



OREGON STATE POLICE **FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION**



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*On the cover:
A Fish and Wildlife Trooper on patrol at
Summer Lake for the duck and goose
season opener.*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Career Day Presentation

A Portland Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a career presentation at the Oregon Trail Academy's 5th grade class in Boring. The students were studying various careers and the different paths toward success. The students asked many questions regarding law enforcement and were given an opportunity to observe a police vehicle.

Radio Interview Focuses on F&W Topics

A John Day Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper conducted a thirty-minute radio interview with Elkhorn Media Group and discussed numerous fish and wildlife enforcement issues that included an overview of Fish and Wildlife Division priorities, electronic licensing requirements, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), common violations, youth/hunter education, and impacts of poaching.

Klamath Hills Youth Chukar Hunt

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Trooper assisted with the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) Youth Chukar Hunt in the Klamath Hills. A good turnout of youth showed up to the event from all over the state and success rates were high.

Sweet Home High School Career Day

An Albany Fish and Wildlife Trooper spent a day at Sweet Home High School. In the morning he participated in mock interviews with high school seniors. In the afternoon he was one of many presenters for their career day. He gave five 20-minute presentation to high school students on what it is like to be a Fish and Wildlife Trooper.

Sergeant Presents to OSU F&W Class

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant presented to the Oregon State University (OSU) Intro to Fish and Wildlife class regarding the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division. Topics covered included the qualification to be a Trooper, fish and wildlife investigations, and examples of a variety of case studies ranging from hunting, fishing and environmental investigations.

Troopers Attend Tillamook Pumpkin Patch Event

Members of the Mid-Coast Fish and Wildlife Team participated in a Pumpkin Patch event involving Tillamook Grade School students in grades 1-3. The Troopers brought show and tell items for the students to view and ask questions about. There were approximately 300 students who attended the event.

Douglas County Trunk-or-Treat Event

A Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Trooper and a Patrol Trooper attended a Trunk-or-Treat event at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. In excess of 300 kids and 200 adults attended. The kids received stickers, bracelets and petted a Wildlife Enforcement deer Decoy.

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES

Injured Hawk Taken to Portland Audubon Society

A Patrol Sergeant located an injured hawk on the roadway at Highway 26 and Glencoe Road and was able to retrieve the hawk from the roadway and put it in a box at the patrol office. A North Plains Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to the office where the Sergeant told him the hawk appeared to have a broken wing. The Trooper transported the hawk to the Audubon Society in Portland to be treated for its injuries.

Subject Found in Violation of No Contact Order

An Albany Fish and Wildlife Trooper was checking anglers near Corvallis. A subject was contacted near a houseless camp and identified. The subject had a no contact order with a female in his vehicle in a nearby parking lot. The subject was arrested for **Violating a No Contact Order, Criminal Trespass II, Carrying Concealed Weapons**, and cited for a violation level amount of methamphetamine. The subject was lodged at the Linn County Jail without incident.

Driving Complaint Leads to DUI Arrest

A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a driving complaint eastbound on Hwy 30 from milepost 43. The vehicle was stopped for failing to drive within its lane. Upon contact the driver displayed signs of impairment. The driver consented to Standard Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs) and was impaired by a noticeable and perceptible degree. The driver was arrested for **Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUI)**. The driver admitted to smoking marijuana and drinking alcohol prior to driving. The driver's blood alcohol content (BAC) was 0.14%. The driver was cited, booked and released from the Columbia County Jail.

Felon Arrested for Menacing, Weapons Violations

A McMinnville Fish and Wildlife Trooper and a Patrol Trooper, along with Deputies from Yamhill County Sheriff's Office, responded to a 911 call originating on the gravel bar at Wheatland Ferry (Oregon State Parks property). The victim stated that the suspect had pointed an AR-15 rifle at her and threatened to shoot her. Contact was made with the suspect, who was well known to local law enforcement and a convicted felon, and a consent search revealed a rifle hidden in a vehicle exactly as described by the victim. The suspect was taken into custody and lodged at Yamhill County Jail on charges of **Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Menacing, Felon in Possession**, and **Violation of a No Contact Agreement**.

