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*On the cover:
Springfield Fish and Wildlife Troopers
participated in a duck banding event at
Fern Ridge Wildlife Area.*

Photo courtesy of ODFW Fern Ridge Wildlife Area team

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Junior Trooper Meets with Enterprise Troopers

Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Troopers based in Enterprise learned of a young man's dream to become a Fish and Wildlife Trooper. After hearing of the eight year old's dreams, Troopers arranged to meet the "Junior Trooper" at the Wallowa County Sheriff's Office, allowing him to tour and sit behind the wheel of an official Fish and Wildlife truck. Troopers also provided an overview of their duties and following the two-hour meeting, the young man presented the Troopers with a personal, handmade thank you card.

Sergeant Assists at Astoria Angling Class

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant attended an angling class held at Astoria High School and helped educate the students on fish and wildlife enforcement and why it is important to wildlife management. Other topics discussed included angling ethics, regulations, and reporting of violators.

Troopers Assist with Hunter Safety Classes

On August 28 and 29, Springfield Fish and Wildlife Troopers, along with K-9 Buck, attended four hunter safety classes held at the Fern Ridge Wildlife area. During the classes both Troopers attended the "Hunter's Trail." The Troopers walked the trail with the new hunters and discussed ethics, responsibilities and various game laws pertaining to the different scenarios. During the two day event, the Troopers spoke to forty new hunters and their parents.



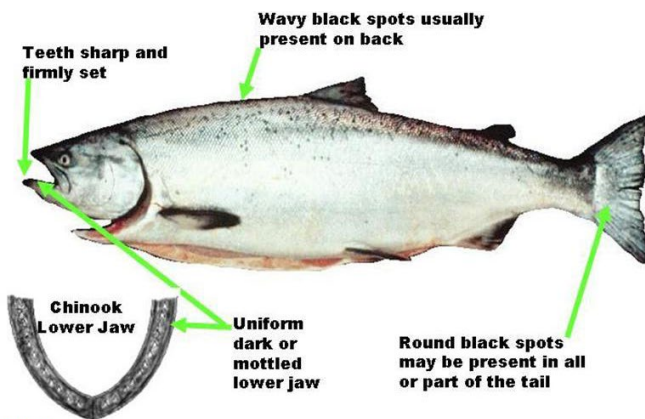
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JUNIOR TROOPERS

Chinook and Coho Salmon

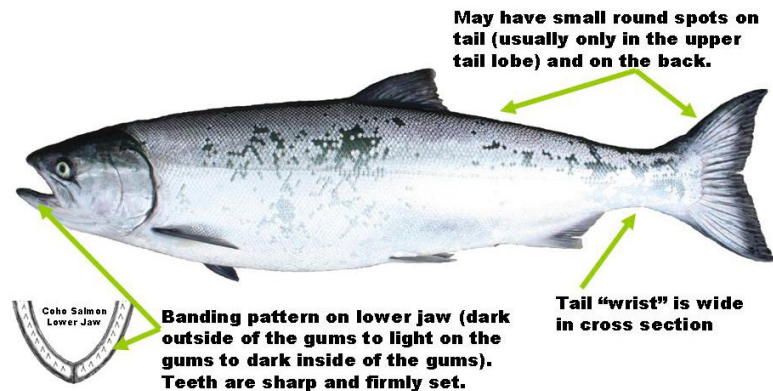
There are many species of salmon, but the two most commonly found in the Pacific Ocean off the Oregon coast are Chinook Salmon and Coho Salmon. It is important to be able to correctly identify the fish that you catch to be sure you only keep fish that are legal where and when you are fishing. Can you spot the differences between these two?

Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)



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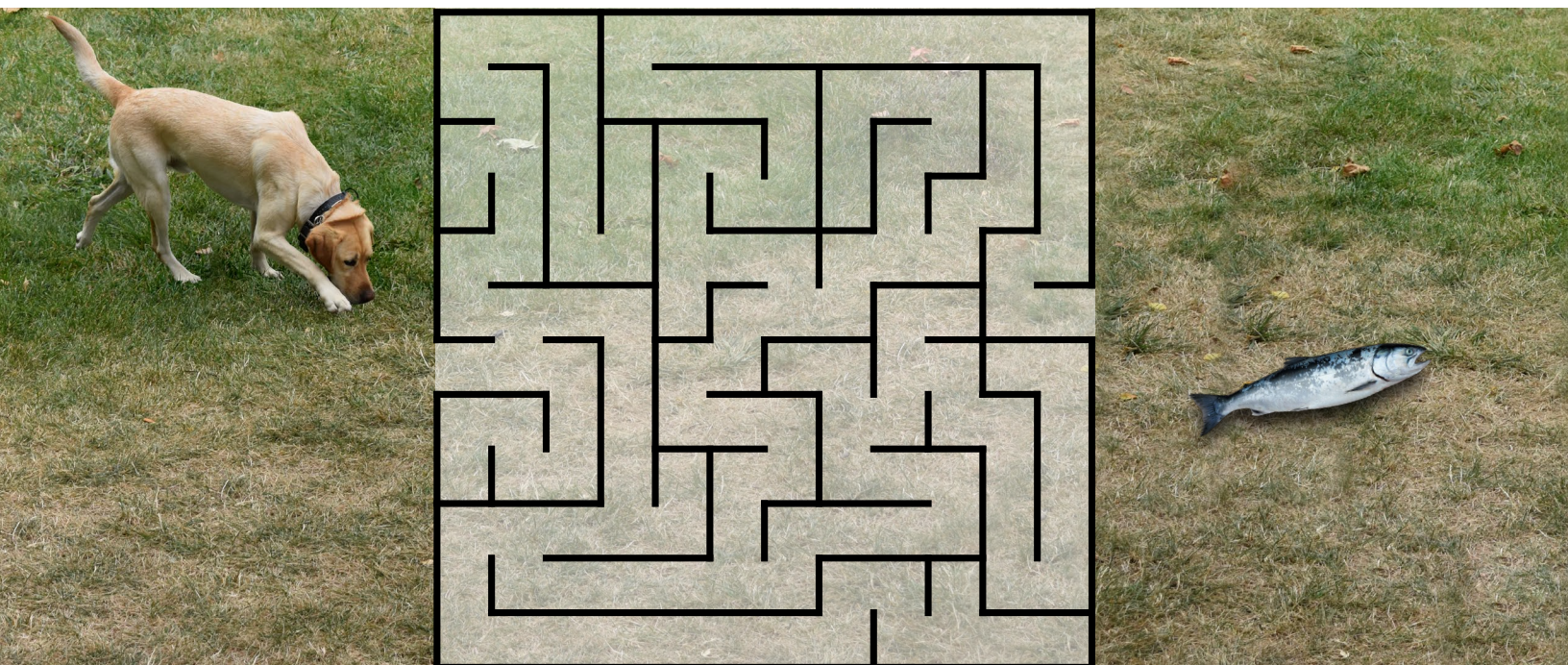
Coho Salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*)



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For more information on salmon identification, go to: www.dfw.state.or.us/mrp/fishid/salmonid.asp

Help K-9 Buck Find the Coho Salmon



GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Wedged Canoe Pulled from North Umpqua River

Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Troopers worked with Douglas County Sheriff's Office Marine Deputies to recover a capsized and wedged canoe creating a navigational hazard in Burkhart Rapids on the North Umpqua River. It took all four officers and two attempts with a Z-Drag rope pulley system to recover the vessel and remove it from the river.

