



OREGON STATE POLICE FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION





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*On the cover:
A Fish and Wildlife Trooper looking over
Lost Lake and Mt. Hood from the iconic
lake overlook*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



OHA Family Day - Noti

A Springfield Fish and Wildlife Sergeant attended an Oregon Hunter Association family day at Cascadian Bowmen in Noti. At the request of the OHA he brought the Trailer of Shame and answered questions regarding various regulations for attendees.

Hunter Education Class - Canyon City

A John Day Fish and Wildlife Trooper assisted with hunter education classes in Canyon City. The Trooper gave a presentation on OSP Fish and Wildlife enforcement. The students were given several hunting questions for homework which would require them to use the hunting regulations to locate the answers. The students did well with the assignment and a few additional questions were generated from both students and parents. The Trooper also assisted at the range during the live fire portion of the class. There were 11 students in the class and several parents sat in during the classes.

Sergeant Gives Presentation to Creel Surveyors

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant from The Dalles gave a presentation to ODFW Creel Surveyors responsible for the Columbia River creel at The Dalles ODFW office. They were instructed on what to do when violations are observed and/or reported and provided contact information for OSP Fish and Wildlife staff.

Troopers Attend Annual Quad State Meeting

A South West Region Fish and Wildlife Lieutenant and five Fish and Wildlife Troopers attended the annual "Quad State" meeting with other Game Wardens from California, Nevada, and Idaho. The meeting was hosted by Game Wardens from Idaho this year. The Game Wardens and Troopers discussed illegal hunting and wildlife crimes that may be occurring by suspect individuals close to or inside each states borders.



OWF Event at Bonneville Hatchery

Both OSP Fish and Wildlife K-9 Handlers joined the Oregon Wildlife Foundation for an event at the Bonneville Fish Hatchery. The Troopers and members of the Oregon Wildlife Foundation spoke with people about the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division K-9 program in conjunction with the Oregon Wildlife Foundation and how they work together in efforts to achieve common objectives to stop poaching in Oregon. People were able to interact with K-9 Buck and K-9 Scout and observe demonstrations. There were numerous people that showed up to take part in the event. Several people purchased a "stuffed Buck" including the child in the above photo, who wanted her photo taken with the real Buck.

CAST Kids Event in Yaquina Bay

Newport Fish and Wildlife Troopers participated in the CAST (Catch a Special Thrill) for Kids event in Yaquina Bay. The event provides children with special needs the opportunity to go crabbing in the bay. After touring the bay the Troopers handed out stickers at the award ceremony.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



John Day River Boat Patrol

A John Day Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and a Fossil Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a 3-day boat patrol on the John Day River from Thirty-mile to Cottonwood Park, approximately 44 miles. Due to low water flow and area fires, boating pressure was limited. Five boating groups were contacted with approximately five warnings issued for minor angling/boating offenses. Several juvenile boaters were contacted and happily received OSP stickers, boating whistles, and wrist bands. One juvenile female boater told Troopers she wants to be a “Water Trooper” when she grows up. All of the groups contacted took time to thank the Troopers for being on the river. Multiple groups of bighorn sheep and various waterfowl were observed throughout the float. The Troopers also located a rattlesnake at a popular campsite, hidden within a tree root where occupants hang gear. There was a group of five kids nearby prompting Troopers to remove the snake before it injured one of boaters or their dog.

Kids Camp - Lost Lake

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles assisted a Hood River County Marine Deputy with a Kids Camp at Lost Lake. The Trooper and the marine deputy interacted with the kids, assisted them in properly fitting life jackets and talked with them about water safety.



Hunter Education Field Day - Toledo

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper assisted with a hunter education field day at the Toledo VFW facility. Thirty students attended the course, which included shoot/no shoot and ethical scenarios created by the Troopers. The Trailer of Shame was also on display during the event and was a popular attraction for the students and parents.

2023 Bighorn Sheep Tag Holder Orientation

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper from The Dalles attended the Oregon Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat 2023 tag holder orientation. The Trooper spoke with multiple hunters and guides throughout morning. The Sergeant gave a presentation to the group, in all about 120 people were in attendance.

2022 F&W PROSECUTOR OF THE YEAR



OSP is proud to announce our 2022 Fish and Wildlife Division Prosecutor of the Year, Jackson County Deputy District Attorney Melissa LeRitz. Deputy District Attorney (DDA) LeRitz was recognized in front of her colleagues at the ODAA Summer Conference in Bend. It should be noted that DDA LeRitz was previously recognized for her outstanding work as our 2019 Prosecutor of the Year. She is the first person to receive this award multiple times.