Restaurant Trash Dumped in SIWA Dumpster

A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper was notified that an ODFW volunteer had caught a subject dumping a truck load of restaurant garbage in a dumpster on the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area (SIWA). The Trooper was informed the subject had done it multiple times in the last few months. The ODFW volunteer had been working late to catch the subject. The subject was also caught by an ODFW employee shooting on the wildlife area in the North Unit earlier this year. The subject was cited and released from the Columbia County Jail for **Theft of Services, Discharging a Firearm on SIWA** and **Being on SIWA After Hours**. The subject was also in possession of a violation level of methamphetamine.

Stranded Hunting Party Located by OSP Pilot

Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a night flight operation with the Southwest Region OSP Pilot. Atmospheric conditions limited the area of the patrol to mainly the South Douglas and North Josephine Counties. During the patrol, the Pilot observed what appeared to be someone with a flashlight in a remote area eight miles south of Days Creek who was signaling distress. After responding to the area, Troopers located a hunting party attempting to walk out of the area after they had a mishap with the parking brake on their pickup. The unoccupied pickup rolled off a landing down the mountainside. The elderly male, two middle aged males and a young boy were very tired, but not injured, and were transported to a residence in Myrtle Creek.

Subject Caught Driving on Closed Roads

A Bend Fish and Wildlife Trooper received information regarding a white pickup with a canopy that was driving on several closed roads in the Spring Butte Travel Management Area (TMA) closure. The Trooper noticed one closed road that had a lot of traffic going through it. The Trooper drove down the road and parked halfway to see if the suspect vehicle would come through. Within 15 minutes, the suspect vehicle came up the road. The Trooper stopped the vehicle and questioned the driver. The driver was deer hunting and admitted he saw the yellow closed road sign, but still decided to drive the road. The Driver was cited for **Driving in the Travel Management Closure** and given a map for reference.

ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS



Tag Purchased After Cougar Harvest

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper discovered a subject had purchased a cougar tag and validated it a few minutes later. That Trooper, along with another Fish and Wildlife Trooper, interviewed the subject and his brother. The subject ultimately admitted to harvesting the cougar prior to purchasing the tag. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Take** and the cougar and rifle were seized.

Subject Shoots Deer After Threatening Woman

Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Troopers responded to a report from a resident on Suicide Creek Road who witnessed a man shoot a buck deer off the roadway in front of her residence. She yelled at the man as he was leaned over the hood of his pickup, lining up the deer in his rifle scope, and urged him not to shoot the deer. The man yelled at her in a threatening manner then shot the deer. After hurriedly loading up the buck, the man fled up into a dead end Bureau of Land Management (BLM) road system. A couple hours later, the man was stopped and detained by the Troopers as he came out of the BLM road system. He was interviewed, arrested, and lodged at the Douglas County Jail for the crimes of **Menacing** and **Unlawful Take/Possession of Buck Deer**. His rifle and the deer were seized. The deer was salvaged and donated.

Two Cited for Taking Bear Cubs - Lincoln County

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper received information from a concerned family member that their nephew had shot and killed a juvenile black bear cub and had not turned himself in. The Trooper confirmed the suspect had a bear tag and but had not validated it. The Trooper checked with ODFW biologists to make sure the suspect had not checked in a bear. The Trooper then spoke to an individual who had been shown pictures of the bear on the suspect's phone. Troopers contacted the suspect at his residence in Siletz, who initially denied shooting a bear or any big game animal this fall. After explaining some of the information that had been uncovered during the investigation the suspect admitted to shooting a bear. After further information was gathered during the interview, Troopers discovered the suspect had shot two black bears and the suspect's mother tagged one of the bears to allow her son to continue to hunt. Troopers followed the suspect and his mother to a separate location where the bears were located. When Troopers arrived at the location it was discovered the two black bears were in fact this year's bear cubs. Both cubs had a significant amount of fly larva and mold on the meat and were completely wasted. Troopers seized both bear cubs and the rifle used to shoot the bears. The suspect was criminally cited for **Exceed Bag Limit of Big Game Mammal**, and two counts each of **Waste of Game**, and **Take/Possession of Black Bear**. The suspect's mother was criminally cited for **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense** and **Lend, Borrow, or Sell Big Game Tag**.

