



OREGON STATE POLICE FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION





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*On the cover:
2022 Fish and Wildlife Trooper of the Year,
Senior Trooper Dean Trent*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Troopers Attend "I'm Hooked" Event

McMinnville and Portland Fish and Wildlife Troopers participated in an annual "I'm Hooked" kids fishing event at Hagg Lake. The event specifically recruits urban youth who tend to have less exposure to hunting and angling, but is open to everyone and is completely free. ODFW stocked the lake twice in the week leading up to the event. Around 40 volunteers brought boats to take the kids fishing for 90 minutes. The Oregon Hunters Association provided a bow and arrow range and BB gun range, as well as several additional activities. Approximately 500 youth participated over two days.



Troopers Assist on School Fishing Trip - Joseph

Enterprise Fish and Wildlife Troopers and a US Forest Service (USFS) Law Enforcement Officer assisted teachers and parents with a fishing field trip for Enterprise Elementary School at Kinney Lake in Joseph. Several fish were caught by the kids after they were educated on fishing techniques and how to rig up fishing rods for trout fishing. Fun was had by all.

Inmate Family Fishing Event

An Ontario Fish and Wildlife Trooper participated in the 2nd Annual Fish with an Inmate Event at Bully Creek Reservoir. Approximately eight inmates and their families attended the event. The fishing event is hosted by Snake River Department of Corrections Staff and is designed to reintegrate minimum security inmates with their families prior to them being released from custody. The inmates' kids are given free fishing poles and a tackle box donated from local businesses in Ontario and the children are allowed to keep the poles and tackle boxes at the conclusion of the event. Lunch was also provided to all who attended the event, and all who participated had a great time.



Sisters Rodeo Parade

A Fish and Wildlife Lieutenant and Troopers from the Bend and Prineville offices, along with K-9 Scout, participated in the annual Sisters Rodeo parade. Troopers and K-9 Scout rode in a jet boat behind a Fish and Wildlife patrol truck, greeting citizens and handing out OSP F&W swag. The support for the Troopers was tremendous and the addition to the parade was very well received.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Troopers Speak with International Delegation

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper spoke to an International Delegation visiting the United States to learn US policies and regulations to combat illegal fishing. The same group met with Enforcement Consultants at the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC) earlier in the week where they spoke to Washington, Oregon, California, USCG, and Federal enforcement personnel on the rule making process within the Fisheries Council. Troopers in Newport expanded on illegal fishing and how officers in the field conduct enforcement operations for recreational and commercial fisheries. The group also toured processing facilities and a variety of commercial fishing vessels.

Hunter Education Class - Burns

A Burns Fish and Wildlife Trooper provided a presentation at a local hunter education class for nine students and two adults. The Trooper covered numerous big game, upland bird, and general hunting laws and regulations. The presentation was well received by the instructors and students, and numerous questions were asked and answered.



Green Diamond Clean-Up Event

Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Troopers participated in what is known as the Green Diamond Clean-Up Day. This is a community event, sponsored by Oregon Hunters Association, where people from Klamath County come to pick up garbage that has been illegally dumped in privately owned timberlands that are open to the public under the Access and Habitat Program. Approximately 50 volunteers spent about five hours picking up trash.



Rodeo Safety Day - Boardman

Pendleton and Hermiston Fish and Wildlife Troopers participated in Rodeo Safety Day at Sam Boardman Elementary in Boardman and talked to over 350 students about water safety on their last day of school. The students learned how important a lifejacket is and enjoyed checking out an OSP boat.

2022 F&W TROOPER OF THE YEAR



OSP is proud to announce Senior Trooper Dean Trent as our Fish and Wildlife Division Trooper of the Year for 2022. Senior Trooper Trent is a 10-year veteran of the Oregon State Police, with the past seven years as a member of the Fish and Wildlife Division. Prior to his assignment as a Fish and Wildlife Trooper in Burns, Senior Trooper Trent was a Patrol Services Division Trooper working in Gold Beach.

