



OREGON STATE POLICE FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION



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*On the cover:
A Fish and Wildlife patrol truck on a
national forest road east of Lincoln City*

SPORTSMEN'S SHOWS



Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from around the state worked the OSP Fish and Wildlife booth at the Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show at the Portland Expo Center. Numerous people stopped by the booth to learn about the Fish and Wildlife Division and many thanked the Troopers for their continued efforts out in the field. The Valentine's Day crowd was big and lots of positive interactions and Fish and Wildlife questions were answered.



Saltwater Sportfishing Show

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Central Region Troopers participated in the Saltwater Sportfishing show in Salem. The show is hosted by the Oregon Coalition for Educating Anglers (OCEAN). This group holds this show annually which includes marine fishing vendors, organizations, and various demonstrations and seminars aimed at helping enhance recreational coastal fishing. Troopers were present alongside ODFW Marine Resources staff to provide education and advice on how to navigate fishing regulations.



Eugene Sportsmen's Show

Fish and Wildlife Troopers attended the 2026 Eugene Sportsmen's and Outdoor Recreation Show. During the event they spoke with the public and answered questions related to hunting, fishing and other outdoors activities. Troopers also provided OSP swag to attendees.

SPORTSMEN'S SHOWS



Central Oregon Sportsman's Show

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from the Bend Area Command worked the OSP booth at the 2026 Central Oregon Sportsman's Show. Troopers contacted many visitors, answered questions, and handed out hundreds of stickers and other OSP swag. Many attendees expressed their thanks for what we do.



Willamette Sportsman Show - Albany

Fish and Wildlife Troopers attended the 2026 Willamette Sportsman show in Albany. During the event they spoke with the public and answered questions related to hunting, fishing and other outdoors activities. Troopers also provided OSP swag to attendees and took time to shake a few hands.



Roseburg Sportsmen's and Outdoor Show

Fish and Wildlife Troopers contacted hundreds of members of the public at the Roseburg Sportsmen's and Outdoor Recreation Show. Troopers utilized the Trailer of Shame with additional local cases highlighted.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EVENTS



Trooper Presents at Redmond OHA Meeting

A Prineville Fish and Wildlife Trooper presented to the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) Redmond Chapter at their monthly meeting. Topics covered focused on cases made by the Bend Area Fish and Wildlife Team, and numerous questions were addressed. Approximately 50 people were in attendance.

Trooper Attends Hunter Safety Class

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper attended a hunters safety education course in Hermiston where he was asked to speak about fish and wildlife. A short PowerPoint was shown to 14 students and a good discussion followed about different situations that they may encounter in the field. The Trooper and the rest of the Columbia Basin Team were asked to attend future classes as hunters education instructors are in short supply right now.

Trooper Attends Career Day

A Prineville Fish and Wildlife Trooper joined Prineville Police Department Officers for a career day at High Desert Christian Academy. Officers presented to approximately 30 kids aged 3-6.



Troopers Visit Fourth Grade Class

A Bend Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Madras Trooper visited a class of fourth graders who had just finished a unit on marine mammals. The Troopers brought sea lion skulls and a walrus skull to the class and presented and answered questions about marine mammals.

Trooper Speaks at Hunter Safety Class

A Heppner Fish and Wildlife Trooper joined a local hunter safety instructor in Pilot Rock to speak with his ongoing class. In total 17 students and seven adults spent two hours listening to the presentation covering gun safety, and common violations. The Turn-In-Poachers (TIP) program was discussed, and everyone was taught how to contact OSP to report potential game violations. Each person in attendance was given the Trooper's contact information and encouraged to reach out with questions regarding changes in the 2026 hunting regulations. The overall theme of the presentation was the point of view that educating young hunters is more effective than having to take enforcement action on a juvenile for not understanding the new unit boundaries.



Trooper Gives Hunter Education Presentation

A Burns Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a hunter education presentation covering numerous hunting laws, violations, motor vehicle and ATV laws (while hunting), and hunter ethics. There were 12 students and two adults in the class. The presentation was well received with good interaction and questions from the kids. Hunter education instructors were grateful and thanked OSP for the presentation and time.