DUI Driver Eludes Troopers

Fish and Wildlife Troopers were patrolling in North Lincoln County near Knight County Park in Otis when an oncoming vehicle passed them traveling in the opposite direction and partially left the roadway. A traffic stop was conducted near the boat launch at Knight County Park. The male driver stopped briefly and displayed numerous indicators of impairment during the contact. Open alcohol containers were also observed inside the vehicle. The driver did not comply with police commands and ultimately fled from the traffic stop. A pursuit was initiated, but was terminated due to safety concerns. The Troopers contacted the driver at his residence near Otis and he was placed under arrest for **Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUI)**, **Reckless Driving**, and **Eluding a Police Officer (Felony)**. He additionally received a traffic citation for **Open Container of Alcohol**. A Newport Patrol Trooper assisted by conducting a DUI investigation. The driver's blood alcohol content (BAC) was measured at 0.05% nearly three hours after the initial contact.

Missing Woman Rescued - Lost Creek Lake

The SW Region Fish and Wildlife Pilot assisted a Jackson County Marine deputy in locating a missing elderly female on Lost Creek Lake. The female was located by boat in the upper reaches of Lost Creek Lake above Peyton Bridge. It is unknown how she ended up there. Fire responders evaluated her and she was transported back to the Takelma boat ramp to her awaiting family members.

CMV Driver Rescued from Rollover Crash

A Burns Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) crash on Crane-Buchanan Road a mile or two off US-20. The Trooper was the first responder on scene and discovered the female driver was trapped between the driver's seat, steering wheel, and dash. The semi-truck and trailer had rolled over and the driver was hanging from her wedged position in extreme pain. The Trooper was able to hold her up and support her until medics and the fire department arrived. The driver was safely extracted from the vehicle and taken to the hospital in Burns.

Black-Tailed Doe Rescued from City Reservoir

Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Troopers assisted Myrtle Creek Police Department in rescuing a black-tailed doe out of a city reservoir. The doe had entered the fenced area and became trapped in the water for an indeterminate amount of time.



Subject Attempts Illegal Fox Sale

Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Troopers contacted a subject in Powers regarding a report that he was attempting to sell a gray fox, which he caught in a live trap the day before. The subject unintentionally caught the fox while attempting to trap nuisance wildlife. The fox was released by the subject before he was contacted by the Troopers. The subject was advised of the applicable laws and was warned for **Unlawful Possession of a Furbearer**, and **Attempted Sale/Exchange of Fox**.

PRONGHORN ANTELOPE SEASON



Buck Antelope Wasted - Whitehorse Unit

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles assisted the SE team with antelope and other enforcement efforts in the Whitehorse unit. During the multi-day patrol, a hunter reported an antelope buck being shot and left to waste. The Troopers located the buck and based upon information received, the buck was likely shot the evening prior. Evidence was gathered at the scene, including UTV tracks and spent casings. While still at the scene, a UTV approached and both occupants were questioned regarding the dead buck. Subsequently, the operator of the UTV admitted to shooting the buck the evening prior using the UTV's off-road lighting. The driver said he was returning to collect the antelope because he didn't want it to go to waste and had been scared off the previous night by other headlights coming down the road. The Troopers informed him that it was noon and the antelope which had been laying in the sun was already wasted. The subject was issued two criminal citations for **Take Antelope Prohibited Hours** and **Waste of Big Game Animal: Antelope**. The subject's rifle was seized as evidence.

Good Season Opener in the Juniper Unit

A Burns Fish and Wildlife Trooper checked 45 people and six antelope bucks on opening day in the Juniper Unit. All the bucks checked were between 15"-16". It was a good opener with all hunters observed hunting away from their vehicles and helping each other on where they had seen antelope.

Suspect Cited for Shooting Near a Vehicle

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles and Fossil received information regarding a subject witnessed shooting into a group of antelope, killing a buck and injuring a doe. The reported behavior involved an individual using his truck to overtake the group of antelope before stopping, jumping from the vehicle and shooting. The witnesses, or reporting party, contacted the violator and obtained pictures of the individuals as well as their vehicle. The Troopers walked several miles during extreme temperatures in order to locate the wounded doe but were unsuccessful. The suspect was located and interviewed, then cited for **Shooting at an Antelope within Fifty Yards of a Vehicle** and warned for other offenses.

