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On the cover:

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant overlooking the Siletz Gorge area in the Stott Mt. Unit

NW REGION ARCHERY DEER AND ELK



The dense canopy and rugged ridges of Northwest Oregon host some of the most productive and challenging archery Deer and Elk hunting in the Pacific Northwest. Driven by over-the-counter tag opportunities in coastal and valley units, thousands of bowhunters head into the field every late August through September. However, this vast landscape is a patchwork of publicly and privately owned timberlands. For the general public, gaining access to these areas is entirely dependent on programs involving partnerships between hunters, private landowners, and state agencies.

At the heart of this is the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) Access and Habitat (A&H) Program. Funded primarily by a surcharge on hunting licenses and the sale of premium auction tags, the A&H Program directly addresses the primary barrier to public hunting which is land availability. By compensating private landowners and timber companies who open their lands for public hunting access, the program opens hundreds of thousands of acres of highly productive habitat. This program transforms potential conflict between forest operations and recreationists into a mutually beneficial partnership, providing hunters with legal areas to access while giving landowners a framework to manage access to their lands.

Complementing the A&H program are Cooperative Travel Management Areas (TMAs), which establish rules for vehicle access. In Northwest Oregon, TMAs like the North Coast Travel Management Area serve a dual purpose: they protect wildlife and preserve the quality of the hunting experience. By limiting motorized vehicles to specific, designated areas and closing off side roads behind locked gates, TMAs reduce hunter crowding, lower impacts on wildlife caused by motor vehicles and encourage a fair-chase scenario. Hunters may access these areas on foot, mountain bike, or horseback without the constant disruption of motorized vehicles.

Even with the TMA and A&H programs, Timber managers face increased liabilities associated with allowing hunter access. The late-summer archery season directly coincides with peak wildfire danger in Oregon, where a single spark from a vehicle or an abandoned campfire can devastate millions of dollars of standing timber. Beyond the constant threat of fire, landowners frequently combat property damage, garbage dumping, illegal motorized vehicle use and unauthorized wood cutting. Without an active, visible presence to protect their economic assets, Timber managers would have little choice but to close their gates permanently to all public recreation.

To mitigate these risks and secure public access, A&H funds are used to finance increased enforcement by the Oregon State Police (OSP) Fish & Wildlife Division. OSP troopers provide law enforcement services on these lands, ensuring that public presence does not result in private property destruction. This targeted enforcement ramps up significantly before the season even begins. In areas like the North Coast TMA, OSP patrols start prior to archery season and continue through the fall any legal weapon season.

OSP Fish & Wildlife Troopers use a variety of tools to enforce wildlife laws and minimize the impact to landowners and habitat in these areas. Wildlife Enforcement Decoys (WED) and the OSP Aviation Unit are used in conjunction with Fish and Wildlife Troopers to detect violations. Also, specially trained K-9 units assist Troopers in tracking poachers, locating evidence, and finding unlawfully taken wildlife.

Fish and Wildlife Troopers also focus on regulation compliance. Archery hunters must be aware of regulations which vary by unit. By conducting hunter checks in the field, Troopers ensure wildlife are legally taken. Troopers also rely heavily on self-policing by the hunter community. Through the Turn-In-Poachers (TIP) program, hunters can immediately report violations calling *OSP (*677). By actively reporting violations and respecting private property boundaries, archery hunters protect the resource and maintain relationships which keep Northwest Oregon's timberlands open to the public.

