



# **OREGON STATE POLICE FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION**



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*On the cover:  
K-9 Scout and his handler, Trooper Ross*



# INTRODUCING K-9 SCOUT



Meet the newest member of the Oregon State Police (OSP) Fish and Wildlife Conservation K-9 team. Scout along with his handler, Trooper Shae Ross will be following in the footsteps of the first anti-poaching team in Oregon made up of K-9 Buck and Senior Trooper Josh Wolcott.

The OSP Fish and Wildlife Division, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Stop Poaching Campaign, and the Oregon Wildlife Foundation (OWF) held a joint press conference to announce the expansion of the OSP Fish and Wildlife Conservation K-9 team Jan. 25 at ODFW headquarters in Salem.

“Adding another wildlife detection K-9 team provides another asset to our division to address poaching issues and increase awareness across the state,” said OSP Fish and Wildlife Division Captain Casey Thomas. “Senior Trooper Wolcott and K-9 Buck have done a great job of getting this program started. Adding a second team will increase the program’s efficiency and reduce the excessive travel strain of the current team. I want to thank everyone involved in establishing, maintaining, and supporting OSP’s Conservation K-9 program,” continued Thomas. “This program wouldn’t be possible without them and these strong partnerships.”

Speakers at the event included: Senior Trooper Wolcott, Trooper Ross, Stop Poaching Campaign Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Yvonne Shaw and Oregon Wildlife Foundation Executive Director Tim Greseth. A demonstration by Buck and Senior Trooper Wolcott followed the presentations.

“Oregon’s fish, wildlife and other natural resources belong to all of us,” stated Stop Poaching Campaign Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Yvonne Shaw. “The partnership between Oregon Wildlife Foundation and the OSP FandW Conservation K-9 program helps to protect these natural resources for current and future generations. OWF’s generous donors recognize the value of these dogs, which offer a unique connection between law enforcement and the communities they serve,” continued Shaw.

OWF, in collaboration with OSP Fish and Wildlife Division, launched Oregon’s first Wildlife K-9 team in 2019. K-9 Buck and Senior Trooper Wolcott have conducted numerous poaching investigations and logged hundreds of hours in the field since the inception of the program. The current team is located at OSP’s Springfield Area Command but has worked across the state over the last 2.5 years.

The effectiveness of the K-9 program led OSP leadership to the recent approval of the additional team (Scout and Trooper Ross) at the OSP Area Command in Bend. As with the inaugural team, OWF donors have generously agreed to help cover the costs of this program expansion. Ongoing canine expenses, primarily veterinary care, are financed by public donations to OWF.

“Oregon Wildlife Foundation is pleased to be able to support the OSP Fish and Wildlife Conservation K-9 program and our partnership with Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division,” said OWF Executive Director Tim Greseth. “We greatly appreciate generous donors stepping up, once again, to expand this successful program and help us introduce a new K-9 team to the public.”

Oregon Wildlife Foundation accepts public donations to the OSP Fish and Wildlife Conservation K-9 Fund to offset expenses associated with the canine members of the teams. Donations to the fund help defray the costs of veterinary care, training equipment and related supplies.





# GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



## Troopers Assist Removal of Navigational Hazard

Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a joint boat patrol of the South and Main Umpqua Rivers with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol. On the South Umpqua portion of the patrol, Douglas Fire District 2 personnel with specialized equipment assisted in removing an unlawfully placed navigational hazard consisting of an approximately one-inch diameter steel braided cable that spanned across the entire river. At higher winter water levels, the cable was low enough to potentially cause serious or fatal injury to boaters.

## Trooper Locates Missing Child

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper was patrolling in Springfield near the Willamette River when he heard local agencies broadcast a missing juvenile in the Eugene area. The juvenile had been missing for two hours when the call was aired. Approximately thirty minutes after hearing about the missing juvenile, the Trooper located a young boy matching the description of the missing juvenile. The Trooper stopped and identified the boy and discovered it was in fact the missing juvenile. The little boy was miles from where he was supposed to be. The Trooper sat with the boy until his mom arrived. After about fifteen minutes, mom and son were reunited and on their way home.

