



OREGON STATE POLICE **FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION**



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*On the cover:
A Fish and Wildlife Lieutenant on
Steens Mountain overlooking the
Alvord Desert*

GENERAL ARCHERY SEASON



Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass

A McMinnville Fish and Wildlife Trooper saw social media pictures of a subject known to him with a 5x5 bull elk he harvested that day during the general archery season. From prior contacts the Trooper knew the subject to focus his efforts around timber company properties that were currently closed for fire season to all public access. The Trooper developed information that the subject knew this ahead of time. To identify the exact location, the Trooper enlisted the help of timber company foresters who were able to identify the specific clear cut from social media, and follow crows and buzzards to the kill site. Several Fish and Wildlife Troopers observed the scene and matched photos of the subjects at the kill site and the truck all within gated, posted, closed to the public property owned by the timber company. Ultimately three subjects were cited for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass**. The shooter's bow and the elk were seized as evidence.

Subject Cited for Shooting Decoy from Roadway

Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a buck deer Wildlife Enforcement Decoy (WED) in the Ochoco Unit. During the decoy a vehicle drove by, turned around and returned dropping a man off, who then shot two arrows, from the roadway, at the WED. The subject was contacted and admitted to knowing that shooting from the roadway was unlawful. He was cited for **Hunting from a Roadway**.

Trespasser Faces Multiple Charges - Chetco Unit

A subject was reported to be trespassing in the Chetco Unit, after a caretaker spotted and made contact with him. A Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded from the Coos Bay area. The subject admitted to knowing he was on private property, but thought it was timber property, not realizing he was on non-commercially owned property. The subject killed a 5x6 bull elk (archery). The subject failed to validate his paper tag, saying he forgot a pen. The elk was seized as evidence. Another Trooper assisted in transport of the meat to the closest available butcher, in Roseburg. The subject was cited and released for **Hunting While in Violation of Criminal Trespass** and **Fail to Immediately Validate Big Game Tag**.

Archery Shot Deer Found in Pleasant Hill Area

A Springfield Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a deer that had been found in a subject's garden in the Pleasant Hill area. The deer was wounded and died in their garden. The Trooper responded, removed the buck deer from the property, and discovered that the deer was archery shot. There were no neighbors reported to be hunting in the area and it was unknown where the deer was originally shot. The wound path was not a preferred target area for archers and the deer could have easily traveled a long distance before succumbing to its injuries. The deer was salvaged and the meat was donated to charity.

Meat Processor Reports Hunting Violation

A Burns Fish and Wildlife Trooper received information from a local meat processor regarding a handgun slug found in the shoulder of an elk harvested by an archery hunter. Investigation revealed that a subject had shot the elk with his bow and when it was located, still alive, the subject's brother shot the elk with a .44 revolver to put it down. The Trooper met with the subjects and issued a citation for **Hunting Prohibited Method**, as well as discussed ethics and associated regulations.

GENERAL ARCHERY SEASON



Trophy Buck Unlawfully Taken - Madras

Fish and Wildlife Troopers investigated the take of a trophy buck deer on private property outside of Madras. Through numerous interviews with witnesses, it was determined a 15-year-old male, without a valid tag, had shot the large deer with a bow. His father then tagged the animal the next day. The father and son admitted to the unlawful take and the animal was seized. The son was cited and released for **Unlawful Take of Buck Deer** and the father was cited and released for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime and Lending a Buck Deer Tag**.

Decoy Shot from Road - Fossil Unit

Fish and Wildlife Troopers ran a mule deer WED in the Fossil Unit. Early in the set, a pickup driving by slowed down and the passenger exited the pickup, almost falling and nearly getting hit by the vehicle. He recovered then advanced to the middle of the road where he drew his bow back and released an arrow at the deer decoy. The shooter/passenger was cited for **Hunting Prohibited Area: Public Roadway** and the driver was warned for **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Violation**.

Bull Elk Wasted - Linn County

Mid-Valley Fish and Wildlife Troopers received information from a landowner in Gates (Linn County) regarding a dead bull elk with an arrow sticking out of it. The Troopers responded to the location and were able to remove the arrow for evidence. The Troopers determine the elk had been shot on a neighboring property a short distance away by following a blood trail. The Troopers interviewed the landowner and discovered who they had given permission to hunt the property. The Troopers interviewed an adult male subject who admitted to shooting the elk that morning at first light. The subject claimed he attempted to locate the elk by driving around the neighboring property and accessing timber company property. The subject told the Troopers that he did not make an attempt to contact the neighboring property owner, even though he knew who owned the property. Based on the Troopers investigation and the condition of the elk when they arrived, they cited the male subject for **Waste of Game Mammal: Bull Elk**.