Senior Trooper Trent was nominated for his outstanding work in 2022, and described as someone who “exemplifies the values and mission of the Oregon State Police and the Fish and Wildlife Division.” Senior Trooper Trent sets a positive example of teamwork and leadership while conducting joint patrols or operations with other members of his team, and while assisting agency partners with injured wildlife, search and rescue operations, traffic crashes and other calls for service. These attributes, in combination with his humility and acknowledgment of others make him a truly worthy recipient of this award.

Join us in congratulating Senior Trooper Trent on a job well done!

LEAVE WILDLIFE IN THE WILD



Couple Takes Newborn Mule Deer Fawn

Fish and Wildlife Troopers received a report of a couple in Klamath Falls who had posted a photograph to Facebook, showing them holding a newly born mule deer fawn. The subjects wrote in the post, “meet the newest member of our family.” Troopers located an address for the individuals and responded to the location. Troopers located the young deer inside the home being held in a small cardboard box. The two subjects stated they found the deer three days prior in a field behind their house and they believed it was orphaned. With instructions from ODFW, Troopers removed the fawn from the residence and released it where it was originally picked up, in hopes that it would reunite with its mother. The subject that admitted to picking the deer up and bringing it into the house was issued a citation for **Take/ Hold Young Game Mammal**.



From **ODFW**:

“Finding a young wild animal alone does not mean that it’s been abandoned or orphaned, so leave them where you find them. The advice you are likely to hear if you pick up or bring young wildlife home is “put it back,” and you might get a warning or citation from Oregon State Police, too.

Removing an animal from the wild is illegal under Oregon wildlife laws. (ORS 497.308 – No person shall remove from its natural habitat or acquire and hold in captivity any live wildlife in violation of the wildlife laws.)

Many wildlife species will leave their young while they forage for food. When people remove them from the wild, young animals miss the chance to learn where to seek cover, what to eat and how to escape from predators and other dangers.

Unfortunately, every year around this time, ODFW offices, licensed wildlife rehabilitators, and even Oregon State Police are flooded with calls from well-intentioned people who picked up a deer fawn, elk calf, fledgling bird learning to fly, or other young animal they assumed was orphaned because it was alone.

Even if they receive care from a wildlife rehabilitator, successfully returning a young animal to the wild is not always possible. Options for long-term placement in wildlife sanctuaries or zoos are limited and animals often must be euthanized since they lack the survival skills to be released back into the wild. Some animals can also become dangerous as they grow into adults and pose a serious threat to human safety.”



For more information and frequently asked questions about injured and young wildlife, please see:

myodfw.com/articles/leave-young-wildlife-wild

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Red-Shouldered Hawk Rescued

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a rural residence outside Coos Bay on a report of an injured hawk. The landowner located a red-shouldered hawk with an injured wing. The hawk was captured and turned over to the Cascade Raptor Center.

Troopers Assist with Rock Slide Aftermath

Ontario Fish and Wildlife Troopers, a Patrol Trooper and a Malheur County Sheriff's Deputy responded to a report of rock slides on Highway 20 near Juntura and assisted ODOT personnel with ensuring that citizens in nearby houses had evacuated and motorists were shuttled through road closures. They also drove multiple back country roads with UTVs to ensure that no motorists were stranded and that no civilians had been injured and or trapped by the rock slides. The environmental damage on Highway 20 and several rural county roads was extensive.

Trooper Treats Wounded Kayaker

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Trooper was conducting shore patrol on Spring Creek when he located a kayaker struggling to carry his kayak back to his vehicle. The kayaker had a significant laceration to his foot. The Trooper treated the subject's laceration and assisted another bystander with hauling the kayak to his vehicle. The injured kayaker was an ER nurse and was going to seek appropriate medical attention when he returned to town.

Multiple Citations Issued - Sauvie Island Beaches

St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Troopers worked the eastside of Sauvie Island (Beaches). In a short period of time they wrote 28 citations for **Unlawful Possession/Consumption of Alcohol on SIWA**. A total of 13 **No Parking Permit** tickets were issued along with one warning for illegal parking, four warnings for MIP-alcohol and one cite and release warrant was served.

