

# The Field Review

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## OSP Central Point Fish & Wildlife Division Trooper Receives Shikar-Safari Club International Award

On August 20, 2014, Shikar-Safari Club International representative Lynn Locker presented Senior Trooper James Collom with the Shikar-Safari Club International "Wildlife Officer of the Year" award, placing him in a distinguished group of officers who have earned recognition for their commitment to fish and wildlife enforcement and protection of natural resources. The award has been given annually for more than 25 years to honor outstanding wildlife enforcement officers whose efforts during the previous year reflected outstanding performance and achievement among the state agency's sworn fish and wildlife law enforcement personnel.

In presenting the award, Lynn Locker noted that wildlife enforcement officers rarely receive the recognition and encouragement they so greatly deserve for protecting our wildlife and natural resources.



Left to right: Lynn Locker and Senior Trooper James Collom. Photo credit: OSP file

"We congratulate Senior Trooper Collom on being our selection for the Shikar Safari Club International's 'Wildlife Officer of the Year' award. This award puts him in a very distinguished group who has earned this recognition for their outstanding performance and dedication to duty," said Locker.

Senior Trooper Collom has been involved with enforcing fish and wildlife laws for about 22 years including fourteen years with OSP following nine years as a game warden in Idaho. Passionate about his job, Collom is known to be a top performer on his Fish & Wildlife team including the number of field contacts, investigations, and enforcement activities. He has a high number of field contacts, written the majority of search warrants for his team, and assists Patrol Division troopers in handling crashes and other calls for rural law enforcement services.

As the Department's statewide coordinator for the "Turn-in-Poachers" (TIP) program, Collom administers rewards given by the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) to tipsters for

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information on fish and wildlife cases. He also writes articles for the OHA magazine, works closely with local ODFW biologists, is a speaker at hunter education classes, and helps organize OSP's booth each year at the Sportsmen's Show.

Some recent cases worked by Collom include:

- ◆ The investigation of an Eagle Point-area deer poaching ring that led to the service of seven search warrants and the charging of eight suspects for crimes including 23 felony counts.
- ◆ The investigation of the poaching of a trophy class buck that was shot and left to waste in a field in the Eagle Point area. A difficult case to solve with little evidence, Collom had a news release issued and solicited funding for a \$3,000 reward. The investigation also identified the unlawful shooting of three large bucks and led to charges for a husband and his wife.

In May, Senior Trooper Jim Collom also received the OSP Fish & Wildlife Division's 2013 "Trooper of the Year" award.

Shikar-Safari Club International is a worldwide organization dedicated to the protection, enhancement and preservation of wildlife and has placed particular emphasis on endangered and threatened species through the promotion of enforcement of conservation laws and regulations.

### WILDLIFE / HUNTING

#### Ft. Lewis Subjects Cited for Poaching

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo responded to a farm in rural Polk County after the landowner had found a poached deer with about half of the meat taken. Investigation revealed the neighbor's two grandsons and a friend had been in the area the weekend before coyote hunting. The oldest grandson and his friend were on weekend leave from Fort Lewis, Washington. Sr. Tpr. Turnbo contacted Officer Flowers of Washington Fish and Game who interviewed the two subjects at the military base and they admitted to shooting the deer late at night thinking it was a coyote. After finding out it was a deer, they drug it over a fence and into a dry creek bed. They took the back

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half of the deer and left the rest to waste. Officer Flowers seized the remaining meat and the rifle and the subjects will each be charged with **Taking Deer Closed Season** and **Waste of a Game Mammal**.

## Antelope Season Hunter Compliance

Lt. Gifford, Sgt. Hand, and Tpr's. Frerichs, Tague, and Niehus patrolled during the opening weekend of pronghorn antelope season. Numerous contacts were made with antelope hunters and a few minor violations were discovered and all handled with warnings. Tpr. Jennings, OSP pilot, assisted using aircraft to spot hunters.

Beatty's Butte. Photo credit File



## Poaching in Silvies WMU

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell contacted a male subject who was later determined to be associated with a five person hunting party during a cow elk hunt in the Silvies WMU, limited to private and BLM lands. As a result of the contact, Sr. Tpr. Caldwell cited the male subject after determining he failed to immediately validate his elk tag. Later that weekend, Tpr. Smith and Sgt. Cyr responded to a report where evidence was found that two cow elk were unlawfully killed outside of the ongoing cow hunt boundary near a USFS water tank. Evidence was collected from the scene but no suspect information was developed from the initial investigation. The following weekend, Tpr. Smith, Sr. Tpr. Caldwell, and Sgt. Cyr returned to the area to conduct a WED operation in the early morning hours to address the ongoing compliance issues. While in the area, the troopers contacted a man who had reportedly dropped off two subjects from the same five person hunting party. Tpr. Smith and Sgt. Cyr returned to the area of the USFS water tank where the two unlawfully killed cow elk had been discovered. They contacted the two subjects who were reported to have been dropped off to hunt inside the closed area. As a result of the investigation, with the assistance of Salem and Springfield F&W troopers, the following citations were issued to the five person hunt party; **Fail to Immediately Validate Elk Tag, Hunting Elk**

**Closed Season, Aiding in a Wildlife Violation, Unlawful Take of Elk x2.** The two elk that were unlawfully killed the previous weekend were seized for purposes of the investigation.

## Pre-Season Paulina WMU Observation

Sr. Tpr. Ring conducted a pre-antelope season observation in the Paulina WMU for several hours. Multiple vehicles were observed in the area but no violations were observed.