Archery Hunter Finds 6-Point Bull Elk Remains

An archery hunter in the Fossil unit reported that he had found a 6-point bull winter kill nearby. The bull was bleached out and believed to have died this last winter or earlier. The antlers were secured at the Hepner ODFW office.

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES

Out-of-State Visitors Violate TMA

A La Grande Sergeant received a complaint regarding two individuals violating a Travel Management Area (TMA) within the Starkey Unit. The two individuals were identified and found to have been utilizing E-bikes to violate the TMA. Both individuals had left the area and returned to their home in California. The two suspects have been contacted and California Fish and Game delivered citations to both of them for violating the TMA.

Violation of Cooperative Road Closure

While working in the Mt. Emily Unit, a Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a hunting camp who reported several subjects violating a road closure right next to their camp. The following weekend the camp members texted the Trooper that the subjects were again driving into the road closure area. The Trooper responded and located the two vehicles well within the road closure. Two subjects were cited for **Violation of Cooperative Road Closure**.

DUII Drier Arrested - McKenzie River Area

A Springfield Fish and Wildlife Trooper was patrolling along the McKenzie River when he located a vehicle weaving in and out of its lane. The Trooper stopped the vehicle and the driver was subsequently arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII). During the investigation the driver provided a breath sample of .18% blood alcohol content (BAC). The driver was cited for **DUII, Reckless Endangering a Person, Driving While Suspended, Driving Uninsured, and Failure to Drive Within Lane**.

Subject Caught with Stolen ODFW Property

A Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Trooper was monitoring the cellular trail cameras that were set up to protect the ODFW fish hatchery that had burned at Rock Creek. Only one building remained. The Trooper started receiving pictures of a subject down in the fish hatchery area. He called a Patrol Trooper who was at the road block in the area. The Patrol Trooper responded to the scene and contacted a male subject trying to drive away from the area. The contact resulted in several sets of hip waders being recovered from the subject who had taken them from the remaining building. The subject was lodged in jail for **Burglary II, Theft II, and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine**.

K-9 Buck Helps Locate Trespassers - Lane County

An Oakridge Fish and Wildlife Trooper was patrolling the East Lane Travel Management areas in the Lost Creek drainage South of Dexter when he located a parked vehicle behind a private timber company gate. The gate was open due to an active rock crushing operation in the area but was posted "No Unauthorized Access." A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant, along with K-9 Buck and his handler responded to the area to help look for the trespassers. Two subjects associated with the vehicle were eventually located and were cited for **Enter or Remain on the Property of Another** and were escorted off the property.

Deer Cut Free from Fence - Pendleton Area

A Pendleton Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a call about a young mule deer stuck in a fence near a residence. He was able to locate the deer which had its head and legs stuck in woven wire fencing. The Trooper used bolt cutters and carefully cut the deer out of the fence. Besides being a little tired, the deer trotted off and looked like it would recover just fine.

Black-Crowned Night Heron Rescued

A Grants Pass Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a report of a black-crowned night heron that was stuck in a tree. The black-crowned night heron had fishing line wrapped around its leg and the tree it was in, approximately 20 feet off the ground. With the assistance of ODOT, a bucket truck was brought to the location. The Trooper went up in the bucket and was able to cut the line and the bird was released free of any injury.



A black-crowned night heron, photo by Syed Ahmad on Unsplash

ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS



Buck Deer Shot Within City Limits - Pilot Rock

Pendleton Fish and Wildlife Troopers responded to a call in Pilot Rock regarding someone shooting a deer with a spotlight within city limits. Interviews were conducted and the suspect admitted to shooting a non-typical buck deer with his bow. It was determined that the buck was shot in his yard (within city limits), after shooting hours with a spotlight. The antlers were seized from the taxidermist, the carcass was seized at the meat locker, and the suspect was issued three criminal citations: **Hunting Prohibited Area: Within City Limits, Hunting Prohibited Hours, and Taking Deer Prohibited Method: Spotlight.**

Subject Denies Photo Evidence of His Violation

A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper received an email trail cam picture of a truck actively driving in a well posted walk-in hunting area during the extreme fire danger. Contact was made as the suspect was leaving the area. He denied hunting and denied being in the closure area even after being shown a photo of himself doing it. He was cited for **Operating a Vehicle in Violation of Travel Management Agreement.**

Unlawfully Taking Bear with the Aid of Bait

A La Pine Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a tip from ODFW that a subject checking in a bear over the phone seemed hesitant to provide the location of the kill. The Trooper was able to back track to the kill site and found the bear had been unlawfully baited. The subject was interviewed and admitted to shooting the bear from his tree stand. He was cited for **Unlawfully Taking Bear with the Aid of Bait.** The bear and firearm were seized, as well as an SD card from the trail camera that photographed the suspect and bear.