Subject Did Not Verify Tag Before Hunting

Fish and Wildlife Troopers received information regarding a subject from LaGrande who had shot a buck in the Malheur Unit without a tag. Further investigation revealed the subject had applied for a Malheur buck tag but had not drawn the tag. The subject never checked to confirm he had a tag before going hunting and then contacted ODFW a day after shooting a buck, stating he couldn't get his electronic tag to work. The subject was currently in Crane and agreed to meet a Trooper and turn over the deer. OSP Patrol assisted, met the hunter, and retrieved the 4-point buck which was taken to a meat processor to be processed for donation. The subject admitted he was busy and unorganized and had not verified he had a tag before hunting. He was cited for **Unlawful Take Buck Deer**.

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Father and Son Cited for Unlawful Take of Deer

Portland and Salem Fish and Wildlife Troopers contacted a suspect in Milwaukie in response to a possible unlawful take of a mule deer in Harney County. During the contact the suspect stated his son had shot a deer on public ground in the Beulah Unit with a Beulah Unit buck deer tag. After discussion and the suspect recounting their travels for the day it was determined the deer was shot in the Malheur River unit on private property. The suspect was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime** and the deer meat and 4x4 antlers were seized. The following day the Portland Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted the son at his residence. The son said he had listened to his dad and believed he was in the Beulah Unit and on public land when he shot the deer. The son was cited for **Unlawful Take** and **Hunting on Enclosed land of Another**. The rifle used to shoot the deer was seized and additional charges are being referred to the Harney County District Attorney.

Subject Cited For Hunting from Roadway

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles conducted an elk Wildlife Enforcement Decoy (WED) operation due to multiple complaints of road hunting and observed hunting behavior. A subject, who just passed three OSP Fish and Wildlife patrol trucks, stopped after observing the decoys. The subject exited his vehicle with his rifle in hand and fired one shot using the hood as a rest. The subject went to the passenger side of the vehicle and fired a second shot from the roadway. The subject realized that something was off, ran back to his vehicle and took off. A Trooper caught up to the vehicle and stopped it. The subject was cited for **Shooting from a Roadway** and the criminal citation of **Hunting on the Enclosed Land of Another** is pending.

Yearling Doe Shot and Hidden

Enterprise Fish and Wildlife Troopers received a report of a yearling doe that had been shot and hidden under a tree. Troopers went to the location, found the deer and began talking with hunters in the area. One hunter described hearing a shot in the area and about an hour later talking with two subjects who seemed suspicious. Troopers got a description of the two suspects and began looking for individuals who matched the description. A short time later they located a camp with two individuals who matched the description given. Troopers questioned them about the deer, and they denied knowing anything about it. Troopers left the camp and continued their patrol. A short time later one of the suspects pulled up next to them and asked them to come back to camp because he had something to tell them. Troopers returned to the camp and the suspects admitted to shooting the deer. The shooter was cited for **Unlawful Take** and the second suspect was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime**.

Spotlighting Saturation Patrol - Rogue Valley

Multiple Fish and Wildlife Division members conducted an evening spotlight saturation with the use of the aircraft, in the Rogue Valley and surrounding areas. A total of three separate spotlighting events were investigated. A vehicle was observed spotlighting near Applegate Lake and the subjects admitted that they were "lighting" up fields looking for animals. There were 5 people in the pickup and they had three rifles. The driver and one of the rear passengers were cited for **Casting Artificial Light from Motor Vehicle**. The driver was arrested for **DUII**. Later in the same evening, one vehicle was observed in the Keno Unit that had two hunters spotlighting. Both subjects were from California and did not have any licenses or tags. They were cited for **Cast Artificial Light from Motor Vehicle**. The last spot lighter was observed about midnight, and the suspect vehicle ultimately failed to stop. About 40 minutes after the initial attempt to stop the suspect, Fish and Wildlife Troopers located the suspect vehicle and he pulled over immediately. The suspect said he tossed his spotlight and rifle out the window; and was cited for **Hunt With Aid of Artificial Light** and **Elude**.

ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS



Poaching Call in Dixon Unit

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to an in-progress poaching call in the Dixon Unit east of Roseburg. Once the Trooper arrived, a suspect had already been located, in addition to the animal he had unlawfully harvested on private property. The suspect assisted in gutting and loading the animal after being contacted. The deer and rifle used were seized and the subject criminally cited for **Hunt/Take Deer in Violation of Criminal Trespass**.

Illegal Hunting Investigation - Crater Lake

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Trooper assisted Crater Lake National Park and US Forest Service (USFW) Agents with an illegal hunting investigation. The Trooper had received information about suspicious drag marks in the snow that led into the park. The drag mark had blood and animal hair in it and was consistent with an elk being removed from the park. The park is closed to all hunting. Further investigation revealed that a group of people had entered the park, dispatched a wounded elk that had been shot outside the park and then removed the elk without contacting the park service. The animal was several hundred yards into the park and the suspects walked past multiple park boundary signs. The offending camp was identified. Subsequent interviews identified a suspect who confessed to the activities. Evidence was located in camp that will likely provide a DNA link to the animal remains located in the park. This was an excellent team effort between multiple agencies that resulted in a subject being held accountable for his illegal actions.

Subjects Cited for Lend/Borrow Tag

A Baker City Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a tip involving the suspected unlawful take of a buck deer due to trespassing on private property within the Sumpter unit. The suspects were contacted, and the investigation revealed one individual shot a buck from the highway. Shortly thereafter, the father and son duo trespassed onto private property and recovered the buck deer. The son lent his big game tag and tagged the buck deer for the father. The father was cited and released for **Hunting from or Across Highway, Lend, Borrow, or Sell Big Game Tag, and Criminal Trespass II**. The son was cited and released for **Lend, Borrow, or Sell Big Game Tag and Criminal Trespass II**. The buck deer and firearm were seized as evidence.

Spotlighter Caught on Coos Bay Night Flight

A Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Trooper joined in on a Coos Bay night flight. The Southwest Region OSP Pilot located a vehicle near the Coos/Douglas County line. A Trooper responded and contacted the subject. The subject was using a flashlight shining out his window while going very slow down the road until he noticed the "drone." The subject had two rifles with him and said he was looking for cougar tracks. The two rifles were a 7mm and a .22. The subject did not have a hunting license because he thought it was suspended (it was not suspended). The subject was cited and released for **Casting From a Motor Vehicle While Armed**.

Man Without Tag Shoots at WED

Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a Wildlife Enforcement Decoy (WED) east of Newport. A vehicle stopped near the buck deer decoy and the driver shot it twice while seated in his vehicle prior to legal hunting hours. During the investigation, it was also discovered the driver did not have a Western Oregon general season deer tag. The shooter admitted he had intended to fill the tag belonging to his juvenile daughter, who was seated in the rear passenger seat of the vehicle. The shooter was cited criminally for **Unlawful Take of Buck Deer, Hunting Prohibited Hours, Hunting Wildlife From a Motor Vehicle, and No Big Game Tag**. His rifle was seized as evidence.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



Slender Crab Found at Portland Fish Dealer

Marine Fisheries Team (MFT) members conducted a commercial fish dealer check in Portland stemming from ongoing issues regarding failure to accurately complete fish receiving tickets and illegal live imports of fish and shellfish species. The dealer had submitted numerous tickets that did not include fish that had been recorded on fisherman logbooks and had been sampled by ODFW. Additionally, a Portland Fish and Wildlife Trooper had responded to the location several weeks prior and seized two horseshoe crab that had been illegally imported (48 others had been sold prior to the Trooper's arrival) without the proper fish transportation permits. Upon arrival to the location, the dealer was contacted about the missing fish on the fish tickets. Some of the fish on the tickets had been added but the amended fish tickets had not been submitted to ODFW as specifically instructed to do so by ODFW field biologists. The Troopers also discovered what appeared to be a basket of over 100 small Dungeness crab in a tank in the back of the store. When the dealer was asked about the crab, they said they had come in with a shipment of coonstripe prawns from Puget Sound, Washington and had been sorted out once they arrived. The invoice for the prawns did not include any crab species included with the shipment. They admitted they had forgotten OSP was going to be there that day or they would have hidden them. When asked what they were going to do with them, the dealer said they were going to take them to Coos Bay and release them into the bay and were not planning to sell them. It was later determined the crab were slender crab and a controlled species in Washington which are not allowed to be possessed or sold. The dealer was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Commercial Caught Shellfish, No Live Fish Transport Permit, and Failure to Accurately Complete Fish Ticket**. The crab were seized.