Troopers Assist Sunken Drift Boat Operator

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles received a call from dispatch regarding a drift boat sinking after hitting a rock in Clarno rapids on the John Day River. The Trooper was able to call the ex-wife of the operator of the drift boat and confirm that all seven people in the float party were uninjured and safe. She added that there was one raft, three kayaks and a drift boat, and that only the drift boat had sunk. One subject was a type 1 diabetic, and she was unsure if he had his insulin and said it was possible that it went under with the gear on the drift boat. The Trooper made several calls to local dispatches and the landowner to gain access through a gate to get to the boaters. The Trooper picked up another Trooper on his way through The Dalles for additional assistance. As the Troopers were nearing Clarno, a Fish and Wildlife Sergeant received a call from the operator of the drift boat. The Sergeant arranged a meet up with the boater who had walked out to the main highway, retrieved his vehicle which had not yet been shuttled, and was able to make a cell phone call. The Troopers met up with the operator of the boat, confirmed everyone was ok and that the type 1 diabetic did not need immediate assistance with insulin. The boater and part of his crew were escorted through the private property and down to a location several miles below Clarno rapids where the other members of the float had rowed to and were waiting. Gear was loaded and information was collected. The operator of the raft and one kayaker were going to continue the trip and the other five individuals and two of the kayakers were aborting the float trip. The owner of the drift boat was given the name and phone number to the ranch manager who said he would work with the boater for easier access to retrieve his drift boat as soon as the owner could arrange a recovery crew and water conditions improved for safe removal. Local dispatches and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) were advised of the information.

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Injured Bald Eagle Rescued

A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a report of an adult bald eagle with a broken wing under a conveyor belt on property in Scappoose. The Trooper notified an ODFW Biologist who also responded. Upon arrival, a supervisor for the company on the property provided safety equipment for the Trooper's use while on their site. The bald eagle was captured successfully and transported to the Portland Audubon Society.



Injured Owl Taken to Cascade Raptor Center

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a report of an injured owl on the shoulder of Highway 101 outside Gardiner. The barred owl appeared to have been hit by a car the night before; it was captured and turned over to the Cascade Raptor Center.

Sauvie Island Saturation Patrols

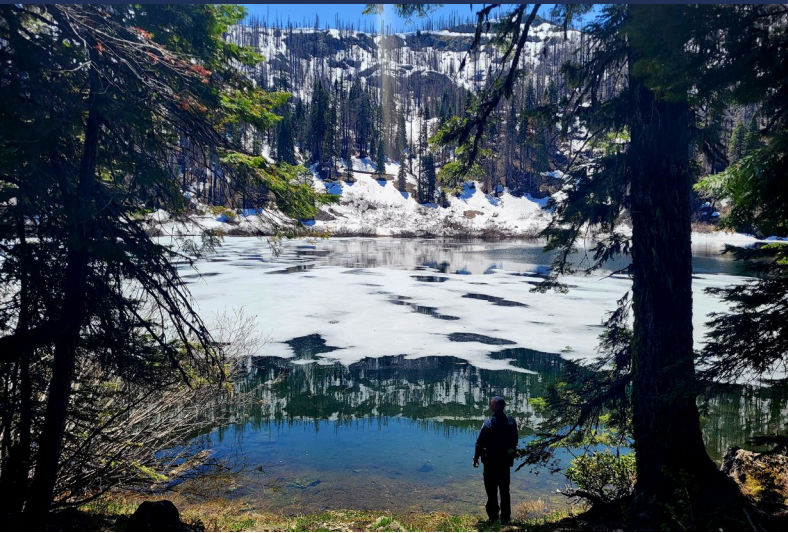
Mobile Response Team (MRT) Troopers, including a Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper participated in an ODFW Sauvie Island Wildlife Area (SIWA) saturation focusing on high visibility enforcement. During the saturation, Troopers contacted a subject on the Columbia River fishing with two rods and using barbed hooks, which are both prohibited on the Columbia River. The subject was issued a citation for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks** and **Angling With More Than One Line/Rod**. Two other subjects were contacted and found to be angling without licenses. Both subjects were issued citations for **No Resident Angling License**. Additional enforcement action taken by Troopers:

