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*On the cover:
A Fish and Wildlife Trooper checks the
tag on a harvested antelope.*

PRONGHORN ANTELOPE SEASON



East Region Antelope Saturation Patrols

Troopers from the East Central Team with outside assistance, conducted an operations plan focusing on antelope hunters in wildlife management units within Grant and Harney Counties resulting in dozens of hunters contacted and over a dozen antelope harvested.

Hunter Self-Reports Accidental Take of Doe

A Burns Fish and Wildlife Trooper received information from dispatch that a hunter had mistakenly shot a doe antelope in the Steens unit and immediately called to self-report. The hunter field dressed the antelope and the next day the meat was taken to a meat processor to later be donated. The hunter was warned for **Unlawful Take of a Doe Antelope**.

Pronghorn Antelope WED Operations

Bend and Prineville Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a Pronghorn Antelope Wildlife Enforcement Decoy (WED) on the opening day in the Ochoco Unit. One vehicle stopped and a passenger exited and shot twice over the truck bed and across the roadway. The subject was apologetic and immediately owned up to his violation. The subject was issued a citation for **Hunting From Roadway**, warned for being within 50yds of motor vehicle, and the driver warned for **Aiding and Counseling in a Wildlife Violation**. Other activities included warnings for **No ATV Operator Card**, **Unlawful Operation of ATV on Roadway**, and **No Big Game Tag on Person**.

John Day Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted an Antelope WED operation in the Juniper Unit which resulted in several hunter/citizen contacts as well as two citations for **Shooting Antelope within 50 yards of a Motor Vehicle**. Seven warnings were also issued for various hunting violations.

Three Charged in Unlawful Take - Ochoco Unit

Central Oregon Fish and Wildlife Team members received the complaint of a poaching incident on private property. A Bend Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to the area, confirmed the kill site was on the ranch property and that the suspects had left. The Trooper was able to locate the suspect vehicle in a camp within the Ochoco Unit. The suspects were contacted and eventually admitted to shooting the antelope on private property. One suspect was cited for **Unlawful Take: Antelope, Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass, and Fail to Immediately Validate Big Game Tag**. Two other suspects were cited for **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense and Criminal Trespass II**.



Harvested Antelope Meat Inedible

A John Day Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a hunter in the Murderers Creek unit that harvested a buck antelope with signs of infection. The Trooper inspected the meat and found it was not suitable for consumption. The hunter's tag was revalidated and the Trooper salvaged the head and cape to be utilized for a wildlife enforcement decoy.

PRONGHORN ANTELOPE SEASON



SW Region Antelope Saturation Patrols

Over the weekend of August 15-16, 2020, Fish and Wildlife Troopers patrolled the vast antelope country of the Southwest Region. A large number of contacts were made and several warnings were given for ATV violations, tagging violations, and fire restrictions.

Subject Accidentally Kills Two Bucks

A Klamath Falls Sergeant was contacted by a hunter who witnessed a subject shoot two antelope bucks. The witness observed the incident from several hundred yards away. With a good description of the two subjects, as well as their vehicle, they were located the following day by conducting a saturation patrol and assistance from the OSP aircraft. The subject admitted to shooting at a large group of antelope but was unaware a second animal had been killed. The antelope was salvaged by the witness and later donated for charity. The subject was cited and released.

Non-Resident Caught with Oregon Resident Tag

A Lakeview Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed an antelope being field dressed at a mobile taxidermist. The Trooper made contact and noticed the subject's vehicle had a California license. The subject's tag was checked and it was confirmed he had an Oregon resident hunting license and antelope tag. California Fish and Game officers were contacted and ran a record search of the subject. The subject was interviewed and it appeared the subject was actually a resident of California, while only on occasion staying at his son's house in Oregon. The subject was criminally cited for **Possession of Falsely Applied for Tag**. Lake County Sheriff's Office Deputies and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Law Enforcement assisted on scene.

Troopers Patrol Beatys Butte Area

Springfield area Fish and Wildlife Troopers patrolled the West Beatys Butte area on opening day of Antelope season. Multiple hunters were contacted during the patrol. One antelope hunter who was mentoring a youth hunter was warned for **No Electronic License and Tag in Possession and Counseling in a Wildlife Offense: Juvenile Hunter Not Wearing Hunter Orange**. One harvested buck antelope was checked.