OUTREACH & EVENTS



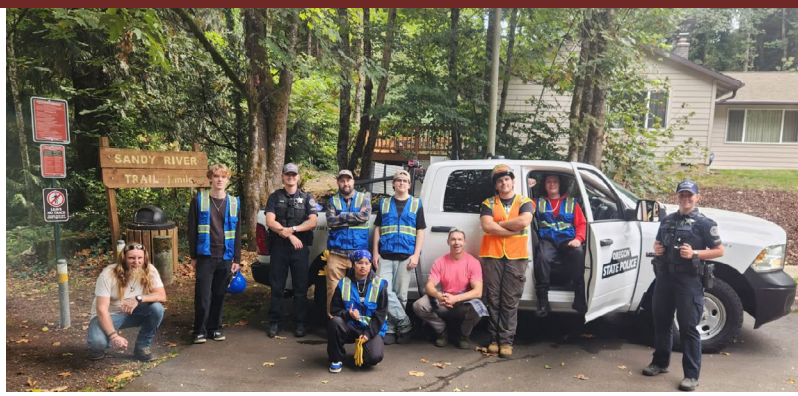
Troopers Attend Hunter Ed Field Day

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles attended a hunter education field day in Hood River County. An OSP volunteer also assisted with the event, which was attended by 26 students. The Dalles Fish and Wildlife Team members assisted with several training stations and provided instruction on safe firearm handling, hunting laws and regulations, shoot/don't-shoot scenarios, shot placement, hunting ethics, and other required field-day activities. Troopers also discussed Oregon's Electronic Licensing System (ELS), youth mentored hunting opportunities, and other resources available to new and young hunters. Throughout the field day, Troopers answered questions and interacted with students and parents while reinforcing safe, responsible, legal, and ethical hunting practices. Students and parents were engaged throughout the event and expressed their appreciation for the time, knowledge, and experience the Fish and Wildlife Troopers provided to the hunter education program.



Annual Pig Bowl

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper from The Dalles volunteered their time to assist with officiating the annual Pig Bowl, a community fundraising football game featuring local police and firefighters. The event raises funds to support selected local families who are currently battling, or have previously faced, life-changing medical issues. The event is well attended by members of the community coming together in support of families during difficult times. One of this year's recipients was a Hood River Sheriff's Office Sergeant who was forced into medical retirement due to an advanced cancer diagnosis. The police team came out victorious in this years game.



Troopers Assist on MEWA Project

Portland Fish and Wildlife Troopers attended a Metro East Web Academy (MEWA) project where students worked on the Sandy River trail. Troopers brought ATVs, decoys and other tools for students to get a hands on experience and a better understanding of how the Fish and Wildlife Division operates.

Troopers and K-9 Goose Attend Career Fair

La Grande and Ontario Fish and Wildlife and Patrol Troopers, along with K-9 Goose, attended the Skill Trades Job career fair held at the Ontario National Guard Armory. The Troopers interacted with middle schoolers and high school students from Ontario, Vale, Adrian, Harper, and Nyssa. The Troopers were well received, handed out a fair amount of OSP Swag, and K-9 Goose was a big hit with students and teachers.

Troopers Attend Youth Pheasant Hunt Opener

Central Point and Grants Pass attended the youth pheasant hunt opener at ODFW. A good turnout of youth hunters participated.



Trooper's Truck Wins "Best Ride" in Parade

A Springfield Fish and Wildlife Trooper participated in the annual Waterville Community Parade and won a second place ribbon in the "best ride" contest. The event was a success with numerous positive contacts, and lots have candy handed out to the kids.

RESCUES & COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE



Trooper Helps Release Rehabbed Hawk

A John Day Fish and Wildlife Trooper rescued an injured red-tailed hawk in early August, and took it to the Blue Mountain Wildlife Center in Umatilla County. The hawk made a speedy recovery and was released outside of Prairie City showing no problems getting back to its habitat.

Injured Eagles Successfully Released

Early in August, a St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper was able to capture two bald eagles that were injured at Prescott Beach County Park near Rainier. Both eagles were successfully released by the Bird Alliance of Oregon.

Trooper Locates Overdue Hunter

A Fossil Fish and Wildlife Trooper took a report of a hunter who was a couple days overdue on calling home to family to check in. The hunter was located in the North Fossil Unit and verified he was fine. He mentioned his phone was having reception issues. The Trooper re-contacted the family and advised them he was fine. They were very appreciative.