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Bald Eagle Rescued - Sauvie Island

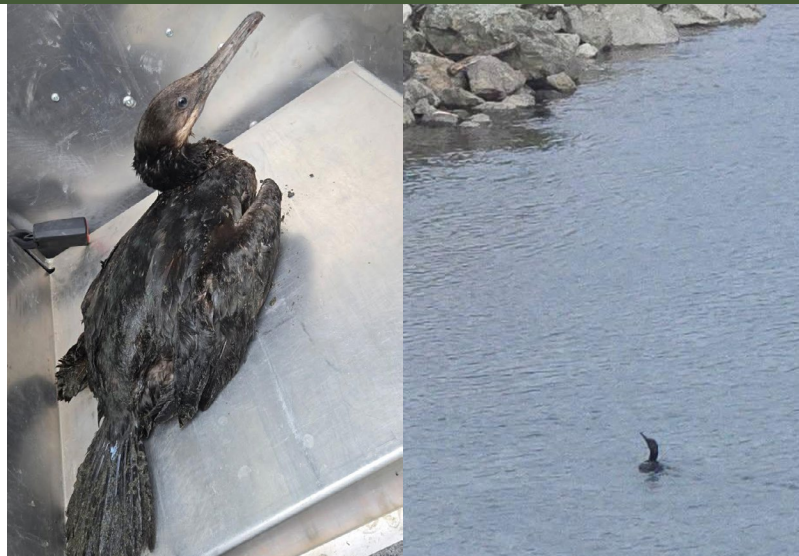
A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a report from an employee at a private duck club on Sauvie Island regarding a bald eagle that appeared to be injured. The eagle was able to walk/run but could not fly. The eagle was captured and transported to the Oregon Bird Alliance for evaluation.

Deer Freed from Wire

A Burns Fish and Wildlife Trooper was contacted several times over the weekend about a mule deer doe with a tight wire or cable wrapped around her neck and front legs. The Trooper was able to locate the deer and contacted ODFW. Several attempts were made to subdue the deer, but she kept getting up and running away. The Trooper was eventually able to get a hold of the deer and wire before the deer ran off and the wire slipped off the deer's head as she pulled away. The deer went over with other deer afterwards and appeared to be fine.

Sergeant Disables Reckless Driver's Vehicle

Fish and Wildlife and Patrol Troopers from the Springfield area command responded to the report of a reckless driver on Hwy 99. The suspect was reported to be driving southbound in the northbound lanes and intentionally targeting vehicles, attempting to run into them. A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant located the vehicle and struck it head on with his vehicle. Both vehicles were disabled and the suspect was taken into custody. He was transported to the Lane County Jail and lodged.



Cormorant Pulled from Mud and Released

A Gold Beach Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a report of an injured bird at Whaleshead Beach. Upon arrival, a cormorant was found stuck in deep sand and mud. The bird was alert and showed no visible signs of injury. It was carefully relocated to a less populated area, where it immediately dove into the water and swam away. The cormorant was observed for several minutes and appeared healthy and unharmed.

Bald Eagle Rescued - Tillamook

A McMinnville Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a call of an injured bald eagle at the rest area on Highway 101 south of Tillamook. A very mature and angry bald eagle with a broken wing was located. With the help of some welding gloves, a rain jacket, a game bag, and some duct tape, the eagle was captured and secured in the cage of the Trooper's truck after a minor struggle. On-Call Community Rescue for Animals (OCCRA) was contacted and a volunteer met the Trooper in Banks, taking possession of the injured bird for transport to Dove Lewis Veterinary hospital in Portland.

Suspect Arrested for DUII

A Bend Fish and Wildlife Sergeant assisted with an impaired driving investigation near Sandy. The driver of the vehicle had been reported for driving out of his lane and sideswiping another vehicle. After a Patrol Trooper performed standard field sobriety tests with the driver, the Sergeant conducted additional tests and observed further indications of impairment. The Sergeant then interviewed the suspect who admitted to mixing alcohol with several medications including lithium. The Sergeant and Trooper placed the suspect under arrest for **Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII)**. The driver's blood alcohol content was measured at 0.11%.

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Hawk Rescued from Highway

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a citizen who picked up a large red-tailed hawk from the center of Highway 101 near the city of Winchester Bay. The hawk was still alive and appeared to have been struck by a vehicle. The Cascades Raptor Center was contacted, and they agreed to take the injured hawk for evaluation.

Grants Pass OSP Staff Assist Injured Man

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant became aware of a medical event outside of the Grants Pass OSP Office thanks to the keen eye of Grants Pass administrative staff. A male had fallen nearby and struck the back of his head. Good Samaritans were assisting. A Trooper dressed the man's wound, stopping the bleeding. The man slowly became less responsive while waiting for the ambulance. The Sergeant administered Narcan. The ambulance arrived and administered an additional dose of Narcan. The man became responsive and was transported for further medical care.