The following day Troopers patrolled in the East Beatys Butte area. Multiple hunters were contacted with three harvested buck antelope also checked.



Unlawful Take - Lakeview

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper was contacted by Lakeview ODFW biologists about a subject who had killed an antelope without first purchasing a tag. It was determined the subject had actually gone home before attempting to correct the issue. The call was passed to the Central Point Fish and Wildlife Team for follow-up. It was reported that the suspect had failed to purchase his electronic tag for his muzzleloader hunt near Lakeview. Fish and Wildlife Troopers responded to an address in Central Point where the suspect was contacted and the antelope meat was seized. He was cited for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Antelope**.



RETIREMENT



Major David Anderson retired from the Oregon State Police on August 31, 2020 after over 23 years of service with the Oregon State Police. Before working for OSP, Anderson worked numerous seasonal jobs with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the United States Forest Service (USFS). Anderson started his career in 1997 as a Fish and Wildlife Recruit in Hood River, before transferring over to the Fish and Wildlife Division's Special Investigations Unit in 2007. He later promoted through the ranks of OSP, holding positions as a Sergeant and Lieutenant in the Fish and Wildlife Division; and as Captain of the Patrol Services Bureau. He concluded his career as the Police Services Bureau Major, overseeing statewide administration of the Fish and Wildlife, Patrol and Criminal Divisions.

During his tenure in the Fish and Wildlife Division, Major Anderson implemented innovative changes to equipment and investigatory tactics that have changed the way fish and wildlife enforcement is done in Oregon. Anderson played a significant role in shaping 2013 legislation that now allows a warrant to be authorized for the use of a mobile tracking device for a violation of a criminal provision of the wildlife laws. He was also instrumental in getting body worn cameras issued to all Fish and Wildlife Division members, an advancement which continues to be utilized to this day across the State.

According to Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division Director Captain Casey Thomas, "Major Anderson was a great ambassador of our agency and Division. He was a talented and persistent investigator, and will always be considered a "game troop." Back in '05 he was the case officer in a large-scale multi-agency investigation into the unlawful take and sale of Columbia River white sturgeon. The case involved the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and culminated in charges being developed on 33 different suspects."

Captain Thomas continued, saying; "Major Anderson was also a great leader and role model on our agency. While a short write up doesn't do justice to his impact on OSP – there is no doubt Major Anderson will have a long lasting positive effect on our agency."



GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Mushroom Picker Rescued

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant assisted the Coos County Sheriff's Office and other emergency responders locate a mushroom picker who was having an apparent stroke. The victim had hiked about one mile into a brushy area in the upper Joe Ney Slough Drainage and proved difficult to find until the Sheriff's Office was able to determine his location by a cell phone ping. The Coast Guard deployed a helicopter and airlifted the subject to the hospital for treatment.



Subject Arrested on Drug and Weapon Charges

A John Day Fish and Wildlife Sergeant was patrolling along Canyon Creek on Hwy 395 South and saw a male subject walk up from the creek with a fishing pole. The Sergeant turned around but found the subject had fled the area. While searching the area a neighbor reported a suspicious truck with two people on their property. A Patrol Trooper responded to assist and an adult male and female were located. They stated they had just pulled off for their dog and appeared unrelated to the earlier angler. The male was found to be a convicted felon, recently released from prison for firearms offenses. A subsequent search revealed a concealed dagger, a loaded .357 revolver in a hidden compartment, a two sided sword, methamphetamine, two digital scales with methamphetamine residue, packaging material, and other drug related paraphernalia. The female had a misdemeanor warrant for a probation violation out of Lincoln County. The male subject was lodged at the Grant County Jail on charges of **Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine: Commercial Drug Offense, and Felon in Possession of a Restricted Weapons.**

Troopers Retrieve Couple's Groceries After Crash

Burns Fish and Wildlife Troopers responded to a single vehicle rollover crash on US-395 near milepost 62. The male driver hit the gravel on the shoulder of the road and lost control of the vehicle. The elderly occupants of the vehicle were taken to the hospital for evaluation and later released. The driver suffered a cut to his head as a result of the crash, and his wife reported no injuries. The Troopers gathered a truckload of groceries that the couple had bought in Burns, and brought the groceries to them at the hospital. The couple was extremely grateful that the Troopers were able to salvage their groceries because they live in a small town and stated that they only go shopping about once every six months.