Hawk Receives Surgery for Broken Wing

A Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Trooper received an update on an injured hawk that he rescued from alongside Interstate 5 earlier in the month of September. The bird was still alive and received a successful surgery to put a pin in its broken wing (as seen in above x-ray image).

Child Missing from Campsite Located

A Gold Beach Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to the Redwood River Bar along the Chetco River for a report of a missing 2.5-year-old child who had wandered from her campsite. The Trooper located the child near the campsite with her mother shortly after arrival. A Patrol Trooper, the Curry County Sheriff's Office, and Curry County Search and Rescue also responded to assist with the incident. The child was safely located and reunited with her family.

GENERAL LAW & ENVIRONMENT



Subject Accessed Private Timberlands with E-Bike

An Albany Fish and Wildlife Trooper obtained information a subject was accessing private timber lands with an E-bike. Other members of the Albany team responded to the area and the subject was located with his E-bike and admitted to using it. He was criminally cited and released, and the E-bike was seized.

Subject Cited for Offensive Littering

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles received a report of a garbage dump off Highway 30 and the Rowena Loops. The reporting party (RP) heard a large crash when the garbage was being dumped over the embankment towards their house and went to confront the suspects. The RP was able to give a description of the driver, vehicle, and license plate. Several names and addresses were in the garbage. The Trooper checked multiple residences over several days. The vehicle was eventually located and the suspect was interviewed. The suspect admitted to dumping the garbage with the help of her adult son. She was criminally cited for **Offensive Littering.** Additional charge of **Driving While Suspended (DWS) Misdemeanor** was forwarded to the District Attorney's office for consideration.

Trooper Investigates Unlawful Fire and Trespass

A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper was checking archery hunters on Weyerhaeuser land in the Clear Creek area of Columbia County when he noticed smoke in the air from a campfire, which is prohibited on Weyerhaeuser property. When he located the fire, he found a man and woman sitting near Clear Creek who stated they were looking for agates. The couple was advised that campfires were prohibited and was found to be on the property without a required Weyerhaeuser access permit, despite acknowledging they knew a permit was required. After the fire was extinguished, the couple was asked to leave and enforcement action was taken for **Criminal Trespass II.**

Trooper Clears Fallen Fire Damaged Trees

A Prineville Fish and Wildlife Trooper patrolled the Ochoco Unit in Wheeler County. Hunters contacted during the patrol reported fire damaged trees were down blocking a couple spots on roads. The Trooper located three downed trees. Using a department issued chainsaw the Trooper cut and removed the trees, dragging them clear with a chain to clear roadways.

TMA Trespassers Cited

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to multiple TMA complaints from local timber companies about subjects violating various rules. Citations and warnings were issued to several individuals for **Violation of the Travel Management Agreement** and **Operate/Park a Motor Vehicle in Violation of the Cooperative Travel Management Agreement.** Each violator was also advised they were trespassed from the property.

Subject Investigated for Mining Violation

A Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a report of subjects using motorized equipment while mining for gold on the South Umpqua River. The subject admitted to using an electric rock tumbler below the ordinary high-water line. They stopped using the equipment after another miner told them it was unlawful to use. The subjects were educated on the regulations. Enforcement action was taken for **Unlawful Motorized In-Stream Placer Mining.**

Trooper Assists with Vehicle Fire

A Bend Fish and Wildlife Trooper was advised of an electric vehicle fire on Jack Lake Road. It was determined that the gasoline powered vehicle's battery had started to melt, causing an electrical fire. The driver was able to extinguish the fire. The Trooper removed the battery from the vehicle and called a tow for the driver.

WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT



Subject Cited for Hunting Black Bear with a Dog

A La Pine Fish and Wildlife Trooper had been attempting to locate a bear hunter who has been using his dog to track bears in the Crane Prairie area since August. The subject has previously seen Troopers in the area and changed locations in an apparent effort to avoid detection, knowing his actions were illegal. The subject's vehicle was located on a small spur road in the high lakes area and the Trooper remained in the area until the subject returned. Upon contact the Trooper observed the subject with his hunting dog and rifle. Subsequent investigation revealed the subject has been told not to use his dog to track bears but decided to do it anyway and didn't think he would be caught. The subject was issued a citation for **Hunting Black Bear with Use of Dogs or Bait** and then released.



