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GRANT COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN JOSLIN RECEIVES "2012 WILDLIFE PROSECUTOR OF THE YEAR" AWARD (PHOTO)

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Grant County District Attorney, Ryan Joslin was selected recently to receive the sixth presentation of an award to a prosecutor in Oregon for their support, hard work, dedication, and efforts in enforcing wildlife protection laws and for their commitment to the preservation of Oregon's wildlife. Sponsored by Oregon Sportsmen's Coalition, the award was presented August 15, 2013, by the Oregon State Police (OSP) and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) at the Oregon District Attorney Association (ODAA) 2013 Summer Conference held in Bend.

Oregon Sportsmen's Coalition, which consists of several volunteer outdoor enthusiast organizations opposed to the unlawful and unethical taking of wildlife, sponsored the "2012 Wildlife Prosecutor of the Year" award in partnership with the OSP Fish and Wildlife Division and ODFW.

Captain Jeff Samuels, OSP Fish & Wildlife Division Director, and ODFW HD Region Manager, Chip Dale, presented the award to Grant County District Attorney, Ryan Joslin at the ODAA Conference.

DA Joslin took office as Grant County District Attorney in January 2007 and is currently serving his second term. He is the primary prosecutor for major felony cases in Grant County, but prosecutes most fish and wildlife crimes as well. Ryan handles these cases with the same passion he has for other major crimes in the county.

Captain Samuels applauded DA Joslin for his efforts during 2012 in which he and his office were responsible for the successful prosecution and resolution of over sixty fish and wildlife cases.

"His dedication to natural resource protection and his ability to listen, remain available to our Troopers and provide sound advice and insight are invaluable," said Samuels.

Captain Samuels commented that DA Joslin and the only Fish & Wildlife trooper in John Day, Senior Trooper Marv Ritter (who recently received the 2012 Fish and Wildlife Trooper of the Year award), have a great working relationship that has led to both being recognized for their fine work. Ritter expressed his appreciation for DA Joslin's willingness to listen to facts, discuss cases and make appropriate charges based on those discussions.

DA Joslin's dedication to his duty, the citizens of Grant County and his reputation for excellence were all major factors in his being nominated and receiving this award.

In 2012, DA Joslin's commitment to the prosecution of fish and wildlife cases resulted in dispositions such as the following:

* Senior Trooper Ritter and Trooper McClay investigated a report of the illegal take of a large 4x4 buck deer during the 2011 Murderers Creek rifle elk hunt. The suspect shot the buck, sawed off its antlers, and left the deer to go to waste. After interviewing the suspect, they took him into custody and charged him with Taking Buck Deer Closed Season, Waste of Wildlife, Illegal Possession of Buck Deer Parts, Hunting from Public Roadway, and Hunting Bear Without a Valid Used or Unused Elk Tag. The suspect was lodged in the Grant County Jail. Senior Trooper Ritter and Trooper McClay were able to salvage the meat from the deer. One day before his trial, the suspect pled guilty to Taking Buck Deer Closed Season and Waste of Wildlife. The other 3 charges were dismissed. In exchange for the DA not seeking further jail time, the suspect agreed to, and received, the following sentence: 36 month hunting license suspension, \$7,500.00 restitution to ODFW, \$500.00 restitution to the TIP program, \$125.00 restitution to OSP for cut & wrap fees, \$295.00 other fines & fees, 80 hours community service, 36 months supervised probation.

* Another hunter who aided his 16 year-old son in killing a bobcat during the 2011 archery season in the Murderers Creek hunt unit pled guilty to Aiding in Taking Bobcat Closed Season and received the following sentence: 36 month hunting license suspension, \$800 restitution to ODFW, \$500 fine - suspended, 24 month probation and 40 hours community service.

The mission of the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division could not be accomplished without the hard work and commitment of Oregon's District Attorneys.

"I cannot over emphasize the Fish & Wildlife Division's appreciation for DA Joslin's dedication to prosecuting those who violate Oregon's wildlife laws and his prosecutorial team's efforts towards protecting our wildlife and natural resources," said Samuels.

Dale complimented the collective efforts of ODFW, OSP Fish & Wildlife Division and prosecutors like Grant County DA Joslin who work together to manage, protect wildlife and prosecute those individuals who violate natural resource laws in Oregon.

"This level of partnership helps ensure Oregon's fish and wildlife resources will be available for generations to come," said Dale.

On behalf of Oregon Sportsmen's Coalition, DA Joslin was presented with a wildlife print in appreciation of his professional achievement in this area.

Oregon Sportsmen's Coalition is comprised of several volunteer groups including Oregon Hunters Association and Oregon Foundation for North American Wild Sheep.

(Award Photograph (Left to Right): Chip Dale, ODFW HD Region Manager; Grant County DA Ryan Joslin and Captain Jeff Samuels, Oregon State Police) Source: Oregon State Police

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