



# OREGON STATE POLICE FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION



**MONTHLY FIELD REVIEW**

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*On the cover:  
Fish and Wildlife Troopers identifying  
strings of commercial crab gear*



# 2021 FISH AND WILDLIFE TROOPER OF THE YEAR



The Oregon State Police is honored to announce our recipient of the 2021 Fish and Wildlife Trooper of the Year Award, which goes to Senior Trooper Dave Herman.

Senior Trooper Herman was honored in front of his family and coworkers earlier this year at the Astoria Command where he is duty stationed. He is a 13-year veteran of the Oregon State Police, all of which has been a member of the Fish and Wildlife Division. He has also been assigned to the Marine Fisheries Team since its inception in 2015.

Senior Trooper Herman was nominated for his outstanding work in the 2021 year, which was highlighted by the multiple nominations he received. He was described as someone who “goes above and beyond what is required of him every day in his level of professionalism, devotion to division and agency goals, and incredibly strong work ethic.” Senior Trooper Herman is also a skilled leader and mentor amongst his peers – taking an active interest in the professional development of other Division members. In one nomination by a peer, Senior Trooper Herman was described as someone who “leads by example” and “is willing to teach anybody to be a successful game warden.” These attributes and the impressive work product turned in by Senior Trooper Herman all make him a deserving recipient of this award.

OSP thanks Senior Trooper Herman for all his hard work, and for being a mentor to others. He is a great representative of the Fish and Wildlife Division and the entire Oregon State Police. Please join us in congratulating Senior Trooper Herman on a job well done!



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



## **Troopers Assist Staff at World Jet Boat Races**

Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Troopers assisted local Marine Deputies, volunteers, and emergency medical staff with the World Jet Boat Races on the Rogue River near Grants Pass. The Troopers worked with local enforcement to clear the river, educate the public regarding the event, and provide support for EMS, radio, and volunteer safety staff. The Troopers also provided assistance by towing a race boat with mechanical trouble several miles back down river to a boat ramp. The event was well attended and the Trooper presence well received by race competitors and event staff.

## **K-9 Buck Attends OHA Youth Day**

Southwest Region Fish and Wildlife Troopers and K-9 Buck attended the Tioga Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) Youth Day at the Myrtle Point Sportsman's Club. K-9 Buck was able to show his skills to over 110 kids and their parents with his vehicle search demonstrations. After the demonstrations and presentations, the kids were able to pet K-9 Buck and get a K-9 Buck trading card. This was a memorable positive encounter with law enforcement that left a lasting impression to both the kids and their parents about the tools available to the Fish and Wildlife Division for catching poachers in the state of Oregon.

## **John Day Hunter's Education Class**

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper provided an enforcement presentation for a hunter's education class in John Day. The presentation was well received generating several regulation questions. During the field day, the Trooper assisted with the hunters walk in which the kids make shoot/don't shoot decisions on a variety of hunt situations.

## **OSP Presents at Justice of the Peace Conference**

Two Fish and Wildlife Sergeants conducted a presentation at the Justice of the Peace Conference in Bend. Topics included the OSP Fish and Wildlife mission, priorities, common offenses, and applicable statutes. Additionally, the Sergeants shared several case studies reflecting the time, effort, and passion Fish and Wildlife Troopers invest in their cases. Judges from around the state were in attendance and many comments of appreciation were received as well as a new perspective on the importance of fish and wildlife case dispositions.

## **Trooper Speaks at Middle School in Knappa**

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper gave a talk to a class of 22 7th/8th grade students at Hilda Lahti Middle School in Knappa about the Oregon State Police as a career option. The students were part of an Independent Living class that periodically hosts different adults from various career fields in the community. Numerous questions were answered regarding what Fish and Wildlife and Patrol Troopers do on a daily basis as well as other division's responsibilities and job descriptions.

## **USFS Kids Fishing Derby**

A Klamath Falls Sergeant assisted the US Forest Service (USFS) with a kids fishing derby and provided a regulations talk to mostly 4th graders. Over 70 kids took part in the fishing derby and enjoyed a day in the outdoors.



## **ODFW Field Day at Hamilton Farms**

Salem area Fish and Wildlife Troopers assisted ODFW with a hunters education field day held at Hamilton Farms. The Troopers explained the role of the OSP Fish and Wildlife Division and provided valuable marksmanship instruction to approximately 20 aspiring hunters.



# GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



## Troopers Survey Archaeological Sites

Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a patrol of several archaeological sites. No new disturbance was discovered and several contacts were made.



## Trooper Stops DUI Driver

A Portland Fish and Wildlife Trooper was driving to a training when he noticed a vehicle driving erratically on Interstate-205 in Portland. The Trooper stopped the vehicle and observed signs of impairment and the driver admitted to consuming alcohol that morning. The driver consented to partial standard field sobriety tests (SFSTs) and was arrested for **Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII)**. The driver was transported to the OSP Portland Patrol Office where she refused a breath test. A warrant was signed by a judge and blood samples were taken. The driver was cited and released for **DUII: Alcohol**.

## Citizens Forget Life Jackets

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper checked anglers and boaters along the John Day River below Kimberly. Two individuals were contacted along a road to a boat launch. They stated they were about to float down river to Spray. When asked about life jackets and other safety equipment it was discovered they had not grabbed their life jackets from camp. Two Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) loaner life jackets were provided to them for use with instruction to leave them at the Spray City Park kiosk for other boaters to use.

## Injured Eagle Rescued

A Madras Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to an injured bald eagle found by a PGE worker in Jefferson County. The raptor had an injured wing and was taken to Think Wild in Bend for evaluation.

## RC Boat Taken - Albany

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper was patrolling Bowman Park and boat ramp on the Willamette River in Albany. He was contacted by a remote control (RC) boat operator. The boat had stopped working and was adrift in the river. A nearby person retrieved the boat and gave it to another male who claimed the RC boat was his. As the Trooper was entering the park, he performed a registration check on a vehicle exiting the park not knowing that the RC boat and suspect were in that vehicle. Through his investigation he was able to locate the suspect a couple days later, retrieve the boat, and issue a criminal citation for **Theft of Mislaid Property**. The RC boat was returned to the owner.





# ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS

## WDFW Assists on Bobcat Case

At the end of February, a Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles responded to a hound hunting complaint in the Tygh Valley area. Evidence of a kill (blood and tufts of hair) was located at the base of a tree along with drag marks and various tracks in the snow. The Trooper developed a suspect and sent the evidence in to the Idaho wildlife forensic lab for DNA analysis. The lab concluded the blood and hair was from a bobcat. The Trooper learned that the suspect possessed the proper license and bobcat harvest card to lawfully hunt where the bobcat was harvested. However, the investigation later revealed the man had actually harvested two bobcats in February 2022 in Oregon and was a Washington resident and committed the following violations: **Transport Bobcat out of State without State Seal x2, Fail to Check in and Have Bobcat Sealed by Deadline x2, Falsifying Furtaker Harvest Report.** After the Trooper obtained a confession via phone, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Enforcement assisted the Trooper by seizing and transferring the illegally possessed bobcats. The suspect admitted to all of the violations and claimed he forgot the deadline and then falsified the furtaker harvest report. He was consequently cited and released for two counts of **Failure to Follow Special Bobcat Regulations.**

## OSP Pilots Assists Ground Troopers

Klamath Falls area Troopers conducted an evening enforcement flight with the Southwest Region OSP Pilot. A truck was observed traveling forest service roads in south east Interstate Unit, right at dark. The vehicle was traveling slowly and had auxiliary lighting on the front of the truck. The vehicles behavior was consistent with illegal hunting activity. The Pilot guided a Trooper on the ground to the area. The vehicle was located parked in the middle of the road and the Pilot could see a flashlight approximately 100 yards off the road. The Trooper was able to locate the two individuals and their dog who were geocaching on Governors Ridge. They were extremely surprised to see a Trooper emerge from the night and had wondered why there was a plane flying around. While no violations occurred, this incident highlights the benefits of having skilled pilots in well-equipped aircraft and good night optics.

## Subject Educated on Sale of Wildlife Mounts

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles followed up on a complaint involving a subject offering two wildlife mounts for sale on Facebook Marketplace. One mount was a Roosevelt Elk and the other was a Nilgai. The Nilgai is the largest Asian antelope and commonly found on game ranches in south Texas. After a fair amount of research it was determined that the Nilgai had no known restrictions regarding the sale, unlike the Roosevelt Elk. The seller was contacted and educated on the laws governing the sale of wildlife and the mounts. During the contact the Trooper learned that the seller had acquired the mounts through the family estate when her grandfather passed. The Trooper gave her information on how to contact ODFW to legally facilitate the sale of the elk mount if she wanted to do so. A warning was issued and the Facebook post was removed.