In the nomination submitted for her 2022 efforts, several things were pointed out:

“DDA LeRitz goes above and beyond to ensure that she is available to our Troops in the field and has routinely stayed late, come in on days off, rescheduled hearings, etc. to make herself available to us during big cases, CEP Meetings, etc.”

“On several different cases she has spent hours and even days with our Troopers preparing for cases and conducting research to ensure that we get the best possible prosecution.”

OSP Fish and Wildlife Division thanks DDA LeRitz for her support of our Division, excellent communication, and for her passion and persistence in prosecuting those who violate fish and wildlife laws.

Please join us in congratulating DDA LeRitz on a job well done!

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Reckless Driver Causes Crash

While a Central Point Fish and Wildlife Trooper was conducting angling checks at Casey Park a Firebird passed by him as he was outside his vehicle observing anglers. The Trooper noted that the vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed. Less than thirty seconds later the Trooper heard a loud crash and assumed that it was likely the vehicle that had just passed by him. He ran back to his vehicle and proceeded in the direction from which the sound had come. Upon arrival, the Trooper located the Firebird which had crashed into a pickup truck in the area of HWY 62 near MP 29. The pickup was occupied by two anglers who the Trooper had spoken to less than an hour before who were turning into the parking area to fish at Slide Hole on the Rogue River. The driver of the Firebird sustained only minor cuts to his thigh and the driver and passenger of the pickup truck were uninjured. The driver of the Firebird was criminally cited for **Reckless Driving**.

Troopers Tow Broken Down Boat

Bend and Prineville Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted an overnight boat patrol on Crane Prairie Reservoir. During the evening the Troopers observed a drift boat struggling to row in the wind because the motor had broken down. They were contacted and happily accepted the offer to tow them back to their boat ramp approximately two miles away.

Trooper Provides Water Safety Education

A La Pine Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted numerous people at the high lakes prior to them launching kayaks and paddle boards who did not have life jackets, whistles, or waterway access permits. Most people were unaware of the requirements and were educated prior to launching so they could correct the deficiencies.

Troopers Locate Missing Hiker - Grant County

A John Day Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper responded to assist the Grant County Sheriff's Office and US Forest Service (USFS) with a search and rescue call in the Strawberry Wilderness. An older female hiker called 911 to report she had gotten off of a trail and was on a ridge near the area of Slide Lake. Dispatch obtained a general location from her phone. The Troopers waded across Slide Creek and hiked cross country to the steep ridge and located the hiker and her two dogs. She was out of water and weak, with minor injuries to her legs. Troopers provided her with water and a walking stick and assisted supporting her as they traversed down the ridge to Slide Creek where they met USFS Officers. Troopers and USFS worked collaboratively to assist the hiker and had to carry one of the dogs that was exhausted. Troopers got the hiker and her dogs safely across Slide Creek and back to her vehicle. She was very appreciative for the response and assistance.

Boat Patrol - Lost Creek Lake

Central Point Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on Lost Creek Lake due to the number of recreationalists on the lake. Throughout the day the Troopers contacted 40 boaters and multiple other recreationalists on the lake. This patrol was in conjunction with Jackson County Sheriff's Deputies who were also out on the water. Several boats were contacted about registration issues ranging from improper placement to failing to replace old, out-of-state registration numbers on boats they purchased. Jackson County Sheriff's Deputies assisted a disabled boat by towing them to the marina.



GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Owl Rescued - Clatsop County

While on a razor clam patrol during a low tide on Clatsop Beaches, an Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper was approached by an off duty ODFW employee that stated he had captured an injured owl at his house. The Trooper took possession of the owl and delivered it to the Wildlife Center of the North Coast where it will be treated for its injuries and released back into the wild.

Angling and ATV Violations - John Day River

A John Day Fish and Wildlife Sergeant patrolled the John Day River main stem, North Fork, Magone Lake, Bull Prairie Reservoir, and Cavender Pond, contacting numerous anglers, boaters, and ATV's. He issued two citations for **No Resident Angling License**, seven angling violation warnings, and several boating violation warnings. He observed an ATV driving down Hwy 402 after dark with no required lighting and the ATV then accelerated onto the BLM Boat Launch Road in Monument at a high rate of speed. The Sergeant waited and when the ATV came out towards the highway at a high rate of speed, he stopped the ATV and contacted the adult driver. He issued a citation for **No ATV Permit: Decal** and multiple warnings including **Dangerous Operation of ATV**.

