



OREGON STATE POLICE FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION





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*On the cover:
2024 OSP F&W Trooper of the Year,
Senior Trooper Dakota Keys*

2024 F&W TROOPER OF THE YEAR



The Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division is proud to announce our 2024 Trooper of the Year Award goes to Senior Trooper Dakota Keys out of Baker City.

The criteria for the award are:

- Professionalism
- Teamwork
- Mentorship
- Leadership
- Dedication to protecting Oregon's citizens and natural resources
- Above and beyond the call of duty
- Thinking outside the box to address issues

Senior Trooper Keys takes pride in his work as an Oregon State Fish and Wildlife Trooper and is a true professional. He's been described as someone who, even in the toughest of times and/or situations, maintains a professional bearing, treats people with respect, is caring and humble.

Internally, Senior Trooper Keys is the ultimate team player and a hard worker. Externally, he is a coach and mentor and is engaged in the community. This, along with the work he does teaching a women's self-defense class for a domestic violence advocacy center for Baker County is outstanding, and shows the positive impact Senior Trooper Keys makes on others.

We are proud of the work done by Senior Trooper Keys. Please join us in congratulating him on a job well done!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Fishing Poles for Kids Event - Newport

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from Newport and Springfield, along with K-9 Buck, participated in a Fishing Poles for Kids Oregon Coast event at Englund Marine Supply in Newport. Approximately 550 fishing poles were given away to kids. The kids received other items as well, including OSP swag and K-9 Buck's trading cards. The kids and parents had a chance to interact with the Troopers and K-9 Buck. The event was well received and everyone left with a smile on their face.

Hermiston Trooper Attends Field Day

A Hermiston Fish and Wildlife Trooper attended a hunters education field day for an online hunter education course. The Trooper assisted five hunters education instructors and 27 new youth hunters with the completion of their education course. The instructors were happy to have the Trooper's help, and multiple parents thanked OSP for making it out to have positive interaction with their children.

Youth Turkey Hunting Clinic

A Central Point Fish and Wildlife Trooper attended the Youth Turkey Hunting Clinic at Denman Wildlife Area as a representative of OSP Fish and Wildlife. The Trooper spent time interacting with the kids and talking with their parents about various aspects of hunting and fishing in the Rogue Valley. Approximately 30 people attended the clinic.

Hunter Education Field Day - La Grande

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper assisted with a hunter education field day at the La Grande Rifle and Pistol Club. The students discussed issues and asked questions in the classroom with the Trooper, then moved outside for the safety and shooting portion of the training.

White River Youth Turkey Clinic - Tygh Valley

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles attended the 26th annual White River Youth Turkey Clinic in Tygh Valley. Troopers and K-9 Scout did an hour-long enforcement presentation and K-9 demonstration for approximately 100 people in attendance. After the presentation the Trooper taught four one-hour blocks about turkey hunting strategies/techniques and scouting and calling. The Clinic was a huge success and several people in attendance made very positive comments regarding OSP and their attendance and participation.

Trooper Speaks at Irrigon High School

A Heppner Fish and Wildlife Trooper was invited to speak to three classes of students at Irrigon High School, totaling 44 students from 9th to 11th grade. The teacher requested the Trooper share firsthand knowledge of the effects of last year's wildfires and the impact on wildlife. He also discussed laws regarding wildlife enforcement, OSP TIP line, and answered questions about area wildlife.

Trooper Assists at Scout Fishing Event

A Portland Fish and Wildlife Trooper assisted a local scouting troop with a scout fishing event at the youth only fishing pond at Canby Community Park. The Trooper educated the scouts on water safety while fishing and assisted with tying knots for gear. The Trooper gave out OSP fishing bobbers to scouts who participated in the event.

Hunter Education Field Day - Hood River

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles, along with ODFW staff and volunteers held a hunter education field day at the Hood River Sportsman Gun Club. Twenty students attended and 19 successfully completed the course. Troopers received numerous compliments throughout the day from parents and students on how well the class was presented and organized.