## Trooper Stops Drivers Speeding Over 95 MPH

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper was contacted regarding a westbound vehicle traveling on Hwy 30 near Westport at a high rate of speed. The Trooper was able to set up in Westport and soon began following the suspect vehicle as it passed. A few miles later, the suspect vehicle and a second vehicle accelerated up Bradley Hill on Hwy 30 at over 95 miles per hour. After pacing both vehicles they were stopped and subsequently cited for **Violation of Basic Rule (VBR): Speeding**. The drivers were acquainted with one another and stated that they "Were just trying to keep up with each other."

## Driver Flees from Traffic Stop

A Springfield Fish and Wildlife Trooper was patrolling near the Willamette River when he noticed a truck make several traffic violations. When the Trooper attempted to stop the truck, the driver fled on foot. After tracking the driver over a hill and across a side channel of the Willamette River, he was taken into custody by the Trooper along with a Patrol Sergeant and Lieutenant. The driver was transported to the hospital and treated for hypothermia. Once the driver was released, the Trooper transported him to the Lane County Jail where he was lodged. The driver was charged with **Escape or Attempt to Elude Police**. There was also an outstanding warrant for the driver.

## Injured Bald Eagle Rehabilitated and Released

In November 2022 Portland Fish and Wildlife Troopers received a call about a bald eagle that had been hit by a vehicle on I-84 in the Columbia River Gorge. Troopers arrived on scene to find that the eagle was still alive but injured. Troopers transported the eagle to the Portland Audubon's Wildlife Care Center for treatment. In early January, The Audubon Society informed Troopers that the eagle was successfully rehabilitated and released into the wild.



# ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS



## Subject Shoots at Herd of Elk

A Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Trooper investigated a report of a male subject with a valid late season cow elk tag for the Wilson Wildlife Management Unit who had located a herd of elk on a dairy farm in the Nehalem area. The subject was on a list of persons who were allowed to hunt on the dairy property. The subject shot several times into the herd from the paved roadway, wounding multiple elk. He singled out one of the wounded elk, killed it and tagged it, leaving at least three additional injured elk in the area. The Trooper responded to the scene and assessed the injuries to the remaining elk, euthanizing a second cow that was badly injured. The next day, the Trooper was accompanied by additional Fish and Wildlife Troopers to assess the herd again. A bull elk was euthanized at that time due to the extent of its injuries. The initial subject was contacted and admitted shooting from the roadway. He stated he became excited and admitted he had “elk fever” during the incident. He was ultimately cited criminally for **Hunting Prohibited Method: Shooting from Roadway, Take/Possession of Antlerless Elk, and Take/Possession of Bull Elk**. A .308 rifle was seized as evidence. The tagged elk was also seized from the subject. The tagged elk and one of the euthanized elk were donated to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and the remaining euthanized elk was donated to the Tillamook County Jail.

## Trophy Mule Deer Shot- Northside Unit

Baker City and John Day Fish and Wildlife Troopers received information regarding a trophy size mule deer buck that was shot unlawfully in the Northside Unit during the 2022 elk season on private property. Further investigation also revealed the adult male suspect, his father, and his son were unlawfully hunting elk without tags. Troopers from the Baker City, La Grande, John Day, and Portland offices coordinated to serve a search warrant on the suspect’s residence and properties. The mule deer buck, a bull elk, two rifles, and other related evidence were seized. The primary suspect admitted to shooting the buck out of season, without a tag, and admitted to unlawfully hunting elk after having already killing a bull elk during the archery season. The primary suspect was charged with **Unlawful Take Mule Deer Buck, Hunting Elk with No Big Game Tag, Criminal Trespass II, and Aid/Counsel in a Wildlife Offense**. The suspect’s father was cited for **Hunting Elk with No Big Game Tag and Aid/Counsel in Wildlife Offense**.

