

# The Field Review

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## *Small Buck Killed While Trespassing*

A F&W Trooper from Springfield received information from a land owner stating he had caught three men archery hunting on his property. During the investigation the Trooper was able to locate the three subjects at a nearby residence. A short time later the Trooper located a small buck in a shed that one of the subjects had killed and hidden. The subject that killed the buck was cited for **Hunting the Cultivated / Enclosed Land of Another** and **Failure to Immediately Validate his Big Game Tag**. The other two subjects were cited for **Entering or Remaining on Property of Another** with one additional cite for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.



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# Wildlife / Hunting

## *Unlawful Take of a Doe Deer*

A F&W Trooper from the Northwest Region assisted the Corvallis Police Department with the unlawful take of a doe deer. The investigation revealed the suspect had shot and killed a doe deer while attempting to haze it with the use of a high powered pellet rifle. The doe had a fawn which was left without a mother. The deer and rifle were seized as evidence. The suspect was issued a criminal citation in lieu of custody for **Take/Possession of Antlerless Deer**.



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### Abbreviations and Acronyms

AIS	Aquatic Invasive Species	IDFG	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game	SIU	Special Investigations Unit
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	Sr.	Senior
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	Lt.	Lieutenant	SFST	Standardized Field Sobriety Test
BER	Boat Examination Report	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	SO	Sheriff's Office
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	ODF	Department of Forestry	TMA	Travel Management Area
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under BUI/DUI	ODFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife	Tpr.	Trooper
Capt.	Captain	ODOT	Department of Transportation	UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
DA/DDA	District Attorney/Deputy DA	OPRD	Parks and Recreation Department	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DSL	Department of State Lands	PFD	Personal Flotation Device	UTL	Unable to Locate
DWS	Driving while Suspended	Rct.	Recruit	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
FTA/FTP	Failure to Appear/Pay	Sgt.	Sergeant	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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## Wildlife / Hunting

### *Unlawful Take of Antelope*

A F&W Trooper observed a subject cleaning an antelope on Jacobs Reservoir located on Hart Mountain National Wildlife Refuge. The subject had shot at and killed the antelope on the refuge. The subject failed to provide a hunting tag and it was determined he had an East Beatty Butte Antelope tag but was hunting in the West Beatty Butte Unit prior to entering the refuge. The subject was cited and released for **Unlawful Take of Antelope-No Valid Tag**. The antelope and rifle were seized.

### *Failure to Validate Big Game Tag*

While working antelope season in the Whitehorse Unit a F&W Trooper from Baker City contacted an antelope hunter that had harvested an antelope and had not validated their tag. The hunter was cited for **Failure to Validate Big Game Tag**.

### *Hunting Prohibited Method*

A F&W Trooper was patrolling the Warner Unit and watching two buck pronghorn spar when the Trooper noticed a vehicle driving quickly up an access road. The vehicle suddenly stopped and the passenger stepped out and fired from the open door. The pronghorn was hit and eventually went down. The Trooper contacted the vehicle as it was readying to leave the area. The passenger was cited for **Hunting Prohibited Method**.

### *Yearling Deer Killed*

A F&W Trooper from Albany field office investigated a complaint of a yearling deer being illegally killed. He contacted the complainant and learned she had been approximately 10 to 20 feet from the deer when it was shot with an arrow on her property. Further investigation led to a male on the neighboring property, confessing to shooting the deer from behind a fence on his property. The male did not have permission to hunt on the complainants property nor did he have a valid archery tag. The male was cited for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass—Misd and Take/Possession of Antlerless Deer (no tag)—Misd**. The suspect's friend was also cited for **Criminal Trespass II**.

### *Fawn Held in Captivity*

A F&W Trooper out of Lakeview received a report of a deer fawn being held captive by a family. F&W Trooper responded to the residence and contacted the family.



The fawn was seized and taken to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) biologist for an examination. The fawn was determined to be sick and unfit for reintroduction. Due to the unknown illness, the fawn was euthanized and sent to a lab for examination.

## Wildlife / Hunting

### *Hunting from the Roadway*

F&W Troopers received a call of a subject shooting from a public road at antelope on private property in the Bly area. The reporting party was contacted and had a good description and a plate number. The suspect's vehicle was contacted in Bly. The suspect was contacted by the Trooper and denied being in the area. Meanwhile, the second Trooper spoke with the driver, who immediately apologized, stating they didn't realize they were on private property. The driver's statements corroborated the statements given by the witnesses. The suspect was contacted again and his rifle was seized, and a citation was issued for **Hunting Prohibited Area – Roadway**.