Bull Elk Unlawfully Taken on Private Property

A Coos Bay Trooper was contacted by a timber manager who reported that he contacted a subject who was trespassing and had killed a bull elk. The subject admitted to knowingly trespassing on the private timberland, and advised he just couldn't help himself because he knew the bull was in the area. The subject was criminally cited and released for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass,** with additional charges being referred to the District Attorney for consideration. A 5x6 bull elk was seized as evidence.

Subjects Cited for TMA Violation

La Grande Fish and Wildlife Troopers received a complaint regarding two individuals operating ATVs unlawfully in a Travel Management Area, spotlighting a 6-point deer and shooting it with a firearm. A two-day investigation found that the two subjects had actually killed a 6-point bull elk legally, however they waited until after dark to take their ATVs into the TMA to pack the elk out. Both were cited for **Violation of TMA.**

Lane County WED Operation

Springfield Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a wildlife enforcement decoy (WED) in eastern Lane County. One vehicle approached the wildlife decoy and stopped. The operator got out and ultimately shot at the decoy with a compound bow, narrowly missing the decoy. It was 22 minutes before legal hunting time and completely dark. The only way the operator was able to see the decoy was to use his headlights. The operator was issued a citation and his compound bow was seized.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



OSP Participates in Operation “Silver Surf”

Members of the Marine Fisheries Team (MFT) participated in the USCG salmon operation “Silver Surf.” The operation was from Newport to the south coast to target salmon anglers. Due to the rough ocean conditions, the operation focused on the river fisheries.

In the Newport area, OSP partnered with US Coast Guard (USCG) Yaquina Bay on a patrol on the Alsea River and with USCG Depoe Bay on the Siletz River. Effort was high but catch rates were very low. The USCG conducted numerous vessel boardings for safety equipment and a few violations were found. OSP issued a few warnings for minor boating violations and several for license and tagging offenses related to problems with the angler utilizing the electronic license system or other issues with their specific app.

On the south coast, Fish and Wildlife Troopers and NOAA officers conducted a boat patrol on the Coos River. Approximately 90 anglers were contacted with extremely low catch rates. One angler was cited for **No Combined Angling Harvest Card** and **Angling with More Than One Line/Rod**. Another angler was cited for **No Combined Angling Harvest Card**.

Unlawful Smelt Sales in Oregon and Washington

Fish and Wildlife Troopers followed up on a case from earlier in 2020 where a subject had placed a Craigslist ad for Columbia River smelt. The subject sold some of the smelt to a wholesale dealer, but also sold various amounts to consumers without being reported on a fish ticket. Most of the sales occurred in Clatsop County, while some of the sales occurred in Washington. In one instance, the subject loaded several hundred pounds of smelt into his vehicle and drove them to Bothell, Washington where they were sold. The subject, through a friend, had set up a Craigslist account the day the season had opened. The subject admitted to selling the fish without reporting them to a dealer. The subject was benefiting from selling directly to the consumer because the price per pound was \$4.00, while the price paid to the subject by the dealer would have been \$1.50 per pound. The subject stated the dealer was to blame because they would not always buy all of the fish he had to sell them. The subject was cited for **Failure to Sell Food Fish to a Wholesale Fish Dealer**. Additional charges are pending in Washington to the subject and the friend for **Unlawful Brokering of Fish**.

Salmon Closure Boat Patrol

Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River upstream of Tongue Point to monitor the salmon closure. One boat was contacted with a subject who was angling for coho salmon. The subject had been previously cited and warned by OSP multiple times over the years for angling offenses. The subject was issued citations for **Angling Closed Area for Salmon** and **Angling Prohibited Method to wit: Barbed Hooks for Salmon**.

