



OREGON STATE POLICE **FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION**



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*On the cover:
PV Guardian at the Garibaldi Days Festival*

SUMMER OCEAN FISHERIES

The summer ocean fisheries along Oregon's coast play an integral part in many anglers' fishing adventures for the year, with coastal vacations scheduled around the various seasons. Anglers target and land Chinook and Coho salmon, various species of groundfish, tuna, and halibut. There are a variety of regulations the OSP Fish and Wildlife Division enforces during their patrols including gear restrictions, bag limits, licenses and tags, as well as boating safety requirements. During the patrols, Troopers use several assets to accomplish the patrols including the PV Guardian, multiple rigid hull inflatables (RHIs) stationed along the coast, and a couple smaller RHIs that can be launched or towed with the Guardian. The following summaries highlight some of the work the division has done during the month of July to protect our ocean resources.



North Coast Ocean Patrol

The PV Guardian conducted a north coast ocean patrol to focus on both sport and commercial crab, salmon, halibut, and groundfish from Newport to Cannon Beach. Members of the Newport, Astoria, and Tillamook MFT and General Fish and Wildlife Troopers participated in the patrols. There were numerous contacts made both to sport and commercial vessels. One day the teams targeted the dory fishery out of Pacific City with a saturation of three OSP patrol boats in the area at the same time. Throughout the three day patrols, citations and warnings were issued for **Fail to Validate Harvest Card, No Valid Tag, Angling Prohibited Method, Barbed Hooks, and Unlawful Possession of Non Fin-Clipped Coho.**



SUMMER OCEAN FISHERIES



Ocean Salmon and Rockfish Patrol

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted an ocean salmon and rockfish patrol from Hammond. Ocean conditions and angler success were ideal with anglers returning to the dock by 7:30 A.M. They checked 17 boats (46 anglers) and issued 14 citations for angling offenses that included **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks, Angling Prohibited Method: Treble Hooks, Taking Non-Fin Clipped Coho Salmon, Failure to Immediately Validate Salmon Harvest Card, and Angling Salmon Closed Area (Columbia River)**. Multiple warnings were issued for barbed hooks, failure to validate and ELS violations. One Coho was seized and donated to Loaves & Fishes in Astoria.

Florence Area Ocean Patrol

A Springfield Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper conducted a boat patrol in the Pacific Ocean out of Florence. They contacted numerous salmon fisherman and recreational crabbers and issued citations and warnings for **Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab, Fail to Immediately Validate Combined Angling Tag, Angling For Salmon With More Than One Rod, and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

Fourth of July Weekend Ocean Patrol

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted an ocean patrol during the Fourth of July weekend. The ocean salmon fishery off the mouth of the Columbia River was extremely busy due to the holiday weekend, favorable ocean conditions, and the high success rate for Coho salmon. Hundreds of boats were angling just in the area of the Columbia River Buoy, and numerous salmon and rockfish anglers were contacted. Multiple citations and warnings were issued for **Taking Wild Coho Salmon, Exceed the Daily Limit of Salmon, Continue to Angle After Retaining Daily Limit, Fail To Immediately Validate Harvest Card, Fail To Allow Inspection of Catch, Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks For Salmon, Angling Prohibited Method: Number of Hooks, No Angling License, and No Harvest Card**. On one contact, the Troopers approached a boat with two subjects on board, actively trolling for salmon with two rods. As the Troopers approached the subjects were landing a wild Coho. The Troopers contacted the subjects who said they had four salmon on board. The subjects said they had also caught and released seven additional salmon but exhibited indicators of deception when answering this and other questions. The subjects said they were continuing to angle for salmon for fun, even though they already had their daily limit of four salmon on board. The subjects did not have any of those four salmon tagged, and while Troopers were speaking with one of the subjects, the other took the barbed hooks he was using and threw them into the ocean. The subjects were asked multiple times if they had any other salmon on board, and they repeatedly said they did not. A consent search of the boat eventually revealed the subjects had hidden a bag with five additional salmon in it (in a closed compartment under the bow of the boat). Three of those salmon were wild Coho, and two of them were hatchery salmon. Both subjects were cited and released criminally for numerous offenses, and five salmon were seized.