Trooper Assists on Water Rescue

A Central Point Fish and Wildlife Trooper assisted Jackson County Patrol Deputies with a water rescue on the Rogue River. While rafting down the river, a group of rafters had been pushed into an overhanging tree by the current causing two of the occupants in the raft to hit their heads and become momentarily knocked unconscious by the tree. The rafters were able to safely make it to shore where the Trooper, a Deputy, and medical personnel met them to assist in getting them treated and transported by ambulance to Rogue Regional Medical Center.

Trooper Responds to Reckless DUII Driver

A La Pine Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to multiple complaints of a drunk reckless driver traveling on Highway 97. The subject was contacted and arrested for **Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII)** and **Reckless Driving**. The subject provided a breath sample of .34% Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) and was lodged in jail.

Subject Arrested on Felony Warrant

An Oakridge Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted salmon anglers on the Row River below Dorena Dam. A subject was contacted who was targeting salmon but did not have a valid angling license or tag. A computer records check revealed the subject had a statewide felony warrant out of Deschutes County. The warrant was confirmed and the subject was arrested and lodged at the Lane County Jail on the warrant and was issued violation citations for **No Angling License**, **No Combined Angling Harvest Tag**, and **No Columbia Basin Endorsement**.

Elderly Man Rescued from Highway 238

Grants Pass Fish and Wildlife Troopers located an 80 year old elderly man on Hwy 238 near Murphy. The man was driving his powered scooter east and in the lane of travel. This was causing traffic to slow down to dangerous speeds nearly causing crashes. The man, who was extremely confused and disoriented, was safely guided off the roadway by a Trooper. A medical unit was contacted and arrived on scene a short time later. The Trooper followed the ambulance to the medical facility and delivered his scooter to the ER. The man had been on the highway and driving for multiple miles before being rescued.

WILDLIFE & ENVIRONMENT



Douglas County Horse Patrol

Central Point Fish and Wildlife Troopers accompanied Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Troopers on a back country horse patrol in rural Douglas County outside of Tiller. Throughout the day multiple anglers and campers were contacted resulting in three warnings being issued for angling related violations. The Troopers also cleared numerous hazards and obstacles from the trail ensuring the safety and usability of the wilderness area.



Subject Shoots Deer - Umatilla County

A subject called the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office to report a dead deer with two fawns that were crying. A Umatilla County Sheriff's Deputy called a Pendleton Fish and Wildlife Trooper to report the situation and that the subject had shot the deer with a pellet gun. The Trooper arrived at the location and the investigation revealed that the subject was tired of deer eating their rose bushes and other plants. He saw the deer in the pasture, about to jump the fence and enter the orchard, so he shot it with his pellet gun. He thought he hit it in the hind end, but he hit it right behind the shoulder. The deer jumped the fence, and the subject did not realize that he had killed the deer until his wife told him later. The two fawns were seen with multiple other deer and were left at the location. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Take Antlerless Deer** and his pellet gun was seized as evidence.

Subject Educated about Feeding Wildlife

A Portland Fish and Wildlife Trooper assisted ODFW with a house visit in SE Portland. It was reported that a subject was feeding a variety of animals including coyotes. The subject was contacted and denied feeding coyotes, but admitted to feeding birds and squirrels. ODFW informed the subject about the dangers of habituating wild animals and gave her literature regarding the matter.

Agencies Cooperate to Repatriate Human Remains

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper responded to the report of suspected non-modern human remains inadvertently discovered at a construction site near Sprague River. Resources from the Klamath County Sheriff's Department had responded the previous evening and determined that the human remains were likely not modern and referred the incident to OSP Fish and Wildlife. The state anthropologist from the Legislative Commission on Indian Services, and members from the Klamath Tribes responded as well. The remains were confirmed non-modern and the incident was deemed an inadvertent discovery (non-criminal). OSP assisted the state anthropologist with recovery of the remains, and assisted the tribe in repatriating the remains.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



Subjects Retain Extra 41 Sea Urchins

While checking clambers during the low tide a Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed two subjects retaining what appeared to be a large amount of sea urchins near Port Orford. Upon contact the subjects stated they thought they could keep 20 urchins apiece. When the urchins were counted they were found to be in possession of 61 urchins. They were informed and shown the regulations which allow for 10 urchins per person. They retained their 20 legal urchins and returned the extra 41 urchins back to the ocean. One subject was cited for **Exceeding the Daily Limit of Urchins** and the other subject was warned for the same offense.

