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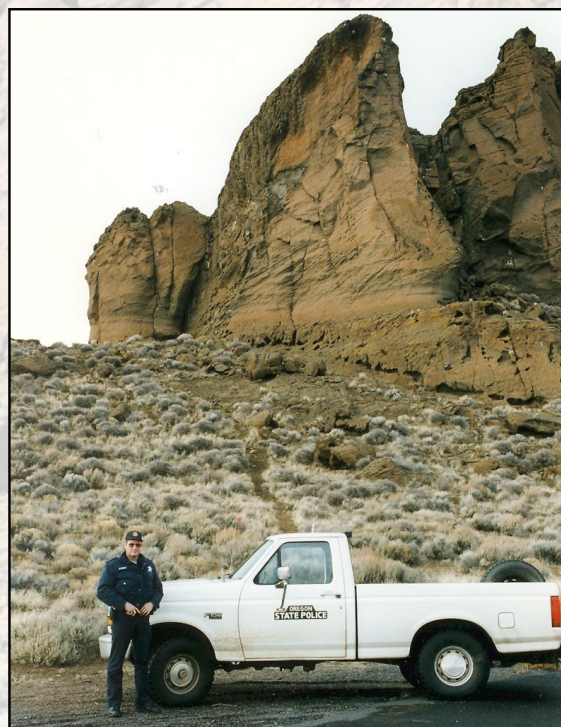
MONTHLY FIELD REVIEW

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*On the cover:
A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant with his new
retro truck at Fort Rock in Lake County,
recreating the above photo from 1997.*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Hunter Education Field Day - Creswell

A Springfield Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Oakridge Fish and Wildlife Trooper attended a hunter education class field day at the Creswell Clay Target Sports Club. About 18 students and 10 parents were in attendance. The Troopers talked about hunting regulations, answered questions, and helped with the live fire exercises.

Hunter Education Class - Pendleton

A Hermiston Fish and Wildlife Trooper attended a hunter education class in Pendleton. There were 30 students in attendance and multiple parents. The Trooper spoke about firearms handling, especially when being contacted by Fish and Wildlife Troopers, trespassing on private property, common user errors with ELS, party hunting and fishing, unintentional harvests, and ATV usage. The students engaged in a question and answer session after the conclusion of the presentation.

Hunter Education Class - John Day

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper completed an enforcement presentation to a hunter education class in John Day. The presentation was well received by the students and several questions were asked from both the students and the parents in attendance. Another Trooper then assisted with the field day for the class helping with the hunter's trail in which the students are presented with shoot or no shoot scenarios and ending with an OSP hunter check. There were 20 students who attended the class during the two-week duration and several parents sat in on the class.

Coos Bay Trooper Attends Several Events

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper participated in several outreach activities. He taught hunter education classes in Coos Bay and Roseburg with about 40 students who all received their certification. He also represented OSP at a Coos County Area National Wild Turkey Federation "Turkey Tune Up" in Myrtle Point. This event provided guidance and instruction for both beginner and seasoned turkey hunters.

Hunter Safety Class - Madras

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper assisted with a hunters safety class in Madras. Thirty students were in attendance and many questions were asked by the students and parents.

Harney County High School Career Day

Burns Fish and Wildlife Troopers participated in the Harney County High School Students Career Day by staffing a table representing the OSP Fish and Wildlife Division. The Troopers contacted numerous high school students from sophomores to seniors and spoke with them about a career with OSP and the Fish and Wildlife Division. There were approximately 50 students that attended the event. The host of the event thanked the Troopers for coming for the second year in a row and asked that OSP attend next year.



Hunter Education Field Day - Clatsop County

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper, with the assistance of several other instructors, held a Clatsop County ODFW hunter education field day at the BKS Gun Club in Knappa. Thirty students attended the class, and all passed their examination to earn their permanent ODFW hunter education cards.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Klamath County Sportsmen's Show

Members of the South Central Fish and Wildlife Team attended the inaugural Klamath Falls Sportsmen's Show. K-9 Buck and his handler also made an appearance. They tended the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Trailer of Shame, talking to many visitors, answering questions and showing them what they do. Just over 5,000 visitors came to the event. A sponsor of the event, Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union, had their Sasquatch mascot, Juniper there and the employees wanted a photo with OSP in the Travel Klamath photo booth.



Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show

Several East Region members, including K-9 Scout and his handler, worked the Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show, answering questions, providing recruiting information, and interacting with the public. The displays and presentation of the Trailer of Shame were fantastic and well received.