Sergeant Locates Bank Robbery Suspect

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant responded to a bank robbery at Columbia Bank in Depoe Bay. Callers reported two armed adult males concealing their faces entered the bank and held staff at gun point, demanding access to the vault. The suspects obtained more than \$50,000 before fleeing in a red sedan. Shortly afterward, the suspect vehicle was abandoned and intentionally set on fire. The suspects were seen getting into a grey Toyota sedan and fleeing the area. A short time later, witnesses reported seeing the grey sedan in the city of Newport and the suspects fleeing on foot. Newport Police Department (NPD) detained one of the suspects near Highway 101 and Highway 20. The Sergeant and an NPD Officer located and detained the second subject on Nye Beach. An NPD K-9 searched the area up to Nye Beach. A large backpack was located and seized. A search warrant was granted, which resulted in locating over \$50,000 in cash and two weapons.

Subject Cited for Possession of Meth

A Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper was driving through Silverton late in the evening when he observed an individual smoking from a meth pipe in front of a busy convenience store. Upon contact the subject was still smoking from a meth pipe and was discovered to have a realistic looking pellet handgun concealed on his person. The subject had two active arrest warrants out of Marion County. The subject was taken into custody and lodged into the Marion County Jail on the warrants. The subject was also issued a criminal citation in lieu of custody for **Possession of Meth** and information will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office regarding the realistic looking pellet gun.

Trooper Rescues Passenger from Crash

A Springfield Fish and Wildlife Trooper arrived at the scene of a motor vehicle crash seconds after it occurred. The vehicle had left the roadway and struck a tree, coming to rest on its side. The Trooper ran to the vehicle which was filling with smoke, and quickly broke out two windows to let the smoke escape. After the smoke had cleared, the Trooper could see two juveniles and one male adult with serious injuries. With the assistance of a bystander, the Trooper was able to extricate one of the juveniles through one of the broken windows. Firefighters arrived soon after and were able to remove the remaining occupants. The Trooper remained on scene and assisted Springfield Police with their investigation.

WILDLIFE & ENVIRONMENT



Subjects Cited for Deer and Tag Violations

A Portland Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a follow-up investigation involving a subject who harvested two antlerless deer without valid tags at the time of the take. The subject later purchased and validated a tag after the harvest and was also found to have validated a tag for another subject, constituting unlawful lending/borrowing of tags. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Deer and Lending/Borrowing Big Game Tag**. One rifle and deer meat were seized as evidence. The associated landowner was cited for **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense and Lending/Borrowing Big Game Tag**.

Subject Admits to Big Game Violation

A McMinnville Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a report of two subjects with three elk down in a rural Yamhill County farm field. When he arrived, he found three subjects and three dead antlerless elk with tags filled out properly. Two days later, one of the subjects contacted the Trooper with a guilty conscience and said one of the other subjects had accidentally shot two cow elk and tried to cover it up by having him use his tag. The Trooper interviewed the subject and he confessed to shooting two cow elk after he thought he had only injured the first one and came upon a limping cow elk in the herd. It was only after they started cleaning up that they found the third cow elk. He was criminally cited for **Unlawful Take Antlerless Elk**. The meat was seized from a local butcher shop.

Winter Range TMA Violations

A La Pine Fish and Wildlife Trooper patrolled the winter range travel management areas (TMA) where several violators were located. Citations and warnings for **Illegal Motorized Travel** and **Offensive Littering** were issued.

Two Cited for Duck Hunting Violations

An Ontario Fish and Wildlife Trooper was patrolling along the Owyhee River when he observed two parked pick-ups with decoy bags and duck calls inside. While checking the area around the trucks he heard a burst of shotgun shots close by, then located a single juvenile hunter wearing camo, carrying a loaded shotgun, a hunting dog alongside and one duck in possession. The juvenile male stated he wasn't hunting but helping a friend retrieve a duck. The Trooper explained to the juvenile that it was apparent what he was doing. The Trooper walked over 150 yards to their set where he made contact with the rest of the group. The Trooper observed multiple violations to include the use of motorized duck decoys within their setup. The group was comprised of two adults and two juveniles, only one juvenile and one adult had shotguns with them. The adult was issued a citation for **No Game Bird Validation and Use of Motorized or Battery Powered Decoys**. In addition to being cited, several warnings were issued to both the adult and juvenile.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



Undersized Commercial Dungeness Crab

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper was checking the offload of a commercial Dungeness crab vessel at Pier 2 in Astoria when the Trooper observed multiple short crab. Further investigation revealed 412 lbs of the offload were undersized out of a total of 3,030 lbs. The Trooper interviewed the crew ultimately criminally citing the captain for **Take/Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**. The undersized crab were seized and processed for a non-live market.