## Subject Shoots Coyote on Private Property

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant from The Dalles received a complaint regarding a subject that shot onto private property from a rural county road. The reporting party was able to get a picture of the license plate and vehicle and provided a location and approximate direction of travel. The Sergeant was joined by a Fish and Wildlife Trooper and headed towards the location of the incident. Another Trooper also responded to the area from a different route to try to locate the suspect vehicle. Shortly after arriving in the area Troopers located the suspect vehicle traveling on a rural side road. A traffic stop was initiated and upon initial contact a bolt action rifle was observed. The driver admitted to shooting a coyote but thought it was open ground as he had not seen any No Trespassing signs. The driver agreed to take the Troopers back to the location where he had shot the coyote. Upon returning to the location, it was obvious to Troopers that the location was private property due to the newly strung barbed wire fence and a herd of cattle nearby. A quick check of OnX maps showed the owner of the property. The Sergeant talked with the property owner who did not want to press charges for the trespass. The coyote was retrieved. The driver and shooter admitted having the passenger hold the grab bar while seated in the passenger seat and using the passenger’s arm as a rifle rest while he shot from the driver’s seat inside the vehicle out the passenger window from the county road. The driver was issued a citation for **Hunting Prohibited Area: Public Road/Motor Vehicle**. Both the driver and passengers were also issued warnings for **Failure to Wear Seatbelts**.



# ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS



## Springfield Area Saturation Patrol

Troopers from the Springfield Area Command worked a team saturation for the wildlife enforcement of ducks, deer, anglers, and trappers in the Lane County area. Troopers had a total of 30 contacts resulting in three citations and 10 warnings for various fish and wildlife violations. During the team saturation, the Eugene Police Department put out an attempt to locate for a suspect involved in connection with a shooting within the city limits. Troopers in the area located the suspect at a boat landing on the Willamette River. Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducting a boat patrol as part of the team saturation responded via river access and helped other Troopers as they were attempting to take the suspect into custody. Other Fish and Wildlife Troopers, including K-9 Buck responded and assisted the Eugene Police Department with searching for evidence related to the shooting.

## Unlawful Take/Possession of Roadkill

A Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper received information from a citizen who had observed the carcass of a black-tailed deer doe inside a detached garage on a property that was being inspected. The Trooper made contact with the landowner who later admitted to hitting the deer with his vehicle two weeks prior. It was determined the landowner had never obtained a road-kill salvage permit, nor delivered the head to ODFW as required by the salvage program. The decaying deer carcass was seized and later disposed of off-site. The landowner was issued a citation for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Roadkill**.

## Subject Shoots Elk With Wrong Weapon Type

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper was dispatched to investigate a report of a landowner in the Oakridge area who found a dead elk on his property. The Trooper contacted the landowner and found a dead cow elk near a fence. It was estimated the elk had been dead for about 24 hours. Further examination led to the discovery of a gunshot wound. The Trooper removed the elk carcass from the property and disposed of it. The Trooper contacted a neighbor of the reporting person who incidentally had a 200 series-controlled elk tag (Oakridge Private Lands). This controlled elk hunt only allows the use of shotguns or muzzleloaders. A conversation led to the subject admitting unlawfully hunting with centerfire rifle and responsibility for killing the elk. It was determined that the subject was hunting on his own property when the elk was wounded but it ran off the property and the subject was unable to find it. The subject was issued a citation for **Hunting Prohibited Method: Center Fire Rifle During a Shotgun/Muzzleloader Only Elk Season** and a centerfire rifle was seized.

## Subject Attempts to Hide Shotgun

A La Grande Fish and Wildlife Trooper was patrolling on Ladd Marsh when he observed two subjects walking back towards their vehicle. Both subjects were seen carrying shotguns. The Trooper pulled up to the parking area as the two subjects walked behind a haystack. As they emerged from the other side, only one of the subjects was now carrying a shotgun. They were contacted and only the subject with the gun admitted to hunting. When asked about the other shotgun, the subject said he was just carrying it for his partner in case his shotgun didn't work. He retrieved the shotgun and admitted he was the owner. The Trooper checked the shotgun and found it was loaded with steel shot. When the subject was confronted with the fact that he was the owner of the gun, it was loaded with steel shot, and he hid the gun when he saw the Trooper, he admitted he was hunting without a license. The subject had not harvested any birds and was cited for **No Resident Hunting License, No Waterfowl Validation, and No Federal Waterfowl Stamp**, and warned for **No Wildlife Area Entry Permit**.



# ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS



## Citizen Reports Bull Elk Killed by Cougar

A citizen called in to report that he had found a large bull elk that had been killed by a cougar. The reporting party agreed to meet the Troopers the following day so the head could be collected. The Troopers met the subject the next day and assessed the kill and surrounding area. Cougar tracks were located along with the mostly eaten but fresh kill. Troopers removed the head and delivered it to ODFW personnel.