Subject Takes Roadstruck Elk without Permit

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers responded to a report of an individual removing an elk from the side of the road and loading it onto a boat trailer. Upon arrival the Troopers contacted the subject, who stated he planned to submit a roadkill salvage permit to ODFW and already knew the process. The Trooper clearly explained the steps and permit requirements to the subject. Four days later Troopers were dispatched to a report of a whole elk carcass that had been dumped in the state forest. Investigation revealed this elk had the same ratchet strap on it as seen during the roadstruck elk call in Warrenton four days earlier and appeared to be the same bull. The subject did not turn in the elk's head or submit a roadkill salvage permit as advised. Troopers went to the suspects home in Columbia County and contacted him issuing a citation for **Violation of Provisions Regarding Wildlife Salvage Permits.**



Hunting Trespassers Cited

The Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Team conducted a week-long investigation into five subjects who trespassed onto three separate properties in order to find an elk that one of the subjects unlawfully shot on private timber that was permit-access only. A Trooper was able to identify the suspects involved. Troopers located the elk carcass and determined the subjects had trespassed on three separate properties. K-9 Drake and his handler responded to assist with locating evidence. Two property owners declined to press charges on the trespassers as they knew the subjects involved. The private timber company requested prosecution of the two subjects on their property who took the bull elk. They requested the subjects who helped with the packout be warned. Troopers cited and released one subject for **Unlawful Take of a Bull Elk** and **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass.** Troopers cited and released a second subject for **Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree** and **Aiding in a Game Violation.** Both were warned for trespassing on the other two properties. The three other subjects who assisted with the pack out of the elk were warned for trespassing on the three involved properties.

WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT





Felon Cited for Hunting and Firearms Charges

A Madras Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a report of a buck shot by an individual with a shotgun outside of Redmond. The Trooper called the landowner where the buck was taken. The landowner gave permission for Troopers to access property to locate a buck that was hanging in the shop on the property. Troopers confirmed the suspect was a convicted felon and did not possess a deer tag. The suspect who shot the buck lived on the property with the landowner. Troopers arrived on scene shortly after and located a trophy mule deer buck hanging in a shop. Holes in the carcass clearly indicated the buck was shot with a shotgun and not archery equipment. A subsequent interview with the suspect determined the buck was shot with a slug from a shotgun. The buck and one cell phone were seized. The suspect was cited for **Take/Possession of Buck Deer, Waste of Game Mammal, No Big Game Tag,** and **Possession of Firearm by Felon.**

Southwest Region Fish and Wildlife Night Flight

The Rogue Valley Fish and Wildlife Team conducted a night flight over Jackson and Josephine Counties with the assistance of the SW Region Pilot. At approximately 8:45 pm, three subjects were contacted. The individuals were observed casting artificial light from a motor vehicle while leaving closed private timber lands. In addition to their bows, the subjects were found to be in possession of a scoped .22 caliber rifle, a .44 magnum rifle with the barrel sawed off at 16.5 inches with a non-parallax red dot sight, and a 9mm handgun. Troopers located several spent .22 shell casings in the driver side floorboard of the vehicle. The two subjects who were observed casting artificial light from the front driver and passenger sides of the vehicles were cited and the firearms were seized.

WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT



Antelope Hunter Self-Reports Waste

A Burns Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a call of an antelope hunter who wanted to self-report shooting a buck antelope during the Riley doe/fawn only hunt. Upon contact the subject advised the Trooper that he accidentally shot the buck because he did not see the horns, which he thought were about three inches tall. The subject advised that he got scared and just walked away from the buck in the field leaving it to waste and returned home to Albany. The Trooper responded to the area and searched on foot in an attempt to find the kill site and recover any evidence from the buck. The Trooper initially located hair from the kill site and after an extensive search was able to locate the head of the antelope. The buck had very heavy horns with good cutters and was about 8-9 inches tall, not three inches like the hunter reported. The subject was issued a citation for **Waste of Game Mammal** and issued two other warnings.