Crabbing Gear Violations

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a commercial fishermen after a previous boat patrol and interviewed the boat captain about violations the Trooper discovered with his crabbing gear. The boat captain was interviewed regarding his failure to have appropriate crab pot escape mechanisms affixed to his crab pots. The captain stated he had a new crew this year and they must not have followed his direction for affixing the biodegradable cotton string. The Trooper also addressed the captain's failure to make timely 14-day landings and the captain stated he also had a hard time keeping his crew and did not have the crew he needed to make those required 14-day landings. The boat captain was cited for **Fixed Gear Pots Without Biodegradable Escape Panel** and warned for exceeding his 14-day landing requirement. The captain was told he will be cited if he has another violation for the 14-day rule.

Subject Commits Multiple Angling Violations

A Gold Beach Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a tip that a subject had purchased salmon "snagging" gear. The reporting party provided a vehicle description. The Trooper was able to locate the subject on the Chetco River approximately an hour later. The subject was observed attempting to snag salmon. He was contacted as he was driving out of the area and admitted to attempting to snag fish as well as knowingly violating the "Bobber Only" rule in place. Additionally, the subject was found to be suspended from angling and misdemeanor suspended from driving. The subject was issued criminal citations for **Angling Prohibited Method: Snagging** and **Angling Prohibited Method: Bobber Only**. Charges are being referred for **Angling While Suspended** and **Driving While Suspended**.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM

Social Media Posts Show Angling Violations

A Florence Fish and Wildlife Trooper received information regarding a subject who posted pictures of himself retaining coho salmon in the ocean outside Winchester Bay at the beginning of October. The Trooper reviewed the social media posts and contacted the subject at his residence. The subject admitted he caught salmon out of the ocean on the date in question and showed the Trooper his combined angling harvest card. The Trooper noted the subject marked the two salmon for the appropriate area and date but marked them as Chinook. He also noted the subject only marked those two salmon for the entire year. When the subject was questioned about the two entries he stated they were the only two salmon he had caught and retained in 2022. The Trooper pulled up the subject's social media posts on his MDT and began pointing out other pictures throughout the year where the subject had caught and retained salmon. The subject then admitted he caught salmon on the Umpqua River and in Alsea Bay which he had not tagged because he didn't always have his tag with him. The subject was issued criminal citations in Douglas and Lincoln counties for **Taking Wild Coho Salmon** and **Failing to Validate Combined Angling Harvest Card**.

WA Resident Caught with OR Resident License

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a patrol of the crabbing dock in Waldport. During checks of shellfish licenses the Trooper discovered a subject had a resident shellfish license while having a Washington driver's license. The Trooper discovered the male lived in Washington and had been there for two years. The subject had gone to a store in Newport and purchased a shellfish license and did not correct the licensing agent when he was handed a resident license. The subject was cited for **Failure to Purchase a Non-Resident License** and his resident license was seized.

Off Duty Sergeant Observes Angling Violation

While on vacation in Waldport, a Fish and Wildlife Sergeant from the East Region was cleaning his crab at the cleaning station when a man flopped four wild coho on the cleaning table next to him. The Sergeant called the local Fish and Wildlife Sergeant to respond. While awaiting response, the off-duty Sergeant provided a fish identification lesson to the man and his son as they had misidentified the fish as Chinook. The Alsea River was closed to retention of non-adipose fin-clipped coho. The responding Sergeant cited the man for the violation and seized the four fish as evidence.

Angling Closed Season - Beaver Creek

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a tip with a photo that showed a subject fishing in Beaver Creek at the Ona Beach State Park. Beaver Creek was closed to salmon fishing at the time. The Trooper responded to the area and located the subject. During the investigation the Trooper learned the subject had also picked up a salmon from the shallow waters of Beaver Creek on another date during the closure. The subject was cited for **Angling in a Closed Season** and **Possession of a Fish in a Closed Season**.