Good Shepherd Church Sportsman's Show

A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper staffed a booth at the annual Good Shepherd Church Sportsman's Show in Boring. The Trooper interacted with show attendees, answered questions, and handed out OSP swag and ODFW regulations.

Trooper Sits on Mock Interview Panel - The Dalles

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles sat on a mock interview panel for a high school program that awards college scholarships. The panel was able to give feedback to the participants to assist them with future interviews.

Trooper Volunteers at Archery Tournament

An off duty Lakeview Fish and Wildlife Trooper and his wife volunteered for ODFW at the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) State Tournament in Albany. The event was a success, and the kids had a great time.

OSP Donates 1,200 Pounds of Elk Meat

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant from The Dalles assisted a Bend Sergeant and Trooper with distributing and donating over 1,200 pounds of elk meat to The Salvation Army and the Columbia Gorge Food Bank in The Dalles.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Hunter Education Class - Burns

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper gave a presentation for the local hunter education students in the Burns area. The Trooper covered some of the more common hunting violations, regulations, and laws pertaining to hunting, ATVs, safety, and habitat. The students asked numerous questions during the presentation. A hunter education instructor contacted the Trooper the next day and advised the presentation was well received by the students. There were sixteen students in attendance.

Sergeant Attends OHA Meeting

A Springfield Fish and Wildlife Sergeant attended the Oregon Hunter Association's Emerald Valley Chapter meeting. He conducted a presentation focusing on the previous year's cases and answered questions pertaining to Oregon's wildlife and hunting regulations. Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

Troopers Give Talk at Fly Fishing Shop

Fish and Wildlife Troopers gave a public talk at a fly fishing shop in NE Portland. The owner of the shop had requested the Troopers come and talk to his clients about what they do, common angling violations to avoid, and how to contact the TIP Line, among other topics. There were several people in attendance in person and the presentation was also live-streamed online to approximately 50 viewers.

Seminar on Columbia River Regulations

A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper spoke to approximately 35 seminar attendees about regulations on the Columbia River. The seminar was put on by ODFW and held at a Sportsman's Warehouse.

Hunter Education Field Day - Polk County

A Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper assisted with a Polk County hunter education field day. A total of 27 students attended the class and all passed their hunter education test.

First Responder Luncheon - St. Helens

Fish and Wildlife Troopers attended a first responder luncheon at the St. Helens Elk Club. Many community members and police officers were present from around the county. It was a well-received event with many interactions.

Trooper Reads to Kindergarten Class

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles was invited as a special guest for a Dry Hollow Elementary School kindergarten class. The Trooper read a story to the class followed by a short Q&A time.

Plunking Clinic Held - Sauvie Island

St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Troopers spoke at the annual Plunking Clinic held on Sauvie Island, put on by The Northwest Steelheaders and ODFW. There were approximately 40 attendees.



Troopers Attend Burnt River Easter Egg Hunt

Baker City and Ontario Fish and Wildlife Troopers attended an Easter Egg Hunt that was put on by the Burnt River School District and the Burnt River Fire/EMS Department. The Easter Egg Hunt was held at the Burnt River School grounds. The Troopers interacted with the kids and passed out OSP swag and a good time was had by all who attended.

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Injured Owl Rescued - Coos Bay

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a call regarding an injured owl. It was reported that a neighborhood dog had the owl in its mouth. The owl was recovered and taken to a wildlife rescue for medical care.

Trooper Assists Stranded Family

A Burns Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a call from a local family in the Burns area that advised they were stuck in the mud in the Silvies Unit near Willow Flat. The family advised that they had their four little girls with them. The Trooper responded to their location and helped the family dig the pick-up truck out of the mud so that it could be pulled out. The family was grateful for OSP's help and advised it was a good lesson learned and would give their girls something to talk about at school.

DUII Driver Arrested in TMA

A Lakeview Fish and Wildlife Trooper was checking access points off the Cabin Lake/Silver Lake Travel Management Area (TMA) when he stopped a vehicle that was speeding on a gravelled road. The driver showed signs of intoxication and submitted to Standard Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs). The driver was arrested for **DUII**. He submitted to a breath test which showed his BAC to be .14%.

Vehicle Stopped for Reckless Driving

A Central Point Fish and Wildlife Sergeant was northbound on I-5 when she observed a vehicle at a high rate of speed, weaving extensively through traffic and following too close during a winter storm. The vehicle used the B lane to pass the unmarked truck and increased its speed to well over 100 mph. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver provided the excuse of being tired. An unrestrained infant was observed, and the driver's license was revoked status in California. The driver received multiple violation citations and was cited and released for **Reckless Driving** and **Recklessly Endangering Another Person**.