Business Unlawfully Selling Tuna Statewide

Fish and Wildlife Troopers obtained information regarding a small business in Charleston that was selling tuna out of their house as well as other areas throughout the state. The business was associated with multiple commercial fishing vessels on the coast, none of which had landed tuna this year. MFT members contacted the business owners who explained that they purchase tuna from a wholesale dealer and then resell it. Investigation later revealed the business sold large amounts of tuna to a meat and seafood market in the Roseburg area. Troopers contacted the Roseburg area market and seized approximately 50 lbs of tuna. Ultimately, the business in Charleston was cited for **Fail to Maintain Proper Fish Dealer Records**, and criminally cited and released for two counts of **No Wholesale Fish Dealer License**.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



Unlicensed Subjects Waste Shellfish

A Florence Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to the North Jetty after receiving a call from a Patrol Trooper regarding the take of mussels and gooseneck barnacles. Once he arrived he observed two females standing near a bucket of barnacles and mussels. They admitted to taking the shellfish together and did not have shellfish licenses. During the conversations three more suspects were identified and were observed dumping buckets of mussels into the ocean on the north side of the North Jetty. They were also contacted and brought to the Troopers truck. It was determined that no one had resident shellfish licenses. The mussels and barnacles were seized and criminal citations were issued for **Exceeding Daily Limit Of Mussels, Exceeding Daily Limit of Gooseneck Barnacles, No 2020 Resident Shellfish License, and Wasting Marine Invertebrates**. The total seized shellfish were 832 mussels (not including the ones dumped into the surf), and the 533 barnacles.



Unlawful Commercial Tuna Sales

Fish and Wildlife Troopers contacted a commercial fisherman who was selling tuna off his boat in Charleston. After speaking with the deckhands and captain on board, it was determined that hundreds of pounds of tuna had been sold. The captain did not have a Highly Migratory Species (HMS) permit, a limited fish seller's permit, or a certified scale. The deckhands were doing what the captain told them to. The captain had never commercially fished for tuna before, and was unaware of the rules and regulations of catching and selling tuna. Troopers seized 137.5 pounds of tuna loins. The rest of the whole tuna on board was sold to a licensed dealer. The captain was cited for **No Limited Fish Sellers Permit and Fail to use ODA Certified Scale**. Multiple other warnings were given as well. The case was referred to NOAA fisheries due to the captain not having an HMS permit.

Columbia River Boat Patrol

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River near the Warrior Rock deadline. A licensed Washington guide was cited for **Angling Closed Area** and his client was cited for **Failing to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**. Three citations and a warning were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method-Barbed Hooks** and two warnings were issued for **Angling Closed Area**. Four paddle boarders were issued warnings for not having personal flotation devices (PFDs) and were given a courtesy ride to the beach.

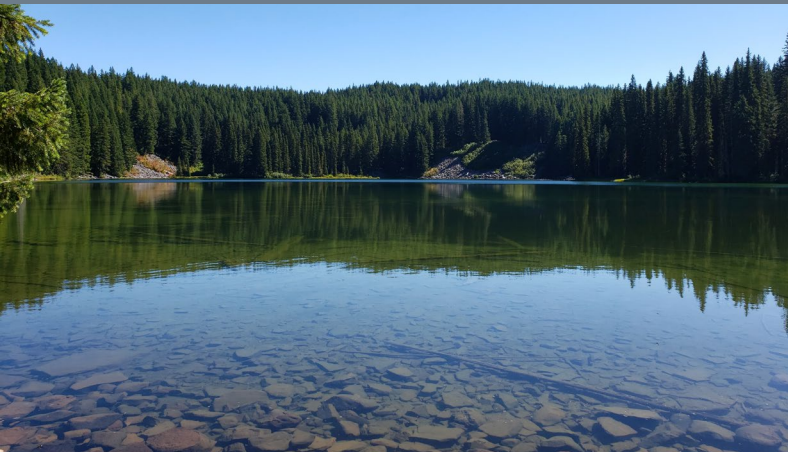
Native Coho Unlawfully Taken - Nehalem River

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper watched as a group of subjects were Coho angling near a piece of private property on the North Fork Nehalem River. The Trooper watched as one of the subjects caught a salmon, and immediately ripped its gills out upon netting it. He also watched as one of the subjects trespassed onto private property. The Trooper later contacted the subjects and saw the salmon was a wild Coho. One of the subjects was cited for **Taking Non Adipose Fin Clipped Coho**, and another subject was cited for **Angling on Private Land without Permission**.