## OHA TIP Check Rewarded to Citizen

A Portland Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted an individual who had previously provided information regarding two suspects hunting waterfowl over a baited field earlier in the year. The Trooper presented the informant with an Oregon Hunter's Association (OHA) TIP Reward check at his residence along with a letter of appreciation from OHA.



## Successful Bear Hunter Fills Tag - Mt. Emily Unit

A Pendleton Fish and Wildlife Trooper was patrolling the Mt. Emily Unit when he came across a successful bear hunter. The hunter is a member of the OHA board in The Dalles and was very happy to have successfully filled her tag.



# MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



## Offshore Halibut and Crab Patrol

Newport Marine Fisheries Team (MFT) members conducted an offshore patrol to focus on sport halibut and commercial crab. One sport halibut boat was found fishing just inside the Stonewall Banks Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area (YRCA) and warned. The team identified two strings of commercial gear out of compliance with the late season, one of which had already been cited but still failed to come into compliance as well as having illegal pot tags on some of his gear. Several commercial pots were seized as evidence. Two citations were issued for **No Buoy Tag: Late Season** and **No Pot Tag**.

## Late Season Commercial Crab Case

Newport MFT members finished up another commercial Dungeness crab investigation in regards to the late season crab season and whale entanglement regulations. Commercial gear was located just out of Newport without late season tags nor had the vessel been issued any summer tags to be fishing after May 1. The boat owner was contacted and admitted to still having gear out in the ocean. The boat had also not made a landing of crab since the middle of February. The boat owner was cited for **No Buoy Tags: Late Season** and **Failure to Land Crab within 14 Days**.

## Clam and Crab Violations - Garibaldi

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a plain clothes foot patrol observing recreational bay clam diggers in Garibaldi. The Trooper observed a subject that was taking Dungeness crab by hand and putting them in a plastic bag. The Trooper watched the subject show the crab to another subject and then walk back to the parking lot to a car. She put the bag on the floor in the backseat, and got into the car. The Trooper waited until the other subject finished digging and contacted him at the car. The subject had dug 98 clams, and both subjects repeatedly denied that there were any crab in the backseat of the car. The subjects eventually admitted to the crab, and took a bag out from under a blanket on the floor of the back seat. The bag had two small female Dungeness crab in it. One subject was cited for **Exceed The Daily Limit of Bay Clams, Dig Clams for Another, and for Aid in a Wildlife Offense**. The other subject was cited for **Taking Female Dungeness Crab, and Fail to Allow Inspection of Catch**. The Trooper seized 78 bay clams and two Dungeness crab.

## Subjects Over Limit on Razor Clams

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper was observing razor clam diggers near Sunset Beach when he observed two subjects digging clams and giving them to a third subject without a clam gun. When they had finished digging, the three subjects all had bags full of razor clams and the Trooper watched them as they walked back to their car. All three subjects got into the car without taking their waders off. The Trooper followed the car as it drove out onto Highway 101 and headed north, drove into Fort Stevens State Park, and parked at an off-beach parking lot. The three subjects all got out of the car with their waders on, walked down onto the beach with empty clams bags, and dug three more limits of razor clams. The Trooper contacted the subjects as they came back to their car. They denied digging any other clams at first, but then admitted to digging three limits of clams on Seaside Beach, three limits at Sunset Beach, and then three more limits at Fort Stevens. The subjects had 136 razor clams (91 over their limits of 15 each). The subjects were all cited criminally for **Exceed The Daily Limit of Razor Clams**, and 91 razor clams were seized and donated to the food bank.



# MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



## South Coast Ocean Boat Patrol

South Coast MFT members performed a boat patrol on the ocean from Charleston to Winchester Bay checking recreational halibut anglers. The Troopers contacted a boat on the ocean near Winchester Bay. There were four subjects on board the boat who had just finished pulling a crab pot. The Troopers gained consent to inspect licenses and catch after the captain offered their licenses. Investigation revealed the subjects had four halibut on board, two of which had not been tagged. Two additional halibut were later discovered in the transom hold of the boat, for a total of six halibut. The captain of the boat took responsibility for the extra concealed halibut and was criminally cited and released for **Exceeding Daily Bag/Possession Limit: Halibut x2** and **Fail to Immediately Validate Combined Angling Harvest Card**. Additional charges are being referred for **Fail to Allow Inspection of Catch** and **Falsely Applying for a Resident Angling License**. A second subject was violation cited for **Fail to Immediately Validate Combined Angling Harvest Card** and was warned for **No Valid License in Possession**. Two halibut were seized.