Fish Seller Cited for Multiple Violations

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper had been trying to locate a commercial tuna limited fish seller who had turned in fish tickets the previous year almost 150 days late. A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant observed the boat in Garibaldi advertising tuna for sale and made contact with the seller. The seller possessed a limited fish seller license that allowed fish to be sold off the boat. The seller had made sales from that load of fish for four days and had receipts for those sales but had not started a commercial fish ticket. It was determined the seller had sold fish multiple times in September but had never completed a fish ticket for those landings. While he had receipts for the current sales, he did not have the receipts on board the boat from any of the other sales he did in August and September. He had completed fish tickets for August on board but they had not been submitted to ODFW. The subject also had not completed his federal logbook for all of his trips. The subject was cited for **Failure to Complete Fish Receiving Ticket** and **Failure to Submit Fish Receiving Ticket**.

Nehalem Bay Boat Patrol

Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on Nehalem Bay and the ocean during a one-day wild coho retention season (with a one-a-year annual wild coho limit). A boat was contacted salmon angling in the ocean. The subjects on board were using barbed hooks, and were in possession of a wild coho (that they said that they had caught in the Nehalem). The subject with the coho was using electronic licensing, and the timestamp on the validation of his coho showed that he had tagged it immediately before being contacted. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Non Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho**, and warned for the other offenses. Multiple other warnings were issued during the patrol for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card** and **Take Undersized Dungeness Crab**.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Overnight Float Patrol - Lower Deschutes River

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles covered 39 miles on an overnight enforcement float trip on the lower Deschutes River. Troopers performed 14 boat and boater pass checks, and checked 37 anglers and seven guides. Three citations were issued, one for **No Harvest Card** and two for **No Electronic License on Person**. Six warnings were issued for a variety of game violations and boaters pass issues.

Eagle Creek Angling Violations

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper worked Eagle Creek on two separate days. The first day, he observed a suspect snag a salmon in the back and land it on shore with the aid of a friend with a net. The Trooper continued to watch the subjects and observed one of them was snagging with every cast. They were contacted and the subject who snagged the salmon was cited for **Snagging**. On the second day, the Trooper contacted a group who had caught five salmon. Upon inspection, one of the subjects had not tagged either fish he caught and was cited for **Fail to Immediately Validate**. The Trooper continued checking anglers and observed a salmon get caught, and the subject hit it on the head with a stick and immediately returned to angling without tagging it. The subject used his rod and a long stick to scare some fish out from under a log jam and then caught one of the fish. The subject again went right back to angling after harvesting his second fish. He was contacted and cited for **Failing to Immediately Validate** and for **Harassing Wildlife**.

Two Yelloweye Rockfish Retained

Newport Fish and Wildlife Troopers followed up on information received from an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) fish checker. She checked a group of subjects at the South Beach Marina who were returning from angling in the ocean. Upon inspecting their catch, the fish checker observed that they were in possession of two yelloweye rockfish. Yelloweye rockfish are a prohibited species and no retention of these fish is allowed. When the fish checker advised the men they were in possession of a prohibited species of fish, they became rude and uncooperative. Two of the subjects quickly removed the fish from the boat, put them in a cooler in their vehicle, and then left the marina, even after the fish checker advised them she was calling the Oregon State Police and wanted to take possession of the two illegal fish. All three subjects were tracked down and cited criminally for **Possession of Prohibited Species: Yelloweye Rockfish**.

South Fork Coos and Millicoma Rivers Boat Patrol

Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Coos River up to the confluence of the South Fork Coos and Millicoma Rivers. One boat was contacted and found in possession of one wild jack Coho salmon. The subject explained he thought he could keep any jack salmon, and it being a wild Coho was of no consequence. The subject was advised of the regulations and was issued a violation citation for **Take/Possession Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**. The jack Coho was seized and donated to charity. Late in the day, a small boat was contacted with an adult and his son and young daughter on board. It was determined that they only had adult-sized life jackets, none of which would properly fit the youth. The group was loaned a properly fitting life jacket and the father was warned for **Inadequate Number of Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)**.