### *Unlawful Possession of Spike Elk*

A F&W Trooper out of Salem responded to a potential waste of a spike elk. The Trooper located a field-dressed elk with the head cutoff and dumped near the highway. The Trooper started knocking on doors near the dump site and was informed by an individual that an elk was brought to his property two days ago. The individual provided a name and the Trooper was able to locate them in Woodburn. The spike elk was actually roadstruck and the individual attempted to salvage it. The Trooper cited them for **Unlawful Possession-Spike Elk**.



### *Hunting Prohibited Method*

A F&W Trooper contacted a hunter hunting deer from the roadway and in a closed area at the Willow Creek Reservoir. The hunter was in the middle of pursuing when he was found to be hunting with illuminated arrow nocks and with an expandable broadhead. The hunter was cited for **Hunting Prohibited Method** (Expandable Broadhead & Illuminated Arrow Nock)



### *Subject Shot and Killed a Hawk*

A F&W Trooper out of Prineville received a complaint regarding a subject who had shot and killed a hawk. Subsequent investigation revealed that the subject had shot at a hawk near his property which landed and later died on his neighbors land. The subject was cited and released for **Taking Protected Species to wit Hawk**.



# Hunting / Angling

## Hunting

### ***Exceeding the Bag Limit of Game Mammal***

A F&W Trooper was working antelope season in the East Interstate Unit. He contacted a subject that another hunter indicated was with a party with an antelope down. The subject was nervous and rushed off in his pickup. The Trooper followed the subject when he came back and located two hunters with two dead Antelope on private property without permission. As the investigation progressed, it was determined that one hunter had shot both the Antelope. The Trooper was able to review a video of the hunt which showed that one hunter had actually shot three antelope with two shots. The hunters admitted that they were going to go back out after the Trooper left and retrieve and tag the third antelope. Both hunters were cited criminally for **Hunting in Violation of Trespass** and the shooter was cited criminally for **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Game Mammal**. The rifle the shooter used and the two excess antelope were seized.



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## Hunting within the City Limits

A F&W Trooper from Baker City responded to the City of Huntington. A complainant reported two subjects were hunting a buck deer with archery equipment in the city limits. Upon contact the Trooper saw one of the subjects shoot at a buck in the city limits at two locations. The other subject said he was hunting as well but didn't take any shots. The first subject was cited for **Hunting deer within the City limits**, the second subject was warned for the same offense. No deer were killed.

## Angling

### ***Carp Fishing on the Columbia River***

A F&W Trooper contacted four male subjects angling with fly rods on the Columbia River near Lindsey Creek. The subjects said they were fishing for carp. Two of the four subjects did not have angling licenses. One subject said in Washington a license wasn't required to fish for carp. Both subjects were cited for **No Non-Resident Angling Licenses**.



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### ***Raft Patrol on the Snake River***

F&W Troopers conducted a three day raft patrol on the Snake River during the non-motorized days. The patrol resulted in the following; 19 non-motorized boat checks, 6 guide checks and 6 angler checks.

# Angling

## ***Sturgeon Donated to Local Charity***

F&W Troopers were contacted by a family leaving Dibblee Beach who had witnessed a couple catch a sturgeon and place it in their vehicle prior to leaving the beach. The reporting party gave a description and a license plate number for the suspect vehicle. A F&W Sergeant out of Astoria obtained and responded to the associated address, arriving at the same time as the suspects. Upon contact, the suspects admitted to having sturgeon in the vehicle and a consent search revealed five unlawfully taken sturgeon. The husband and wife were both cited criminally for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Sturgeon** and the five fish were seized and donated to the food bank.



## ***No Angling License***

A F&W Trooper out of John Day hiked into Aldrich ponds and contacted a subject angling by way of pontoon boat. The Trooper discovered that individual had no angling license and inappropriate equipment for boating. He was warned for the miscellaneous marine board violations and cited for **No Angling License**.

## ***Multiple Anglers Cited***

F&W Troopers from the Astoria area command conducted a boat patrol on the first day of salmon season near the mouth of the Columbia River, Buoy 10. They contacted 14 boats and 39 anglers and issued 9 citations, four of which were for: **Angling Salmon Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks, Angling Closed Area : Young's Bay Control Zone** and one for: **Aiding in Angling Violation to Wit : No Salmon Harvest Card**.

## ***Cited for No Resident Angling License***

A F&W Trooper contacted a subject angling at the Alton Baker Park Canoe Canal. During the contact it was discovered that the subject did not possess a 2015 resident angling license. Five trout were located near the subject on a stringer. The subject denied the stringer or fish belonged to him. The subject was cited for **No Resident Angling License**. The stringer and fish were taken as found property.