## OSP Participates in USCG Training

MFT members participated in training for the US Coast Guard (USCG) boat stations from Newport to Brookings. Boarding team members responsible for Living Marine Resources (LMR) patrols were given updates on fisheries enforcement and partnership opportunities by USCG, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and OSP.

## Undersized Lingcod Seized

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted an ocean patrol focused on late season commercial crab, commercial salmon, and rockfish anglers. One subject from Washington fishing at the Columbia River South Jetty was contacted with an undersized lingcod (Washington does not have a size limit). The subject was unaware that he had to follow Oregon's rules where he was at, and was warned for **Taking Undersized Lingcod**. The lingcod was seized.

## Undersized Commercial Crab

Newport MFT members conducted investigations on two more undersized commercial crab cases. One boat had been issued a citation for 27% short crab the week prior and again made a delivery with undersized crab accounting for 20% of the load. That captain will face additional charges for the second delivery. The same day, another vessel offloaded with undersized crab accounting for 19% of the load. That captain was also cited for the offense.

## Halibut Angler Checks

A Florence Fish and Wildlife Trooper was checking Halibut anglers as they came in to the Port of Siuslaw. During the contacts he located a subject who had not tagged his halibut and was unfamiliar with how to do so on his electronic harvest card. The Trooper showed the subject how to do it and issued him a citation for **Fail to Immediately Validate Combined Angling Harvest Card**.

## Depoe Bay Boat Patrol

MFT members conducted an ocean boat patrol out of Depoe Bay focusing on halibut anglers, ground fish anglers, and salmon anglers. During one contact three halibut anglers were contacted and admitted they had not tagged the halibut they caught for the last two days. The Troopers discovered one subject did not have a harvest card and one halibut was seized. The subjects were issued citations for **No Harvest Card**, **Failing to Validate Harvest Card** and **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**. During another contact two subjects were contacted and admitted to catching one salmon. The salmon was not tagged and one subject did not have a harvest card. They were warned for **Failing to Validate Harvest Card** and cited for **No Harvest Card**.



# SHELLFISH & ANGLING



## Man Cited for 66 Extra Razor Clams

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper worked a low tide morning on Clatsop Beaches observing razor clam diggers. A man was seen leaving the beach with a very large sack of clams that appeared to contain approximately 2-3 limits of clams. He was contacted at his vehicle and said he had three limits and his buddies were washing up and would be up shortly. He was advised on the rules of each having their own container. After several minutes he was asked which ones were his buddies and he pointed out a couple clambers in the distance, the opposite way from which he had come who were still actively digging. When questioned further he said his buddies were actually surf perch fishing further up the beach and had told him to get their limits of clams and bring them up to them. He denied having any more clams but a consent search of his vehicle found 15 more in his cooler at which point he denied having any more clams. More clams were seen in plastic bags stuffed under his toolbox of his pickup. All together 81 clams were located, 66 over the limit. He was cited criminally for **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Clams** and the excess clams were seized and donated to charity.

## Bass Angling Violation - Brownlee Reservoir

Baker City Fish and Wildlife Troopers responded to an angling complaint on the Powder River Arm of Brownlee Reservoir. The complaint was regarding two subjects that had caught and kept too many bass. Upon the Troopers arrival the subjects were no longer in the area. The subjects were located at a different boat ramp a while later. It was determined the subjects had caught and kept 53 bass over the course of three days and they were only allowed 36 bass for this three day period. Seventeen bass were seized as evidence and later donated to charity. The two subjects were cited for **Take/Possession of Game Fish**.

## Illegal Gillnet Located - Gnat Creek

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a report of a gillnet across Gnat Creek. The Trooper and a Criminal Detective responded and located the net near a camp. The occupants of the camp initially denied being responsible for the net, saying it had just appeared about three days prior. Once they were confronted with the fact that they had an identical net section stored under a tarp in their camp the male occupant took responsibility for the net. He admitted that he had seen spring Chinook in the creek and was just trying to get one to eat. He was cited criminally for **Angling Prohibited Method: Net**. All sections of the net were seized as evidence.