Newport Area Ocean Patrol

Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted an ocean patrol out of Newport, contacting 44 salmon anglers. Nine citations were issued for **Failure to Immediately Validate Harvest Card and Barbed Hooks/Treble Hooks**. Two anglers were contacted who were actively fishing and had retained seven Coho salmon; three of which were wild, and none were tagged. Two criminal citations were issued for **Take/Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon, Exceeding Daily Limit of Fish, and Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**. The three wild Coho salmon were seized and donated to the Newport Senior Center.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



Large Quantity of Shellfish Seized - Garibaldi

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted surveillance of recreational clammers in Garibaldi. During their surveillance they observed a subject dig two limits of bay clams for two family members who were not observed clamming. The subject was contacted and the two limits were seized. The subject was issued a citation for **Dig Clams for Another**. Additionally, during the surveillance, the Troopers observed two people dig and bring clams to their vehicle in the parking lot, then return to the clam beds to continue digging. The subjects were contacted and found to be in possession of 10 times the limit of marine invertebrates and exceeding the daily limit of bay clams. They were asked if there was any other shellfish in their car, and they said there was not. A consent search revealed female and undersized crab were hidden in the spare tire compartment in the back of their car. Numerous citations and warnings were issued for **Exceed the Daily Limit of Clams, Exceed the Daily Limit of Marine Invertebrates, Taking Female Dungeness Crab, Taking Undersized Dungeness Crab, Fail to Allow Inspection of Catch, Possess More Than One Limit of Clams While in the Digging Area, Dig Clams for Another, and Aid in a Wildlife Offense**. The number of seized shellfish in total was 189 bay clams, 243 marine invertebrates, and four undersized/female Dungeness crab. All the seized shellfish and marine invertebrates were returned to the water.

Pink Shrimp Captain Cited for No License

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a commercial pink shrimp vessel inspection during the vessel's offload and found the captain of the vessel did not have a valid 2025 individual commercial fishing license. The captain had made multiple landings throughout the 2025 pink shrimp season in totaling 248,937 lbs of Oregon pink shrimp for a total of \$157,157. The captain was criminally cited and released for **No Individual Commercial Fishing License**. The captain was advised to purchase a commercial fishing license before returning to fish.

Failure to Submit Logbooks

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant contacted multiple bait shrimp harvesters in Alsea Bay. The commercial bait shrimp harvesters were contacted regarding issues with submitting required ODFW logbooks. One of the harvesters had already been warned for the same issues. Two harvesters were cited for **Failure to Submit Logbooks**.

Columbia River Boat Patrol

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River in Clatsop and Columbia Counties. Numerous sockeye and steelhead anglers were contacted. Multiple citations and warnings were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks for Steelhead, No Angling License, No Harvest Card, and No Throwable Flotation Device**.

Pink Shrimp Wasted

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper was notified of a complaint from a local seafood business stating a commercial pink shrimp fisherman brought in over 15,000 pounds of dead loss to port and that his shrimp were undersized. The Trooper investigated further, analyzing the catch and interviewing the captain and deckhands. Investigation revealed the captain of the vessel admitted to not knowing how the quality control was managed on his vessel and kept fishing despite this. The captain was cited for **Wasting Food Fish** and warned for **Exceeding Count per Pound Rule**.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



Over Limit Surfperch Seized

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a beach patrol and observed two subjects returning to their vehicle after fishing, each with full bags. Upon inspection one of the subjects was over the limit of 15 surfperch. After asking to see identification, multiple grocery store bags were observed in the back seat of the vehicle. The second subject attempted to cover the bags from view but after obtaining consent, one of the bags was found to have another limit of 15 surfperch. The second subject admitted to catching a limit earlier in the day at another beach location before they left that location and caught another limit. A total of 16 surfperch were seized and both subjects were cited for **Exceeding Daily Limit of Fish**.

Razor Clam Beach Patrol

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a razor clam beach patrol during a low tide. On one contact a recreational clam digger was observed digging multiple razor clams along the surf but not retaining any. Upon closer observation it was found the subject was using the surf to wash away the smaller clams which were in abundance. The subject was also observed throwing multiple small clams back into the surf. The subject was later observed handing multiple clams to another digger before returning to digging. Both subjects were contacted and admitted to throwing smaller clams back and providing clams to another. The first subject was ultimately cited for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Clams, and warned for Fail to Retain Clams as Required, and Dig Another's Clams**. The second subject was issued a warning for **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense**.