Salmon and Rockfish Ocean Boat Patrol

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a salmon and rockfish boat patrol on the ocean from the mouth of the Columbia River south to Seaside. They contacted 12 boats (42 anglers). They issued 16 citations for angling offenses that included: **Illegal Take/Possession of Undersized Chinook Salmon, Illegal Take/Possession of Undersized Lingcod, No Angling Harvest Card in Possession, Angling Prohibited Method: Treble Hooks, Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks, No Angling License, and Failure to Immediately Validate Angling Harvest Card.** Two undersized Chinook salmon and one undersized lingcod were seized and later donated to Loaves & Fishes in Astoria. Multiple warnings were also given. Compliance and catch rates were poor with not many salmon being harvested by participating anglers.

Commercial Fishing Crew Cited for No Licenses

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a commercial fishing vessel inspection and found that none of the crew members on board had a commercial fishing license. All three crew members were issued citations for **No Individual Commercial Fishing License.**

Ocean Boat Patrol - Newport

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper conducted an ocean patrol out of Newport to target sport anglers fishing for halibut, salmon, and groundfish. There was an abundance of anglers but the catch rates were lower than previous weekends. Citations were issued for **Failure to Validate Harvest Card, Angling Prohibited Method Barbed Hooks, Angling Prohibited Method Treble Hooks, Angling Prohibited Method more than Two Hooks, Unlawful Possession of Quillback Rockfish, Unlawful Possession of Yelloweye Rockfish, and Failure to Properly Label Sport Crab Buoys.** Four Quillback Rockfish, three Yelloweye Rockfish, and five unmarked sport pots were seized.

South Coast Boat Patrol

A Gold Beach Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper conducted an ocean boat patrol from Bandon to Charleston. Over 20 anglers were contacted. During one contact, the Troopers approached a recreational salmon trolling boat that had three lines in the water for only two anglers. Troopers also discovered they were angling with barbed hooks. The subjects told the Troopers they had not caught any fish. The Troopers noticed a small amount of blood on the deck and questioned the subjects further regarding the blood. Eventually, the subjects admitted to catching and concealing a non-fin clipped Coho below deck. One subject was issued a citation for **Take/Possession Non-Fin Clipped Coho** and the other was issued a citation for **Angling More than One Rod/Line.**

Late Evening Crab Patrol - Newport

During a late evening patrol, a group of five subjects were contacted as they were leaving the Newport fishing pier after crabbing. After an administrative check a Fish and Wildlife Trooper discovered they were in possession of undersized and female Dungeness crab. The Trooper also discovered two of the four did not have a valid shellfish license. One subject denied crabbing but the Trooper had observed the group from the South Beach Marina and all four subjects were crabbing. While writing citations for four subjects for **Take/Possession of Undersized Crab** and **No Shellfish License,** the Trooper discovered one of the subjects had an active warrant out of Multnomah County for **DUII.** The subject was cited and released for the warrant. The undersized and female crab were returned to the bay.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM

Subjects Attempt to Hide Crab and Snails

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a clam patrol at the Garibaldi clam beds. During an administrative check of a group of six subjects it was discovered only three had non-resident shellfish licenses. They were also in possession of more than a daily limit of bay clams and marine snails and were continuing to clam. One of the subjects attempted to hide a one gallon bag of snails and an undersized Dungeness crab during inspection. The subjects were ultimately issued citations for **Exceed Daily Limit of Clams/Snails, Take/Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab, and Fail to Allow Inspection of Catch**. Four bay clams, 42 snails, and one undersized Dungeness crab were seized and returned back into the bay.

Multiple Citations Issued - South Coast

A Gold Beach Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted an ocean boat patrol from Brookings to Gold Beach. Over 30 salmon, halibut and rockfish anglers were contacted. Two citations were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks**. Two citations were also issued for **Angling with More than One Rod/Line**. Several warnings were also issued.