## Arizona Resident Hunting/Angling Oregon

Sr. Tpr. Collom was working with Arizona Game & Fish on a False Application for Resident Oregon Hunting/Angling Licenses case here in Jackson County. The individual was actually living in Phoenix, Arizona with his wife and kids, owns a home there, is a registered voter in Arizona, and his vehicles are all licensed in Arizona. He happens to have a friend here off Butte Falls Highway where he comes "home" to farm in the summer months. His friend's address is the address he has been getting resident license and tags for quite a few years. Sr. Tpr. Collom interviewed the subject this past weekend and cited him for **Possession/Purchase False Application for License and Tags for 2013 and 2014.**

## Photo Tip Leads to Poachers

Tpr. Andrews received an anonymous complaint regarding a picture of a dead doe deer in the possession of two subjects. Tpr. Andrews contacted the suspects and learned the doe was taken unlawfully last November during a closed season. One subject was cited for **Unlawful Take / Possession Antlerless Deer** and the other suspect for **Aiding in Wildlife Violation.**

## Antelope WED Operation

Sr. Tpr. Ring and Sgt. Lea conducted an antelope wildlife enforcement decoy (WED) operation on opening day of season in the Wagontire Unit. Eight vehicles passed the decoy, five observed it, and three stopped. No violations occurred.

## Salem Turtle Saturation

Tpr. Glaser conducted a one man unlawful holding of turtle saturation in the Salem area, after receiving information of several craigslist adds with unlawful turtles for sale. Tpr. Glaser made several covert phone contacts with multiple subjects. Tpr. Glaser was able to correspond with the suspects via text message and set up two buys, he obtained the following stats:

- One misdemeanor warrant (turtle owner's boyfriend)
- Two Unlawful Holding of Prohibited Wildlife - warning
- Two Attempt to Sell Turtle - warning

In all, Tpr. Glaser seized seven turtles to include which included

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six Red Eared Slider Turtles and One Mississippi Turtle. The turtles were released to ODFW.

## Sporting Goods Employee Poached Turkey

Tpr. Burkholder concluded an investigation into the unlawful killing of a turkey out of season. It was determined that a landowner was having problems with turkeys on his property, and visited a local sporting goods store soliciting employees about taking care of the problem for him. One employee of the store admitted that it was closed season, but would come out with his bow to kill a turkey. The store employee ended up using both a crossbow and a compound bow to harvest one hen turkey, which was killed while the subject was trespassing on a separate piece of property. The store employee was ultimately cited by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for **Trespass**. Tpr. Burkholder cited and released the subject for **Taking Turkey Closed Season** and seized the turkey, the crossbow and the compound bow. The landowner was also cited and released by Tpr. Burkholder for **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense**.

## Trophy Class Bighorn Seized

Sgt. Lea, with assistance from the Bend Police Department, contacted a subject regarding a trophy class Bighorn sheep in his possession. The subject gave several stories about how he came to possess the horns, ranging from a road kill to a gift from a friend. The horns were seized and the subject was cited and released for **Unlawful Possession of Game Mammal Parts**.



Trophy class Bighorn sheep. Photo credit: ODFW\_myatt

## Shooting Antelope Near Vehicle

While patrolling antelope hunters in the Whitehorse Unit, Sr. Tpr. Duncan cited one subject for **Shooting at an Antelope within 50 Yards of a Vehicle**.

## Citation Issued for Wasted Buck

Sr. Tpr. Gardner located a white Jeep Cherokee parked at the intersection of Spear Canyon Road and Coombs Canyon Road. The vehicle was thought to be suspicious after Sr. Tpr. Gardner observed the driver's door was ajar, an empty gun case and box of .308 Winchester ammunition were inside. The trooper observed a gray Jeep Cherokee arrive at the location at about 8:41pm, approximately 2.5 hours later with five occupants. Inside the vehicle was a mature mule deer buck head off of a freshly killed deer – there is no open season for any deer in this area. All occupants were cited criminally for **Unlawful Possession of Buck Deer**. The shooter of the deer was identified and he was also cited for **Take Buck Deer Closed Season** and **Waste of Game Mammal**. The head and one rifle were seized as evidence. The deer was not found and the shooter said that he shot the deer 15 times and it would be unfit to eat.

## White Horse Wildlife Management Unit

Sr. Tpr. Sherman and Sgt. Brown assisted with antelope season opener in the White Horse WMU & Trout Creeks. Thirteen antelope hunters were checked in the field in two days and five antelope were harvested. The following activities were reported; one warning for **Fail to Immediately Validate**, one for **Mutilated Tag**, and one **ATV in Violation of Emergency Closure of Cross Country Travel on BLM Lands**.

## Warning Issued to Juvenile Hunter

Sr. Tpr. Jewett conducted a patrol of the Heppner Unit for a juvenile cow elk hunt. While patrolling the area he contacted three hunters, and issued one warning after receiving information from the family of a juvenile that self-reported after accidentally shooting a bull elk calf without visible antlers.

## SPORT ANGLING

### Nine Anglers Cited at Hatchery Hole

Several complaints were received by Fish and Wildlife Troopers in Central Point that a group of three men had been frequently violating salmon fishing rules/laws on the Rogue River at the Hatchery Hole. The complaints consisted of three men fishing earlier than allowed, snagging, keeping foul-hooked and non-adipose fin clipped salmon and that they get very belligerent (attempting to fight) if anyone questions them. It was reported they were done fishing and gone before 6:00am. Tpr. Nugent and Sgt. Meyer were on duty at 3:30am, went to Hatchery Hole at Cole Rivers Hatchery about 45 minutes prior to the legal fishing time dressed in civilian clothing and carrying fishing poles. The three men from the complaints were already there along with six other anglers. All nine men began fishing 15 minutes

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prior to legal fishing time. Tpr. Nugent and Sgt. Meyer waited until the legal fishing time started and began acting as if they were fishing. As they watched, the three men from the complaints were actively trying to snag salmon, hooking and landing at least two. When some of the anglers started to leave, the troopers followed them to the parking area and contacted them. Eventually, all nine anglers were contacted and cited for **Angling Prohibited Hours**. The three men whom the troopers had been watching attempting to snag, were also cited for **Angling Prohibited Method – Snagging**.