Commercial Clam Violations

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper was conducting a shellfish-sanitation survey when they noticed several commercial clambers departing the digging area. The Trooper conducted two administrative checks inspecting commercial shellfish harvester permits (CSHP), ODA licenses when applicable, logbooks and the razor clams. On one contact a commercial clammer did not dye their bait clams and kept a clam that was under the required 3 3/4" length. The commercial clammer stated they were new to commercial digging. The clammer was provided more background information on requirements pertaining to dyeing clams before leaving the harvest area and minimum required legal sizes. Enforcement action was taken for **Fail to Dye Commercial Clams** and **Take/Possession of Undersized Commercial Bait Clams**.



Angler Checks - South Jetty Columbia River

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted angler surveillance at the South Jetty of the Columbia River after receiving information of anglers exceeding the limit. Three subjects were contacted as they returned to their vehicle and when asked how many fish were harvested the subjects stated they didn't count. One subject attempted to hide his very large backpack amongst driftwood which was ultimately found to hold five lingcod of various sizes with missing heads. The other two subjects each produced garbage bags filled with multiple headless lingcod, rock fish fillets, and a cabezon (which is currently closed). The subjects were criminally cited and released for **Take/Possession of Marine Fish Closed Season, Take/Possession of Undersized Marine Fish, Exceeding Daily Limit of Fish, Possession of Mutilated Fish**. One subject was found to be a non-resident with no angling licenses in Oregon and was criminally cited and released for **No Non-Resident Angling License** and **Fail to Allow Inspection of Catch**. Eleven Lingcod of various length, a cabezon, and six rock fish were seized and donated. Two of the licensed anglers were allowed to retain a legal limit.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



Possession of Mutilated Marine Fish

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted surveillance at the South Jetty of the Columbia River. A group of anglers were contacted as they returned to their vehicle and were found to have exceeded the daily limit of rock fish and mutilated their catch so size, and species were indeterminable. The two subjects were allowed to keep what was determined as a daily limit of a general rock fish. Both subjects were ultimately issued violation citations for **Possession of Mutilated Marine Fish** and warned for **Exceeding Daily Limit of Fish**. The fish were seized and donated.

Squid Fishery Checks

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted several commercial fishing vessels participating in the market squid fishery. Boats from California and Washington, as well as several local vessels, have been fishing off the central Oregon coast for squid. After speaking with the captains of the boats, it was discovered that several captains failed to purchase ODFW commercial vessel licenses for their seine skiffs. Enforcement action was taken against four separate captains for **No Commercial Fishing Boat License**.

Steelhead Angler Checks - Nehalem River

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted steelhead angler checks on the North Fork Nehalem River. On one contact the Trooper observed a group of anglers fishing at a popular fishing hole. When contacted after they returned to their vehicle. Two subjects admitted to not having an angling license. One subject was cited for **No Resident Angling License** and the second, a juvenile, was warned.



Herring Angler Checks - South Beach Marina

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Troopers contacted hundreds of herring anglers at South Beach Marina in Newport. Reports indicated the largest biomass of herring in several years within Yaquina Bay. Two citations were issued for **Continuing to Angle After Daily Limit** and three warnings were issued for **Exceeding Daily Limit of Fish**. Approximately 75 pounds of herring were seized throughout the day and donated to the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

Fish Dealer Cited - Newport

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a fish dealer in Newport who unlawfully received fish on behalf of another dealer and attempted to deliver the fish to a local restaurant with no documentation. Additionally, the fish were not documented on a fish ticket until two weeks after they were landed. Fish tickets are required to be submitted within one working day of landing. One dealer was cited for **No Fish Buyer License** and warned for **Fail To Submit Fish Receiving Ticket Within Required Timeframe**. The other dealer was cited for **Aiding in a Commercial Fishing Violation**.