Felon Cited for Trespass, Hunting, and Firearms Charges

La Grande Fish and Wildlife Troopers responded to a report of a subject shooting a cow elk with a rifle in the Wenaha unit. The incident occurred on private timber land that was closed to motor vehicles. The suspect had driven a UTV into the area to kill the elk then retrieved it with a different vehicle. The Troopers were assisted by a Patrol Trooper and the reporting party. The kill site was located but the elk had been removed. The vehicle tracks were backtracked to a residence that bordered the timber company property. Contact was made at the residence, initially the homeowner denied knowledge of an elk but when confronted with the elk hanging in the barn, he stated his son would come up. Contact was made with the son who admitted to shooting the elk with a rifle and trespassing on the timber company land. The subject was found to be a convicted felon. The subject was cited and released for **Unlawful Take Cow Elk, Felon in Possession of a Firearm,** and **Criminal Trespass II.** The elk and a .30-06 rifle were seized.

Couple Cited/Warned for Unlawful Take of Turkey

A Baker City Fish and Wildlife Trooper followed up on a case involving two individuals who harvested turkeys in the Lookout Mountain unit prior to the opening of the fall turkey season. The husband and wife were contacted at their residence in Ontario, and one was issued a citation for **Unlawful Take/Closed Season** and the other a warning for **Unlawful Take/Closed Season.** The turkeys were seized and donated to charity.

Subject Cited for Waste of Black Bear

A Central Point Fish and Wildlife Sergeant concluded an investigation involving a black bear carcass that was found dumped with all the meat wasted near Coquille. The investigation revealed a person of interest lived about 200 yards from where the carcass was dumped and his daughter had lawfully tagged a bear a few weeks prior. The subject was initially untruthful but ultimately confessed to leaving the bear unprocessed in a cooler for over two weeks. The man then admitted to dumping it along the shoulder of a nearby paved county road after discovering it was moldy and had gone sour. He was cited for **Waste of Wildlife.**

WED Operation - Trask Unit

McMinnville and Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a Wildlife Enforcement Decoy (WED) operation in the Trask Unit. Approximately 30 minutes after the end of legal shooting hours a vehicle stopped in the set and illuminated the buck deer decoy with the headlights. The driver exited the vehicle and made a perfect shot from about 25 yards while standing in the roadway, striking the decoy behind the right shoulder. The subject was subsequently cited and released for **Hunting Prohibited Hours** and his Hoyt RX-9 bow was seized as evidence.

MARINE FISHERIES



South Coast Ocean Boat Patrol

South Coast Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted an ocean boat patrol outside Charleston, as well as in the Coos River. The following enforcement actions were taken:

- **No Combined Angling Tag**
- **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks**
- **Multi-Species Rule Violation**
- **No Combined Angling Tag**
- **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense: Youth License/Tag**
- **Take Marine Fish Closed Season (Yelloweye)**

Also, during the patrol on the ocean, it was overheard on the US Coast Guard (USCG) radio frequency that a boat south of Charleston needed to be towed back to port due to a loss of steering control. The vessel was located by Troopers and safely towed back to the boat ramp.



Central Coast Ocean Boat Patrol

Marine Fisheries Team (MFT) members and Newport Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted an ocean patrol from Newport to Winchester Bay. Recreational salmon anglers were contacted out of Newport, Siuslaw, and Winchester Bay. Enforcement action was taken for **Failure to Validate Harvest Tag, Angling Prohibited Method: Treble Hook, Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks, No Juvenile Angling Tag,** and **No Vessel Registration Decal.** The team also located and pulled two derelict commercial crab pots.