Hammond Marina Patrol

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted multiple angler checks at Hammond Marina, checking well over 100 anglers over the course of three days. One subject was checked with what he thought was a Chinook and hatchery Coho after returning from ocean salmon fishing. The Coho was discovered to be an undersized hatchery Chinook. The subject was cited for **Take/Possession of Undersized Chinook Salmon**. During another angler check a group was returning from crabbing in the Columbia River and had 18 crab on board. The crab were inspected and two Dungeness crab were found to be undersized. A subject was cited for **Take/Possession of Undersized Crab**. Both the undersized Chinook and undersized Dungeness crab were seized and donated to Loaves and Fishes in Astoria.

Multiple Citations Issued - North Coast

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted an ocean patrol from Nehalem to the Cape Falcon Marine Reserve. Numerous salmon, rockfish, and halibut anglers were contacted. Multiple citations and warnings were issued for **Take/Possession of Yelloweye Rockfish, Take/Possession of Undersized Coho Salmon, Continue to Angle after Retaining Daily Limit, Angle with More Than One Rod, No Angling License, No Harvest Card, and Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**.

Partner Agency Boat Patrol - Pacific City

Astoria and Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted an offshore boat patrol near Pacific City with both the US Coast Guard (USCG) and the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office on board. Multiple subjects were contacted and multiple citations and warnings were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks and Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**. The Tillamook County Sheriff's Office issued multiple citations and terminated multiple voyages following an Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) inspection.

Guide Cited for Angling Violation

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted ocean patrols focusing on ocean salmon and rockfish anglers. Citations were given for a variety of violations including **Using Two Rods, Barbed Hooks, and Fail to Validate Harvest Card**. One guide was cited for **Aiding in a Fish and Wildlife Violation** when it was discovered two of his clients had caught salmon hours before and had not tagged them. A records check showed this same guide had been cited just a couple months prior when he allowed his clients to keep seven rockfish each when the limit was five.



MFT Troopers work closely with the commercial fishing fleet. More often than not, fishers and their crew follow the regulations and the relationship between law enforcement and the fleet is a positive one. This offload of commercial halibut was in Winchester Bay during the first commercial fish opener. It's not uncommon for everyone in the family to help out to ensure the future of their business is passed down from generation to generation.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Razor Clam Patrol - Seaside

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted plain clothes surveillance of razor clam diggers in Seaside during an early morning low tide. Multiple citations and warnings were issued for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Clams, Dig Another's Clams, Fail to Use Own Container for Clams, Fail to Retain Clams as Required, and Aiding in a Wildlife Offense**. A total of 27 razor clams were seized and donated to Loaves and Fishes in Astoria.

Netarts Bay Crab Patrol

While checking subjects crabbing in Netarts Bay, a Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Trooper encountered a subject who retained one red rock crab and two very small male Dungeness crab. The Trooper showed the subject how to measure crab properly and the crab were returned to the bay. The subject was issued a citation for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**.

High Lakes Saturation Patrol

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles and Madras conducted a saturation patrol of the high lakes in the Mt. Hood National Forest and other areas within Hood River, Wasco and Clackamas Counties. All bodies of water were extremely packed with people attempting to beat the heat. The primary focus was on angling and marine board violations. During the patrol 54 boat inspections were completed with approximately 60 marine board warnings being issued. Most warnings were given for no life vests and no sound producing devices on stand up paddle boards. Approximately 75+ anglers were contacted during the saturation with approximately 20 angling warnings being issued. Eight citations were issued for angling violations and 13 trout were seized. In addition, Troopers gave a warning for a camp fire violation and assisted an elderly woman who had taken a bad fall at Timothy lake. Troopers assessed her injuries and determined she was not too badly hurt, then assisted her and her husband to their vehicle.

Upper Siletz River Patrol

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper checked summer steelhead anglers on the Upper Siletz River. During the patrol two subjects were observed attempting to snag steelhead well above the deadline in a closed area. As they were approached by the Trooper, they quickly reeled in and cut the lines off their fishing rods. A treble hook that was cut off one of the subject's line was recovered nearby in shallow water. The line affixed to the treble hook was compared to the line on the subject's fishing rod and it was an exact match. After further questioning, both subjects eventually admitted to attempting to snag steelhead and cutting their lines. They were both criminally cited for **Angling Closed Area, Angling Prohibited Method: Snagging, and Tampering with Physical Evidence**. Two fishing rods were seized as evidence.