Trooper Interviewed by High School Student

A Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper was interviewed by a local high school student who was completing a school project on Oregon's anti-poaching campaign. The Trooper discussed OSP Fish and Wildlife Division's role in protecting the state's natural resources and how division members work each day to counter poaching activities throughout the state. The student was able to inspect a Fish and Wildlife pickup, boats, ATVs, and the Trooper's issued equipment.

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Injured Eagle Transported to Rehab Facility

A Central Point Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a call while off duty from a Patrol Trooper. The Patrol Trooper received a call that evening for an injured eagle in rural Eagle Point. The Fish and Wildlife Trooper gave some advice on how to catch it and where to store it. The eagle was ultimately transported to a local facility for rehabilitation.

Juvenile Western Gray Squirrel Rescued

A Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a local elementary school for a reported injured squirrel. The juvenile western gray squirrel was transported to a member of Umpqua Wildlife Rescue for evaluation and care.

Opossum Relocated from Freeway

A Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a report of an opossum stuck up against a jersey barrier on I-5. The opossum was captured and released into the nearby woods.

Road Struck Owl Taken to Wildlife Center

A McMinnville Fish and Wildlife Trooper assisted a Patrol Trooper with a road struck owl. The Patrol Trooper was able to get the injured owl into the backseat of a patrol vehicle. The Fish and Wildlife Trooper met up with the Patrol Trooper and transferred the owl to a crate, then transported it to Chintimini Wildlife Center where it will hopefully make a speedy recovery.

Injured Grebe Transported to Wildlife Rehab

A La Pine Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a call from an ODOT employee who had located an injured grebe along the highway south of Beaver Marsh. The grebe was transported to a wildlife rehabilitation center in Bend for recovery.

Trooper Assists with Stolen Vehicle Incident

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded south from the town of Bonanza to assist the Klamath County Sheriff's Office with a stolen vehicle. The night before, two vehicles and some tools had been stolen from a local residence. The suspect in the stolen vehicle jumped out and ran into a wooded hillside on a farm. The passenger was immediately taken into custody. Multiple agencies arrived on scene to help look for the suspect. A local farmhand used a spotting scope from the farm and was able to locate the suspect on the hillside. He was in phone contact with a Trooper on scene. He walked deputies and Troopers up to the suspect. Once they took the suspect into custody it was apparent he had overdosed on what was believed to be fentanyl. A Deputy had a single dose of Narcan on his person, but a second dose was needed. None of the officers had Narcan close by as they were all on foot. The Trooper responded from the opposite side of the hill with lights and sirens driving through the fields. When the Trooper arrived on scene, the suspect received a second dose of Narcan and was loaded into the bed of the Trooper's truck. A deputy and another Trooper rode in the bed with the suspect as the Trooper drove them to the highway to stage for an ambulance. The suspect was transported to the local hospital, and was later released after recovering. On the Trooper's way back to town, the second stolen vehicle was spotted. A traffic stop was initiated and the suspect in the second stolen vehicle was taken into custody. The victim had both vehicles and tools returned to him.

WILDLIFE & ENVIRONMENT



Multiple Charges in Joint OR/ID Investigation

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant from The Dalles concluded his investigation into an Idaho resident who falsely applied for and purchased Oregon resident controlled deer, elk, and bighorn sheep tags in 2024. The investigation showed that he had unlawfully harvested a trophy mule deer and a trophy bighorn sheep but was unsuccessful for elk. Both the deer and the sheep were taken in Gilliam County. The bighorn tag the man drew was the 543A1 John Day River No. 1 tag. That hunt typically has approximately 4,000 applicants annually for eight Oregon resident-only tags. Idaho Fish and Game Officers assisted the Sergeant with the investigation and seized the trophy deer antlers and rifle used to harvest both animals from the suspect in Idaho. That evidence was subsequently turned over to the Sergeant. The bighorn sheep head was seized from an Oregon taxidermist and the meat was seized from the friend of the suspect whose address he was using to aid in the false application. The following charges were referred to the Gilliam County District Attorney for prosecution: **Unlawful Take/Possession of Trophy Bighorn Sheep (C-Felony)**, **Theft I (C-Felony)**, **Unlawful Take/Possession of Trophy Buck Deer**, and **False Swearing**.