## Subjects Shoot at WED - Saddle Mt. Unit

North Coast Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted an Elk Wildlife Enforcement Decoy (WED) in the Saddle Mt. Unit. A vehicle stopped in the roadway, the passenger exited and using the hood of the truck, fired at the decoy. The driver fired from the driver seat out the window. The driver was cited for **Hunt From a Motor Vehicle**, and the passenger was cited for **Hunt From a Road**.

## Upland Bird Hunter Doesn't Have Validation

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles responded to a possible trespass complaint. It had been reported for several weeks that a subject was possibly upland bird hunting in a closed area (State Park) and then continuing to hunt on ODFW lands and private property in which the adjacent landowner said no one had permission to hunt. The subject's vehicle was located but with no one present or in visual sight of the vehicle. The subject was located on open to hunt ODFW lands at the time of observation. As the Trooper watched, the subject hunted down over the end of the bench he was on heading in the direction of his vehicle. A second Trooper was called for assistance to go to the subject's truck in case the first Trooper was unable to get back to the suspect vehicle before the subject returned. The Troopers contacted the subject as he returned to his vehicle. The subject said he had been hunting in this location for over 20 years and knew all the regulations regarding where he could/could not hunt. The subject said he had permission to hunt the private property in question and showed evidence of the permission although it was from the stepson of the property owners. During the check it was discovered that the subject did not have his upland game bird validation and was issued a citation for the violation.

## Exceeding Bag Limit of Ducks - Deschutes River

Bend area Fish and Wildlife Troopers checked duck and goose hunters on the Deschutes River during single digit temperatures. A group of three subjects were contacted and found to have exceeded their bag limits on ducks. One of the subjects stated he had left his license and bird stamp in his vehicle. A records check revealed that he did not have any waterfowl validations. Citations were issued for **Exceeding Bag Limit** and **No State/Federal Waterfowl Validations**.



# MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



## Commercial Crab Season Opener

The Commercial Dungeness Crab season opened on January 15th from Cape Falcon to Cape Arago. Marine Fisheries Team (MFT) Troopers conducted multiple investigations out of Newport pertaining to a variety of cases during the first week of that opener:

- Three commercial vessels failed to obtain a crab hold inspection prior to retaining and delivering crab. All captains were cited criminally and pending court hearing will determine what portions of their loads could be forfeited to the state.
- One fisherman failed to renew his commercial crab permit. Despite renewing within minutes of being notified, the captain of the vessel was cited.
- Multiple fisherman failed to obtain individual and crew licenses for their vessels. All unlicensed subjects on board were cited.
- Four vessels landing undersized crab into Newport despite an abundance of crab and the first pick of the season:
  - Vessel 1: 2.3% short crab
  - Vessel 2: 1.7% undersized crab
  - Vessel 3: 1.8% undersized crab
  - Vessel 4: Upon return to port the captain self-reported seeing undersized crab in his load when he was offloading. 10% undersized crab



# MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



## Nighttime Bay Clam Patrols - Tillamook Bay

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a nighttime bay clam patrol in Tillamook Bay and observed a woman hiding two large bags of clams within the spare tire well of her trunk and then proceed back to the clamming beds. She later returned to her vehicle with four more clam diggers. The group was contacted and each subject had exceeded their daily bag limit and after discovering the hidden clams in the trunk they were found to have 258 clams total over their daily bag limit. Each person was cited criminally for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Clams**.

On a separate nighttime bay clam patrol, Fish and Wildlife Troopers contacted three people who returned from the clam digging area with two five gallon buckets over half full with bay clams. Upon interviewing the subjects it was found that they had exceeded their daily bag limit by 140 clams and only one person had an active shellfish license. They were cited for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Clams** and **Taking Clams: No Resident Shellfish License**.



## North Fork Nehalem Angling Patrol

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a foot patrol on the North Fork Nehalem and found a subject washing out a steelhead that was freshly caught. Upon continued observation they watched the subject place it under his dry bag with another steelhead out in the open, and then continue to fish. Upon contact the subject had only one of the steelhead tagged, and stated he had only caught the one. He was cited for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card: Steelhead** and **Continue to Angle After Retaining Daily Limit of Steelhead**.