Suspect Arrested for DUII Twice in Same Day

A Baker City Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a driving complaint and stopped the suspect vehicle on Hwy 30 in Baker City. The driver was arrested for **Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII)** and provided breath test which showed his blood alcohol content (BAC) to be .09%. The Trooper learned the suspect had been arrested by Baker City Police Department for **DUII** four hours prior with a BAC of .16%. The suspect was lodged at the Baker County Jail for **DUII** and a parole violation detainer.

Subject Arrested for Stolen Firearms

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a subject at a hotel in Baker City to conduct an interview regarding two stolen firearms. The subject admitted to the two firearm thefts from a residence in Baker County. The subject was revealed to be a convicted felon. Additionally, a Baker County Circuit Court warrant for Theft of Services (felony) was confirmed for the subject's arrest. The subject was transported and lodged at the Baker County Jail for **Theft of Services**, and two counts each of **Theft I, Burglary in the First Degree**, and **Possession of Firearm by Felon**.

Trooper Assists Disabled Motorist

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Trooper stopped to assist a disabled motorist on a remote county road. The subject's boat trailer was disabled. The travelers did not have a good supply of tools and were very grateful for the assistance.



Deer Rescued from Yard in Lincoln City

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant responded to a report of a deer that was trapped in the yard of a summer rental home in Lincoln City. Upon his arrival at the residence, he observed a deer in the corner of the backyard trying to find a way out. The Sergeant was able to find a phone number for the property owner, who provided the combination for the gate and gave permission for the Sergeant to enter the property and free the deer. The deer was herded through the open gate to freedom.

WILDLIFE & ENVIRONMENT



Suspect Caught in Moose Poaching Case

In January, Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Troopers responded to a call of a poached moose in an agricultural field in Ontario. Fish and Wildlife Troopers confirmed a moose had been poached and was left to waste at this location, and an investigation ensued. A suspect was developed and Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Troopers, with the assistance of OSP SWAT, OSP Detectives, OSP Patrol Troopers, High Desert Task Force Officers, and Malheur County Sheriff's Deputies served a search warrant at a residence in Ontario related to this investigation. The search warrant resulted in two rifles, several boxes of ammunition, and a cellular telephone being seized. A suspect was interviewed at the scene, confessed to shooting the cow moose and was subsequently cited and released for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Cow Moose** (C Felony), **Waste of a Game Mammal**, and **Hunting from or Across a Highway**. The investigation is continuing, and additional charges may be forthcoming.

Tumalo TMA Violations

A Bend Fish and Wildlife Sergeant located vehicle tracks within the Tumalo TMA. The tire tracks were followed for some distance including navigating around a TMA gate. The vehicle was located, and the operator and passenger were contacted. They stated they were shed hunting and scouting for turkey and were familiar with the area. One subject was cited for **Operate/Park a Motor Vehicle in Violation of Cooperative Travel Management**. The other subject was cited for **Passenger in a Motor Vehicle in Violation of Cooperative Travel Management**.



Littering Complaint - Elliott State Forest

Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Troopers responded to a litter complaint in the Elliott State Forest outside of Reedsport. The reporting party located a pile of trash that had been recently dumped, which included family photos and a subject's resume, with his contact information. The Troopers located the site and determined a truck bed load of trash had been dumped off the end of a landing. The subject from the resume was contacted and it was determined that his 16-year-old grandson had been paid to take a load of trash to the dump but decided to dump it in the forest instead. The grandfather assured the Troopers that the issue would be taken care of. A short while later, the youth's mother contacted the Troopers, and advised she would make sure her son cleaned up his mess, along with other community service she deemed fit. The litter was cleaned up by the young man and he was warned for **Offensive Littering**.

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Subject Hunting While Trespassing

A complaint was received from a landowner reporting that a subject trespassed on his property and two neighboring landowners' properties and shot and killed an antlerless elk. The subject was contacted in the field by one of the landowners after they had overheard two high powered gun shots. The subject eventually admitted to shooting an antlerless elk on the landowner's property. The landowner advised the subject he did not have permission to be on the property and was trespassing. The subject recovered the antlerless elk from the private property in a side-by-side UTV. Salem Fish and Wildlife Troopers contacted the subject who was actively butchering the elk inside a shop in Stayton. The subject was cited and released on scene for **Hunting on Another's Cultivated or Enclosed Lands and Take/Possession of Antlerless Elk**. The elk meat and a hunting rifle were seized as evidence. The elk meat was donated to the Union Gospel Mission in Salem.