Warner and West Beatty's Butte ATV Patrol

Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a saturation patrol of the Warner and West Beatty's Butte units. The team along with two Troopers from Florence focused on ATV patrols of the two wildlife management units for pronghorn antelope season. A majority of the tag holders were contacted and checked. Several successful antelope hunters were checked with their harvest and no major violations were found. Several tagging issues arose that were handled with warnings.

Mentored Youth Hunt Violation

A Coos Bay Sergeant patrolled the Warner Unit checking antelope hunters. During a camp check, it was discovered that the tag holder was in camp while her 13 year old, whom she was supposed to be mentoring, was hunting a nearby waterhole with his father. The tag holder agreed to join the hunt to be in compliance. She was warned for **Counseling in a Wildlife Offense** due to violating the rules of the Mentored Youth Program which require the tag holder to be in "immediate control" of the mentored youth hunter.

ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS



Unlawful Take of Trophy Bull Elk - Azalea

Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Troopers began an investigation into the potential unlawful take of a trophy class bull elk in the Azalea area of South Douglas County. A suspect was identified and the Troopers conducted an interview. The suspect confessed to shooting the elk with a rifle and using his general season archery tag to tag it. The subject also confessed to knowing he did not have a controlled hunt tag to take a branched bull in the Powers Hunt Unit. The suspect was cited and released for **Unlawful Take Bull Elk**, and **Take Bull Elk Prohibited Method**. The antlers, meat and rifle were seized as evidence. The Troopers also interviewed an Azalea resident who assisted in the processing and transportation of the poached animal. He was cooperative and was cited for **Aiding in a Game Violation**.

Interview Leads to Confession in 2012 Crime

An Ontario Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a complaint regarding a farmer locating a dead mule deer buck in one of his fields. The farmer suspected neighboring renters of taking the buck, claiming they'd unlawfully taken a buck in the past. After finding little evidence around the recent buck, the Trooper contacted the renters. The renters denied taking the recent buck but further questioning led to the confession of poaching a buck in 2012. One of the renters also admitted to unlawfully taking two turkeys in the past year. Following consent, the Trooper searched the renters' barn and located the unlawfully taken buck from 2012. The buck head/antlers were seized and one individual was cited for **Unlawful Possession**.

Road Struck Deer Unlawfully Taken and Wasted

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a complaint regarding a rotting deer carcass hanging from a tree attached to a trailer in an RV park in Warrenton. Upon arrival, the carcass was located and was approximately 4-5 days old. The female resident initially denied knowing how the carcass got there or who tied it up. Eventually, she admitted her boyfriend retrieved the road killed deer and then had to leave town and failed to take care of it. The boyfriend was contacted several days later and admitted to taking the roadkill, but stated he didn't know the proper procedures for dealing with a roadkill and then had to leave town, resulting in the waste. He was cited for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Road Killed Deer**.

Subject Self-Reports Accidental Take

A La Grande Fish and Wildlife Trooper investigated a report of an individual shooting a small spike bull elk during a cow elk hunt. The individual self-reported and the incident was determined to be an accident. The subject was warned and insisted on paying for the cut/wrap fee so the carcass could be donated to charity.