## Angler Tries to Hide Native Chinook

Sr. Tpr. Schoenborn was observing anglers on the Sandy River near Brightwood Beach when he observed a subject land a foul hooked native Chinook salmon and attempt to hide the fish in the river. A short time later, the subject walked up the trail, looked to see if anybody was around, and took the native Chinook out of the water. The subject immediately attempted to cut the large adipose fin off the Chinook before placing the fish in a plastic bag and attempting to vacate the area. Sr. Tpr. Schoenborn contacted the subject on the trail, but when he saw the trooper, he attempted to ditch the plastic bag with the Chinook in it. Sr. Tpr. Schoenborn located the Chinook in the plastic bag, verified that it indeed had a freshly cut, missing adipose fin, then cited the man for **Unlawful Take/Possession of a Native Chinook Salmon**. The fish was donated to the Portland Rescue Mission.



Fly fisherman. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by Mike Cline

## Idaho Angler Cited in Oregon

Sgt. Cyr contacted a subject as he was fly fishing on East Eagle Creek and determined the subject did not have an angling license and was an Idaho resident. The angler was cited for **No Non-Resident Angling License**.

## Suspended Angler's Rod Seized

Tpr. Andrews contacted a group of anglers on the South Santiam River and cited one of them in lieu of custody for **Angling While Suspended - Misdemeanor**. The suspect's fishing rod and reel were subsequently seized.

## Lower Columbia Non-Compliance

Sr. Tpr. Klepp and Tpr. O'Connor conducted a boat patrol on the lower Columbia River. A total of 61 anglers were contacted resulting in 22 citations for **Angling Prohibited Area to Wit - Columbia River Control Zone, Angling Prohibited Area to Wit - Youngs Bay Control Zone and Angling Prohibited Method to Wit - Barbed Hooks**. One Chinook salmon was seized, because it was caught in the Columbia River Control Zone and was undersized. During one contact, three subjects were discovered to be angling with barbed hooks and a trooper noticed blood on the exterior side of the boat despite the anglers telling him they had not caught anything. They were found to have two Coho salmon in their cooler, but originally failed to show the fish because they had not validated their tags. During the course of the four hour boat patrol, only one of the boats contacted was in 100% compliance.

## Deschutes River Patrol

Sr. Tpr. Jubitz conducted a boat patrol floating the bottom five miles of the Deschutes River. He contacted 58 anglers and 18 boaters. Two citations were issued and two warnings given.

## Angling While Suspended, with Bait

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher contacted an angler on the Middle Fork of the Willamette River West of Oakridge. The angler was observed angling with bait and this section of the Middle Fork Willamette is restricted to artificial flies and lures only. During the contact, Sr. Tpr. Maher asked to see the individuals angling license and found that the angler did not have one. Further investigation revealed that the subject's angling privileges were suspended therefore, the trooper cited the angler for **Angling While Suspended and Angling Prohibited Method – Bait Where Prohibited**.

## Angler Cited for Attempting to Snag

Tpr. Smithers responded to a report of a subject snagging fish on the sand spit in the Rogue River. Tpr. Smithers watched and video recorded the subject attempting to snag for approximately one hour. The subject was subsequently cited for **Angling Prohibited Method Snagging**.

## Zodiac Patrol Issues 29 Citations

Sr. Tpr. Klepp used the Zodiac for three boat patrols in the Co-

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Columbia River to patrol salmon anglers from Buoy 10 to the Astoria-Megler Bridge. He contacted 127 anglers, issued 29 citations, 13 were for **Angling Prohibited Method - Barbed Hook**, 13 for **Angling in a Closed Area - Young's Bay Control Zone**, one for **Angling in A Closed Area - Columbia River Control Zone**, and one for **Illegal Possession of Undersized Chinook Salmon** and **Illegal Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**. Two Coho were confiscated that were caught in each control zone. Numerous warnings were issued for the same offences. Many boaters seemed to be aware of the new Young's Bay Control Zone as evidenced by their quick departure from the zone whenever a law enforcement vessel approached at different times throughout the day. Four salmon were donated to Loaves & Fishes in Astoria.

## Angler Violated Probation Violation

Tpr. Galusha completed a Facebook investigation where a subject posted a picture of himself holding a Spring Chinook salmon taken from Three Rivers. The subject did not have a license or tag and the Chinook was taken after the season closed. In the Facebook posts, the subject admits to catching the fish and describes where he had caught it on the river. Further investigation revealed that the subject was also associating with known felons, which was against his felony probation. He was cited for **Unlawful Taking Chinook Salmon** and taken into custody on the probation violation and lodged in the Tillamook County Jail as requested by his probation officer.

## Upper Deschutes Citations

Sr. Tpr. Greg Love issued two subjects citations for **Angling Prohibited Method to wit – Bait** on the upper Deschutes River.

## Lake Billy Chinook, Good Compliance

Sr. Tpr's. Love and Prodzinski conducted a boat patrol on the Metolius Arm of Lake Billy Chinook utilizing an unmarked OSP boat. The purpose of the patrol was to monitor for illegal snagging activities for those targeting kokanee which is a typical enforcement problem in that stretch of water during the late summer months. The troopers were pleased to note that angler compliance was remarkably high during their four hour presence, and that no warnings or citations were issued that day. Officers will continue with spot checks in the area to assure that the good sportsmanship there continues.

## Bull Prairie and John Day River Patrol

Sr. Tpr. Jewett conducted a patrol of Bull Prairie Reservoir and

the John Day River from Kimberly to Service Creek for anglers. While patrolling the area he contacted five anglers and found no violations.

## Angler Claimed Seagull Took Chinook

Tpr. Herman conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River with Sgt. Warwick. In total, Tpr. Herman issued six citations for **Angling Prohibited Method - Barbed Hooks for Salmon**, one citation for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card - Salmon**, two citations for **Unlawful Taking Undersized Chinook Salmon**, and three citations for **Unlawful Taking Non Adipose Fin Clipped Coho Salmon**. One criminal citation was also issued for **Unlawful Taking Undersized Chinook Salmon** when an angler apparently got rid of his illegal Chinook when the ODFW fish sampler turned her back to him. The angler then told the fish sampler that a seagull had taken it. Five salmon were seized.