Landowner Warned, Elk Donated

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper concluded an investigation into the unlawful take of a cow elk. It was determined that a landowner killed a cow elk believing he had a valid damage tag, however, he had been issued a Tioga Private tag under the Landowner Preference (LOP) program, which ended on February 29th. The landowner had not checked his MyODFW app until after he killed the cow, and completed his mandatory reporting, believing that was how he tagged the animal. The landowner was inexperienced with the app and was genuinely confused about the difference between LOP and damage tags. The landowner was warned for **Unlawful Take Cow Elk**. The elk was seized and donated to the Coquille Indian Tribe.

Subjects Cited for Multiple TMA Violations

A Bend Fish and Wildlife Trooper while patrolling the Tumalo TMA located two subjects on the private timber company land cutting firewood from the brush/burn piles. After contacting the timber company, the Trooper cited both subjects for **Criminal Trespass II, TMA, and Cut/Transport Wood**.

Elk Poaching Suspect Indicted - Eagle Creek

A Portland Fish and Wildlife Trooper received information that a subject had shot multiple elk on his property in the Eagle Creek area. The Trooper authored a search warrant for the premises, and it was served late in the evening that same day into the early morning hours. Troopers located three fresh elk heads, hides and gut piles that had been buried on the property. A Clackamas County grand jury returned an indictment of six counts including three misdemeanor charges and three felony charges.

White River Wildlife Area Closure Violation

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles worked several closed areas inside the White River Wildlife Area for a known subject who was believed to be taking shed antlers from within the closure. The subject with an accomplice was caught in the act by an ODFW employee. The subject was issued a citation for **Aiding in a Wildlife/Game Violation** and his accomplice was issued a citation for **Unlawful Entry Closed Area: ODFW Lands**.

Unlawful Cut and Transport of Forest Products

A Springfield Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper conducted a follow up investigation regarding the unlawful cutting and transporting of special forest products and the destruction of another's property. The Trooper received information from a witness that a subject at a mobile home park in Creswell was using land owned by ODOT that was adjacent to the mobile home park. He was cutting down trees and making an ATV track. During the investigation another suspect was identified as being involved. The Troopers contacted both suspects at the mobile home park and both confessed to being involved in cutting trees and making the UTV track on ODOT property. One subject was issued a citation for **Unpermitted Taking and Transport of Special Forest Products and Destruction of Property**. The second subject was issued a citation for **Destruction of Property and Entering or Remaining Unlawfully on Property of Another**.

WILDLIFE & ENVIRONMENT



Trooper Clears Fallen Trees in Wildlife Area

A John Day Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper were patrolling the Phillip Schneider Wildlife Area and came upon three trees blocking the main access road on Murderer's Creek. The Trooper utilized his department issued chainsaw to remove the trees and open the road for ODFW personnel.



ATV Patrol - Aspen Lake Road Closure

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted an ATV patrol with the Klamath side-by-side to address ongoing TMA violations in the Aspen Lake Road Closure. The Trooper was able to back track the offending ATVs to their illegal access point. Conditions were extremely muddy. Road Closure signs, t-posts and barriers were added to help deter offenders. Additional signage is needed and has been ordered. This will be addressed with an additional patrol.