## ***Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit***

A F&W Trooper from St. Helens contacted a man who had been angling by himself and who had a large chinook salmon on the deck of his boat. When the Trooper checked the man's harvest card he noticed the man marked a chinook and a coho salmon for the day. An inspection of the man's cooler yielded a second chinook salmon the man claimed he thought was a Coho. The fish was seized and the man received a violation citation for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Chinook Salmon**.

# Angling / Commercial

## Angling

### Charter Boat Captain Cited

South Coast Fish and Wildlife Troopers investigated a charter boat Captain and deckhand in relation to halibut sport fishing violations. Through investigation it was found that charter staff allowed and aided in multiple events of over limits and loaning of harvest tags when guiding anglers for Halibut fishing. It was also found the charter staff wasted halibut by throwing the dead fish back into the Pacific Ocean. Further investigation also revealed the charter Captain and deckhand retained and validated a halibut on their harvest cards which was not landed by them. Both the charter Captain and deckhand were cited for **Loaning Harvest Tag, Waste of Game Fish (Halibut), and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation.**

### OSP F&W Trooper Conducted Boat Patrol

A F&W Trooper conducted boat patrols on the Columbia River and Pacific Ocean during the Buoy 10 and ocean salmon fishery, and also worked local docks. Numerous salmon anglers were contacted; resulting in the issuance of 35 citations for offenses including **Angling Prohibited Method-Barbed Hooks for Salmon , Angling Closed Area-Young Bay Control Zone, Angling Closed Area-Columbia River Control Zone, Exceed the Daily Bag Limit of Chinook Salmon, and Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card. Multiple salmon were seized and donated to charity.**

## Commercial

### Aiding in a Commercial Fish Offense

A F&W Sergeant checked a commercial trolling vessel as it was offloading in Newport. The boat had 13 lingcod and 34 chinook salmon. There is a limit of one lingcod per 15 chinook salmon. The fish dealer accepted responsibility for the overage. Eleven lingcod were seized and sold, and the dealer was issued a citation for **Aiding in a Commercial Fish Offense-Exceeding Trip Limit of Lingcod** . The vessel also did not have a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) and the case will be referred to NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement for follow-up.

### Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)

A VMS system uses electronic transmitters, placed on fishing vessels, that transmit information about the vessel's position to enforcement agencies via satellite. This allows someone on land, monitoring such transmissions, to determine if a vessel is in a closed area. It is required on commercial groundfish vessels.

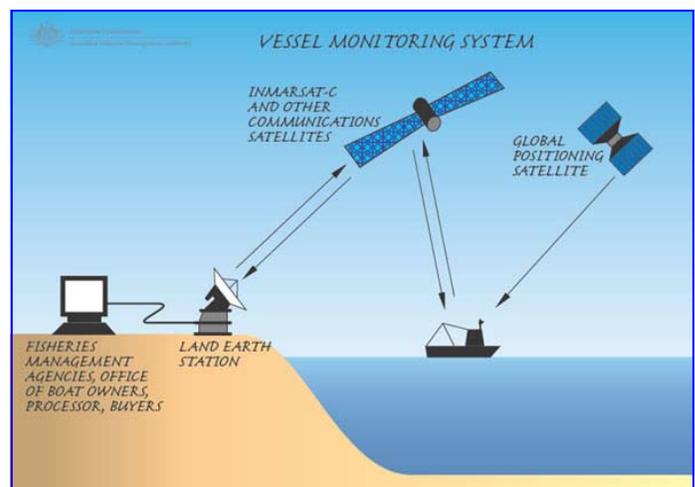


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# Shellfish / Environment

## Shellfish

### *Exceeding Daily Bag Limit*

F&W Troopers out of the Tillamook field office were working on Netarts Bay when they contacted two subjects and a youth coming back to the parking area with two five gallon buckets nearly full of Cockle clams. Upon contact it was found that one subject was a resident of Hawaii but had obtained a resident shellfish license. It was also found that both subjects were 234 clams over their daily bag limit. One subject was cited for **Exceeding the daily bag limit Bay Clams** and the other subject was cited for **Possession of Falsely Applied for Resident Shellfish License**.



### *Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab*

A F&W Trooper responded to Garibaldi Marina for a crabbing complaint. Upon arrival, the Trooper contacted four subjects who had just returned from crabbing in Tillamook Bay with 48 Dungeness crab. Upon inspection of the crab, it was found that 19 of them were undersized. The crab were seized and released back into the bay. One of the subjects was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**.