- **SIWA No Fee Parking Permit** (16 citations)
- **SIWA Possession or Use of Alcohol** (5 citations)
- **Use of Marijuana Item in a Public Place**
- **Fail to Drive Within Lane**
- **Fail to Carry Proof of Financial Responsibility**

The following day MRT Troopers participated in another day of an ODFW Sauvie Island Wildlife Area (SIWA) saturation focusing on high visibility enforcement. During the saturation, a Trooper contacted an intoxicated male returning to his vehicle with his two children from SIWA's popular Walton Beach. The intoxicated male said he was going to be driving his two children home to Portland. The male was identified and discovered to have six outstanding arrest warrants spanning three separate counties. The mother of the children was contacted and later responded to the scene to pick up her children. The male was taken into custody and lodged into the Columbia County Jail. Additional enforcement action taken by Troopers:

- **SIWA No Fee Parking Permit** (27 citations)
- **SIWA Possession or Use of Alcohol** (4 citations)
- **No Combined Angling Tag**
- **Angling ELS Issues** (2 warnings)

ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT OF WILDLIFE LAWS



Bolan Lake ATV Patrol

Central Point and Grants Pass Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted an ATV patrol in Josephine County that culminated in a trip to Bolan Lake. Snow and ice was still very much present and it was likely to be a couple of weeks before vehicles will be able to access.

F&W K-9 Teams Locate Elk Carcass

Fish and Wildlife K-9 Handlers from Springfield and Bend traveled to Enterprise to assist local Fish and Wildlife Troopers with locating an elk carcass from September 2022. K-9 Buck and K-9 Scout were able to locate the spine, pelvis, and various bones that were left from the kill. The evidence was seized for DNA analysis and will be used to assist in a **Trespass/Unlawful Take Case**.

Idaho Resident Cited for License Violation

A La Grande Fish and Wildlife Trooper finished up an investigation on an individual who had been purchasing hunting licenses/tags in both Idaho and Oregon. The investigation revealed he had been a resident of Idaho since 2021. After the subject agreed to meet the Trooper in Union County with his current license and tag, he was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Falsely Applied For Resident Hunting Tag and License**.

K-9 Buck Located Firearm - Lebanon

A Springfield Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper and K-9 Buck assisted the Lebanon Police Department with a search for a firearm on the north bound side of Interstate 5 near MP 232. The firearm was believed to be thrown into the tall grass during a foot pursuit. The team searched for approximately two hours before the firearm was located and turned over to a Lebanon PD Officer.

Citations Issued for 2022 Archery Case

A Hermiston Fish and Wildlife Trooper issued a citation for **Unlawful Take of a Bull Elk and Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**. The offense took place during the 2022 archery season on private logging lands that were closed due to fire danger. The suspects were identified with the use of trail camera photos and ODFW's electronic license system database. A Pendleton Fish and Wildlife Trooper assisted with the investigation and the interviews. A 4x5 bull elk skull and a Mathews bow were seized.



Troopers Issue Eight Citations on ATV Patrol

An Ontario Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper conducted an ATV patrol from Succor Creek through Leslie Gulch to the Owyhee Reservoir. Approximately 15 anglers and two ATVs were checked during the patrol, which resulted in eight citations being issued for **No Non-Resident Angling License, No Two Rod Validation, and No ATV Permit**. Several warnings were issued for **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense, No ATV Permit, and Failure of All Terrain Vehicle Operator to Wear Helmet**.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



Troopers Respond to Brush Fire - Waldport

A Newport Sergeant and Trooper responded to a brush fire on the beach south of Waldport. It was determined two individuals had set off an illegal firework on the beach and then fled the scene. Due to the high winds, the firework was blown back into the beach grass igniting it and the surrounding vegetation and trees. The fire spread quickly causing a complete shutdown of Hwy 101 for most of the afternoon and evening. Homes in the area were evacuated as a precaution in case the fire jumped over Hwy 101. Luckily fire personnel from local fire departments and Department of Forestry fire crews were able to contain and extinguish the fire that burned approximately three acres of beachside vegetation.