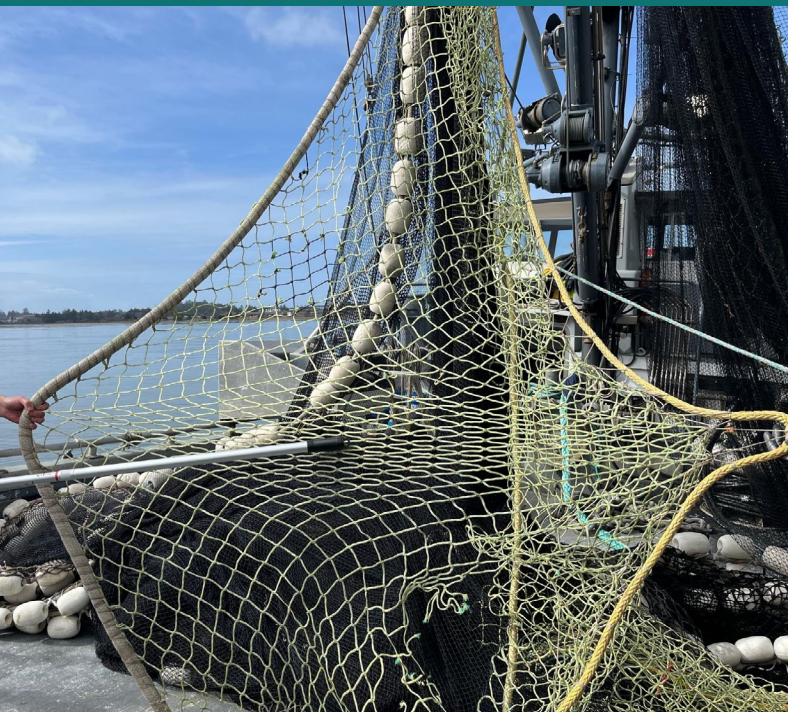
Wood River Day Use Area Road Cleared

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Trooper was patrolling the Wood River when he located four trees partially blocking access to the Wood River Day Use Area near Fort Klamath. This is a very popular area for kayakers. The trees were partially cut from the road, but still limiting access. The Trooper deployed his department issued chainsaw and removed the hazard trees, better opening access for the busy upcoming kayak season.

TMA Violation - Ona Beach Area

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Troopers responded to a report of a person operating an All-Terrain Vehicle in a Travel Management Area east of Ona Beach. A vehicle description and license plate were provided by the reporting party. A Trooper located the suspect vehicle, which was unoccupied, and stayed with it waiting for someone to return. Troopers began patrolling the area, attempting to locate the ATV rider. Three subjects returned to the suspect vehicle and one of them admitted he had been using an ATV to assist them in harvesting salal. They had left the ATV in the area where they were harvesting. During the investigation, a Trooper determined the male subject who had admitted riding the ATV had an outstanding warrant for his arrest for Contempt of Court issued in Linn County. The warrant was confirmed and the male subject was taken into custody. He was transported to and lodged in the Lincoln County Jail. At the jail he also received a citation for **Violation of Travel Management Agreement**.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



This squid net was inspected and found to be in compliance

MFT Enforces New Commercial Squid Rules

The commercial market squid season showed signs of activity after a lack of notable offloads in 2023. Boats caught squid off of the central Oregon coast and made landings into Newport and Winchester Bay. Marine Fisheries Team (MFT) Troopers in both ports contacted squid boats regarding relatively new enforcement rules in this fishery to include gear/net restrictions and seine skiff registrations.

- A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant inspected several nets for compliance with rib line, mesh size and net depth requirements. The boats inspected were well within compliance.
- Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Troopers observed a market squid offload in Winchester Bay. The fishing vessel operator was contacted about the skiff not having current or commercial boat license stickers on the hull. The operator was unable to find current paperwork. A records check indicated the owner had not renewed the boat license. The boat owner was warned and told to submit the renewal paperwork.



Cape Falcon Marine Reserve Ocean Patrol

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted an ocean patrol near Cape Falcon Marine Reserve. Multiple boaters were contacted and multiple citations and warnings were issued for **Take/Possession of Marine Fish Closed Season: Quillback** and **Exceeding Daily Limit of Fish: Rockfish**. One Quillback was seized and 10 rockfish were seized and donated. On one contact two yelloweye rockfish were found floating next to a boat. The boaters insisted they attempted to descend the taken fish with a descending device but it was lost when it was caught in their prop. Further investigation was inconclusive and the captain was issued a warning for **Fail to Immediately Release Fish Unharmed**. The two yelloweye rockfish were donated.

Trooper Seizes 30 Razor Clams

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a foot patrol on Seaside Beach during a negative tide. The Trooper observed two subjects as they were walking off the beach with clam bags full of razor clams. One of the subjects was wearing a second bag around her shoulder, and the Trooper watched as the subject took her coat and covered that bag. The other subject then put some clams in her coat pocket, then balled up her coat. The Trooper contacted the subjects and subsequent investigation found that they had 30 clams (in addition to their limit of 15 each) in the bag and coat pocket. Both subjects were cited for **Exceed the Daily Limit of Razor Clams**.

Exceeding the Daily Limit of Clams

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a subject in Coos Bay who was in possession of 13 gaper clams and six bay clams. One of the gaper clams was significantly smaller than the others and the harvester misidentified it as a bay clam. The extra gaper was return to the digging area and the harvester was warned for **Exceeding the Daily Limit of Clams**.