## Charter Captain Cited for Undersized Lingcod

A Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a call from an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife fish checker in Garibaldi that a local charter boat patron had retained an undersized lingcod. Upon the Trooper's arrival at the marina, the subjects had left the boat, and the captain and crew were unsure which subject had caught the undersized fish. The captain ultimately took responsibility for the fish and was cited for **Take/Possession of Undersized Marine Fish**. The lingcod was seized and donated to the Tillamook County Correctional Facility.

## Angling Violations - Henry Hagg Lake Boat Patrol

Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on Henry Hagg Lake. Approximately 45 anglers were contacted and multiple citations and warnings were issued, including **No Two Rod Validation**, **Inadequate Number of Personal Flotation Devices**, and **No Valid Electronic License in Possession**.

## Unattended Angling Rods - Hells Canyon

Baker City Fish and Wildlife Troopers were patrolling the Hells Canyon Reservoir area when they observed an angling rod out with no one around the rod. Closer inspection by the Troopers revealed a total of five angling rods out that were unattended. The rods were associated with a large camp in close proximity. A short time later the occupants of the camp returned, and it was learned that one juvenile had three rods out, one juvenile had one rod out, and one adult had one rod out. All of the angling lines had been left unattended. Troopers took the opportunity to educate the juveniles on the angling regulations and the conservation reasons for the fishing regulations. The Troopers left a copy of the fishing regulations with the camp for everyone to further educate themselves. The adult angler was cited for **Angling with an Unattended Line**.



# SHELLFISH & ANGLING

## Spoiled Commercial Pink Shrimp

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper cited a deckhand on a commercial pink shrimp vessel for **Wanton Waste of Commercial Food Fish** after a delivery of spoiled shrimp was made to a fish plant in Astoria. The delivery consisted of 58,444 pounds of shrimp; 33,679 pounds of which (57%) were spoiled. The delivery was grossly under iced. After the deckhand and skipper were interviewed, it was revealed the experienced deckhand neglected to apply enough ice to the shrimp as it was being transferred to the fish hold during the two-day fishing trip.

## Multiple Razor Clam Violations - Clatsop County

On a busy Saturday morning, a Fish and Wildlife Trooper worked recreational razor clam diggers in Seaside and Gearhart using an unmarked vehicle and plain clothes. Ten shellfish citations and numerous shellfish warnings were issued. He initially went to Seaside and observed a female harvest more than a daily limit of 15 clams. He watched as the woman began to bury her extra clams in the sand. Upon contact the woman stated she, "Didn't want the broken ones." She was cited for **Failure to Retain First 15 Razor Clams** and warned for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Clams**. He then observed a father (with no clam sack) dig clams continuously while his children collected the clams and placed them in various sacks. Contact was made, and 61 clams were discovered. The man had dug all but three of the clams. He was cited for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Clams** and **Failure to Use Individual Container for Clams**. Then, the Trooper responded to Gearhart regarding a group of eight people exceeding clams. He walked to the beach at the "No motor vehicle" area and soon witnessed several adult members of the group not using individual containers. He continued to watch until several members dug more than 15 clams each. All the clams were seen being mixed into various 5-gallon buckets. Near the end of the tide one woman in the group started walking toward the parking area while carrying away one of the buckets. The woman was contacted and found to be in possession of 49 clams. In all, 163 clams were found to be in the group's possession. Most of the clams were dug by four of the adult members. Five members of the group were ultimately cited for offenses that included: **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams, Illegal Possession of More Than One Daily Bag Limit of Clams While in The Digging Area, Failure to Use Individual Container for Clams, and No Shellfish License**. A total of 86 clams were seized and later donated to Loaves and Fishes in Astoria.