Subjects Cut Wood on Private Timberland

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a report of two subjects cutting wood on private timberland. The Trooper found the two cutting on downed timber and loading the logs into a trailer. Both subjects were cited and released for **Unlawful Cut and Transport of Special Forest Products**.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Middle Erma Bell Lake

Trooper Conducts Wilderness Foot Patrol

An Oakridge Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a two-day wilderness foot patrol in both the Waldo and Three Sisters Wilderness. On the first day of the patrol, the Trooper hiked to Wahanna and Eastern Brook Lakes South of Taylor Burn guard station and campground. Four citizen contacts were made while in the wilderness at Wahanna Lake. No anglers were observed at either lake. While patrolling along the access road to Taylor Burn guard station four archery hunters were checked. The next day, the Erma Bell Lakes area was patrolled in the Three Sisters Wilderness. Twenty-three vehicles were observed parked at the Skookum Campground/Erma Bell Lakes trailhead. The Trooper hiked to the Lower and Middle Erma Bell lakes and to Otter Lake. During the patrol 45 people were contacted, 15 of which were anglers. One subject was issued a citation at Middle Erma Bell Lake for **No Angling License**. One boating violation warning was given to the operator of a raft at Middle Erma Bell Lake for **No Personal Flotation Device** and **No Sound Producing Device**. Most of the citizens contacted were enjoying hiking and camping in the back country.

Salmon Snagging - Imnaha

An Enterprise Fish and Wildlife Trooper was notified of multiple subjects snagging Chinook Salmon approximately 50-100 feet downstream of the Imnaha Fish Weir/Hatchery. Witnesses stated that they noticed a female on the river bank nearby and a male subject snagging for salmon with a hook and line as well as utilizing a gaff to snag salmon and captured video of the incident. A DMV photo check revealed that the owner of the pickup matched the suspect in the video. The suspect was contacted and stated that his nephew had used his vehicle that day and that he was not the person snagging. The suspect was told that he was captured on video and was cited and released for **Angling Prohibited Method** and **Angling Close Area/Stream**.

Coquille River Boat Patrol

Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Coquille River, checking salmon anglers and crabbers. Catch rates for salmon were low, and only a handful of fish were checked. Several anglers were not able to access their e-tags due to login issues. One vessel with several occupants was contacted while crabbing and a search of their catch revealed seven undersized male Dungeness crab. The captain of the boat took responsibility for measuring all the crab, and attributed the violation to his poor eyesight and incorrect measuring. That subject was cited for **Take Undersized Dungeness Crab**. Another boat with a single crabber was observed pulling crab rings. The Troopers got within thirty feet of the vessel and tried to make contact with the subject, who refused to make eye contact and started motoring away. The Troopers came alongside, and slightly ahead of the subject, at speed, and the subject still did not look in their direction. One of the Troopers shouted at the subject, who then finally looked at the Troopers and stopped. When asked if he had any crab, the subject initially stated he had none, then said he had a few. A search of his catch revealed 11 Dungeness crab, 10 of which were undersized. The subject did not have a crab gauge on board, and admitted to not bothering to measure them. The subject was cited for **Take Undersized Dungeness Crab**. All the illegal crab were returned to the river.

Native Coho Mistakenly Identified as Chinook

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant responded to the Garibaldi Marina after receiving a report from an ODFW fish checker of a boat that came in from fishing in Tillamook Bay with two native Coho salmon. Upon his arrival at the marina, he confirmed the fish were native Coho. He then contacted the subjects who caught the fish, who both stated they thought they were Chinook because of their size. The Sergeant discussed the most reliable ways to distinguish Coho salmon from other species with the subjects. They were both cited for **Take/Possession of Non Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**. The fish were seized and donated to charity.



SHELLFISH & ANGLING

Winchester Bay Angling Violations

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a report that ODFW seized three yelloweye rockfish from an angler in Winchester Bay. Once the Trooper arrived on scene, it was also determined that the subject had retained an undersized Chinook salmon from the ocean. The subject advised he was an experienced angler and couldn't provide a reason for the violations, other than that he didn't look close enough at the fish. The subject was cited for **Take Marine Fish Closed Season** and warned for **Take Undersized Chinook Salmon**. The fish were seized and donated to charity.

Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area Violated

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper was notified of a recreational fishing vessel (F/V) which was observed fishing within the Stonewall Bank Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area (YRCA). The F/V was observed for an extended period of time actively angling within the YRCA. The Trooper and two U.S. Coast Guard Boarding Officers contacted and boarded the F/V later in the day as it returned to South Beach Marina in Newport. Four subjects on board were criminally cited for **Angling Prohibited Area: Stonewall Bank YRCA** and warned for **Take/Possession of Marine Fish Closed Season: Copper Rockfish** and two copper rockfish were seized as evidence.