Ochoco Wildlife Management Unit Patrols

Bend and Prineville Fish and Wildlife Troopers patrolled the eastern portion of the Ochoco Wildlife Management Unit for youth turkey season. Through the multi-day patrol, multiple contacts were made including four ATV checks, five youth turkey hunter checks, and approximately 25 contacts of hunters scouting for general season. The Troopers also removed multiple downed trees across roadways, and located multiple groups of turkeys. One ATV rider was warned for **No ATV Operator Card**, and one subject was warned for having a youth riding in the rear of a pick-up.

Subject Shoots Deer for Eating His Plants

An Albany Fish and Wildlife Trooper received information from ODFW regarding a subject who called in saying he shot a deer in his back yard with a pellet gun because it was eating his lilac bushes. The subject said the deer jumped 10 feet in the air and then died. The Trooper went to the residence of the subject, in Corvallis, who again admitted to what he had done. The subject had never hunted before and wanted to spook the deer off his property by using a high-powered pellet gun. The Trooper issued the subject a citation for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Antlerless Deer** and seized the gun as evidence.

Subject Cited for Taking Squirrel

While working near the winter closure of the White River Wildlife Area, a Fish and Wildlife Sergeant from The Dalles came upon a vehicle stopped in the middle of the USFS 27 Road. A short time later, the Sergeant observed a subject running back to his vehicle with a silver-gray squirrel in hand. The subject was cited for **Taking Game Mammal Closed Season** and the squirrel was seized as evidence.

Subject Cited for Trespassing, Take of Turkey

A Baker City Fish and Wildlife Sergeant responded to a trespass complaint in the Pine Creek Unit. A landowner reported finding a trespasser on his property, who said he was hunting for bear. The landowner heard shooting and then located the trespasser on his property with a rifle. Bear season was open, but it was also the day before turkey season opened. The subject left the area after contact with the landowner. The landowner then located a freshly killed tom turkey on the property. The Sergeant located the subject who was camped on the forest and had come over to hunt turkey and bear. The subject was cited for **Criminal Trespass II** and **Take/Possession of Turkey Closed Season**.

Subject Cited for Driving in Closed TMA

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a complaint of someone driving a vehicle in closed Green Diamond Timber Company land. Green Diamond is a Travel Management Area (TMA) and the section of timber the individual was driving is closed to motor vehicles, but open to foot traffic. The Trooper was sent a photo of the vehicle from the complainant's cellular trail camera. The Trooper located the vehicle. Upon contact the subject admitted driving in the closed area and told the Trooper he knew it was closed. The subject received a citation for **Violating the TMA** and was trespassed from all Green Diamond Timberlands for 90 consecutive days.

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Philip Schneider Wildlife Area Opening Delayed

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from John Day, Burns, Ontario, and Baker City worked with ODFW Philip Schneider Wildlife Area staff to perform a saturation patrol of the wildlife area during the traditional opening date. The wildlife area opening date had been delayed due to poor wintering conditions. Philip Schneider Wildlife Area staff had placed several signs along the perimeter of the closure showing the extended opening date. ODFW placed notices on local radio and on the ELS website. Troopers heavily patrolled the wildlife area prior to this date informing individuals of the extension. Troopers on the ground along with the OSP pilot patrolled the wildlife area into the nighttime hours to ensure compliance. Pre-opening efforts by ODFW and OSP seem to have paid off as there were no wildlife area violations on this night. Patrols continued until the new opening date of May 1st.

Subject Cited for Possession of Firearm and DWS

A Gold Beach Fish and Wildlife Trooper patrolled spring bear hunters near Brookings. While driving a Forest Service road, the Trooper noticed a car operating suspiciously (glassing clear cuts) in an area where deer and elk frequent. Contact was made with the driver of the vehicle. It was determined that the driver had a loaded camo spray painted 10-22 rifle with a scope riding next to him. The subject was found to have prior felony convictions and was prohibited from possessing firearms. Additionally, he was found to be driving while suspended and had an active felony warrant out of Douglas County. The subject was cited and released for **Possession of Firearm by Felon** and **Felony Driving While Suspended (DWS)**. He was also cited and released for the warrant as requested by Douglas County. One rifle was seized.