Disabled Boat Retrieved from Columbia River

A Hermiston Fish and Wildlife Trooper got a call regarding a broken down boat in the McNary Pool of the Columbia River. The Trooper launched an OSP boat and towed the disabled boat five miles back to the boat launch.

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Red-Tailed Hawk Rescued

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a report of a juvenile red-tailed hawk entangled in twine from its nest at Odgen Wayside north of Terrebonne. The hawk appeared dead but then was observed struggling briefly. Redmond Fire District (RFD) was called and sent a ladder truck to assist. ODFW also arrived and had called the electric companies. The nest was very close to power lines and a decision between RFD, Central Oregon Electric and Pacific Power Company was to use the boom from Central Oregon Electric and RFD would stand by for safety. There were two parent hawks also dive bombing the workers during the rescue. The electric company safely freed the hawk and cut away the remaining hazard nesting material. ODFW cut free twine entangling the hawk and it was taken to a veterinary clinic in Bend for further assessment. The electric companies agreed to return with ODFW when a release back to the nest site is needed.

Runaway Dog Reunited with Grateful Owner

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper was patrolling western Klamath County when he located a Brittney Spaniel running alongside the road. The dog was picked up and transported to a Klamath County Animal Control Officer. The following day the dog's owner called to express her gratitude for rescuing the dog. She advised that the dog had run away from camp and they had been looking for it for two days.

Offensive Littering - Winchester Fish Ladder

A Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to an ODFW employee's complaint of a trash dump near their access gate at the Winchester Fish Ladder. Three items of evidentiary value were located along with two used hypodermic needles amongst the trash. Using the three items and surveillance video obtained with those items two suspects were developed leading to a confession and a citation issued for **Offensive Littering**. The subject volunteered to pick up his trash but an ODFW employee had already cleaned up the area.

Shed Hunters Trespass - Ukiah

A Hermiston Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a report of trespassers on a private ranch near Ukiah. The trespassers had reportedly filmed themselves picking up shed antlers, while trespassing, and posted the video to their YouTube channel. The suspects were identified and later interviewed. The two suspects were cited and released for **Criminal Trespass II**. The shed antlers were turned over to OSP and released back to the property manager.



ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS



Subject Shoots from Roadway

A Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to the intersection of Mehl Creek Road and Bullock Road in Oakland. A subject pulled up along the roadway and shot a 6-point bull elk with an arrow while the landowner was sitting in the trees waiting for the elk to come back out of the field so he could hunt them. The bull was seized and the suspect was issued a citation for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass**.

Archery Hunters Trespass While Scouting

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from the Roseburg office was contacted by a private timber company regarding subjects trespassing on their property. The Trooper responded and located two subjects who were scouting the area prior to the opening day of archery season. Both subjects were issued criminal citations for **Criminal Trespass II**.

Doe Deer Shot Out of Season - Heppner Unit

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant responded to a complaint that someone shot and killed a doe deer in the Heppner Unit on opening morning of archery season. The Sergeant responded to the suspect camp and observed the dead doe hanging in camp. The animal had been tagged with a general season, archery buck tag. The Sergeant waited in the camp for the occupants to return. The subject admitted to shooting and killing the doe, because his father told him does were legal in this unit. The synopsis was reviewed with the camp members to show them which units were open to the legal harvest of doe deer and which were not. The doe and its parts as well as the validated tag were seized and a citation was issued.

Intoxicated Subject Trespasses and Shoots Deer

A La Pine Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a suspect in a trespassing complaint after following tracks to an adjacent residence. The highly intoxicated suspect admitted to shooting the deer with his bow from five feet away at the chicken coop. The suspect stated he left his deer tag at the coast and a records check revealed he had not purchased a deer tag for 2020. The subject was cited in lieu of custody for **Unlawful Take of Buck Deer: No Valid Big Game Tag**. The bow and deer were seized.

Social Media Post Leads to Citation

A Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Trooper identified two subjects in a social media post who killed a cow elk on closed private timber land in the Melrose Unit. Both men were interviewed and admitted to trespassing and killing the elk on private timber land. Both men were cited and released for **Criminal Trespass II**.



ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS



Electric Bike Unlawfully Used in TMA

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a report of someone using an electric bike to access private timber land in a travel management area. Electric bikes are not allowed to be used on the property during archery season as part of the Travel Management Agreement (TMA). The Trooper remained at the scene for a period of time before he seized the bike and transported it to the Astoria OSP office as evidence. His business card was left at the scene. The owner of the bike met the Trooper at the patrol office the next afternoon and his bike was released to him. He was issued a citation for **Operate/Park A Motor Vehicle in Violation of Cooperative Travel Management Agreement.**

WED Operations - East Region

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles ran WED operations in the White River Unit to address possible hunting related wildlife violations in conjunction with the statewide operation for the Archery Season deer and elk opener. In the two day operation only minor violations were observed with three total warnings being issued.

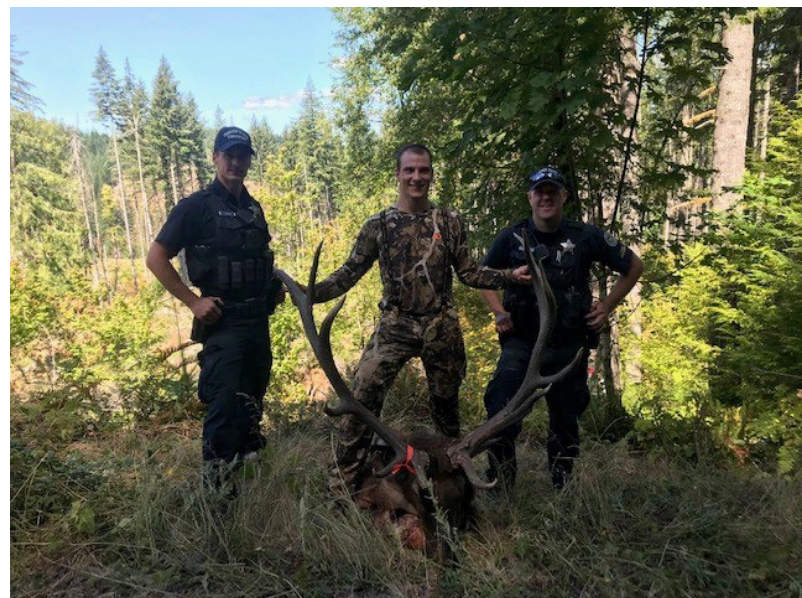
John Day Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted WED operations in the Silvies Unit resulting in citations issued for **Hunting from a Roadway, Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense, and Unlawful Operation of a Motor Vehicle.** Several warnings were issued as well.

Hen Turkey Unlawfully Taken on Private Property

A Central Point Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a complaint of a male subject who had illegally shot a hen turkey on private property during closed season. The Trooper interviewed the subject who admitted to shooting the turkey. The subject was cited and released for **Take of Game Bird: Closed Season.** The air rifle and hen turkey were seized as evidence.

Elk Unlawfully Harvested - Lane County

Springfield area Fish and Wildlife Troopers and a Lane County Sheriff's Office Deputy received information that a cow elk had been illegally harvested on closed timber company property in the Siuslaw Unit. Subsequent investigation led to one of the involved subjects being issued a criminal citation for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass.** A second subject was issued a criminal citation for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense.** The elk was seized and processed. The subject's compound bow was also seized.



Florence Fish and Wildlife Troopers checked a successful archery elk hunter on opening day in the Siuslaw Unit.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



South Coast Guardian Ocean Patrol

Members of the Marine Fisheries Team (MFT) and Newport office conducted a three day south coast Guardian ocean patrol from Newport to Brookings. The focus of the patrol was enforcement of both commercial and sport fisheries. The end of the commercial crab season was August 14th and all commercial gear is required to be removed from the ocean. The patrol focused on ensuring that there were not strings of gear still fishing as well as locate and log any derelict gear. With the help of US Coast Guard (USCG) North Bend and Columbia River, USCG and OSP located approximately 50 pieces of derelict gear. That gear will get reported to ODFW and later retrieved during the derelict gear program in September.

The Troopers also conducted ocean patrols targeting recreational salmon and groundfish anglers. Multiple offenses were found to include:

- **Angling Prohibited Method Barbed Hooks**
- **Fail to Validate Harvest Card**
- **Possession of Altered Harvest Card**
- **Unlawful Possession of Non-fin Clipped Coho Salmon.** Subject initially told Troopers they had only one chinook but was later found to have a coho hidden in his cooler. One fish seized and donated to charity.
- **Unlawful Possession of Marine Fish Closed Season.** Boat was not aware of the closure of China/Quillback/Copper Rock fish and retained three China and six Quillback Rockfish. A total of nine fish were seized and donated to charity.