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Lingcod and Scallop Seized from Unlicensed Diver

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a dive boat as it was returning to Charleston. The two divers stated they had taken two Lingcod apiece and one of the divers had also taken two black rockfish. While talking to the divers the Trooper observed a scallop laying in the boat with the dive gear. One of the divers stated he had not purchased his angling license yet for the year even though he had gone out diving for fish the week prior but had not taken any. When asked about the scallop the unlicensed diver stated he doesn't normally see them down there so he decided to take it. He stated he has had the scallop permit from ODFW in the past; however did not get one this year. The licensed diver also stated he has had the scallop permit from ODFW in the past. The unlicensed diver was cited for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Scallop** and **Unlawful Take/Possession of Lingcod**, and warned for **No Angling License** and **No Shellfish License**. The Lingcod were released to the local mission and the scallop was placed into evidence.

Commercial Razor Clam Violations

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper investigated a commercial razor clam harvester that made three landings with no commercial shellfish harvest permit for 2024. Further investigation also found that the harvester landed the razor clams to himself under his wholesale bait dealer license. The harvester was ultimately cited for **No Commercial Shellfish Harvest Permit: Razor Clams**.

Boat Patrol - Columbia River

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River near Westport. Numerous spring salmon anglers were contacted, and citations and warnings were issued for **No Harvest Card**, **No Angling License**, **Continue to Angle after Retaining Limit**, **Barbed Hooks for Salmon**, and **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**.

East Fork Millicoma River Patrol

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a subject angling for steelhead on the East Fork Millicoma River (out of cell service). The subject had his app open and was able to show the Trooper that he had a current license and tag; however the subject was unable to open his tag to show what fish he had already caught this season (or be able to tag a fish if he had caught one). The subject stated he had tagged a fish the week prior, while out of service, and the app had worked fine. The subject had the app in offline mode and attempted to close and restarted the app multiple times with no change. The subject was instructed to head back to cell service so that he could sync his app to be able to tag a fish if he were to catch one.

Undersized Commercial Dungeness Crab

MFT and Astoria Fish and Wildlife members responded to a tip regarding an undersized commercial delivery of Dungeness crab to a local seafood plant. The Troopers arrived and measured through approximately 30% of the total delivery and determined a percentage were undersized. Two deckhands were later cited for **Taking/Illegal Possession of Commercial Undersized Dungeness Crab**. A third deckhand will be cited. One of the deckhands involved was also warned for **Failure to Sell Commercial Crab to a Wholesale Dealer** after it was discovered he knowingly removed 30 of the undersized crab from the same delivery and took them home. A Trooper retrieved the crab from the deckhand's house, which were later weighed and included in the seizure. In total, over 140 pounds of undersized crab were seized and later sold.

Subject Cited for No Licenses - Charleston

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a subject in Charleston who had three crab pots out and was additionally using a pole to actively fish. The subject had not purchased any licenses for 2024. He was cited for **No Angling License** and warned for **No Shellfish License**.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Lookout Point Reservoir Boat Patrol

Oakridge and Springfield Fish and Wildlife Troopers worked a boat patrol on Lookout Point Reservoir. A small bass tournament was being held during the patrol. The Troopers checked 21 anglers and 11 boats participating in the tournament. One participating boat operator was warned for not properly marking his boat as required. An additional 14 anglers and five boats were checked who were not participating in the tournament. One citation was issued for **No Angling License** and one boat was inspected.

Metolius Arm Lake Billy Chinook Patrol

The Dalles/Madras Fish and Wildlife Team conducted a saturation of Lake Billy Chinook for the opening of the Metolius arm of the lake. The weather proved to deter a lot of anglers from attending the opening weekend but the ones who did attend had relatively good success. Three subjects were contacted unlawfully angling in the Metolius Bull Trout Sanctuary, one adult and two young men. It was determined through questioning they were fully aware of the sanctuary boundaries and willfully chose to disregard the closure. The adult was criminally cited and released, and the young men were warned. The saturation patrol resulted in 54 contacts, with 21 boats checked, and one citation and six warnings were given. Troopers also checked four legal bull trout.

Subject Cited for Angling with Two Poles

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper cited a subject surf perch angling off the beach in Gearhart for **Angling Prohibited Method: Two Poles**, after noticing the man was by himself and was using two poles with rod holders stuck in the sand. The man stated he has been doing this for several years and thought it was okay to use two rods in the ocean.

Joint Columbia River Boat Patrol

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a joint boat patrol on the Columbia River between the The Dalles and John Day Dam with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Officers. It was the last day of the two day extended season for the 2024 sturgeon fishery. The patrol resulted in 21 boat checks, 49 anglers checked, and 17 legal fish checked. One citation was issued for a tagging issue and two Marine Board warnings were given.