Subject Self-Reports Taking Turkey Early

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles responded to the Antelope area after a turkey hunter self-reported that he had shot a turkey one day prior to the season starting. The subject realized his mistake after telling the property owner that he successfully harvested a turkey, and the property owner advised him that turkey season was closed until the following day. The subject was issued a warning for **Take/Possession of Game Bird Closed Season**. The turkey was seized and donated to the Salvation Army Food Pantry in The Dalles.

Youth Turkey Hunter Successful - BCWA

Hermiston and Heppner Fish and Wildlife Troopers patrolled the Bridge Creek Wildlife Area (BCWA) south of Ukiah. One successful youth turkey hunter was contacted (photo below). The youth and her father reported ATV operators riding cross county and interfering with her hunt. Several people with ATVs were contacted at camps in the area but none were caught actively riding in violation of the Travel Management Agreement. Overall, no one was reported or located in the BCWA. One stranded vehicle was located and assisted with being removed from the deep snow. In all 85 people were contacted with four warnings being issued for equipment and seatbelt violations.



A legal youth turkey hunter poses with a Fish and Wildlife Trooper

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



Trooper Seizes 174 Cockle Clams

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a subject as he was returning to his vehicle from harvesting clams from the South Slough of Coos Bay. When the subject saw the Trooper he turned to walk away. Upon contact the subject was pulling a cart with a garbage bag of clams and a five gallon bucket with some harvested greens. The subject initially stated he was only foraging. He ultimately admitted to harvesting the clams for personal use. A count of the clams located 174 cockle clams. The subject stated he had not purchased a shellfish license for the year and he was aware of the 20 clam limit per person. The individual was cited and the seized clams were returned to the bay.

Dealer Fails to Submit Fish Receiving Tickets

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a Tillamook Bay commercial wholesale bait dealer regarding the submission of fish receiving tickets from 2024 to 2025. The responsible party admitted to submitting fish receiving tickets beyond the one business day required by the ODFW. The wholesale bait dealer was criminally cited for **Fail to Submit Fish Receiving Tickets Within Required Time-frame**. The same responsible party also operates as a wholesale fish dealer that failed to submit fish receiving tickets following the landings of Dungeness crab and was issued a violation citation for the same offense.

Troopers Enforce 14-Day Landing Rule

MFT Troopers coast-wide continue to focus on enforcement of the 14-day landing rule for the commercial crab fishery. Commercial crab fisherman are required to make a landing every 14 days. Pots that stray and get left out at sea can be hazards and contribute to whale entanglements. Ensuring fisherman are being diligent in tending gear is important to reduce the risk of derelict gear. A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper worked in the Port of Garibaldi to focus on enforcement of the 14-day landing rule. The Trooper contacted a commercial fisherman that operates two commercial fishing vessels during the ocean Dungeness crab season after it was discovered the fisherman failed to make a landing of Dungeness crab within the 14-day rule on multiple occasions with each boat. The fisherman was ultimately cited for **Leave Gear Set More Than 14 Days Without a Landing**. Two other fisherman were contacted and cited who only operated one boat but also had either multiple occurrences where they violated the 14-day rule or had several months of time between landings.



Columbia River Boat Patrol

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a Columbia River boat patrol on the lower Columbia River during the last days of the main stem Springer Chinook season. A total of 67 anglers were contacted with multiple citations issued for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks**. Catch rate was low with only seven Chinook salmon observed harvested. The Troopers posed for a photo with a lucky young angler who hooked a great fish.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



Spring Chinook Fishery Boat Patrol

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted multiple Columbia River boat patrols during the annual Spring Chinook run. Over 151 anglers were contacted as a team with an additional 88 anglers contacted during solo boat patrols. Multiple warnings and citations were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks, No Combined Angling Harvest Tag, No Valid Paper Tag in Possession, and No/Expired Certificate of Number**. On one contact a Trooper observed a subject with two rods actively fishing, and upon closer inspection both rods were using barbed hooks. The subject was ultimately issued a citation for **Angling with More than One Line/Rod and Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks**. While one of the Troopers was conducting a solo boat patrol it was discovered that he was inadvertently working along side Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife as they saturated the area with enforcement checks. All anglers that day were happy to see such a presence on the Columbia River during the annual Spring Chinook fishery.