Undersized Sturgeon Not Immediately Released

Two Northwest Region Fish and Wildlife Troopers were patrolling the Columbia River Zone 4/5 early fall gillnet fishery. As the Troopers made contact with a gillnet boat the captain yelled to a deck hand to get rid of a sturgeon they had on board. Just as the deck hand became visible to one of the Troopers he observed the deck hand throw a sturgeon overboard. The captain admitted the sturgeon was too short to legally retain and stated he simply forgot to release it. The captain was cited and released for **Fail to Allow Inspection** and **Fail to Immediately Release a Sturgeon**. The deck hand was cited for **No Individual Commercial Fishing License**.

Vessel Captain Indicted - Clatsop County

A Clatsop County Grand Jury indicted the vessel captain and the crew member in a 2019 case in which a suspect vessel had fished multiple strings of long lined crab gear made with stolen crab pots. The captain is charged with 14 counts and the crew member is charged with 12 counts of various crimes including **Felony Theft, Misdemeanor Theft, Criminal Mischief, Unlawful Take of Undersized Crab, Fishing Prohibited Area: Cape Falcon Marine Reserve, Fishing Prohibited Method: Longline, and Failure to Maintain Logbook**.

Commercial Halibut Opener Patrol

Newport Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted an offshore patrol out of Newport for a commercial halibut opener. Seven commercial fishing vessels were monitored to ensure they didn't start setting gear until the legal set time. Additionally once gear was legally allowed to be set, the Troopers monitored the vessels to ensure they were deploying the required seabird avoidance devices for vessels retaining sablefish. One vessel had deployed avoidance gear but it was not working properly. The captain of the vessel was able to remedy the issue with the gear and was able to have a functional streamer lines for his second set of longline gear. Two vessels were found without deploying any type of avoidance devices but later it was determined they did not retain any sablefish so therefore were not required to have avoidance gear. Another vessel suspected of fishing his sablefish tier permit without having the required permit holder onboard was contacted and it was verified the permit holder was in fact onboard the vessel for that trip.

BUOY 10 FISHERY PATROLS

Buoy 10 Fishery Opening Weekend Patrols

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted multiple boat patrols on the Columbia River during the opening weekend of the Buoy 10 fishery. They contacted over 100 anglers, many of which were using barbed hooks and were under the impression barbed hooks were legal to use. Numerous warnings and citations were issued for:

- **Angling Prohibited Method - Barbed Hooks for Salmon**
- **Angling Closed Area: Young's Bay Control zone**
- **Angling Closed Area: Columbia Control Zone**
- **Aid in a Wildlife Offense**
- **Fail to Validate Harvest Card**
- **Unlawful Taking Wild Coho**
- **Unlawful Taking Cabezon**
- **Fail to Allow Inspection of Catch**
- **Fail to Renew Boat Registration**
- **Multiple different PFD violations**

Two vessels with bottom fish on board were also contacted near the south jetty. Both boats had Cabazon in possession. Two anglers were verbally warned for **Illegal Possession**, as the season for retention of Cabazon closed in Oregon that day. Three cabezon and one coho salmon were seized and donated to charity. Several marine board safety warnings were issued as well. Both troopers also responded with the Zodiac to assist local Clatsop County law enforcement and emergency responders to Pier 39 in Astoria after a single vehicle drove through a wooden guardrail on the pier and into the Columbia River.

Six Citations Issued in Buoy 10 Patrol

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers used the department's Zodiac to patrol the Columbia River from Astoria to Buoy 10. They contacted 24 boats and 67 anglers, and issued six citations. Five of which were for **Angling Closed Area: Young's Bay Control Zone** and one for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks**. Over 37 warnings were issued, mostly to anglers fishing in the Young's Bay Control Zone. Rough conditions prevented thorough boardings on many contacts and very few salmon were encountered.

Non Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon Retained

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a complaint from ODFW regarding a non fin-clipped coho salmon taken during the Buoy 10 fishery. The angler was contacted and issued a citation for **Unlawful Take of Non Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**. The salmon was seized and donated to charity.