Nighttime Crab Patrol - Garibaldi Marina

Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Troopers contacted several shoreline crabbers at midnight near the Garibaldi Marina on Tillamook Bay. Two of the subjects were in possession of three female Dungeness crab and six undersized male crab. The subjects claimed that they did not know the difference between male and female crab. The Troopers were able to reference a sign clearly showing the differences in crab that was posted six feet from where the subjects were crabbing from the pier. The subjects were both cited for **Possession of Female Dungeness Crab**. The crab were all released back into the bay unharmed.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING

Subject Caught Snagging - Finley Bend

Central Point Fish and Wildlife Troopers were on a routine check of Griffin Park when a subject admitted to not having an angling license. The subject was subsequently cited. As they were finishing up, a drift boat floated by and advised the Troopers there was a male subject up the river at Finley Bend snagging and keeping salmon. The Troopers went to Finley Bend and observed the male subject walking up the bank with a salmon. The subject hid the fish and walked to his car. A Trooper approached the subject and asked how he had done, the subject advised that he had thrown all fish back. The Trooper then advised the subject that he knew about the stashed fish and the subject admitted to catching the fish without a license and by snagging it. The subject was cited for **Snagging** and **Unlawful Take**.

Tillamook Bay Shellfish Patrol

Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a shellfish patrol on Tillamook Bay during a low evening tide. During the patrol, four subjects were found to have exceeded their daily bag limits of clams. All four were cited for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Bay Clams**. A total of 135 clams were returned to the bay unharmed.

Subjects Found Using Bait - Metolius River

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a foot patrol along the Metolius River, upriver from Cable Car crossing. During the patrol he observed two subjects who were angling in a way that indicated they were using bait. The subjects were contacted and the admitted to the Trooper they were using bait. They both had worms at the end of their lines. They also had several canisters of eggs and power bait, and claimed they did not know about the artificial fly/lure restriction for this section of water. They admitted they had not read the regulations for this section of water either. Both were violation cited for **Angling Prohibited Method: Bait**.

Dungeness Crab Violations - Winchester Bay

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted two subjects at the boat ramp in Winchester Bay as they returned from crabbing. One of the subjects did not have a shellfish license. A check of their catch revealed they were in possession of 27 male Dungeness crab, three over their combined limits. The subject that did not have a license took responsibility for counting and measuring the crab. That subject was cited for **No Resident Shellfish License**, and warned for **Exceeding Daily Limit of Crab**. Fifteen Dungeness crab were returned to the bay.

Subjects Angling Near Fish Ladder

A Portland Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted angler checks on the Eagle Creek near the fish ladder downstream of Eagle Fern Park. Two subjects were observed fishing about 50 feet downstream of the fish ladder. This fish ladder has a special restriction of no angling 300 feet below the fish ladder and is well marked on a large tree and near the bank. The subjects were contacted and educated about the legal fishing distance. Both were cited for **Angling Within 300 feet of a Fish Ladder**. The Trooper returned to the area about an hour later and was looking for anglers in the same area. He observed two different subjects walking on the fish ladder and one of the them was fishing right at the ladder. The subjects were educated about the ladder and the requirements. They were both warned for **Trespassing on a Fish Ladder** and one was cited for **Angling Within 300 feet of a Fish Ladder**.

Kayaker Angling with Suspended License

An Albany Fish and Wildlife Trooper located a kayak angler near Corvallis. The subject was known to have his angling privileges suspended from a citation in March. The subject was not contacted that day. On a later date, a Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted the subject at his residence. The subject admitted to fishing and was criminally cited for **Angling While Suspended** and **Angling on Private Property Without Permission**.

Coos Bay Angling Violations

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Sergeant contacted two subjects angling at Point Adams in Charleston. Both were cited for **No Resident Angling License**. The Sergeant then stopped by ODFW to pick up a wild Coho that was taken in the Coos River after the wild Coho season had closed. A subject had self-reported the error and was warned for **Taking Wild Coho Closed Season**.

Unlawful Take of Chinook - Columbia River

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper Sergeant from The Dalles was called by an ODFW Creel Checker regarding a subject who had kept a Chinook in the Columbia River when it was closed to retention. The subject did not want to hang around and told the checker that he had thrown the fish back in the river. The Sergeant located the subject en route back to his residence. The fish was seized, and the subject was cited for **Unlawful Take/Possession Chinook Salmon Closed Waters**.

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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