Troopers Locate Missing Child

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers responded to a report of a missing child on the beach. The Troopers were able to locate the child approximately two miles south of the parents on the beach and the child was reunited with his parents.

Commercial Crab Captain Cited

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a follow up with the captain of a commercial fishing vessel that was discovered to have 10 Dungeness crab pots within the 30 fathom line with no summer pot tags after the May 1st deadline. The captain was issued a citation for **Commercial Crabbing Closed Season**.

Commercial Halibut Season Patrols

MFT Troopers conducted multiple patrols for the three day Commercial Halibut season in conjunction with a targeted NOAA enforcement operation. Troopers did on-water and shore-based patrols to ensure compliance with season start and end times, gear markings, seabird avoidance measures, vessel monitoring and declarations and dockside offload checks.

- Troopers conducted an ocean patrol out of Newport to ensure vessels did not start prior to the 8 am start time as well as utilize the required seabird avoidance gear. Several vessels did not display the required seabird avoidance gear as required when landing groundfish. Vessels out of compliance were referred to NOAA for enforcement action.
- A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper determined during a dockside check out of Charleston that a vessel failed to have required seabird avoidance gear while he was fishing. The captain failed to convey the same information to a NOAA officer. Enforcement action is pending by NOAA.
- The Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper also detected a vessel landed sablefish without the required Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS). The case was referred to NOAA for enforcement action.
- A Newport Sergeant contacted a wholesale dealer buying halibut. Dealers are required to “tare” or get an accurate weight of totes so that weight can be subtracted from the weight of the fish. The dealer assured the Sergeant that all tare weights were accurate and all the same. When the dealer was asked to weigh the totes to be sure, it was determined the weights the dealer claimed were accurate were not. The dealer was warned and was required to tare all of the totes before they could continue to offload halibut.
- A limited fish seller was contacted selling fish off of his boat. He was selling crab but was not weighing them. The seller was just charging a flat rate per crab and estimating that the crab each averaged a certain weight. He was warned and instructed to make sure each and every crab was weighed for each sale.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Umpqua River Drift Boat Patrol

A Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper conducted a drift boat patrol on the Main Umpqua River checking shad and bass anglers. A total of 14 anglers were checked with one warning on an ELS issue and one subject issued a citation for **No Angling License**. Five boat inspections were performed with only one minor warning issued.

Malheur County Angler Checks

An Ontario Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted angler checks on waterways in Malheur County. A subject was contacted angling on the Snake River in Nyssa. A records check revealed that he did not have a 2023 Resident Angling License and he was subsequently cited for **No Resident Angling License**. A subject was observed from a distance at the Ontario State Park angling with two rods on the bank of the Snake River. Upon contact a 3rd pole was observed lying in the grass and vegetation of the riverbank with the line in the water. A check of the subject's angling license revealed that he only had a 2023 Resident Angling License. He was issued a citation for **Angling with More Than One Line/Rod**.

Willamette River Boat Patrol

Mid-Valley Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Willamette River from Wheatland Ferry to Newberg. A broken-down boat drifting down the river was contacted and towed back to shore. Multiple boat inspections were conducted. Two stand up paddleboarders were contacted and cited for **No Personal Flotation Device**, each operator was provided a complimentary personal flotation device to continue their voyage. Three subjects were cited for **No Angling License**.

Shore Patrol at Magone Lake

A John Day Fish and Wildlife Sergeant conducted a shore patrol at Magone Lake and observed an adult male and female fishing along the north shore of the lake. Upon contact, the adult male had one trout on a stringer. He said he had a license on his phone, but said he left his phone at home. The adult female also said she had an electronic license on her phone but was unable to display it. The Sergeant told the subjects to stay put while he hiked back to his truck to get service to check their license status. The Sergeant parked near the "back way" out of the lake in case the subjects attempted to leave. Further checks revealed neither have had an angling license since 2020. The Sergeant then saw a Jeep drive by with both of the subjects attempting to leave the lake area. A traffic stop was conducted, and it was determined the female driver's license was suspended. So, in addition to receiving a citation for **No Resident Angling License**, she was also cited for **Driving While Suspended**. The male was cited for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Game Fish** and warned for **No Resident Angling License**. The trout was seized.