Subject Claims to Have e-Tagging Issues

Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the lower Columbia River for the Buoy 10 salmon season. One of the Troopers contacted two salmon anglers aboard a boat. When asked for his angling license and harvest tag, one of the subjects indicated he left his tag at home, but then said that he does "e-tagging." When asked to pull up his tag on his phone, the angler did not have the MyODFW app installed on his phone and seemed unsure of what to do. The Trooper went back aboard the OSP boat and looked up the subject's tagging history and found three separate salmon/steelhead validated electronically during 2020. The angler denied ever giving his login credentials to anyone else and gave a summary of his salmon harvest that was not consistent with what the e-tagging history showed. Charges are pending for **Failure to Carry License/Harvest Tag in Possession**.



The popular Buoy 10 fishery area is from the Buoy 10 line upstream to a line projected from Rocky Point on the Washington shore through red navigation buoy #44 to the navigation light at Tongue Point on the Oregon shore.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Native Trout Retained - North Santiam River

A Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed three subjects actively angling on the bank of the North Santiam River below Big Cliff Dam. One of the subjects caught and retained a native trout. Upon contact the subject stated he was unaware that he could not retain a native trout on this section of the North Santiam River. The fish was released back into the stream unharmed and he was issued a citation for **Take/Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Trout**. A female subject angling with him was additionally cited for **No Non Resident Angling License**.

Deschutes River Patrol

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles patrolled the lower 15 miles of the Deschutes River access road in Sherman County. Several anglers and boaters were checked with one citation being issued for **Failure to Immediately Validate Harvest Card** and one warning being issued for **No Deschutes River Boaters Pass in Possession** (purchase receipt only).

Freshwater Clams Retained - Rainier

Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted surveillance of Columbia River beaches in Rainier. A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper had received reports of subjects digging large quantities of freshwater clams (which are unlawful to possess). One of the Troopers watched a subject digging clams at the downstream end of Dibblee Beach, and after making contact found that the subject had retained approximately eight gallons of freshwater clams. The subject was cited and the clams were seized.

Subjects Retain 62 Undersized Crab - Alsea Bay

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper was dispatched to a crabbing complaint regarding two subjects unlawfully retaining undersized crab at the Alsea Bay Port Docks located in Waldport. While en route, the Trooper was notified the subjects had left the docks with a full cooler of undersized crab. The suspect vehicle was located, and a traffic stop was conducted. The subjects admitted to possessing crab in the trunk of the vehicle. Upon inspection it was found the two subjects were in possession of 62 undersized Dungeness crab, 30 of which were also female crab. The subjects were cited for **No Resident Shellfish License, Take/Possession of Female Dungeness Crab, and Take/Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**. All 62 crab were seized and returned to Alsea Bay.

Licensing Agent Cited - Winchester Bay

South Coast Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted an investigation into an ODFW licensing agent in Winchester Bay after learning a daily license was seized from an angler during an OSP Guardian patrol. The license was seized because it had no valid dates written on it as required by the licensing agent. The licensing agent was contacted and admitted to not filling out the license as required when his store was busy. He stated he would hand anglers blank licenses and tell them to complete it or it wouldn't be valid. The licensing agent was cited.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Crab Violations: Undersized and Over Limits

A camper at Winchester Bay Campground reported that a group of subjects had been cooking up “coolers and coolers” of crab throughout the night. Upon contact by Troopers, the campers were finishing packing up their belongings and the cooked crab. The adult couple permitted a search, which revealed about half of the crab to be undersized. A neighboring camper advised there were more coolers concealed in the back of the pickup truck. The couple consented to a search of all of their coolers, which revealed eighty-one undersized crab and twelve additional crab over their possession limit (two daily limits of 24 per person) between the couple. Another neighboring camper advised the other subject also had a cooler in his vehicle. That subject stated he had been there for two to three days, and had crabbed in Washington on his way down. He voluntarily consented to a search and was found to have nine undersized and two additional crab beyond his possession limit. All of his crab were alive, and appeared to have been freshly caught. All subjects claimed to have thought the crab were supposed to be measured point-to-point, and unaware of the possession limit only being two daily limits. Each shellfish license holder was issued two citations for **Take/Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab** and was warned for **Exceeding Possession Limit of Dungeness Crab**. All of the overage/undersized crabs were seized. The live crab were returned to the bay. The cooked crab were entered into evidence, and will be donated to charity.