Steelhead Angler Checks - Lincoln County

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted steelhead angler checks in north Lincoln County. One pair of anglers were contacted on Drift Creek who had been camped and fishing for two days. Upon inspection of their licenses and tags, it was determined one subject had not purchased a 2026 angling tag and the other was unable to access his tag on the ODFW app. The subject without a tag was cited for **No Combined Angling Harvest Tag** and the other was warned for **No Valid License/Tag in Possession: Angling Tag**.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Lower Willamette River Boat Patrol

A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and McMinnville Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a boat patrol on the lower Willamette River on a warm sunny day. Approximately 17 anglers were contacted and seven were issued warnings or citations for angling and boating violations including **Angling for Sturgeon Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks** and **No Non-Resident Angling License**.

Angling Closed Season

A Prineville Fish and Wildlife Trooper patrolled the Crooked River and observed a subject who appeared to be targeting steelhead above Big Bend Campground. The subject was observed using two spinning rods with gear typically only used for salmon/steelhead. When contacted the subject claimed he has caught trout on the gear. The subject admitted when challenged that he was fishing for steelhead and should have read the regulations. The subject was issued a citation for **Angling Closed Water/Season: Steelhead**.

North Santiam River Shore Patrol

A Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a shore patrol on the North Santiam River at the Stayton-Scio bridge and contacted a subject angling for steelhead. The subject admitted he did not have any required documents for steelhead angling. It was then discovered the subject was suspended for failing to pay child support since 2015. The subject was issued citations for **No Resident Angling License, No Combined Angling Harvest Tag, and No Columbia River Endorsement**.

OSP/Lane County Joint Boat Patrol

A Springfield Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper conducted a boat patrol and angler checks with Lane County Sheriff's Office Marine Deputies. They patrolled the McKenzie River and removed a large tree that was blocking one of the channels.

Angling Prohibited Method: Two Rods

A Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed two anglers across from Bunches Bar at a private property river access. Both subjects were observed using two rods to angle for steelhead. Additional Troopers were contacted and assisted in contacting the subjects. Both were cited for **Angling Prohibited Method: Two Rods** and a rod was seized from each angler.

Nighttime Boat Patrol - Columbia River

Hepner and Pendleton Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a nighttime boat patrol on the Columbia River after the east region Fish and Wildlife Pilot flew the river and counted 65 boats on the water. Nine boats were contacted, with three citations issued for **Angling Prohibited Method: Two Rods**, and three warnings for lighting violations.

Undersized Dungeness Crab - Nehalem Bay

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Sergeant was on his way home from a shellfish sanitation patrol when he observed a drift boat returning to the Nehalem Bay Boat Ramp. Two subjects were contacted after they pulled their boat out of the water and stated that they had caught two crab. A check of the crab found that one was short. The subjects stated there were no more crab on the boat, but a consent search of a second cooler turned up one more crab that was $\frac{3}{4}$ inch short. Only one of the subjects had a shellfish license and he claimed all the crab were his. He was cited for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab** and two of the three crab were seized and returned to the water.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Columbia River Sturgeon Retention Fisheries

The Mid-Columbia Team, along with assistance from the Columbia Basin Team and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) enforcement, worked the one-day sturgeon retention fisheries this past week. The enforcement efforts include the following: 209 anglers checked, 42 boats checked, 13 violation citations, 17 warnings, and three undersized sturgeon seized and released alive

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles and Hermiston worked a boat patrol with WDFW for the continuing one-day sturgeon fisheries in The Dalles Pool of the Columbia River. The Dalles Pool saw a lot of anglers. Boat ramps and popular bank angling locations were packed. During the boat patrol Troopers and the WDFW Officer checked 16 boats and 46 anglers. In total nine angling warnings and six angling citations were issued. Citations included **Take/Possession of Undersized Sturgeon, Angling Prohibited Method (Multiple Hooks), Angling Prohibited Method (Barbed Hooks), Angling Prohibited Method (Two Rods),** and **Failure to Validate**. Six legal sturgeon were checked on the patrol with the one undersized sturgeon seized and released live back to the river. In addition, several boat inspections were done with one boating warning issued.