Seagull eating fish. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons

## OSP Zodiac Patrols Columbia River

Sr. Tpr. Klepp used the Zodiac for three boat patrols for salmon anglers on the Columbia River from Warrenton to Buoy 10. Sr. Tpr. Klepp contacted 67 boats and 166 anglers resulting in 49 citations; 13 of which were for **Angling Closed Area - Young's Bay Control Zone**, 16 for **Angling Prohibited Method - Barbed Hooks**, 15 for **Angling Closed Area - Columbia River Control Zone** and one for **Failure to Allow Gear for Inspection** after the man intentionally cut his line when Klepp approached the vessel. Many warnings were issued for similar violations. Two citations were issued for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Chinook Salmon** after both men harvested four Chinook, mistakenly believing they could retain two Chinook each per day. Two citations were issued for **Illegal Possession of Non Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon** and one citation for **Illegal Possession of Chinook Salmon**. Five salmon were donated to Loaves & Fishes in Astoria.

# Marine Fish

## John Day River Patrol x2

Sr. Tpr. Jewett conducted a John Day River patrol from Spray to Clarno. He reported the following activities; 12 anglers, three citizen contacts, three warnings, and one citation for **No Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Jewett conducted a second John Day River patrol from Spray to the end of Wall Creek above Monument. He reported the following activities; 11 anglers, 11 citizen contacts, and four warnings.

## MARINE FISH

### Coho Seized after Anglers Cited

Tpr. Keeler cited four subjects for **Unlawful Take/Possession** of non-adipose fin clipped Coho salmon out of Winchester Bay and Charleston. Four of the subjects were cited, one was warned, and one citation was forwarded to the Portland area for issuance. The six Coho were donated to a local mission.

### Newport F&W Net Citations

Tpr. Van Meter responded to an angling complaint from ODFW at South Beach and contacted a boat with two anglers and three wild Coho. One angler took responsibility for mis-identifying all three fish and was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Non-Fin Clipped Coho**. The fish were seized and the second angler was warned.

A couple of days later, Sr. Tpr. Peterson and Tpr. Van Meter responded to Depoe Bay to reports from ODFW of four wild Coho. Sr. Tpr. Peterson assisted by arriving on scene to start the process until Tpr. Van Meter could respond. Three anglers were cited for **Unlawful Possession of Non Fin Clipped Coho Salmon**.

### Lower Columbia & Marine Patrols

Prior to and during the Buoy 10 salmon season opener on August 1st, Sr. Tpr. Klepp and Tpr. O'Connor conducted boat patrols on the lower Columbia River and in the Pacific Ocean. A total of 95 anglers were contacted resulting in 11 citations for **Angling Prohibited Method for Salmon to wit - Barbed Hooks, Angling Prohibited Area to wit - Columbia River Control Zone, Failure to Immediately Validate Angling Harvest Tag, and Unlawful Take of Undersized Chinook Salmon**. Twenty warnings were given for Failure to Properly Validate Angling Harvest Tag, Angling Prohibited Area - Youngs Bay Control Zone, and Angling Prohibited Method - Barbed Hooks.

Tpr. Van Meter worked salmon anglers in the Newport area and produced the following stats:

Anglers contacted (South Beach) - 35

Citations for **Unlawful Possession of Non Clipped Coho** - 2

Citations for **Fail to Immediately Validate Salmon Tag** - 3

Citation for **Possession of Falsely Applied for Angling License** (angling and shellfish license seized) - 1

Arrest and lodge of one angler for two misdemeanor warrants (transport/assist by Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit) - 1

Wild Coho seized - 3

Tpr's. Cutsforth and Farrar coordinated a saturation patrol to address issues with the busy salmon season which was greatly appreciated by the ODFW port samplers. The troopers worked ocean salmon angler's dockside due to the high number of wild Coho hitting the docks over the past several days. They also handled angling and crabbing complaints at South Beach and Depoe Bay. Wrap up of the day's activities included:

Anglers checked - 162

Shellfish (crabbers) checked - 68

Commercial salmon troll boats checked - 2

Citations for **Unlawful Possession of Non- Fin Clipped Coho Salmon** - 6

Citations for **Unlawful Possession of Commercial Caught Coho Salmon** - 1

Citations for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab** - 3

Undersized crab seized - 12 (nine released/three seized because dead)

Wild Coho seized - 9 \*All donated to Lincoln County Food Share.

### Ocean Anglers Using Barbed Hooks

Lt. Tim Schwartz and Tpr. O'Connor conducted a boat patrol in the Pacific Ocean and the lower Columbia River. Thirty five anglers were contacted resulting in two warnings for failure to validate angling harvest tag and five citations for **Angling Prohibited Method for Salmon to Wit - Barbed Hooks**.

### Undersized Chinook, Port of Brookings

Tpr. Smithers conducted a patrol in the Port of Brookings. During the patrol, two subjects were found to be in possession of undersized Chinook salmon. The salmon were seized and the two subjects were cited for **Undersized Chinook Salmon**.