Nehalem Bay Boat Patrol

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol in the Nehalem Bay. Numerous salmon anglers and recreational crabbers were contacted. Multiple citations and warnings were issued for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card, No Marking on Crab Buoy, Take/Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab, and Failure to Renew Boat Registration**. A total of 16 undersized Dungeness Crab were seized and returned to Nehalem Bay.

Two Subjects Cited - Depoe Bay

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper checked a vessel at the Depoe Bay boat launch with two subjects on board. Upon request to inspect their tags and catch, the subjects stated they had three coho on board and none of them were tagged. Both subjects were issued citations for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**.

Commercial Crabber Cited for Multiple Violations

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper investigated a commercial fishing case regarding a commercial crabber who failed to submit their logbooks and abandoned approximately 20 crab pots in the Columbia River beyond 14 days without making a landing. The Trooper interviewed the subject subsequently issuing multiple citations for **Fail to Maintain/Submit Logbook: Dungeness Crab, Fail to Remove Commercial Dungeness Crab Gear More Than 14 days After Season, and No Buoy Tags (Summer)**.

Subject Cited for Not Tagging Catch

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a subject with his juvenile son at South Beach Marina who had just come in from salmon fishing. Upon request to inspect their tags and catch, the subject stated they both caught two fish each but none of the fish were on a tag because they forgot their phones in their vehicle. The subject asked if he could get help tagging the fish because he had never done it before. It was discovered that both father and son had selected paper tagging and needed a paper tag to correctly tag their fish. The subject was cited for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**.

Tillamook Bay Ocean Patrol

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted an ocean salmon boat patrol out of Tillamook Bay. Numerous salmon anglers were contacted. Multiple citations and warnings were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks**.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Trailer of Shame Displayed at OHA Event

A Springfield Fish and Wildlife Trooper attended an Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) Fundraiser in Noti. The Trailer of Shame was set up for the event and numerous other vendors were also there. The event had activities for kids as well as an adult archery competition.

Troopers Speak to Youth Summer School Group

Heppner and Hermiston Fish and Wildlife Troopers took the Columbia Basin Team's boat to the Irrigon Marina and met a youth summer school group on the dock. In all, 60 students in first through sixth grade were able to tour the boat in small groups, boat safety and life jacket use were the main topic of discussion. Several high school students who assist with the program were also able to tour the boat and have questions answered about water safety and angling. Other community members who saw what the Troopers were doing also asked to have their kids included, even though they were not part of the summer school program. Everyone was included and all the kids received OSP bracelets.

Trooper Presents to Hunter Education Class

A John Day Fish and Wildlife Trooper provided an OSP presentation to a hunter education class in John Day. There were 18 students/parents in attendance and the presentation was well received by the students. The presentation included the duties of a Fish and Wildlife Trooper and explanation of some common violations. The Trooper also quizzed the students on regulations.

Troopers Attend OHA Meeting

Albany Fish and Wildlife Troopers presented at the Mid-Willamette OHA chapter monthly meeting. The Troopers talked about previous criminal cases, provided tips for members to be good witnesses for thermal use, and answered multiple questions.



Trooper Leads Fourth of July Parade

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper participated in the Gleneden Beach Fourth of July parade by providing the lead vehicle in the parade and cleared the path for the Coast Guard Color Guard and other participants. Several thousand people from the local community were in attendance.

Northwest Mountain Challenge Event

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from Springfield, Bend, and La Pine, along with K-9 Buck participated in the Hoodoo Ski Area Northwest Mountain Challenge Event. Troopers and K-9 Buck interacted with numerous persons creating a positive and interactive experience. The Troopers were well received, and the event was attended by 1,700 competitors and several vendors.

Trooper Makes Guest Appearance on Radio Show

A Burns Fish and Wildlife Trooper was a guest on 92.7 KZHC Harney County Live Radio and talked with the host of the show about numerous outdoor topics. The Trooper spoke about the upcoming hunting season with fire closures from last year's fires, ATV/UTV laws, watercraft and life jacket safety, new laws for waterway access permits in 2026, and ODFW ELS phone licenses and tagging. The host of the show was pleased to have OSP back on the broadcast.

Sergeant Speaks at Water Safety Event

A Central Point Fish and Wildlife Sergeant spoke at a water safety event with multiple child advocacy groups in Josephine County. About 15 kids and their parents were in attendance.