Commercial Dungeness Crab Fisherman Cited

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper concluded an investigation into an Oregon Commercial Dungeness Crab fisherman who allegedly abandoned his gear in the Pacific Ocean while he left the country. The subject continued to submit fish tickets indicating he had been tending his gear and making landings within the required 14-day timeframe. The fisherman was criminally cited for **Falsifying Commercial Fish Reports, Leave Gear Set More Than 14 Days Without a Landing,** and **Fail To Maintain/Submit Logbook: Dungeness Crab.**

Dealer Cited for Fail to Complete Fish Tickets

During checks of limited fish sellers, a Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper found a dealer who failed to complete fish tickets for three separate landings, two groundfish and one salmon trip. The dealer was cited for **Fail to Complete Fish Tickets.** A second limited fish dealer was found to have not completed a fish ticket for a tuna landing. That dealer was also cited for **Fail to Complete a Fish Ticket.**

ANGLING ENFORCEMENT



Salmon River Angler Checks

A Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted angler checks on the Salmon River in north Lincoln County. The Trooper contacted two subjects who were angling in violation of gear restrictions on the Salmon River. Angling is restricted to single point hook metal-based lures, fly fishing, or bobber fishing September 1st to December 31st. While the Trooper was contacting the first individual who was angling with corkies, he observed the second individual reel in his line with a fishing pole and then pick up a beer can and begin reeling in a line he attached to the can. The first subject was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method** and the second subject was cited for **Angling with More Than One Line/Rod.**

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a patrol on the Salmon River with 94 anglers contacted and two citations issued for **Use of Treble Hooks,** three citations issued for **No Combined Angling Tag,** and one warning and failed boat inspection was issued for **No/Expired Certificate of Number.**

Two-Day Salmon Season Boat Patrol

A Hermiston Fish and Wildlife Trooper joined a Umatilla County Sheriff's Office Deputy for a boat patrol during the two-day salmon season. A total of 16 boats and 45 anglers were contacted. Citations and warnings were issued for **Angling with More Than One Rod/Line, Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks, Fail to Properly Validate Harvest Card, No Combined Angling Tag in Possession,** and **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense.** The Deputy issued multiple warnings for Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) violations.

Subjects Cited for Trespassing - Wood River

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a trespass in progress on private property along the Wood River. This location includes one of the most important spawning staging areas for redband trout on the upper Wood River. The property owner has had numerous issues with trespassing, damage to his property, and illegal harvest of redband trout. A cell camera was deployed to monitor the property at the owner's request. Subjects were observed accessing the property by vehicle, after removing the locked gate. They were contacted a short time later and criminally cited for **Trespass** at the owner's request. Additional area patrols that day of the Williamson River, Recreation Creek, and Spring Creek resulted in 13 contacts, eight boat inspections with six of the contacts being in violation.

Snaggers Cited - Plympton Creek

On Labor Day, an Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper encountered a vehicle parked near Hwy 101 at Plympton Creek. He followed a group of three men in the early morning hours as they walked to the upper stretch of the creek and observed their behavior. Within a short time, all three individuals were attempting to foul hook a school of salmon trapped in a small pool of water. They repeatedly hooked a number of salmon, some of which were not immediately returned to the water. One individual was observed using a fillet knife to make cuts into the flesh to determine meat quality before discarding them back into the water. The Trooper contacted the subjects and confronted them with what he had observed. All three individuals were cited for **Attempting to Foul Hook Salmon** and one was also cited for **Failure to Immediately Release Salmon Unharmed.** Later that afternoon on a boat patrol on the Columbia River, the Trooper contacted 21 boats, resulting in 11 citations and multiple warnings for: **Angling with Barbed Hooks** and **Angling Closed Area (Below Warrior Rock Deadline).**