## Crabbing Gear Found in Marine Reserve

Newport MFT was notified of commercial crabbing gear in the Cascade Head Marine Reserve. A Trooper flew with the Coast Guard and was able to locate only some of the possible commercial crab gear in the reserve. MFT Members went to that location within the Marine Reserve on patrol vessel Guardian. Troopers located the commercial crabbing gear which was well into the Marine Reserve. Twenty-seven commercial crab pots were pulled and seized as evidence. Upon inspection of the commercial crab pots, it was also observed that several of the pots were missing pot tags. Two other commercial pots were located in the reserve that appeared to be derelict crab gear from the previous season. These two pots were also pulled and seized.



# COLUMBIA RIVER STURGEON PATROLS



*Many successful anglers were checked on the Columbia River sturgeon opener.*

## Sturgeon Opener - Columbia River

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from Prineville and The Dalles patrolled during the yearly sturgeon opener on the Columbia River. Seventeen boats were checked for safety violations, 55 anglers were contacted, and 11 sturgeon were inspected. Two citations and two warnings were issued.

## Joint OSP/HRC SO Patrol

Fish and Wildlife Troopers teamed up with the Hood River County Sheriff's Office (HRC SO) Marine Deputy to work the sturgeon opener on the Columbia River in Zone 6 in conjunction with several other Fish and Wildlife Troopers and Officers throughout the river system from Oregon and Washington. The weather was perfect for the fishery with no wind and the highest amounts of boats and anglers the Troopers and others had recalled seeing in many years. During the patrol 17 boats and 55 anglers were checked. The Hood River County Marine Deputy issued six marine board warnings, and Troopers issued two citations and five warnings for angling violations. Almost every boat checked had a least one fish on the stringer.

## Steelhead Violation Found on Sturgeon Patrol

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper was patrolling the Columbia River for sturgeon anglers. During this patrol, three subjects were contacted angling in a spot known for steelhead. Steelhead is closed above The Dalles Dam. The subjects admitted to angling for steelhead and didn't realize it was closed. One subject had caught and retained a hatchery steelhead, and was given a citation for **Unlawful Take of Steelhead**. The other subjects were warned for angling closed area.

## Boat Patrols - The Dalles and Bonneville Pools

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper conducted separate joint boat patrols with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Enforcement on their patrol vessels. The Sergeant patrolled The Dalles Pool and the Trooper patrolled the Bonneville Pool on the last day for sturgeon retention. Angler success was good on both pools and only minor violations were observed.

## Most Sturgeon Anglers Found in Compliance

Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River between The Dalles Dam and mouth of the Klickitat River during a valid retention day for sturgeon. Sport anglers and guides were checked along the entire stretch of river. Troopers checked 23 sport boats and four guide boats, with a total of 84 anglers. Citations were issued to one subject for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card** and another subject for **No Angling License**. Several warnings were also given for angling violations. Twenty legal sized sturgeon were checked, and one undersized sturgeon was seized and released alive back into the river.

## Subjects Caught Angling without Licenses

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted two subjects angling for sturgeon on a non-retention day on the Columbia River. The Trooper conducted an administrative check looking for angling licenses, harvest card, and gear. Neither subject had angling licenses or tags. They told the Trooper that it was a catch and release day, and they did not believe they needed a license for that. They were informed of the laws regarding angling licenses in Oregon. One subject was cited for **No Resident Angling License** and the other was cited for **No Nonresident Angling License**.

## Joint OSP/WDFW Patrol

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles teamed up with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) for a sturgeon enforcement boat patrol on the Columbia River. During the patrol the Trooper and WDFW Officers contacted eight boats and 25 anglers. Seven sturgeon were checked and four warnings were issued for licensing violations.





# SHELLFISH & ANGLING



*Mid-Coast Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a pontoon float saturation patrol on the Upper Alsea River. Troopers checked the above guided angling group and found them all in compliance.*

## Lake Billy Chinook Boat Patrol

Central Oregon Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on Lake Billy Chinook. Eight boats were checked for safety equipment along with 13 anglers. Three citations were issued for **No Resident Angling License** and two citations were issued for **No Two-Rod Validation**. One of the boats contacted experienced mechanical problems and the Troopers towed the broken vessel back to the dock.