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Disabled Boater Rescued in Alsea Bay

Newport Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol in the Alsea Bay. Several crabbers were checked with one undersized crab being discovered. While checking the north side of the bay a disabled boater was discovered and towed back to the Port of Waldport. The disabled boater reported having several crab pots in the bay and was taken to recover his pots. Unfortunately, the boater only had one keeper in his pots!

Trooper Assists With Injured Rider

A Burns Fish and Wildlife Trooper was patrolling the Silvies Unit when he heard the Harney County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) dispatch advise there was a 4-wheeler crash on Skull Creek Road and the male rider was badly injured with a gash on his leg that would require stitches. The Trooper responded to the scene and arrived just as a Hines volunteer Firefighter arrived. The Trooper and Firefighter were able to bandage the rider's leg, road rash areas, and applied a splint to his arm and elbow. The rider was able to get up and was helped into the Trooper's patrol truck. The Trooper then drove the injured rider to meet the ambulance that was also responding to the remote location. EMS workers advised the rider did not appear to have broken any bones and was going to be okay. The Trooper was assisted by the Hines Fire Department, and a HCSO Deputy.



Troopers Assist with Eluding Suspect Arrest

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers responded to an agency assist of locating a suspect that was in possession of a stolen pickup and motorcycle. While the subject was fleeing from local police the motorcycle had fallen out of the back of the pickup. The suspect had then traveled the wrong way down the main street in downtown Astoria at reported speeds of 100 mph. The suspect had outdistanced the police at that point and was thought to have left the city, however a citizen called in with information that pointed up into a residential neighborhood. After about twenty minutes of searching the suspect was located in the neighborhood and attempted to flee again, this time on a bicycle. The suspect rode to the edge of the Columbia River and jumped in. When the Troopers arrived the suspect was approximately 200 yards offshore and continuing to swim out farther. The department's 28 ft Zodiac boat was retrieved from the office and launched with the two Troopers onboard. The suspect was located approximately two miles downstream from where he had entered the water and Troopers attempted to take the man into custody. He would not take a life ring or rope and dove every time the boat got close to him, coming up on the other side of the boat at times. He eventually swam into a group of pilings and attempted to hide, even smearing mud on his head in attempt to become concealed. After about 15 minutes deputies arrived on the pier and announced they were going to deploy a police K-9. At this point the suspect swam into some open water and allowed the Coast Guard to bring him onto their boat. A Trooper was quickly deployed to their boat and took the suspect into custody.

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Injured Hawk Taken to Blue Mountain Wildlife

Heppner and Hermiston Fish and Wildlife Troopers responded to a call for service involving an injured juvenile red-tailed hawk at a Milton-Freewater residence. The hawk was transported to Blue Mountain Wildlife in Pendleton for rehabilitation.

Troopers Assist on Stolen Vehicle Crash

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper assisted in a search for the driver of a stolen vehicle that had been involved in a crash the night before on Highway 18. A passenger from the vehicle was contacted walking eastbound from the crash scene earlier that day by Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department. He was interviewed and advised the driver was injured, and he was worried about him. The passenger stated he and the driver had gone to Spirit Mountain Casino the previous evening and they stole a vehicle from the parking lot. After leaving the casino, they were caught on video breaking into vehicles at various state parks in Tillamook County. They were also caught on video trying to use stolen credit cards in Tillamook. Once the searchers, including a tracking dog from the Lincoln City Police Department, had all arrived at the crash scene, the search began. Shortly after the dog was deployed, the driver emerged from a wooded area across the highway from the crash scene. He was transported to Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital for treatment and later arrested on various charges related to the crash including **Failure to Perform Duties of a Driver, Reckless Driving, Driving While Suspended: Misdemeanor, and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle**. He had several additional charges in Polk County and Tillamook County related to the previous night's events.



Trooper Assists with Wildfire Evacuation Prep

A Bend Fish and Wildlife Trooper assisted the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office with preparing for evacuations along the Deschutes River adjacent to the Warm Springs Reservation where a wildfire had started. The Trooper staged with a jet boat near the Warm Springs boat launch to evacuate boat in campers from Mecca Flat Campground to Trout Creek Campground. Fortunately, the fire was suppressed by helicopter bucket crews making the short dip from the river to the fire.