### Tuna Transferred without Record

Tpr. O'Connor stopped a vehicle in Astoria for a traffic violation. During investigation of the traffic offense, the driver told Tpr. O'Connor he had seven tuna on ice contained in a tote in the bed of the truck. The subject stated he received the tuna from his son in Ilwaco, Washington, who had caught them un-

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der a sport license and that he had no particular destination for the tuna. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Sport Caught Tuna to wit - No Transportation Record and Driving Uninsured.**

## Six Coho, South Beach Marina

Tpr. Van Meter responded to South Beach Marina on the report of six Coho being landed. Tpr. Van Meter discovered three subjects with two Coho each who thought Coho season was still open. The fish were seized and one subject as cited for **Possession of Coho Closed Season.**

## Didn't Allow ODFW to Inspect Catch

Rct. Thomas responded to Garibaldi Marina where an ODFW fish sampler had contacted a boat with two subjects in it. Both subjects denied having fish when they were asked by the fish sampler and both left the boat ramp with their boat. A short time later, the same ODFW sampler saw the same two subjects cleaning two fish at the cleaning station and called law enforcement. Upon contact, Rct. Thomas found them with the two fish that were not checked by ODFW. They said they thought that having ODFW check their catch was going to take too long so they denied the fish sampler the ability to view their catch. Both were cited for **Fail to Allow Inspection of Catch.**

## Barbed Hooks on Diblee Beach

Tpr. VanRenterghem contacted two anglers on Diblee beach. The male angler seemed nervous and overly animated as soon as he saw Tpr. VanRenterghem's vehicle and was found to be angling with barbed hooks. He advised Tpr. VanRenterghem that he set up both poles and was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method Barbed Hooks.** The other angler was given a warning.

## Multiple Citations Issued, Ocean Patrol

Tpr. Herman, Tpr. O'Connor, and Lt. Schwartz conducted an evening boat patrol on the ocean. Troopers contacted multiple boats and issued one citation for **Fail to Register Boat**, one citation for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**, and six citations for **Angling Prohibited Method Barbed Hooks for Salmon.** Tpr. Herman also issued two citations for **Unlawful Taking Undersized Chinook Salmon.**

## Boat Patrols Contact 60 Anglers

Tpr. O'Connor and Sr. Tpr. Klepp conducted two boat patrols in the Columbia River and Pacific Ocean. A total of 60 anglers were contacted resulting in nine citations for **Angling Prohibited Method to wit - Barbed Hooks, Failure to Allow Gear for Inspection, Failure to Immediately Validate Angling Harvest Tag and Child under 12 Not Wearing PFD.** Multiple warnings were given for Failure to Validate Angling Harvest Tag, Angling Prohibited Method to wit - Barbed Hooks and Angling Prohibited Area to wit - Youngs Bay Control Zone.

## COMMERCIAL

### Captain Took Responsibility for Coho

Tpr. Brandon responded to a fish plant in Charleston where an ODFW port sampler and the plant's fish sorters had located seven Coho salmon in a boat's catch. The captain of the fishing vessel took responsibility for the new crew member's mistake and was issued a citation for **Unlawful Take/Possession Commercially Caught Coho Salmon.** All seven fish were donated to a local homeless shelter.

### Coho, Chinook and Dog Fish Confiscated

Tpr. Galusha and Rct. Thomas, along with ODFW fish samplers, confiscated over 25 Coho salmon, two Chinook salmon and one spiny dog fish. Citations were issued for various violations including **Unlawful Possession of Coho Salmon Closed Season, Unlawful Retention of Non Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon, Unlawful Possession of Undersized Chinook Salmon** and **Unlawful Possession of Groundfish while Possession Halibut on All Depth Day.** The fish were donated to the Tillamook County Jail.

# Commercial / Shellfish

## Crabber Failed to check Gear for Weeks

Tpr. O'Connor received a call from a fisherman stating he knew the whereabouts of commercial crab gear in the Pacific Ocean off of Clatsop County. The fisherman also stated he knew the gear had not been checked all summer. Tpr. O'Connor and Sr. Tpr. Klepp were able to locate more than 40 pots belonging to the subject's fishing vessel. Tpr. O'Connor contacted the fisherman, who admitted he had not checked his gear in four weeks although it had been approximately 10 weeks since his last landing of crab. The subject stated that he left the gear un-baited in anticipation of not checking them for a while, thinking that was okay to do. When asked about his most recent landing at the beginning of the summer, he indicated it was a split delivery totaling 700 pounds. Tpr. O'Connor was able to find a record of one delivery of 250 pounds. The subject stated he had taken the remainder of crab to a fish dealer in Portland and an investigation is continuing into whether the Portland dealer received the crab. The fisherman was cited criminally for **Failure to Make a Landing of Crab within 14 Days**.

## Tuna Classic Tournament

Sgt. Hoodenpyl, Sr. Tpr. VanMeter and Lt. Tim Schwartz accompanied the patrol vessel Guardian during a weekend Tuna Classic. The Tuna Classic is an Albacore Tuna tournament that occurs out of Garibaldi every year where four person teams from all over the west, come to compete for the largest five tuna caught (60-65 teams this year). The Guardian was on display during Friday evening's Captain's Meeting and then the vessel assisted the USCG with the shotgun start that occurred on Saturday morning. After the event, the troopers worked salmon fisherman off of Nehalem Bay where they issued citations for **Angling Prohibited Gear** and **No Angling License**.



Angler with tuna. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons, CSIRO

## Garibaldi Captain Cited

Rct. Fough responded to the Garibaldi Marina where a commercial vessel had come into the fish plant. While off-loading his catch of Chinook salmon, it was found the captain had retained two Coho salmon which are unlawful. The captain of the boat said he was unaware of how the fish ended up in the catch and he was subsequently cited for **Commercial Salmon Fishing Closed Season / Area**.

## Two Boats Accidents off Newport Coast

Tpr. Van Meter has begun investigating two reported boat crashes that she received information on well after the incidents. The first incident involved a vessel with five person's onboard tuna fishing offshore 27 miles west of Depoe Bay. One mayday call went out indicating the vessel was taking on water and sinking so, three charter boats in the area (within four miles) made their way to the vessel and were able to get two passengers out of the water, while a USCG helicopter responded and rescued the other three. Three of the men were treated and released at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport for hypothermia and the other two received treatment via medics for hypothermia, but were not hospitalized. Initial reports are the vessel is registered with Oregon as a Charter Guide, it was left adrift offshore and is a total loss - investigation is continuing. The second incident involved a 22 foot Alumaweld that crossed Yaquina Bay Bar at approximately 6:30am to salmon fish with three persons on board. The vessel decided to turn back since it was too rough and foggy; they were using a GPS to navigate and ended up just north of the North Jetty. The vessel operator saw breakers, tried to turn but was hit by a wave and was not able to recover. The operator called 911 and the USCG responded, but was unable to get to the boat. All three people on board were able to exit the boat in 4 feet of water and walk to the beach. There were no reported injuries, but the boat was a total loss and investigation is continuing.