Fall River Patrol

A Bend Fish and Wildlife Sergeant conducted a patrol of Fall River in the snow. Fall River is a fly fishing only stream. The Sergeant pulled into a staging area where he saw two subjects with fly rods walking toward the river. When the subjects noticed him, they turned around and started walking back to their truck. Neither subject had a 2024 angling license. When advised they could purchase one on the phone, they both declined and left the area. A third subject was observed angling with a fly rod. Upon contact, it was determined the subject was using a worm for bait on his fly hook. The subject was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method: Bait**.

Subject Cited for No Angling License

An Oakridge Fish and Wildlife Trooper checked three subjects on the Dexter State Park boat ramp dock at Dexter Reservoir. Two of the subjects showed their angling licenses and two trout on a stringer. The third subject said he wasn't angling. The Trooper inquired as to whom the third rod (which was lying on the dock with a line in the water) belonged to since the two licensed anglers didn't have a two-rod validation. The third subject admitted to angling and harvesting one of the trout. A records check revealed a no bail, misdemeanor warrant issued by the Springfield Municipal Court. After confirming the warrant, the subject was arrested, transported, and lodged at the Springfield Municipal Jail on the warrant. He was also issued a violation citation for **No Angling License** and the trout was seized.

No Rogue-Southcoast Steelhead Validation

A Central Point Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted 18 anglers on the Rogue River between Casey Park and Cole Rivers Hatchery. Three subjects were found to be angling for steelhead without a valid Rogue-Southcoast steelhead validation. One subject was given a warning as it was the first time that he was spoken to about needing the validation and he was not local to the area; two subjects were cited as the Trooper had previously warned them earlier in the month for the same violation.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING

Several Citations Issued at Canby Pond

A Portland Fish and Wildlife Trooper spent several days patrolling the Canby Community Park/Canby Pond after receiving multiple complaints of adults fishing in the pond, which is restricted to youth and disabled anglers. The pond had been recently stocked over spring break and the Trooper contacted approximately 70 anglers and issued five citations and 12 warnings for violations including **Fishing in a Closed Area, Fishing without a Disability Permit, and Youth over 12 years of Age without a Fishing License**. The five citations were a result of 13 trout caught by adult individuals without disability permits. The Trooper received positive feedback from several community members, thanking the Oregon State Police for making a known presence at the park, as it is known to be an ongoing issue with adults illegally fishing the pond, with some taking more than the bag limit of five trout per day.

Subject Cited for Angling While Suspended

A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper was driving through Clatskanie when he noticed a subject walking through town carrying multiple fishing rods and fishing gear. The Trooper knew the subject was criminally suspended from angling from having arrested him a few months prior. The subject was later located under a bridge on the Clatskanie River, but was not actively fishing. The subject admitted he was going there to fish, but saw the Trooper and decided to wait. The subject did however admit to fishing at the same location the previous day, and was subsequently issued a criminal citation for **Angling While Suspended**. Three fishing rods, a tackle box and a backpack containing fishing gear were seized.

Hagg Lake Angling Patrol

A McMinnville Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted angling checks at Hagg Lake in Washington County. A total of 65 anglers were contacted throughout the day, 13 of which were found to be in violation, with seven citations issued for **No Resident Angling License** and one for **No Two Rod Endorsement**. Three warnings were given for **No Electronic License in Possession** and three warnings were issued to parents of children with no youth angling license.

Unlawful Take Oysters - Netarts Bay

Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Troopers cited two suspects in the evening at Netarts Bay for having 20 oysters in their possession while clamming. Both subjects were cited for **Unlawful Take Oysters**.

No Two Rod Validation - Leslie Gulch

An Ontario Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed a subject actively angling on the bank of the Owyhee Reservoir in Leslie Gulch with two rods. The Trooper walked approximately one mile to where the subject was, and the second fishing pole was gone. The Trooper located the fishing pole which had been thrown in the water to conceal it. A records check revealed that the subject had a valid 2024 non-resident angling license but did not have a two rod endorsement. The subject was cited for **No Two Rod Validation**.

Sandy River Drift Boat Patrol

Portland Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a drift boat patrol on the Sandy River. Approximately 10 Steelhead anglers in total were contacted. Warnings were issued for **No Columbia River Basin Endorsement** and **No License in Possession** (ELS issue). One boat safety inspection was completed along with one guide boat inspection. One subject was contacted and said he did not have his license with him. After searching his name in the ODFW database, Troopers learned he did not have a current fishing license or tag. While entering his information, Troopers then learned the subject had an FTA warrant out of Jackson County. The cite-and-release warrant out of Jackson County Circuit Court was confirmed and the subject was issued a criminal citation for the warrant and a warning for **No Resident Angling License**.