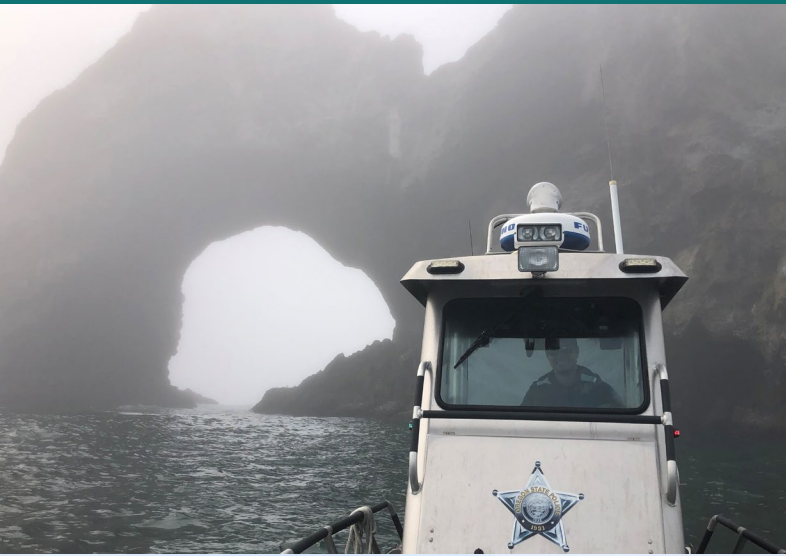
Elk Remains and Other Garbage Dumped

A La Grande Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a complaint of elk remains dumped on Ladd Creek, along with a tarp and a garbage bag. The remains and garbage were dumped on Hancock timber lands closed for fire danger. Evidence at the scene led to a suspect who had a current elk tag that he had just electronically validated a few days prior. He was contacted and admitted to dumping the remains along with the tarp and garbage bag. The elk was killed legally in another area and the hunter was cited and released for **Offensive Littering**, and warned for **Criminal Trespass**.

Mule Deer WED Operations - Silvies Unit

ODFW wildlife biologists in the Burns area contacted Fish and Wildlife Troopers regarding opening day of archery season. The biologists had concerns about the new controlled archery mule deer hunts and requested that the Troopers run some mule deer Wildlife Enforcement Decoys (WED) in the Silvies or Malheur River units. The biologists accompanied them on the WED operations. During opening weekend of archery season, the Troopers conducted numerous WED sets with ODFW in the Silvies unit. The Troopers issued three violation citations for **Hunting Prohibited Area: Public Roadway**. Numerous subjects were contacted, and all had valid Silvies unit archery deer tags, which was ODFW's main concern.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



South Coast Ocean Saturation Patrol

Marine Fisheries Team (MFT) Troopers conducted a three day south coast ocean saturation to include Winchester Bay, Charleston, Gold Beach, and Brookings. Emphasis was on all aspects of Oregon's commercial and sport fishing. Sport salmon, crab, halibut, and long leader anglers were contacted throughout the operation in addition to commercial salmon trollers. The Troopers also canvased the ocean for any illegal commercial crab or derelict gear as the season had just ended. Troopers encountered numerous violations including **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**, **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks**, **Angling Prohibited Method, Treble Hooks**, **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense: Failure to Properly Validate Harvest Card**, and **Unlawful Possession of Non-Fin Clipped coho salmon**. Two Coho salmon were seized.



ODFW Biologist Joins MFT for Ocean Patrol

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper and an ODFW Marine Resources Biologist conducted a boat patrol in the Pacific Ocean out of Newport. Many boats were contacted as there were high numbers of anglers fishing for halibut, salmon and groundfish species. Multiple violations were discovered including **Fail to Immediately Validate Combined Angling Tag**, **Fail to Properly Validate Combined Angling Tag**, **Barbed Hooks for Salmon**, **Angling Closed Area: Stonewall Banks Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area (YRCA)**, **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation: Fail to Validate Tag**, and **No Angling Harvest Tag**. Two coho salmon were seized due to lack of a Juvenile Angling Harvest Tag. ODFW was able to assist in explaining some of the ocean regulations in regards to retention of species and the long leader fishery, and ODFW's perspective in setting seasons in regards to species management to many of the anglers.

Multiple Angling Violations - Buoy 10 Fishery

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River during the Buoy 10 recreational salmon fishery. Numerous boats and anglers were checked, and multiple warnings were given. Ten citations were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks for Salmon**, four citations were issued for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**, and one citation was issued for **Unlawful Taking Non Adipose Fin Clipped Coho**.