Elk River Angling Patrol

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed a subject steelhead angling on the Elk River approximately two miles above the salmon/steelhead deadline. The river had additionally closed to all salmon/steelhead angling five days prior. The subject was confused about the regulations and thought that since he had purchased the Rogue/South Coast Steelhead validation and tag that he could continue angling till April 30th (the end of the validation). He additionally thought that since he had purchased a two rod validation he could use two rods anywhere. The Trooper explained the regulations to the subject and he was issued a citation for **Angling Closed Stream** and warned for **Angling with More than One Rod**.

Joint Agency Commercial Gillnet Vessel Inspections

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a joint nighttime operation with Clatsop County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Marine Unit and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Boarding Team. Utilizing the CCSO Marine Unit patrol boat the team conducted night time boarding inspections on Columbia River commercial gillnet vessels operating in the Columbia River Select Areas of Tongue Point, South Channel, Knappa Slough, and Blind Slough. Nine commercial gillnet vessels were inspected with the USCG issuing multiple violations for **Insufficient Number of Fire Extinguishers, Improper/No Navigation Lights, No Display of Safety/Oil Pollution Placards, and No/Expired Registration/Federal Documentation**. The Trooper issued multiple violation citations for **No/Expired Certificate of Numbers**. On one contact a commercial gillnet vessel operator was found to be operating with a suspended Commercial Fishing License. The fisherman admitted to being suspended and was found to be suspended as far back as March of 2024. The fisherman has made 63 commercial landings with an earning of an estimated \$23,745 while suspended. The fisherman was criminally cited and released for **Commercial Fishing with a Suspended License**.

South Beach Marina Angler Checks

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant was checking anglers at South Beach Marina on an afternoon with a high number of ocean anglers returning to port. During those checks, the following offenses were found:

- A group of anglers returned with lingcod and rockfish. One subject said he purchased a daily license online, but it was not showing up on his phone app. He was unable to verify the purchase or present a receipt for the cost. The subject was cited for **No Angling License** and his fish were seized.
- Three quillback rockfish were seen on a fillet table. A group of anglers admitted they were theirs and said they thought they were China rockfish. They possessed an ID guide but still misidentified the fish. The two subjects who retained the rockfish were cited for **Unlawful Possession of Marine Fish**.
- A boat was found with an expired boat registration (2023). Upon contact it was determined the owner said he submitted the title transfer and was just waiting for it to go through so he could register the boat. They were unable to present a temporary registration and said they didn't think they got one. It was also determined they had crabbed and retained five undersized Dungeness crab. The subject was warned for the OSMB registration and cited for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**.

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Lake Billy Chinook Boat Patrol

A Bend Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Troopers conducted a weekend boat patrol on Lake Billy Chinook contacting 17 boats and 32 anglers. One citation was issued for **Prohibited Method Angling: Three Fishing Poles**, and multiple warnings were given for **Continuing to Angle, No Valid Angling License in Possession, No OR Numbers Displayed, and Aiding in an Angling Violation**. Additionally, one disabled boat was towed to Three Rivers Marina and the operator/owner of the boat was cited for **Inadequate Number of Flotation Devices**.



Trooper Assists on NOAA Groundfish Case

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper assisted National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) with a commercial groundfish case, where an inexperienced boat captain fished in an Essential Fish Habitat Conservation Area, which are closed to bottom trawling. The subject realized his mistake after speaking with the boat owner and contacted NOAA and OSP to self-report the violation. When the offload occurred at a fish plant in Charleston, it was determined the boat was over its quota for certain rockfish and 13 undersized lingcod were found. The minimum length for commercial lingcod is 22 inches, and lingcod as small as 15.75 inches were discovered. The undersized lingcod were seized as evidence, with NOAA taking lead on the case.