Hells Canyon Dam Shore Patrol

Baker City and Ontario Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a shore patrol below the Hells Canyon Dam and the three impoundments of the Snake River. In total 27 subjects were contacted, and six anglers were found in non-compliance. One warning and five violation citations were issued for **No Non-Resident Angling License, No Combined Angling Harvest Tag, Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense, Fail to Attend Rod/Line While Angling, and Continue to Angle After Retaining Daily Limit**.

Three Subjects Cited, 35 Crab Returned to Bay

Newport Fish and Wildlife Troopers checked evening bottom fish anglers and crabbers on Yaquina Bay. In total, three subjects were cited for **No Shellfish License, Take/Possession of Female Dungeness Crab, and Take/Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**, and 35 illegally retained crab were seized and returned to the bay. Multiple warnings for **No Shellfish License** were issued to other members of the group that were involved.

CASE DISPOSITIONS

Pair Found Guilty in Trespass Case

In October of 2022, an Enterprise Fish and Wildlife Trooper was notified that two subjects, an adult female, and an adult male, had trespassed on private property and killed a doe deer. The two subjects were identified and issued multiple citations. The citations included **Hunting Prohibited Area** (outside of hunt boundaries), **Criminal Trespass II**, and **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense**. The trial was held recently and the two were found guilty on all charges.

The male subject was sentenced to:

- Five-year hunting suspension to run concurrent with his current three-year suspension for a total of seven-year suspension (one year already served)
- \$1000 fine

The female was sentenced to:

- Three-year hunting suspension
- \$1000 fine

First Suspect Pleads Guilty for Take of Buck Deer

In November 2023, OSP received information on a possible unlawful take of a buck deer in the Santiam Unit. A Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to the gate where the suspect vehicle was located. He contacted the two suspects who stated they hadn't killed anything but were trying to get a doe tag filled. The Trooper noticed blood on one of the suspect's hands and after further questioning he admitted to taking the buck. The suspect received a criminal citation for **Take/Possession of Buck Deer**, and the second suspect received a criminal citation for **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense**. The suspects showed the Trooper where they had hidden the buck, and the buck was seized. Additionally, the suspect hunter's rifle was seized for evidence.

The first suspect pleaded guilty to the **Take/Possession of Buck Deer** charge and received:

- \$1,100 in fines
- Three-year hunting license suspension.

The case status is still open for the suspect who aided in the offense.





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Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) Cash Rewards

- \$2,000 Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat & Moose
- \$1,000 Elk, Deer & Antelope
- \$600 Bear, Cougar & Wolf
- \$300 Habitat Destruction
- \$200 Illegally obtaining Oregon hunting or angling license or tags
- \$200 Unlawful Lending/Borrowing Big Game Tag(s)
- \$200 Game Fish & Shellfish
- \$200 Game Birds or Furbearers
- \$200 Spotlighting
- \$200 Snagging/Attempt to Snag

ODFW Preference Points Rewards

- 5 Points Bighorn Sheep
- 5 Points Rocky Mountain Goat
- 5 Points Moose
- 5 Points Wolf
- 4 Points Elk
- 4 Points Deer
- 4 Points Pronghorn Antelope
- 4 Points Bear
- 4 Points Cougar

Oregon Wildlife Coalition (OWC) Cash Rewards

Birds

- \$500 Hawk, Falcon, Eagle, Owl, Osprey
- All other protected avian species: see category below for listed species

Mammals

- \$500 Cougar, Bobcat, Beaver (public lands only), Black bears, Bighorn Sheep, Marten, Fisher, Sierra Nevada Red Fox

- \$1,000 Species listed as "threatened" or "endangered" under state or federal Endangered Species Act (excludes fish) (e.g. wolf, wolverine, kit fox, red tree vole, Canada lynx, sea otter, Columbian white-tailed deer, California brown pelican, western snowy plover, California least tern, northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, short-tailed albatross, streaked horned lark, yellow billed cuckoo, leatherback sea turtle, olive ridley sea turtle, Oregon spotted frog, green sea turtle, loggerhead sea turtle)

Oregon Outfitters & Guides Association Cash Rewards

- \$200 Acting as an Outfitter Guide for the Illegal Killing of Wildlife, Illegally Obtaining Oregon Hunting or Angling Licenses or Tags, or Illegally Offering to Act as an Outfitter Guide as defined in ORS 704.010 and 704.020.



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