## Skipper Cited for Coho Closed Season

Sr. Tpr. Kehr responded to the commercial docks on the report of a vessel landing Coho salmon. Upon arrival, Sr. Tpr. Kehr discovered five Coho salmon in the load so, the fish were seized and the skipper was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Commercial Coho Salmon Closed Season**.

## SHELLFISH

### Unlawful Dungeness Released

Tpr. Brandon responded to a complaint about a couple who may have retained a female crab in Winchester Bay. Upon contact with the couple at the dock, Tpr. Brandon noticed some crab in a cooler and found two of the three crabs were female Dungeness crab. The male half of the couple took responsibility for those crabs and he stated that they had no other crab back at the vehicle. Tpr. Brandon noticed another cooler in the back of the pickup which was empty but asked if there were any other coolers inside. The male subject pulled out a small cooler and stated it was only bait. After he opened it and lifted the bait, an undersized male crab was revealed which the female took

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responsibility for putting there. The male subject was issued a citation for **Unlawful Take Female Dungeness Crab (x2)** and the female was issued a citation for **Unlawful Take Undersized Male Dungeness Crab (x1)**. All three crabs were released back into the bay.

## Crabbers Lied to Troopers

Tpr. Galusha and Rct. Fough were working crabbers off of the North Jetty of Tillamook Bay when they contacted three male subjects crabbing. Upon contact, the subjects showed the troopers the crab they had retained, which were three undersized and two female Dungeness crab. The subjects denied having any other crab and consented to a search of their vehicle. Upon searching the vehicle, the troopers located another cooler, which had an additional eight undersized Dungeness crab and three Red Rock crab. Investigation also revealed that none of the crabbers had shellfish licenses. All three subjects were cited for **Unlawful Possession Undersized Crab** and the crabs were returned to the bay.

## Crabber Cited for Marijuana

Tpr. Herman was checking recreational crabbers on Clatsop Beach when he contacted a subject raking for crab. A consent search of the subject's vehicle revealed he was in possession of less than one ounce of marijuana. The man was cited for **PCS Marijuana**.

## No Shellfish License, Crabs in Cooler

Tpr. Galusha and Rct. Fough contacted three subjects crabbing along the Tillamook Bay North Jetty. None of the subjects possessed a valid shellfish license and a consent search of their bucket and a cooler located inside their vehicle, revealed 11 short Dungeness crab, five female Dungeness crab and three Red Rock crab. The crabs were returned to Tillamook Bay and the subjects were cited for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab** and warned for many other violations.

## Undersized Dungeness Crab

Tpr. Van Meter responded to South Beach after ODFW called in a crab complaint where there was one boat, with three people on board, and only one had a shellfish license. The one with the license was using four rings, and had 11 crabs, nine were undersized. Tpr. Van Meter cited one subject for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab** and warned him for the extra crab ring.

## Crabbers Kept Females & Undersized

Tpr. Galusha and Rct. Fough were working in Garibaldi when they contacted two subjects that were returning from crabbing. Upon contact, it was found that the subjects had been

using too many crab pots per person, did not know how many crabs they had retained, and had not measured or checked any of the crab they kept. Upon inspection of their crab, it was found that they had 23 undersized Dungeness crab and three female Dungeness crab. Both subjects were cited for **Unlawful Possession Undersized / Female Dungeness Crab** and the crab were returned to the bay.

## OREGON STATE MARINE BOARD (OSMB)

### Overnight River Patrol

Sgt. Hawkins and Sr. Tpr. Davis conducted an overnight float on the Grande Ronde River. They checked 10 rafts for their river permits and two camps for required equipment.

### Marine Board Compliance

Sr. Tpr. Jewett conducted a patrol of Pendland Lake for anglers and Marine Board compliance. While patrolling the area he contacted seven anglers, issued one warning associated with an angling violation and conducted one Boat Examination Report.

### Boat Patrols, East Side

Sr. Tpr. Jewett patrolled the Heppner Unit including Penland Lake and Willow Creek Reservoir. He reported the following activities, three ATV checks, three citizen contacts, and one boat inspection report.

Sr. Tpr. Love and Sr. Tpr. Ring conducted a boat patrol on East Lake and encountered several minor violations.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Gold Dredgers Warned

Tpr. Keeler warned a gold dredger on the Sixes River for No DEQ Permit in Possession and Gas Can Located within 25 Feet of a Waterway. A second dredger was warned for Unattended Dredge Left in the Waterway.

## ATV

### Loaded Firearm on ATV's

While patrolling antelope hunters in the Owyhee Unit, Tpr. Wickert and Sgt. Cyr issued a citation for **Possession of a Loaded Firearm on an ATV** and a citation for **No ATV Permit**. In a separate incident, Tpr. Spencer issued a citation for **Possession of a Loaded Firearm on an ATV** while patrolling antelope hunters in the Whitehorse Unit.

### Heppner Unit ATV Patrol

Sr. Tpr. Jewett worked the Heppner Unit for ATV's compliance.

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While patrolling the area, he made 13 citizen contacts, assisted two motorists, investigated one unfounded complaint and contacted and issued one ATV warning.

## GENERAL LAW

### Vehicle Collided with Tree

Tpr. Smithers responded to a report of a single vehicle crash near MP 361.9. When Tpr. Smithers arrived on scene the subject was still in the vehicle and pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver was traveling northbound on US RT 101 when the vehicle drifted across the oncoming lane of traffic and left the roadway colliding with a large tree. Next of kin was notified by the Brookings Police Department.