Subject Takes Wild Chinook Salmon

A Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Trooper was notified by an ODFW fish checker in Garibaldi that a subject had retained a spring Chinook with a suspicious looking adipose fin. The checker stated the fin had a section missing that did not appear healed and the area missing appeared pink. The fish checker told the Trooper that the subjects refused to release possession of the fish and had trailered the boat and left the area. The Trooper intercepted the vehicle on Highway 101 near milepost 74. The Trooper stopped the suspects and after some discussion the salmon was seized, and one subject was cited for **Take/Possession of Unclipped Chinook Salmon**.

Shellfish Seized and Donated to Aquarium

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted 26 shellfish checks within Yaquina Bay, Alsea Bay, and Seal Rock during a series of low tides. One citation was issued for **No Shellfish License** to a subject that dug a limit of cockle clams and stated he was too lazy to get a license. One citation was issued for **No Shellfish License** to a subject that harvested a large bag of mussels from the Seal Rock Recreation Site. Approximately 100 mussels and 20 cockle clams were seized and donated to the Newport Aquarium to be fed to the otters. One warning was issued for **No Valid Electronic License in Possession** and two warnings were issued for **Fail to Use Own Container For Clams**.

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Nine Trout Seized - Detroit Lake

A Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed two subjects catching trout on Detroit Lake and when contacted could not produce angling licenses. Nine large trout were observed inside their cooler and after an ODFW ELS check both subjects were determined to be fishing without licenses. The nine trout were seized as evidence and the two subjects were cited for **No Resident Angling Licenses** and **Take/Possession of Game Fish: Trout**.

Gnat Creek Angling Violations

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed two men angling salmon in Gnat Creek for approximately 45 minutes. During that time, he witnessed both men using their hook and line in a manner consistent with snagging by repeatedly jerking their rods after their "lure" hit the shallow water. Upon closer inspection of their lures with binoculars, it was discovered both men had affixed weights to the tops of their hooks. A short time later one of the men hooked and retained a foul-hooked salmon. When emerging from the brush to make contact, the same man immediately turned his back to the Trooper and attempted to remove the weights from the hook. Upon contact, the Trooper was able to find the weights on the ground and three salmon in their possession (none of which were validated). Citations were issued to both men. One man was cited for **Take/Possession of Foul Hooked Salmon** and **Failure to Validate Salmon Harvest Card**. The other man was cited for **Attempt to Take Salmon Prohibited Method** and **Failure to Immediately Validate Salmon Harvest Card**. One salmon was seized and later donated to Loaves & Fishes.

Frog Lake Angling Patrol

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles patrolled Frog Lake in the Mt. Hood national forest. The Trooper saw a group of subjects fishing a spot where numerous violations had occurred in the past. After watching the group for over an hour and identifying a violation the subjects suddenly picked up and began to leave. The Trooper drove around the back side of the lake and contacted the group as they came through the trees. The Trooper contacted a female subject who he had witnessed continuing to angle after retaining her limit of trout. Immediately upon seeing the name on her identification the Trooper recognized that he had contacted her and several other years ago in the same location for exceeding her daily limit of trout. The Trooper inquired about her angling status and learned that she had been suspended but was now current and licensed to angle in 2023. The Trooper issued a citation to the female subject for **Continuing to Angle After Retaining Daily Bag Limit**. Not surprisingly all four subjects had caught their five trout for the day, but the Trooper had no evidence indicating they had retained more than five fish each. The high lakes during stocking season continue to be an issue for exceeding and several anglers complain to Troopers about it each trip to the lakes.