ANGLING ENFORCEMENT

Multi-Day Columbia River Gorge Operation

The Dalles and Portland Fish and Wildlife teams conducted a multi-day and overnight enforcement operation along the Columbia River Gorge. Areas of focus included Eagle Creek, Tanner Creek and Herman Creek, along with the Columbia River which all had high volumes of migrating salmon and are all currently closed. Multiple cellular trail cameras were deployed in local areas to better alert nearby Troopers of activity in closed areas. Equipment utilized included thermal optics and night vision during nighttime operations. Numerous enforcement actions were taken including the following:

Criminal citations for:

- Angling Prohibited Method (net and flashlights seized)
- Aiding in a Wildlife Offense

Violation citations and warnings for:

- Angling Closed Area
- Take/Possession of Fish Closed Area
- Aiding in a Wildlife Offense
- Use of Marijuana in Public

A total of four salmon were seized and later donated.

During the Columbia River Gorge Joint Operation, Troopers conducted enforcement efforts in several closed areas and documented numerous violations.

A Portland Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper observed a truck parked near Tanner Creek and saw headlamps lighting up the trail. The Sergeant and Trooper were able to see three subjects attempting to net fish out of Tanner Creek. All three subjects were carrying high powered flashlights, and one subject was netting in the creek, while one stood on the bank as a look out. The subject attempted to hide the net under an outflow pipe upon contact. The lookout quickly stated they were not familiar with any regulations and definitely were not there to net salmon and steelhead. The subjects eventually stated they were there to net trout and knew that was unlawful. The net and three flashlights were seized. The subjects were cited and released for their crimes.



Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles observed a boat trolling within the closed Columbia River. The two subjects on board were targeting salmon and were waived into shore. The subjects admitted to catching and retaining one hatchery adult Coho, and two wild jack Chinook and believed it was open. Both were educated on how to look up current regulation updates online. Both were issued violation citations for **Angling Closed Area** and warned for **Take/Possession of Fish Closed Area.** The three salmon were seized and donated.

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles were alerted that two subjects were entering a closed fishing area at Eagle Creek, one of whom was carrying angling gear. The subjects were located a short time later and one had already retained one hatchery jack Chinook. The subject was issued a violation citation for **Take/Possession of Fish Closed Area** and warned for **Angling Closed Area.** The subject's friend was additionally warned for **Use of Marijuana in Public** and **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense.**

CASE DISPOSITIONS

Subject Pleads Guilty - Wallowa County

A Pendleton Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a case disposition from the Wallowa County District Attorney. The case involved a husband and wife who were cited in three counties for variations of Loaning and Borrowing tags and charges are still pending in Baker County. The husband pleaded guilty to one count of **Taking, Angling, Hunting, or Trapping in Violation of Wildlife Law or Rule** and was sentenced to:

- Fines and restitution totaling $7,052
- Forfeiture of the rifle used and the deer to the Oregon State Police
- 40 hours of community service
- 5-year hunting license suspension
- 24 months of bench probation which includes the following terms: Not possess any weapons, firearms, or ammunition. May not accompany anyone hunting, be in hunting camps, or assist anyone in hunting. May not camp with firearms.

Subject Pleads Guilty - Columbia County

Portland Fish and Wildlife Troopers investigated a subject who had been living in Washington while purchasing resident Oregon licenses and tags for years. The subject harvested an elk during this time and saved approximately $2,500 dollars. Probable cause was established through documentation found both online and provided by the reporting party (RP), as well as from an interview with the RP and suspect. The elk, that had been euro mounted, was seized. The case was referred to the Columbia County District Attorney's office for review and prosecution. The defendant pleaded guilty and received the following sentence:

- One year probation
- 16 hours community service
- Forfeit any items seized
- No hunting or angling while diversion agreement in effect
- $7,570 in fines



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Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) Cash Rewards

$2,000 Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat & Moose
$1,000 Elk, Deer & Antelope
$600 Bear, Cougar & Wolf
$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.*

ODFW Preference Points Rewards

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

Oregon Wildlife Coalition (OWC) Cash Rewards

Birds

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

Mammals

$500 Cougar, Bobcat, Beaver, 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)

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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