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Troopers from The Dalles, along with an OSP volunteer conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River during a one-day sturgeon retention season. During that patrol, 15 boats and over 40 anglers were checked, which resulted in a variety of enforcement contacts. The enforcement contacts included: two citations for **Expired Boat Registration**, one citation each for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Undersized Sturgeon** and **Angling with more than One Rod/Line**, and one warning each for **No Columbia River Endorsement, No Paper License on Person,** and **Unlawful Take/Possession of Undersized Sturgeon.**

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles was conducting angler checks along the shore of the Columbia River while sturgeon retention was allowed in the John Day Pool. One subject was contacted away from his gear, at his vehicle. He admitted that he left his rod/line still in the water for sturgeon, which was a few minutes walk away but that a friend was down there with it. The subject did not have a valid Columbia River Endorsement. Contact was made with the second subject and three rod/lines were observed in the water. The second subject admitted two of the rods were his, but that he thought he could use two rods. Both subjects were also observed using barbed hooks for sturgeon. The first subject was violation cited for **No Columbia River Endorsement,** and warned for **Fail to Attend Rod/Line and Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks.** The second subject was issued a violation citation for **Angling Prohibited Method: More than One Rod** and warned for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks.**

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles and Heppner conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River between The Dalles Dam and John Day Dam checking sturgeon anglers along with boat safety checks resulting in the following: 51 angler checks, 11 boat inspections completed, two citations, and three marine board boat warnings.

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles conducted a shore patrol for a one-day sturgeon opener, checking 32 anglers along the bank. One subject was cited for **No Combined Harvest Card** and warned for **No Paper License on Person.** Another subject was warned for **No Columbia River Basin Endorsement.** During the shore patrol the angling was very slow. No fish were checked or even observed being caught.

CASE DISPOSITIONS

Subject Pleads Guilty - Linn County

During General Western Buck season 2025, a Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper received an anonymous tip about a subject who had shot a doe in the Santiam unit without a tag. Troopers contacted the subject and interviewed him. The subject admitted to shooting the doe without a tag and stated he had dumped the doe at an undisclosed location. The subject was criminally cited into the Linn County Justice Court for the unlawful take of the doe, waste, and his shotgun was seized. The suspect later pleaded guilty to both charges and was given the following sentence:

- Five years of probation
- 15 days of community service
- \$1,000 in fines
- 3-year hunting license suspension
- Forfeiture of seized shotgun

Subject Pleads No Contest - Douglas County

In October 2025, the Roseburg Fish and Wildlife team conducted a team operation. Using a department issued spotting scope a Trooper observed a vehicle come to a stop on a gravel roadway. Two juveniles exited the vehicle with rifles. They appeared as if they were attempting to shoot a deer, but did not fire any shots. An adult male also exited the vehicle and fired multiple shots from an AR-15 rifle. The adult male harvested a forked horn buck deer. A Trooper contacted the subjects. Upon contact the adult male told the Trooper one of the juveniles had killed their first buck. It was found that a juvenile had tagged the buck that was shot by the adult (the adult had a valid deer tag.) The adult male was cited for **Loaning/Borrowing a Big Game Tag**. Several other charges were referred to the District Attorney's Office for consideration. In February 2026, the defendant entered a no contest plea for one charge and four additional charges were dismissed. The defendant was sentenced to:

- Three days in jail or three days of work crew
- \$1100 in fines and restitution
- 3-year hunting license suspension
- Forfeiture of the AR-15 rifle

Subject Found Guilty - Coos County

Recently, a subject who was violation cited for **No Non-Resident Hunting License and Unlawful Take of Waterfowl** in Coos County during October 2025 was found guilty in a trial by declaration. The subject was sentenced to:

- \$310 fine
- \$40 to the OHA TIP Fund
- 3-year hunting license suspension

Due to the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, the subject will also not be able to hunt in his home state of Wisconsin and most other states during the suspension period.

Subject Pleads Guilty - Columbia County

A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper cited and released a man in October after shooting a deer WED seven times. The man pleaded guilty in the Columbia County Circuit Court to **Unlawful Take of Buck Deer: Misdemeanor**. He was sentenced to:

- \$800 restitution (including \$500 to the WED Program)
- 3-year hunting license suspension

Subject Pleads Guilty - Douglas County

In October 2025, a Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a complaint of 3x3 buck deer being shot from the roadway on private property in rural Douglas County. The vehicle involved fled the scene. The deer was salvaged and donated to the Roseburg Veterans of Foreign War. The Trooper later located the possible associated vehicle. After conducting interviews, probable cause was developed that one of the subjects had fired multiple shots at the buck as it stood in the ditch. The subject was cited and released for **Unlawful Take of Buck Deer and Hunting Upon/Across a Public Roadway**. In February 2026, the subject pleaded guilty to one count in Douglas County Circuit Court. The subject was sentenced to:

- \$1000 restitution to ODFW
- \$500 to the OHA Tip Fund
- Forfeiture of the 6.5 PRC rifle and attached scope
- 3-year hunting license suspension



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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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