## Oregon/Idaho Joint Snake River Patrols

Southeast Team Fish and Wildlife Troopers and Idaho Fish and Game Conservation Officers teamed up for joint saturation patrols on the impoundments (Hells Canyon Pool, Oxbow Pool, Brownlee Pool) of the Snake River over Memorial Day Weekend. Officers conducted boat patrols and shore patrols contacting numerous boaters, anglers, and campers. Officers conducted boat safety inspections, angling license checks, and checked size and bag limits on game fish anglers retained. Several warnings were issued for various boating and angling related violations. A total of twenty four citations were issued. The citations issued were for the following:

Oregon:

- **No AIS Permit: Motorboat**
- **Take/Possession of Undersized Bass**
- **No Resident Angling License**
- **Fail to Attend Line/Rod**
- **No Two Rod Validation**

Idaho:

- **Exceeding Pole Limit**
- **Fail to Produce a License/Not Having on Person**
- **Take/Possession of Undersized Bass**
- **Fishing without License**

Also, during a patrol on Brownlee Reservoir Fish and Wildlife Troopers observed a Polaris side by side tipped over resting on its side with a male driver pinned beneath it. The driver's leg was trapped inside of the roll cage. Troopers tipped the side by side back onto its tires, removed the subject's leg from where it was entrapped and administered first aid. Troopers transported the driver back to his camp where Troopers immobilized the injury using a Sam splint. The driver was then transported by friends and family to a hospital in Baker City for further treatment and evaluation.

## Winchester Bay and Florence Patrols

Springfield Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted patrols along the coast between Winchester Bay and Florence. During the patrol, approximately 17 people were contacted. Two warnings were issued for **No Resident Angling Licenses in Possession** and One citation for **Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**. Also, during the patrol, Troopers were advised of a seal pup under the crabbing dock located at Winchester Bay. Troopers responded, evaluated, and determined that the seal pup was best left alone and advised the people gathering in the area the same.



# CASE DISPOSITIONS



## Suspect Sentenced for Waste of Five Elk - Juniper Unit

Members of the East Central Team from the Burns and John Day Offices attended a sentencing hearing on May 20th for Chris Lardy, an adult Harney County resident. Initially, Mr. Lardy was charged with numerous wildlife offenses from an incident in the Juniper Unit where Mr. Lardy, was hunting with his wife and juvenile son. Mr. Lardy and his son, hunting as a mentored youth, had shot 17-30+ rounds at a herd of 100+ elk. Ultimately they killed a total of seven elk and tagged two of the cow elk. But no reasonable effort was made to locate and recover the five additional elk and they subsequently wasted, one of which was a small bull. Additional evidence showed there were also other wounded elk in the herd. Further investigation revealed that Mr. Lardy had chased the herd using his Suburban and damaged native habitat. Mr. Lardy originally pleaded not guilty, but changed his plea and pleaded guilty to one count of **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Elk** and one count of **Taking Bull Elk Closed Season**. He was sentenced to the following:

- 3-year hunting license suspension
- \$2,000 fine payable to ODFW
- 80 hours of community service
- Mandatory completion of Hunter Education,
- Must compose a 500 word essay/letter on hunter ethics to be presented at Hunter Education and be published at his cost in the Burns Time Herald Newspaper
- He also received 18 months probation and was forbidden from taking part in any hunting activities

During the sentencing the Harney County Circuit Court verbally reprimanded Lardy's actions and added six days jail time in addition to the original plea terms. The judge remanded him to immediate custody and ordered Fish and Wildlife Troopers to take him into custody in the court room and lodge him in jail. Mr. Lardy's wife had previously pleaded guilty to **Aiding/Counseling in Wildlife Offense** and received a 3-year hunting license suspension.

## Three Sentenced in Silvies Unit Cow Elk Case

A Burns Fish and Wildlife Trooper received the final Circuit Court judgment in regards to a case where three male subjects were involved in unlawfully shooting a cow elk during a bull only season in the Silvies Unit. The Trooper caught the three suspects in the middle of the night as they tried to sneak the cow elk out of the woods and back to their camp. Two of the male subjects received hunting license suspensions for 3 years. The three subjects were also ordered to pay fines to the court, OSP, ODFW, OHA, and restitution for a seized firearm that was returned to one of the suspects. The total amount of fines for the three subjects was \$2,250. The cut and wrapped meat from the seized cow elk was forfeited and will be donated locally.

## Subject Found Guilty in Gilliam County Case

Two Troopers participated in a Gilliam County 3-day trial regarding an investigation that they began investigating in 2019. The case involved a 2018 hunt and involved the unlawful taking of a sheep while unlawfully hunting on enclosed lands of another. In the end, the jury found the subject guilty of **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**. The subject was sentenced to the following:

- 3-year hunting license suspension
- 18 months bench probation
- \$2000 fine
- Forfeit of sheep mount and rifle



# 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 Fish & Wildlife Division



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