 Buck Joins Boat Patrol, Family Rescued

Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the McKenzie River from the Leaburg Dam to Hendricks Park. During the patrol the Troopers contacted 58 anglers/boaters. During the contacts - four citations, four warnings and two boat inspections were issued. After arriving at Hendricks Park, some personnel left and were replaced by another Trooper. During the second leg of the patrol, the Troopers contacted 53 anglers/boaters. Of those contacts - two citations, 11 warnings and one water rescue was made. As the Troopers passed by Hayden Bridge they found a father and 2-year-old daughter clinging to some overhanging brush just above a large set of rapids. The father was in a small canoe with his infant daughter between his legs. The mother was walking in the river near the bank in the swift current attempting to retrieve her daughter before they were swept into the rapids. The Troopers were able to pull the mother and little girl into their drift boat safely. A Trooper removed his life jacket and fastened it to the father. After everyone was secured, the Troopers followed the father in his canoe through the rapids with the mother and little girl in their boat to safety. After the young family was safely back in their vehicles, the Troopers continued down the river to Armitage Park. The boat patrol was a total of 31.6 miles with 11.5 hours on the water. Overall there were 111 contacts, six citations, 15 warnings, and one water rescue.

Washington Resident Caught with OR License

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant was traveling to Sauvie Island to patrol for sturgeon poachers when he passed a Washington plated vehicle parked near the Goble Landing in an area known to sturgeon poachers. Two subjects were contacted returning to the vehicle with angling rods, and the male, who claimed to be the only one angling, presented a resident Oregon angling license and said he had lived in Longview, Washington for two years. The subject was cited for **Possession of a Falsely Applied for License** and warned for **Angling Closed Area**.

Eastern Columbia Boat/Shore Saturation Patrol

Pendleton and Hermiston Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted boat and shore saturation patrols on the Columbia River. Multiple anglers were contacted with many citations and warnings issued for **No Non-Resident Angling License, Angling Prohibited Method-Barbed Hooks, Angling With More Than One Line, and No Harvest Tag**. Troopers observed a subject retain a foul hooked salmon and when contacted, learned the fish had not been validated and that barbed hooks were used. The subject was cited and released for the offenses as well as the boat owner for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense**. The salmon and gear utilized were seized.



CASE DISPOSITION

Woman Convicted in Shark Fin Trafficking Case

Illegal shark fin sales in a Portland grocery store marks the first conviction under an Oregon law that prohibits possession, sale, trade or distribution of shark fins. The June 4 conviction calls into play a law created in 2011 to preserve vulnerable shark populations.

Agnes Yu, 52, of Happy Valley, pleaded guilty to one count of possessing, selling, or trading shark fin, after selling dried shark fin through Wing Ming Herbs, a specialty food store in SE Portland that she and her husband own. She was sentenced to 12 months bench probation, \$1,000 in fines and \$360 in restitutions for the Class A Misdemeanor.

The case was prosecuted by the Multnomah County District Attorney's office and decided by The Hon. Christopher Marshall, concluded an investigation that lasted over a year and involved Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Troopers (OSP F&W), and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). An undercover informant was instrumental in discovering and then making the case.

Marketing shark fin, like many illegal endeavors, is through word-of-mouth. When an anonymous source approached OSP F&W Troopers and said they had heard Wing Ming Herbs was selling shark fin, detectives enlisted the source as an undercover informant to assist in a sting operation. According to OSP Lieutenant Ryan Howell, on January 23rd, 2018, the informant was able to record the purchase of six packages of dried, processed shark fin from Yu. Yu was not cited for the offense until September of 2019 due to a separate investigation by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Shark fin is a delicacy in some cultures and broth made with the fin is traditional fare for weddings and other occasions. Large single fins are most prized, with trimmings from those fins creating a lesser product. Howell said DNA testing of the dried fins from Wing Ming Herbs returned trimmings from five shark species: Blue shark, black-nose shark, Caribbean sharp-nosed shark, small tail shark and small eye hammerhead shark.

Blue sharks are native to Oregon waters, according to Meghan Dugan, public information officer for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. NOAA's test results did not distinguish whether the blue shark in the packages was from Oregon waters or elsewhere in the Pacific.

US laws forbid animal parts trafficking. Trafficking of shark fin is both damaging to global populations and difficult to detect. Oregon sentencing standards are tougher than Federal guidelines and Yu's sentencing reflects Oregon's strict laws against selling, trading or distributing shark fins. The Oregon Zoo, which is a member of the Wildlife Trafficking Alliance and partners on a range of policy,

awareness, and enforcement efforts to combat the illegal wildlife trade, is pleased with the conviction, according to Zoo Director Don Moore.

"Now, poachers and traffickers are finding it harder to find safe haven in our state, and the timing is critical. This case shows that Oregonians can and will take action in our own backyard to protect endangered wildlife around the world," said Moore.

A lot has changed for illegal wildlife trade and poaching in Oregon. Defenders of Wildlife's work in protecting wildlife species doesn't stop at the border according to Dr Sristi Kamal, Senior NW Representative with Defenders of Wildlife.

"Timely enforcement and prosecution can go a long way in acting as a deterrent to both the demand and the supply of the illegal wildlife trade. We can prevent the treatment of wildlife from different parts of the world as mere commodities to trade in our state," she said.

ODFW Stop Poaching campaign coordinator Yvonne Shaw agrees.

"When people create avenues for illegally selling imported wildlife, it creates the infrastructure for Oregon wildlife like bears, raptors, turtles and sturgeon, to be illegally traded as well," she said, "This is a win not only because it stopped wildlife trafficking, but also because it weakens those illegal networks."



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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