Columbia River Boat Patrol

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River between Westport and Rainer. Troopers contacted 19 boats and angler checks and Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) inspections were completed. Multiple citations were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks While Salmon/Steelhead Angling/Columbia River**. Several warnings for minor OSMB violations were given. One subject jumped up and started reeling in a rod as the Troopers approached. It was then observed that he had a second rod out as well. Upon contact the subject admitted to using two rods and said "You got me." He also had barbed hooks on both rods. A consent search revealed a filleted Chinook salmon carcass in a compartment on his boat. Through the investigation it was revealed he had caught the salmon two days prior and tagged it on his expired tag. He was cited for **Angling with More Than One Line/Rod** and **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks**, and warned for the mutilated fish and tagging violation.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Angling Violation Leads to Arrest

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River focusing on salmon and steelhead anglers. Two boats were contacted with one citation being issued for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks**. While checking the second boat, Troopers noticed an unattended rod in the water along the beach of Jim Crow Sands Island near a campsite that was littered with garbage and a large variety of camping/fishing gear. Troopers rang the bell on the unattended rod with no response from the camp. After Troopers announced their presence in the camp, a male subject appeared from the tent. After interviewing the subject, Troopers discovered he had retained two fish from the previous week, one wild Chinook Salmon and one hatchery Steelhead and left them to waste in a cooler. The subject did not have a fishing license or harvest card and was using barbed hooks. While conducting a consent search of the campsite, Troopers located several pieces of expensive equipment which were suspected to be stolen including a 22 rifle. The subject in question at the campsite was confirmed to be a convicted felon. After OSP dispatch contacted the subject's probation officer, a detainer was placed on the subject and Troopers took the subject into custody. The rifle was seized as evidence. A search of the subject revealed 24 total 22 rounds, two pocket knives and a small plastic bag of suspected methamphetamine. Troopers transported the subject to a local boat ramp where they were met by Clatsop County Sheriff's Office who transported the subject to the Clatsop County Jail. The subject was cited criminally for **Possession of Firearm by Felon, Take/Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Chinook Salmon, Waste of Game Fish, No Resident Angling License, No Combined Angling Harvest Tag, Angling Prohibited Method-Barbed Hooks for Salmon/Steelhead, Fail to Attend Rod/Line While Angling, and No Columbia River Endorsement**. Additional charges were referred to Clatsop County District Attorney's office.

715 Clams Seized on Tillamook Bay Patrol

Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a shellfish patrol on crowded Tillamook Bay. Troopers observed subjects clamming who made multiple trips back to their vehicles with clams. Those subjects returned to the clam flats and continued clamming. Troopers contacted those subjects near their vehicles. The investigation revealed one party having 306 clams over the limit, and another having 409 clams over the limit and two undersized male Dungeness crab. Troopers issued seven citations including **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Clams, No Shellfish License, Take/Possession Undersized Dungeness Crab, and Taking Clams Without a Shellfish License**. The clams were returned to the bay.

Subject Cited for Second Time Within a Year

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a subject angling for sturgeon on the banks of the Tillamook River on Fraser road in rural Tillamook County. The subject had been checked recently and was annoyed with the Trooper for checking him again. The Trooper asked the subject to reel in his line to check to see if the hook was barbed, which the subject claimed several times was not. The Trooper was finally able to check the hook, which was in fact barbed, and the very annoyed subject insisted it was an accident. The subject was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method**. This is the second cite for the same offense in the same place within a year to the same subject.

Subjects Cited for Crab Violations

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper investigated a report of a group of people raking for crab in the Necanicum Estuary. The reporting party observed the crabbers keeping undersized and female crab before eviscerating them on the beach and placing them in a bucket. After the reporting party notified the crabbers they hurriedly departed the scene. The Sergeant was able to identify and stop the vehicle, locating 42 eviscerated undersized and female crab in the trunk of the vehicle. Both the driver and passenger admitted to taking the crab, not measuring and not identifying sex. The occupants were issued citations for **No Resident Shellfish License, Take/Possession of Female Dungeness Crab, and Exceeding Daily Bag Limit**. All 42 crab were seized and donated.

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?

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- 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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