Two Out-of-Season Copper Rockfish Seized

A Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Trooper was contacted by an ODFW fish checker at the Garibaldi Marina who had checked two copper rockfish on a boat that arrived at the dock. The season for retention of copper rockfish closed on July 20, 2020. The fish were seized and donated to charity. The subject who caught the copper rockfish was cited for the violation.



Troopers Tow Disabled Boat Back to Dock

Troopers from the Springfield and Florence areas conducted a boat patrol on the lower Siuslaw River and bay. During the patrol 56 salmon anglers and 19 crabbers were contacted. During the salmon angling contacts citations were issued for **No Combined Angling Harvest Tag, No Combined Angling Harvest Tag in Possession, and Angling Prohibited Method: Three Lines**. During the patrol a call was received from an ODFW Port Sampler regarding a boat that had exceeded the daily and yearly limit of wild Chinook salmon. The boat operator was contacted and investigation revealed he had caught one wild Chinook salmon and his son had caught and retained two wild Chinook salmon. The daily and yearly limit for wild Chinook salmon in the Siuslaw River is one fish. The boat operator was cited for **Aiding/Counseling in a Game Violation: Exceed the Bag Limit of Chinook Salmon**. The extra salmon was seized and donated to charity. Other activities during the boat patrol included towing a disabled recreational boat with two crabbers on board back to the dock after they experienced motor problems out on the bay.

K-9 Buck Assists on Boat Patrol

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from Florence and Springfield, including K-9 Trooper Buck, patrolled the Siuslaw River from Tiernan boat ramp to the ocean. During the patrol 46 anglers and six crabbers were checked. One subject was issued a citation for **Angling Prohibited Method: Two Poles Where Prohibited**. Several nice Chinook salmon were observed and checked during the patrol as well.

CASE DISPOSITION



Suspect Pleads Guilty in Beulah Unit Poaching Case

In the spring of 2020, a citizen contacted the OSP Fish and Wildlife Division's TIP line with information regarding a trophy class mule deer buck that may have been poached during closed season in the Vale, OR area. A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant received the initial report and forwarded the case to East Central Fish and Wildlife Team members for further investigation. The investigation identified an adult male suspect and Troopers attempted to locate him. The suspect was interviewed and ultimately confessed to shooting the buck on private property in the Beulah unit in November, 2019 with his bow. The buck crossed onto an adjacent property that the suspect did not have permission to be on and died. The suspect trespassed the following morning to get the buck and stated coyotes had gotten to it so he only retrieved the head and hid it in a horse trailer on another family member's property. The suspect gave consent to retrieve the buck head and Troopers met the suspect at the property and recovered the trophy class 5x5 skull and antlers. The suspect also turned in his bow to troopers.

The adult suspect, Garrett Harris of Vale, Oregon was ultimately charged with **Unlawful Take of Buck Deer** and **Waste of a Game Mammal** with several other charges forwarded to the district attorney's office for consideration. Harris recently pleaded guilty to criminal **Unlawful Take of Buck Deer** and **Waste of Game Mammal**. Harris' sentence includes:

- 2 year hunting privilege suspension
- \$1,100 Fine/Restitution
- \$1,000 Restitution to TIP Fund
- 48 hours Community Service
- 24 months probation
- Forfeiture of bow/or \$1,000 additional fine

Charter Vessel Crew Plead Guilty

In late July, OSP received a complaint on a Newport charter vessel from May 21st. The complainant stated he observed approximately 12 rockfish released without a descending device while 30 miles offshore on a Halibut trip. In early August, a Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper interviewed the skipper and deckhand regarding the complaint. The skipper admitted to not using a device when things were busy, and claimed responsibility for the activities of his deckhand. The deckhand was interviewed and admitted to not using a descending device and further explained he sometimes just "pokes" the inflated swim bladder and throws them back overboard.

On September 17th, both men pleaded guilty in Lincoln County Circuit Court.

The skipper pleaded guilty to a violation and received a \$200 fine.

The Deckhand pleaded guilty to a crime and received the following:

- 3 year angling license suspension
- \$1,100 in fines
- \$100 to TIP fund
- \$600 restitution (\$50/fish)
- \$400 fines

Restitution Ordered for Halibut Violation

In June a commercial halibut vessel was boarded off of Coos Bay and found to be in possession of eight undersized halibut. The halibut were seized and donated to charity. The vessel captain pleaded guilty in Coos County Circuit Court (North Bend Annex) to a violation and was ordered to pay \$915, with \$475 of that as restitution to ODFW.



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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