Snagging and Foul Hooked Fish - Wilson River

While on routine shore patrol, a Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a report of a subject near milepost 28 on the Wilson River that had foul hooked a steelhead in the side and had retained the fish. The Trooper arrived at milepost 28 and the subject was still angling in the same general area. The Trooper observed the subject ripping his fishing line through a deep area where the steelhead were schooled up, ultimately snagging another steelhead in the side of the head. The Trooper approached after the fish was netted and placed on the bank. The subject admitted that this fish had been hooked in the head and not in the mouth. The subject was questioned about the other fish. The subject said that he didn't remember where the other fish had been hooked earlier in the day. The Trooper was able to examine the other fish and located hook marks in its side. The reporting party had stated that the fish that was snagged in the side had a spinner in its mouth which was still there. The Trooper asked if that was the angler's spinner. The angler stated that it was there when he caught it. The angler stated that he figures that the fish were going to die anyway. The angler was criminally cited for **Take/Possession of Foul Hooked (Snagged) Fish** and **Angling Prohibited Method: Snagging**. The two steelhead were seized and donated.

Native Coho Salmon Retained - Winchester Bay

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper seized a non-adipose fin-clipped coho salmon from Winchester Bay, which had been landed the previous day. The Trooper met with the subject and issued a citation for **Take/Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**. The fish will be donated to charity.

Repeat Offender Caught Using Barbed Hooks

A Portland Fish and Wildlife Trooper was checking anglers during a Columbia River boat patrol, when he noticed a multi-time violator actively angling. The subject was cited early in the year, by the same Trooper, on three separate angling cases in two counties. As the subject noticed the Trooper's presence he quickly reeled in his line, removed his terminal tackle and threw it in a bucket on the boat. Upon contact the angler relinquished the lure which was barbed and stated he took it off quickly because he knew he would get a ticket for it. The subject was cited and released for **Angling with Barbed Hooks**.

CASE DISPOSITION

Three Sentenced in Spotlighting Case

In November, 2019, while flying in Coos and Curry counties looking for spotlighters, the southwest region pilot located subjects with flashlights in a closed section of the Elk River at approximately 10:00 PM. Fish & Wildlife Troopers on the ground responded to the area and attempted to stop the vehicle as they left the beach. As soon as the vehicle stopped the right front passenger ran on foot. The other three subjects were detained and interviewed. Nine Chinook salmon were located in the bed of the truck. When back up officers arrived the fourth subject was located a short distance away hiding in the brush. Three of the subjects admitted to angling for the salmon for approximately 30 minutes. It was determined that the fourth subject (who was suspended from angling) had not fished. Six fishing rods and a night vision scope were seized from the vehicle. One subject was detained by her parole officer, transported to the Curry County jail and cited and released for **Angling Prohibited Area, Angling Prohibited Hours, Angling Prohibited Method –Snagging, Take/Possession of Game Fish, No Angling License, and No Combined Angling Tag**. Two other subjects were arrested, transported to the Curry County jail and lodged for the same offenses. The charge of Interfering with a Police Officer will additionally be referred to the DA on the subject who ran from the vehicle. The fish were seized and donated.

OSP received notice that the three subjects were recently sentenced.

Daniel Knapp pleaded guilty to **Angling Prohibited Hours, Angling Prohibited Method** and **Angling Closed Stream**. The disposition included:

- 24 month bench probation
- 15 days in jail
- 36 month angling license suspension
- \$100 fine
- \$2,250 restitution to ODFW

Miranda Wagner pleaded guilty to **Angling Prohibited Hours, Angling Prohibited Method** and **Angling Closed Stream**. The disposition included:

- 24 month bench probation
- 15 days in jail
- 36 month angling license suspension
- \$460 fine
- \$4,500 restitution to ODFW

Joseph Gish was found guilty for **Angling Prohibited Hours, Angling Prohibited Method, Angling Closed Stream, No Angling License** and **Exceeding the Daily Limit**. The disposition included:

- 36 month bench probation
- 30 days in jail
- 36 month angling license suspension
- \$100 fine
- \$1,500 restitution to ODFW



Nine Chinook salmon, six fishing rods, and a night vision scope were seized in the spotlighting case

Man Sentenced for Killing Bald Eagle

In February, an Albany Fish and Wildlife Trooper cited a male subject for killing a Bald Eagle. The subject pleaded guilty in the Linn County Justice Court. The disposition included:

- 18 months bench probation
- 36 month hunting suspension
- \$7,167 for fines and restitution.
- Forfeiture of his rifle used to kill the eagle



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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