Driving Complaint Leads to DUI Arrest

A Baker City Fish and Wildlife Trooper, while checking anglers on the Brownlee Reservoir in Huntington, responded to an ATL of a subject driving impaired on westbound I-84. Ontario Troopers were responding from the east. Ultimately, the subject was located in the Weatherby Rest Area. The subject consented to standard field sobriety tests and ultimately the Trooper arrested the subject for **Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUI)**. The subject was arrested, transported to the Baker County Jail and provided a breath sample of .17% blood alcohol content. The subject was cited for **DUI**.

Trooper Assists on Kayaker Rescue

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to Eel Lake on a report that a kayaker had capsized and was in distress. Coos County Sheriff's Department also responded and assisted with locating the kayaker from shore. Using a citizen's boat, the kayaker was rescued, and his kayak was towed back to the boat ramp. The subject had a life jacket with him, but wasn't wearing it, and when he capsized, it floated away. The subject held on to his kayak for approximately 30 minutes before being rescued. The kayaker was uninjured and met his family back at the boat ramp.

WILDLIFE & ENVIRONMENT



Dog Uncovers Unlawfully Taken Deer Head

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a property outside of Coos Bay, after receiving a report from the landowner that his dog brought a yearling buck deer head back to his residence. The landowner believed the deer head came from the adjacent property, which he also owns, and is in the process of evicting the tenants. Deer parts were located in the burn pile of the suspect property. During an interview with the male suspect, he repeatedly denied any knowledge of the deer, and stated the landowner put the deer remains in the burn pile to get him in trouble. The male suspect eventually admitted to shooting the deer with his girlfriend's .22 rifle, but only after she disclosed what actually happened. The male suspect was criminally cited and released for **Unlawful Take/Possession Antlerless Deer**. A bag of deer meat, which the suspect was going to use as dog food, was seized as evidence.

Widower Educated on Sale of Wildlife Parts

A La Pine Fish and Wildlife Trooper received information of a resident who was selling elk, deer, and caribou antlers/mounts at a large yard sale that was advertised online. The Trooper went to the event and learned that the antlers/mounts in question had already been sold to unknown purchasers. The seller's wife had recently passed away and she had an antique business. The husband/seller was trying to get rid of all the items she had accumulated. The seller was educated on the laws regarding the selling of game parts and issued a warning for **Unlawful Purchase, Sell, Exchange of Wildlife/Parts/Products**.



Offensive Littering on GDRC Property

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Trooper investigated three different dump sites all on Green Diamond Resource Company (GDRC) property. Green Diamond owns a significant portion of the lands surrounding Klamath Falls. These lands provide much of the local hunting and fishing opportunities. Of the three dump sites found, one suspect was issued a criminal citation for **Offensive Littering**, and trespassed from Green Diamond properties for 90 days, with the exception he may enter the property to clean his trash up, which he agreed to do.

Subject Cited for Harassing Doe and Fawns

A Madras Fish and Wildlife Trooper was contacted by a Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles regarding a video that surfaced of a doe possibly being shot in the community of Tollgate, outside Sisters. The Trooper contacted the reporting party who had taken a video of a doe deer standing on their property, with two fawns. In the video, one of the fawns begins to nurse on the doe when a shot rings out and an impact can be seen on the doe's right side. The doe and fawns scattered. A neighborhood canvass was initiated, and a suspect was developed after determining where the shot likely came from. The suspect was contacted the following day by Troopers. The suspect was deceptive but ultimately admitted to shooting the doe with a BB/pellet firearm from his property. The suspect was unhappy with the deer because they come onto his property, make trails, defecate, and eat his trees. The suspect has gone through great lengths to make his property unappealing to wildlife. The subject was criminally cited for **Chase/Harass Wildlife Prohibited** and the BB/pellet pistol was seized as evidence. The suspect was informed he could contact ODFW and go through the lawful process of obtaining a hazing permit if it was warranted.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Two-Day Patrol of John Day River

Bend and Prineville Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a two-day overnight patrol of the John Day River between Burnt Ranch Rapids and Service Creek. Troopers patrolled one day floating and another day on shore patrol at drive in recreation sites. Activities included checking camps, anglers, and conducting boat inspections. The patrol resulted in 52 contacts including 14 anglers checked, two guide contacts, and 11 boat inspections. One warning was issued for **No Personal Flotation Device** and two warnings for **No Angling License in Possession**.