### Sex Offender Failed to Register

Tpr. Galusha contacted a Beaver area subject who was out of compliance with his annual registration. The subject told Tpr. Galusha that he was at fault and thought he had to register a year from when he registered his new address. He was cited for **Fail to Register Sex Offender – Misdemeanor**.

### Domestic Dispute Ochoco Reservoir

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski and Sr. Tpr. Reeher (Patrol) responded to Ochoco Reservoir campground to assist Crook County Sheriff's Office on a call concerning a domestic dispute. After the two troopers separated the couple and determined that their quarrel was a verbal matter only and didn't involve an actual assault, the troopers convinced the male subject it would be best if he chose to remove himself from the public campground altogether, before the matter should escalate. The subject voluntarily complied and Sr. Tpr. Reeher provided the man with transportation back to the Prineville area.

### Teenager Attempted Suicide

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski assisted Wasco County Deputies by responding to an attempted suicide in the Shaniko area involving a 17 year old female who was distraught and admitted to ingesting numerous, unknown, prescription medications. The distraught victim had been discovered by her 10 year old sister who immediately dialed 911. The victim was eventually tended to by ambulance personnel who'd responded from the Maupin area and was later transported to St Charles Madras for further treatment.

### SIWA Vehicle Occupants Arrested

Tpr. Shimer (SIWA) stopped a vehicle with three occupants (none were wearing seat belts) leaving the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area. The driver admitted to the trooper that he had taken the car he was driving from his neighbor without permission.

One of the passengers was arrested on a felony warrant for burglary, the driver refused SFST's, a breath test and was arrested for **DUII**. The charges are being forwarded to the DA for UUMV.

### Big Creek Fish Hatchery Marijuana

Tpr. O'Connor was patrolling the Big Creek Fish Hatchery during night time hours when he observed a subject near the hatchery deadline using a flashlight. Tpr. O'Connor stood within a few feet from the subject and, using his body camera, recorded the subject smoking marijuana. The subject was contacted and cited for **Unlawful Possession of Less Than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

### Mentally Unstable Subject Arrested

Tpr. Smithers responded to assist Curry County with a subject who was throwing rocks at cars as they drove past. The subject was determined to be extremely mentally unstable and was taken into custody and lodged at the Curry County Jail.

### BAC 0.18% Three Hours Later

Sr. Tpr. Jubitz contacted a female subject at Linda's Restaurant by the fuel pumps who had been the subject of a driving complaint and crash. She was unsteady on her feet and had an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her person. After admitting that she was drinking alcohol and took Trazadone, she was arrested for **DUII** and transported to NORCOR. Since she refused a breath test, a warrant and a blood draw were obtained. She gave a breath sample for the jail three hours after arrest which resulted in a BAC of 0.18%.

### Sandy River Driver DWS

While Tpr. Borchers was checking anglers on the upper Sandy River, he walked by multiple vehicles parked at the trailhead and noticed two subjects begin to move suddenly inside one of the cars so, he stopped to ask them if everything was alright. When the passenger opened the door, the trooper observed a marijuana pipe on the seat. A short investigation revealed the driver was criminally suspended for failing a breath test. The driver was cited and released criminally for **Driving while Suspended** and the passenger was cited for **Possession of Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

### Man Arrested for Knife Confrontation

Tpr. VanRenterghem was dispatched to a menacing call involving a knife on Walton Beach (Sauvie Island). It was determined that a man was visiting the beach with his girlfriend and two dogs, and was allowing the dogs to run off leash bothering several other beachgoers. When the man was confronted he became agitated and eventually grabbed a knife from his pocket

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then, decided to vacate the area. Tpr. VanRenterghem located the subject as he was driving across the bridge at Sauvie Island and arrested him for **Menacing**.

## Subjects Driving on Closed Roads

Sr. Tpr. Sherman received a report this past week of two vehicles inside of a road closure in the Mt. Emily Unit. The reporting party described the vehicle and drivers and also mentioned seeing the vehicles in another area of the forest. Sr. Tpr. Sherman responded to the area and was unable to locate the vehicles, but found the location where they were removing a gate to drive ¼ of a mile back on a closed road. Later, Sr. Tpr. Sherman received information that the vehicles had returned, there were four this time. Sr. Tpr. Sherman and Rct. McCosker responded to the location and contacted 10 subjects picking old mushrooms and huckleberries. Four of the subjects admitted to driving in on the closed road which had a sign advising of the closure at the gate. All four subjects were cited for being in violation of posted restrictions a **Class A Violation**, bail \$435.00.

## Roadside Vehicle on Fire

While en-route to Port Orford for a special assignment, Sgt. Hand pulled up to a roadside vehicle which was smoking. Several subjects at the scene were attempting to stop a fire under the hood of the vehicle while others were helping to remove personal items. Sgt. Hand made a request for fire units to respond then, assisted in pulling away a large foot locker from the vehicle which had become engulfed in flames. Fire crews responded and were able to keep the fire from spreading to adjacent forest lands but the vehicle was a total loss.

## Transient Vandalized, Thief Arrested

Tpr. Glaser and Tpr. Kenyon were flagged down by a transient who stated another subject on a bicycle had just vandalized his belongings. The troopers attempted to stop the subject on the bicycle, but he fled, as he repeatedly yelled, "I didn't do nothing." The subject continued to flee on his bicycle, but lost control in some loose gravel on the shoulder of the road. He resisted the troopers while he was being taken into custody. It was found that he was on probation for possession of methamphetamine and the PO issued a detainer warrant and he was charged with **Interfering with a Peace Officer, Resisting Arrest**, and **Possession of Methamphetamine**.