Rogue River Angler Checks Find Snaggers

A Central Point Fish and Wildlife Trooper was conducting angling checks along the Rogue River when two subjects approached and advised one or more subjects at Slide Hole were engaging in behavior they believed to be "flossing" or snagging. While observing the subjects, the Trooper noted what appeared to be a leader in excess of 6-feet on one of the subjects' lines. The Trooper approached the subjects and conducted an administrative check of their gear. The leader was found to be 6'7" which is in violation of the leader length restriction in place on this section of the Rogue River. The Trooper ultimately warned both subjects and explained the significance of the leader length restriction and the impact that improper gear or snagging has on the resource. The Trooper then had this same conversation with another subject who had a leader in excess of the leader length restriction but had not yet fished with it. All of the subjects corrected their gear issues and reacted positively to the explanation of the leader length restriction and why it is important.

Fall River Angling Violations

A La Pine Fish and Wildlife Trooper was contacted by a driver leaving the Fall River area in a vehicle with no license plates. The driver who had a suspended driver's license stated he had been fishing on Fall River and had two large rainbow trout in his cooler. The subject stated he had attempted to buy an angling license and they wouldn't sell him one. The subject was found to be angling while suspended, and cited for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Trout and Angling While Suspended**.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING

Subjects Keep Quillback Rockfish

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a report from the Port Sampler in Bandon that a group of subjects returned to port with three live Quillback Rockfish. When the group was told the fish were unlawful to retain by ODFW, they agreed to attempt to release them. Only one of the fish was successfully released, and the group didn't return to port with the other two rockfish, even though they were told the fish were to be seized as evidence if they were dead. The boat captain then became belligerent with ODFW and left the area. The group was located and it was determined the boat captain was warned for a similar incident a few years earlier. The captain took responsibility for all of the illegal fish and was cited for **Take/Possession Marine Fish Closed Season**.

Jubilee Lake Boat Patrol

A La Grande Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper conducted a boat patrol on Jubilee Lake. A female subject fishing from the bank was contacted and the Troopers found she had retained double her limit. Her husband was also over the limit. Once the husband returned both subjects were issued citations for **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Trout**. Eight trout were seized as evidence. Additionally, while the Sergeant rowed the drift boat, the Trooper contacted a subject who was fishing from an inner tube. When asked about his fishing license the subject advised he did not have it with him. After arriving back at shore, the subject admitted he did not have a license and initially refused to provide any additional information to identify himself. The subject eventually provided his name and date of birth, and was issued a citation for **No Angling License**.

Subjects Caught Snagging - McKenzie River

A Springfield Fish and Wildlife Trooper located and observed two subjects on the McKenzie River below Leaburg Dam. While watching the subjects, the Trooper observed both men casting large treble hooks with lead weights attached to the bottom of the leader. The Trooper observed the subjects make several attempts to snag a salmon, then contacted and interviewed them. During the investigation, both subjects were cited for **Angling Prohibited Method: Snagging** and released. The illegal gear the subjects were using was seized as evidence.

Couple Cited for Angling Violations

Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Troopers cited two subjects at Three Rivers Hatchery who were salmon fishing. The male was observed throwing rocks at fish to keep them from leaving the hole while his sister was flossing the fish. The male was cited for **Harassing Wildlife** and the female was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method**.

Subjects Cited at Bridge Hole

A Central Point Fish and Wildlife Trooper was observing a group of subjects fishing at Bridge Hole. While observing this group, the Trooper noticed one of the subjects was consistently yanking the fishing rod over his head 3-4 times per cast, an action consistent with attempting to snag salmon. The Trooper contacted the subject, and it was determined another Fish and Wildlife Trooper had recently warned this subject for attempting to snag and failing to immediately validate his harvest. Based on the behavior observed by the Trooper and the subject's history of being warned for the same behavior he was issued a citation for **Angling Prohibited Method: Snagging**.



Subjects Caught Taking all Female Crab - Necanicum River Estuary

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a report of a small boat with multiple subjects taking crab in the Necanicum River Estuary. The reporting party was concerned, because they were not sorting or throwing any crab back which he found suspicious. The Trooper was able to locate and contact the boat just as they were landing. One subject was loading a cooler in the back of his SUV and presented the cooler and contents for inspection. The cooler contained 43 female Dungeness crab, the majority of which were undersized. None of the five suspects possessed a shellfish license. Four of the suspects were from out of state and had not familiarized themselves on the regulations for taking crab. The subject who led the party was cited for **Take of Female Crab** and warned for **No Shellfish License**. The crab were still alive and returned to the water.

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