Necanicum River Crab Patrol

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed recreational Dungeness crab rakers in the Necanicum River estuary in Seaside. The Trooper watched as two subjects harvested multiple crab without measuring them. When the subjects returned to their vehicle, the Trooper contacted them, and they said they did not have any crab. A consent search of the vehicle revealed eight female undersized crab in a cooler. The subjects also did not have shellfish licenses. The two subjects were cited for **Unlawful Taking Female Dungeness Crab** and **No Non Resident Shellfish License**. The eight crab were seized.

Columbia River Boat Patrol

Astoria and St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River in Columbia County. Seven citations/warnings were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks**. Two warnings were given for **Failing to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**. One warning was given for **Unlawful Take of Salmon: Barbed Hooks**. Approximately 50 anglers were checked.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Chinook Snagged - Leaburg Dam

Springfield Fish and Wildlife Troopers observed a male subject below Leaburg Dam on the McKenzie River angling for Chinook. While watching him, the Troopers observed a dead Chinook in the water next to the subject. The Chinook had a large stick through its gills securing it to the bank. After several minutes of fishing, the subject pulled the dead Chinook from the water and tossed it onto the rocks. After taking several photographs of the Chinook the subject put the fish back into the water. The Troopers contacted the subject several minutes later as he was packing up his gear. When asked if he had caught anything, the subject replied, "No." During the investigation, the Troopers located the deceased Chinook in three feet of water just off the bank. The subject said he could not find his combined angling tag so he released the Chinook. He did not have a Columbia Basin Endorsement and admitted to snagging the Chinook in its side. The Chinook was seized as evidence and the subject was cited for **Failure to Release the Chinook Immediately Unharmful**.

Bay Clam Patrols - Garibaldi

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers worked in plain clothes observing recreational bay clam diggers in Garibaldi during a minus tide. They watched as two subjects returned to their vehicle with two 5-gallon buckets. The subjects were contacted while they were leaving, and a subsequent consent search revealed that they were in possession of eight undersized Dungeness crab. The subjects were both cited for **Unlawful Take Undersized Dungeness Crab**.

The Troopers then contacted a group of subjects returning to their vehicle after digging clams. These subjects were in possession of three undersized Dungeness crab, and had exceeded their daily limit of bay clams. One of the subjects was cited for **Unlawful Take Undersized Dungeness Crab**, and was warned for **Exceed the Daily Limit of Clams**.

Next, the Troopers watched a group of three subjects carry multiple 5-gallon buckets full of clams to their vehicle. The Troopers contacted the subjects at their vehicle, and found they were in possession of 215 clams (the daily limit is 20 each), and one of the subjects did not have a shellfish license. All three subjects were cited for **Exceed the Daily Limit of Clams**, and one was cited for **No Non-Resident Shellfish License**.

The Troopers also contacted a group of six subjects that were in possession of 216 clams (96 clams over their daily limit of 20 each). Three of the subjects were cited for **Exceed the Daily Limit of Clams**. A total of approximately 274 clams and 13 undersized crab were seized during the patrol.

Siuslaw River and Pacific Ocean Boat Patrol

Springfield Fish and Wildlife Troopers and K-9 Buck conducted a boat patrol on the Siuslaw River and Pacific Ocean out of Florence. During the patrol, 17 salmon anglers and 24 recreational crab licenses were checked. Three boats were checked in the ocean not far outside the entrance to the river. All the subjects in the boats were trolling for salmon and found to be in violation. The following citations were issued: **Fail to Immediately Validate Angling Harvest Tag x4**, and **Angling Prohibited Method-Barbed Hooks**. Additional warnings were issued for: **Fail to Immediately Validate Angling Harvest Tag**, **No Angling License in Possession**, **No Combined Angling Harvest Tag in Possession**, and **Child Under 13 Not Wearing Approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD)**.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Seven Coho Salmon Seized

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to Winchester Bay after receiving a report from ODFW that one boat, with three anglers, returned to port with seven wild Coho salmon, one of which was undersized. The subjects were all inexperienced, and believed all the fish were Chinook, and thought that the undersized fish was a legal jack Chinook. One subject, who also caught the undersized fish, took responsibility for identifying all of the salmon. This subject was issued a violation citation for **Take/Possession Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**, and was warned for **Take/Possession Undersized Coho Salmon**. The other anglers were warned for taking of the illegal fish. The salmon were seized and donated to charity.