## **INTERAGENCY COOPERATION**

### Trooper Assists with Fatal Crash

Tpr. Smithers responded to assist California Highway Patrol with

a fatal crash on the Oregon/California border. The 12-16A had traffic backed up for approximately two to three miles into Oregon. Tpr. Wehner responded to the scene and assisted with traffic control as they were unable to get ODOT on scene.

### Joint Patrol Columbia River

Tpr. Herman, Sr. Tpr. Klepp, and WDFW Officer Anderson conducted a Columbia River patrol during opening weekend of the Buoy 10 recreational salmon fishery. The troopers contacted 24 boats and approximately 60 salmon anglers. Twelve citations were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method - Barbed Hooks for Salmon**, one citation was issued for **Unlawful Taking Undersized Chinook Salmon** and one Chinook salmon was seized.

### Wilderness Horseback Rescue

Tpr. Baimbridge was called to assist Douglas County Search and Rescue with his horses regarding a 21 year old male reported to be having medical issues on the Pacific Crest Trail seven miles into the Mount Thielsen Wilderness. Tpr. Baimbridge responded with three of his horses accompanied by a Douglas County Deputy. They rode for approximately two hours in the middle of a hail storm with thunder and lightning and eventually located the subject. They loaded him on the pack horse and rode back in the dark, reaching the base camp at 10:30pm where the 21 year old male received medical attention.

### Sauvie Island Saturation Citations

Tpr. Shimer (SIWA), Tpr. VanRenterghem and Tpr. Ferguson worked with ODFW employees and volunteers in a Sauvie Island Wildlife Area saturation. During the saturation, ODFW employees and volunteers called in criminal activity to the troopers and the following citations were issued, **Day Use Restrictions x7, Fail to Pack Out Garbage (Littering) x14, No Fee Parking x3, No OPS/DWS**.

### OSP Assists Fire Crews

Tpr's. from The Dalles team have been busy assisting with several local fires, evacuations, security and road closures.

### Subject Fell from Cliff

Sr. Tpr. Love and Sr. Tpr. Young assisted Deschutes County SO with a rescue turned recovery of subject who fell from cliff at Benham Falls. The subject was pronounced deceased at the scene despite the efforts of Sr. Tpr. Love and medics efforts to resuscitate the subject.

# Public Relations / Warrants

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR)**

### **Troopers Educate on Hunter Safety**

Sr. Tpr. Love spoke at a hunter safety class; there were more than 20 people present for the class. At a separate event, Tpr. Ocheskey presented at a Hunters Safety Field Day at Laurance Lake. Approximately 12 kids and five adults attended.

### **Hunter Education Presentation**

Sr. Tpr. Collom gave a Hunter Education presentation at Trail Christian Fellowship last week. Approximately 30 children were in attendance.

### **LaPine Hunter Education Class**

Sr. Tpr. Young and Sr. Tpr. Love gave a public talk at a LaPine hunter's education class.

## **WARRANTS**

### **Felony Warrant Subject Arrested**

Sr. Tpr. Earl Connell contacted a subject at Willow Creek Wildlife Area in Morrow County. A check of LEDS/NCIC/DMV records showed a valid felony warrant out of Oregon State Parole and probation for abscond. The subject was arrested on the warrant and lodged in the Umatilla County Jail in Pendleton.

### **Two Warrant Subjects Arrested**

Sr. Tpr. Ring assisted Deschutes County and USFS LEO Reed with locating and taking two different subjects with warrants into custody.

### **Warrant Arrest, Vehicle Stuck in Sand**

Tpr. VanRenterghem was checking an area of Diblee beach which is closed to motor vehicles, when a red car drove towards him on a dirt trail. Upon contact with the driver it was determined that not only did he have a misdemeanor warrant out of Lake County for DUII, but he was also Driving While Suspended - Misdemeanor. He was cited and released for **Driving While Suspended - Misdemeanor** and lodged in jail for the warrant. The vehicle was released to the female, who got it stuck in the sand. Tpr. VanRenterghem offered to help her by calling Grumpy's towing and waited on scene until the tow arrived.

### **Cloverdale Boat Launch Warrant Arrest**

Tpr. Galusha and Rct. Fough contacted a subject that was sitting in the Cloverdale boat launch along the Nestucca River drinking alcohol. During the contact, it was found that the subject had a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest issued out of Mar-

ion County. The subject was taken into custody and lodged in the Tillamook County Jail.

### **Angler Arrested on Warrant**

Tpr. Herman contacted an angler at the mouth of Big Creek who had retained two cutthroat trout. The angler did not have an angling license, and had a warrant for his arrest. He was lodged at Clatsop County Jail and cited for **Unlawful Taking Trout - No Angling License**.

### **Poacher 'Forgot' to Serve House Arrest**

Sr. Tpr. Bean was patrolling the back roads of La Pine when he stopped a pickup truck for a traffic infraction. On contact, Tpr. Bean recognized the driver as a subject he had cited for poaching an elk last year. The man told the trooper that things had been going downhill since his poaching arrest; that he had lost his job and was now homeless. A check revealed that his driver's license was suspended and he had no insurance. He also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest on the poaching case. He told Tpr. Bean that he might have "forgotten" to serve his sentence of 10 days house arrest therefore he was lodged in the Deschutes County Jail.

### **Traffic Violation Uncovers Warrant**

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs was working up Rock Creek when he stopped a subject for a traffic violation. The subject was wanted for a forcible burglary warrant and was transported and lodged in the Douglas County Jail.

### **Angler had Misdemeanor Warrant**

Tpr. Imholt followed up on an angling complaint at Alton Baker Park regarding anglers exceeding the limit on rainbow trout. He contacted three individuals who were angling and had 18 trout between the three of them. They said they thought the limit was 10 per day because the regulations say two daily limits in possession. Two were cited for **Exceeding the Limit on Trout** and warned for Continuing to Angle after Retaining Limit. One of the anglers cited had a misdemeanor warrant out for a **DUII** in 2011 and was lodged at the Lane County Jail.



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