Trooper Assists Youth Angler with Fly Rod

La Pine and Madras Fish and Wildlife Troopers patrolled the Metolius River and Green Ridge over the weekend. Youth anglers were contacted at the Metolius Youth Pond. A young angler was contacted with his friend sitting by not fishing. When asked why he wasn't fishing he said because his line was tangled up. He was assisted with getting his line untangled and shown how to tie on a hook and secure a bobber. A Trooper contacted a young angler having trouble catching trout with a fly rod. The Trooper provided the young angler with some guidance on which fly to use and where to cast. Within a few short minutes, the young angler landed two trout and wanted to pose for a photo with the Trooper.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Brownlee Reservoir Boat Patrol

A John Day Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Fish and Wildlife Troopers from Baker City and Ontario conducted a boat patrol on Brownlee Reservoir which resulted in 67 contacts, 42 angler checks, 13 Boat Inspections, 10 citations for angling offenses, one citation for **No Personal Flotation Device**, nine warnings for angling offenses, and four warnings for boating offenses. Of note, while returning to the boat launch, an older female boater was seen waving in distress trying to get the attention of passing boats. Troopers spotted her and raced across the reservoir to assist. Upon arrival they found the boat had no power or anchor and was drifting towards large rocks. The older male boat operator was in the deep water trying to keep the boat from striking the rocks. The Troopers acted quickly and tied off to the boat keeping it from being damaged and then towed it all the way back to the couple's private dock. The couple was extremely appreciative.



Subject Cited for Snagging Salmon

A Central Point Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted angling checks along the upper section of the Rogue River between Shady Cove and Cole Rivers Hatchery. A total of 29 anglers were contacted. One subject was cited for **Snagging Salmon, Retaining a Foul-Hooked Salmon, and Failing to Immediately Valid Their Harvest Card**. A second subject was warned for aiding the previously mentioned subject in the retention of an unlawfully caught fish. The salmon was seized and donated. Additionally, two other subjects were warned for **No Resident Angling License**, and one subject was warned for **Operating a Motorized Boat Without a Valid Registration Sticker**.



Snake River Raft Patrol

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant from The Dalles and Fish and Wildlife Troopers from Burns and John Day conducted a raft patrol on the Snake River below Hell's Canyon Dam. Traffic on the river was light and an emphasis was placed on protecting the cultural resources on the river, as well as protecting the sturgeon fishery.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Winchester Bay Angling Patrol

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper checked salmon anglers in Winchester Bay. One boat was contacted that was in possession of one wild Coho Salmon. The subjects claimed they thought it was a mis-clipped hatchery fish, though it was clearly a wild salmon. It was determined that the subject that caught the wild fish was not the one who tagged it, and he also caught a hatchery Coho and hadn't tagged it either. The subject who caught the fish was cited for **Take/Possession Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho** and was warned for **Fail to Immediately Validate Tag** and **Lend or Borrow Angling Harvest Tag**. The subject who tagged the unlawful fish was warned for **Lend or Borrow Angling Harvest Tag**. A short time later, a boat returned to port with two wild Chinook salmon which were caught in the ocean. The boat owner was very frustrated because he thought Chinook retention was open after reading a sign at the boat ramp. The sign detailed the Umpqua River Chinook season and clearly said the river was closed to Chinook retention on Fridays. The boat owner conceded that he didn't fully read the sign and took responsibility for the unlawful fish. The boat owner was cited for **Take/Possession Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Chinook**. Another subject on board, who caught one of the Chinook, was warned for the same. Later in the afternoon, a boat was contacted with two hatchery Chinook on board, which were also caught in the ocean. The subject who caught the fish was warned for **Take/Possession Chinook Salmon**. Two other subjects were also warned for **Fail to Immediately Validate Tag** after they returned to port with two hatchery Coho which they hadn't tagged yet, due to inexperience navigating the MyODFW app. All of the seized fish were donated to charity.

Juveniles Educated on Transporting Live Fish

A Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed two juvenile males fishing with multiple fishing poles at the Lyons Community Pond in Linn County. The sixteen-year-old males had caught and retained multiple bluegill/bass and were planning on transporting them back alive to their small pond at home. The Trooper educated the juveniles about the laws prohibiting using multiple fishing poles and transporting live fish. They were warned for various angling offenses after being educated about the angling laws.