## Subject Angling for Steelhead without License

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper checked steelhead anglers on the North Fork Coquille River at Laverne County Park. One subject was not able to produce his license or tag, and it was determined that he had not purchased either for 2023. The subject was aware he needed a tag to fish for steelhead, and stated that he thought the angling license a relative bought him several years prior was still valid. The subject was issued a violation citation for **No Resident Angling License** and was warned for **No Combined Angling Harvest Tag**.

## Exceeding Daily Trout Bag Limit - St. Louis Ponds

A Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper was advised by a volunteer host that ODFW staff had just stocked St. Louis Ponds with trophy trout. While observing anglers the Trooper observed a subject catching numerous trout. The subject was observed carrying an overage of trout while walking back towards the parking lot. When contacted the subject stated he had caught seven trout and was bringing additional fish home for his spouse who had an angling license. The subject was cited for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Trout** and two trout were seized as evidence. The Trooper continued observing anglers and issued the following citations: **Continue to Angle After Retaining Daily Limit**, **No Resident Angling License X2**, and **Angling With More than One Line/Rod X2**.

## Crabbing in Closed Area - Port Orford

Gold Beach Fish and Wildlife Troopers observed several people crabbing at the docks in Port Orford. This area was closed by the Oregon Department of Agriculture due to Domoic Acid levels in the area being above the safe threshold for consumption. The three crabbers were counseled on crabbing during the recent closure and issued warning for **Taking Crab Closed Area**. One person was found to not possess a resident shellfish license and was issued a citation for **No Resident Shellfish License**. The crabs that were caught were released back into the ocean.



# SHELLFISH & ANGLING

## Nehalem River Patrol

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a float patrol using the department Cataraft on the North Fork Nehalem River. Several bank anglers were checked with one being warned for **Fail to Possess Angling License and Combined Angling Tag**. Two Marine Board inspections were also conducted on non-motorized crafts with one being issued a warning for **No Waterway Access Permit**. (Photo taken by a drone unbeknownst to the Troopers at the time).



## Man Found Fishing While Suspended

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed a male fishing on the shore of Klamath Lake with three fishing poles in the water. The Trooper contacted the subject and learned the subject's hunting and fishing rights had been suspended. The subject was issued a criminal citation for **Angling While Suspended** and a violation citation for **Fishing with Three Fishing Poles**. The subject was also a person of interest in a large mule deer buck that was road struck and then stolen with no salvage report in November. The Trooper questioned the subject and he admitted to having possession of the buck's antlers at his residence and did not attempt to fill out a salvage report. The Trooper followed the subject to his residence, seized the antlers, and issued the subject a criminal citation for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Roadkill**.

## Subject Counseled on Proper Crab Measurement

While checking crabbers on foot in the dark on Netarts Bay, a Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a subject around 9:00pm with nine undersized male Dungeness crab. The subject was measuring the crab incorrectly, from point to point. The subject was shown how to properly measure crab and cited for **Possession of Undersized Crab**. The crab were seized and released back into the bay.

## Angling Closed Area - North Fork Reservoir

A Portland Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a subject at North Fork Reservoir who was fishing for trout during the closed season. The subject said she was new to the sport and thought lakes were open year-round for trout fishing. The Trooper explained that the North Fork was a reservoir not a lake. The Trooper discussed the regulations with the subject and instructed her on how to read them and discern what was open and what was closed. The subject was issued a warning for **Angling Closed Area**.

## Subject Attempts to Hide Female Crab

While checking people clamming in Netarts Bay, a Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a subject who had just come from the clam flats. Upon seeing the Trooper, the subject placed their bucket in some tall grass and began walking away. The Trooper contacted the subject and noticed a small female Dungeness crab in the bucket. The subject explained it was their first time clamming and crabbing. The Trooper educated the subject regarding the crab and issued a citation for **Unlawful Possession of Female Dungeness Crab**. The crab was seized and returned to the bay.



# 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 18 photographs showing various law enforcement activities, including hunting, boating, and vehicle stops, with a black silhouette border. The images depict officers in different settings: on a boat, in a field, near a vehicle, and with wildlife. One photo shows an officer holding a large fish, another shows an officer with a dog, and several show officers in tactical gear. 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 the year "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 capital letters, separated by black stars, surrounds the star.

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