Illegal Take Chinook Salmon - Klaskanine River

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to information from an off duty ODFW employee who witnessed two people angling in the Klaskanine River on private property. This section of the river had closed to all angling a week prior. Upon arrival, the Trooper witnessed two subjects casting spinners as well as bait into the river. He set up at a vantage point ¼ mile away and waited until the subjects drove out from the property. A traffic stop was conducted, and a man and his 12-year-old son were contacted. When the man was advised the river was closed to angling, he stated he didn't realize that and relied on the landowner, who gave him permission to angle on the property that morning. He was cited for **Illegal Take/Possession of Chinook Salmon** and warned for **Failure to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**. The salmon was seized and donated to Loaves and Fishes in Astoria for charity.

Metolius River Patrol

A Bend Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted patrols of the Metolius River following complaints of individuals angling with prohibited methods. The Metolius is restricted to fly fishing only for large portions of the river. The Trooper contacted one subject who was utilizing spinning gear with a fly tied to his line. The subject was warned and educated regarding angling methods. The Trooper contacted two other subjects, one of whom was being mentored by the other and in violation of regulation. The mentor took responsibility and a citation was issued for **Aiding/Counseling** with a warning issued for **No Angling License**.

Deschutes River Thermal Sanctuary Violations

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles observed four boats containing several subjects violating the Columbia River mouth of Deschutes River Thermal Sanctuary closure. The Trooper photographed all the violators who were several hundred feet within the closure. Another Trooper responded to the area with one of The Dalles patrol boats. One subject from each boat was cited for the violation of **Angling Closed Area** and the remaining 12 anglers were warned for the same.

Angling Prohibited Method - Lake Billy Chinook

Bend Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on Lake Billy Chinook. Troopers located a boat parked on the river side boundary on the Deschutes Arm. A subject was located fishing about 300 feet into the river section. Upon making contact with the subject the Troopers saw the subject had a worm on his hook. The subject stated he had an angling license but was not able to provide one. He was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method: Bait** and **No Residential Angling License**.

Shellfish Patrol - Florence and Winchester Bay

Springfield Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a shellfish patrol in Florence and Winchester Bay. During the patrol, several warnings were issued for **Fail to Use Own Container for Clams** and **No Valid Shellfish License in Possession**. One subject was warned for **No Resident Shellfish License**. A subject was contacted on the South Jetty Crab Dock in Florence and was found to be in possession of eleven female Dungeness crab. The subject was issued a citation for **Unlawful Possession of Female Dungeness Crab** and the crab were returned to the river.

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

A collage of 20 photographs showing various law enforcement activities, including hunting, fishing, boating, and vehicle stops, with a black silhouette border. The images depict officers in different settings: on a boat, in a field, near a river, and in a desert landscape. Some photos show officers interacting with wildlife, such as a large fish, a bird of prey, and a dead animal. Other photos show officers in action, such as driving a truck, riding a motorcycle, and operating a boat. The collage is set against a light green background.

The seal of the Oregon State Police is a five-pointed star. The points of the star are silver with black outlines. The center of the star is a black circle containing a silver seal of the State of Oregon. The seal of the State of Oregon features a landscape with a ship, a plow, and a sheaf of wheat, surrounded by the words "SEAL OF THE STATE OF OREGON" and the year "1859". The words "OREGON STATE POLICE" are written in gold around the top half of the black circle, and "1931" is written in gold at the bottom. The star is set against a light green background. A circular banner with the words "HONOR", "LOYALTY", "DEDICATION", "INTEGRITY", and "COMPASSION" in black, separated by gold stars, encircles the star.

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