Yaquina Bay Shellfish and Angling Checks

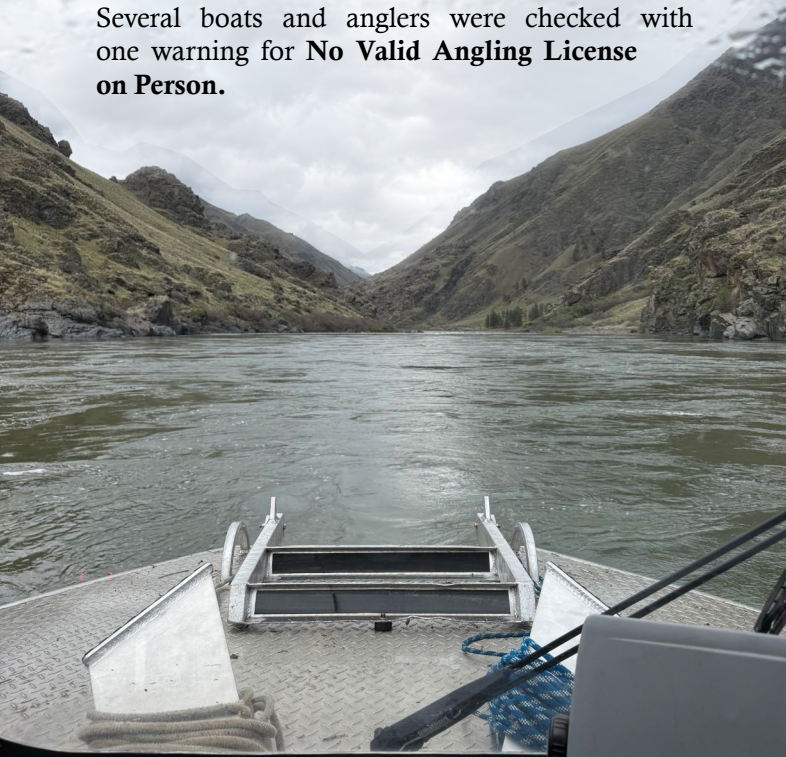
A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted shellfish and angling checks in Yaquina Bay at the Newport Marina. Weather and bar conditions were favorable and over 250 boats launched from the marina. Angling was good with 90% of the anglers returning with daily limits, however crabbing was poor leading to several undersized crab being landed. A total of 102 anglers and 54 crabbers were contacted, with 12 warnings and citations issued for **Continue to Angle After Daily Limit, No Paper/Electronic Angling Permit in Possession, and Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**. Four Dungeness crab were seized and returned to the bay and three black rockfish were seized and donated to the Newport Senior Center.

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Hells Canyon Jet Boat Patrol

Enterprise Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a Hells Canyon/Snake River overnight jet boat patrol. Several boats and anglers were checked with one warning for **No Valid Angling License on Person.**



Troopers Seize 18 Trout - Pine Hollow Reservoir

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles responded to a report of two anglers keeping too many trout at Pine Hollow Reservoir. A Trooper located the anglers based on location and description. The first subject had just landed a fish, and the second subject was reeling one in. The first subject stated they had about ten fish and were done. When asked where the other fish were the first subject opened a bucket, which was almost full of fish. When counted they had 24 fish in their possession. The first subject said he was only allowed five each, but the day was nice, and the fish were really biting. The second subject stated they each caught about the same number of fish. The second subject did not have a valid angling license. The first subject was cited for **Exceeding the Daily Limit of Fish.** The second subject was cited for **No Resident Angling License** and **Take/Possession of a Game Fish.** One fish was released back into the water. The first subject was allowed to keep his five. The rest of the fish, 18 in total, were seized.

Three Subjects Cited for No Angling License

A Pendleton Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a group of three adult subjects at the pond inside Hat Rock State Park. None of the three had a license. Two of the three were issued citations for **No Resident Angling License** and the third was issued a citation for **No Non-Resident Angling License.** The five trout the group had caught was seized and donated to Blue Mountain Wildlife for their raptor recovery program.