Leaburg Dam Patrol

A Springfield Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper contacted anglers at the base of Leaburg Dam. Numerous violations were observed, and citations were issued for **Angling Within 200 Feet of a Fishway, Aiding in a Wildlife Violation, and Minor in Possession of Alcohol**. The Trooper also witnessed one subject actively snagging salmon. He recorded his observations and contacted the subject as he came to shore. The subject was issued citations in lieu of custody for **Angling Salmon Prohibited Method: Snagging, Angling Within 200 Feet of a Fishway, No Non-Resident Angling License, Fail to Immediately Release Fish Unharmful**, and a violation citation for **Minor in Possession of Alcohol**.



Subject Cited for Undersized Crab

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant responded to a report of a subject crabbing on a public pier in Newport who was keeping undersized Dungeness crab. When the Sergeant arrived at the pier, he began checking crabbers and found one of them in possession of ten undersized Dungeness crab. During the investigation, the crabber admitted that he did not know how to properly measure crab. He was instructed on how to measure crab and was ultimately cited for **Take/Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**. The ten crab were still alive and were released back into Yaquina Bay unharmed.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Florence Area Ocean Patrol

A Fish and Wildlife Lieutenant, Springfield Sergeant, and Newport Trooper conducted an ocean patrol out of Florence. Five crabbers and 18 salmon anglers were contacted. Seven citations were issued for **No Combined Angling Tag, Barbed Hooks, Treble Hooks, Take Chinook Salmon Closed Season, Take Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho, and Possession of Mutilated Fish**. During one of the administrative checks, two subjects on a boat were found to be using treble hooks and initially stated they did not retain any salmon. After further questioning, they admitted to keeping two wild Coho, one of which was filleted and stored on the floorboard of the boat near the passenger seat. While on the way back in from the boat patrol, two subjects were contacted near the bar that had recently caught a fish. Upon inspection, it was determined they had retained a Chinook salmon, which was currently closed for retention. Two wild Coho and one Chinook salmon were seized and donated to a local church.

Suspect Arrested for Multiple Angling Offenses

A Springfield Fish and Wildlife Trooper started an investigation into a snagging complaint on the McKenzie River at Leaburg Dam. During the investigation, four Chinook salmon had been illegally killed near the dam's fish ladder. A few days later, the Trooper was able to locate and arrest the suspect in Albany. The Trooper transported and lodged the suspect in the Lane County Jail for the following crimes:

- **Unlawful Take/Possession of Non-Adipose Fin Clipped Salmon**
- **Unlawful Take/Possession of Fin Clipped Salmon x3**
- **Angling Prohibited Hours**
- **Angling Prohibited Area: within 200 Feet of a Fishway**
- **Waste of a Game Fish x4**
- **Angling Prohibited Method: Snagging**
- **Exceeding the Daily Limit of Chinook Salmon**



Clear Lake Boat Patrol

Albany Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on Clear Lake. Numerous contacts were made during the patrol and one citation was issued for **No Resident Angling License**. Various warnings were also issued for minor angling violations.



Juvenile Angler in Compliance Catches First Salmon

A Fish and Wildlife Lieutenant conducted angling checks along the Rogue River. After issuing citations for no resident angling license or angling tag, writing notes for the citations, a 15 year old (above) who had already been checked and was in compliance, waved the Lieutenant over from his truck. While the Lieutenant was citing the non-compliant subjects, the juvenile had caught his first salmon ever and could not get his MyODFW app to tag his fish. The Lieutenant was able to get the juvenile's app to work and showed him how to tag his fish, then took his photo.

CASE DISPOSITIONS

Habitual Offender Sentenced - Columbia County

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a disposition regarding a subject he cited in spring 2024 for **Angling While Suspended (Lifetime)**. The subject has been a habitual angling and hunting offender for the past decade and has accumulated a lengthy fish and wildlife criminal history in multiple counties. After being cited in April, just two weeks later he was cited by a St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper for angling and ultimately served three months in Columbia County Jail. In addition, for the Clatsop County offense, he received the following:

- 80 hours of community service
- \$1,500 fine payable to ODFW
- 2-year bench probation
- Forfeit fishing gear (two poles/reels)
- Ordered to forfeit all firearms in his possession





Oregon's fish and wildlife
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.



Any tip helps and can be anonymous!
Dial *OSP (*677) on mobile devices
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