Sergeant Cites Subject Again

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Sergeant contacted a subject returning to his vehicle after digging razor clams. When the subject realized the unmarked vehicle was law enforcement, he tried to go around his vehicle, out of sight, but was unable to hide clams before contact. He stated he was bringing his clams up to the vehicle to count them and was found to be four clams over the daily bag limit. He claimed to have a shellfish license but it was not on his person. When asked if he'd ever received a citation before he said that he hadn't, but when attempting to look up his shellfish license in ELS, the Sergeant recognized him as a subject he and a Trooper had cited criminally several years prior after finding 51 extra clams hidden under the seat of his truck on a consent search. The subject did not have a shellfish license and was cited for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Clams** and **No Shellfish License.** Nineteen clams were seized and donated to charity.

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Subject Exceeds Limit of Snails by 279

Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a shellfish patrol on Tillamook Bay. One subject contacted was seen carrying a mesh bag with what appeared to be snails. Upon inspection, the subject had exceeded the daily limit of snails by 279. The subject was cited for **Exceeding The Daily Limit Of Snails**. The snails were returned to the bay.

Owyhee River Boat Patrol

Burns and John Day Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a three-day enforcement boat patrol on the wild and scenic part of the Owyhee River. Approximately 40 boater contacts were made with 23 boat inspections completed. A guide/outfitter check revealed that one of the guides did not have his current first aid certification in possession. Multiple groups expressed their appreciation for OSP being on the river and for providing insight into current weather, water flows, and guidance on navigating some of the technical rapids.

Rogue River Angling Checks

A Central Point Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted angling checks along the upper section of the Rogue River between Gold Hill and Cole Rivers Hatchery. 47 anglers were contacted; two subjects failed to sign their combined angling tags and were directed to sign them, one subject was warned for **No Combined Angling Tag** and **No Rogue-Southcoast Steelhead Validation**, two subjects were warned for **No Rogue-Southcoast Steelhead Validation**, one subject was warned for **No Valid Paper Combined Angling Tag in Possession** and **No Rogue-Southcoast Steelhead Validation**.

Gilbert River Opening Weekend Patrol

A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted angler checks over the opening weekend for the Gilbert River on Sauvie Island where the use of bait is prohibited for the first month and angling for sturgeon is never allowed. Several citations/warnings were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method: Bait, Angling Closed Area: Sturgeon, No Two Rod Endorsement**, and **No Valid License in Possession**.



Saturation Patrol - Malheur and Baker Counties

Fish and Wildlife Sergeants and Troopers from Baker City, John Day, and Ontario worked a three day saturation patrol of waterways in Malheur and Baker Counties. The Sergeants and Troopers utilized boats, vehicles, and foot patrols which resulted in 14 citations being issued, multiple warnings and boat inspections were conducted throughout the weekend. Citations were issued for the following violations: **No Two Rod Endorsement, No Resident Angling License, No Non-Resident Angling License, Inadequate Number of Personal Flotation Devices, No Type IV Throwable Device, No Operator's License, and Driving Uninsured**. The Troopers also took time out of their busy schedules for several photo ops with citizens and anglers, including the kids in the above photos.



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populations depend on us.

Turn in poachers.



Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) Cash Rewards

\$2,000 Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat & Moose
\$1,000 Elk, Deer & Antelope
\$600 Bear, Cougar & Wolf
\$400 Game Fish & Shellfish*
\$400 Snagging/Attempt to Snag*
\$300 Habitat Destruction
\$200 Illegally obtaining Oregon hunting or angling license or tags
\$200 Unlawful Lending/Borrowing Big Game Tag(s)
\$200 Game Birds or Furbearers
\$200 Spotlighting

*Rewards for Game, Fish & Shellfish and Snagging/Attempting to Snag are sponsored, in part, by Northwest Steelheaders Association and Coastal Conservation Association.

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, Black bears, Bighorn Sheep, Marten, Fisher, Sierra Nevada Red Fox
\$10,000 for Wolves east of Highway 395
\$11,500 for Wolves east of Highway 395 and north of Highway 20

\$1,000 Species listed as "threatened" or "endangered" under state or federal Endangered Species Act (excludes fish)
(e.g. 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)

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 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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