## Environment

### *Offensive Littering*

An Access & Habitat Trooper was patrolling private timber lands when he encountered several garbage bags filled with trash. Upon inspecting the contents, there were multiple items to identify a possible suspect. The Trooper seized the evidence and cleaned up the remaining trash. A F&W Trooper assisted in a follow up investigation which led to a confession from the suspect who was subsequently issued a criminal citation for **Offensive Littering**.



### *Littering at Foster Reservoir*

A F&W Trooper was attempting to check anglers at Foster Reservoir when he observed three subjects drinking beer. With the use of binoculars he was able to determine the subjects were underage. Continued observation noted after each beer was consumed, the individuals would fill the can with water from the reservoir and sink the can to the bottom of the lake. When the Trooper attempted contact with the subjects, they threw the remaining beers in the bushes. F&W Trooper made the subjects retrieve the cans and litter before issuing citations for **Offensive Littering** and **Minor in Possession of Alcohol**.

## Disposition / General Law / Interagency

### *Disposition*

#### ***Subject Pleaded Guilty in Linn County***

In Linn County Justice Court, a male subject pled guilty to **Fail to Immediately Validate Big Game Tag, Unlawful Take Buck Deer – Exceeding**, and two counts of **Criminal Trespass while in Possession of a Firearm**. These charges stemmed from several incidents occurring over a six-month period where the subject had poached at least two buck deer and trespassed several times with a firearm. The male subject was ordered to pay: \$3000.00 in restitution, \$500.00 to the OHA TIP fund, fined \$750.00, and \$660.00 in administrative fees. Antlers and two rifles were forfeited to the State and the male subject's hunting privileges were suspended for five years. The male subject has been trespassed from a large timber company's properties in Linn County and is only to be allowed on other timber company's properties with written permission.

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### *Interagency*

#### ***River Census Flights***

Oregon Department Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) requested two angler census flights on the Columbia River which were flown by a F&W Sergeant. River census flights are used by ODFW to estimate the number of fish harvested between Bonneville dam and Astoria.



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#### ***Shuttling Volunteers***

A F&W Pilot out of the Klamath Falls field office flew into Reds Horse Ranch twice this week to shuttle volunteers who help maintain the ranch and patrol the upper stretches of the Minam River for anglers who may target Bull Trout.



# Interagency Cooperation

## *Life Flight Called In*

On Sauvie Island, a F&W Trooper out of St. Helens was the first on scene where a subject dove into the Columbia River and nearly drowned. The subject was pulled from the water by a friend and when the Trooper arrived on scene, the subject was unable to move any of his fingers or toes. The Trooper instructed bystanders to secure the subject's head in place and keep his body as it was, partly in the water. The Trooper requested a Life Flight transport and secured a landing zone for them. Once medics arrived on scene, The Trooper assisted in back-boarding the subject in the water and loading him into the life flight helicopter. Medics suspect the subject had a severe spinal injury.

## *F&W Troopers Train ODFW Staff*

F&W Troopers from the Roseburg and Springfield Fish and Wildlife Teams, along with a Sergeant from the Coos County Sheriff's Office, teamed up to put on a 2-day water safety/non-motorized boat operations class for Southwestern Oregon Orego Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) employees. There were eight students in the class which emphasized self-rescue, boat recovery, and safe boat operations.



## *Wild Fires in Oregon*

A F&W Trooper out of Lakeview, was flagged down by a motorist reporting a possible forest fire. The Trooper along with U.S. Personnel Forest Service responded to the report and observed an active fire. The Trooper assisted in directing crews and the initial fire investigation. A gut pile was located at the point of origin of the fire.



The Trooper's vehicle also received a new coat of protectant while blocking traffic. Thanks to the quick response of fire personnel the fire was controlled quickly. The Patrol Division assisted on scene with traffic. The U.S. Forest Service is investigating the fire.

## *East Region Forest Fires*

F & W members from East Region responded to the John Day fire and assisted with road closures, evacuations and general patrol duties. Following are a few pictures from the fire and operation.



# Public Relations

## *Fiberglass Boat Rescued*

A F&W Trooper out of Astoria spotted a 16 foot fiberglass boat bobbing in the surf near the Columbia "River Beach" along the south jetty. Two male subjects were wading next to the boat. The operator was later determined to have run aground, and couldn't restart the engine to gain headway off the spit against the wind and surf. With the assistance of the Clatsop County Sherriff's Office, both male subjects were rescued from the boat and brought to shore. One of the men was taken to the hospital with heart symptoms. The boat was recovered by tow truck.

## *F&W Seeking Public Assistance*

A F&W Trooper released a press release requesting public assistance where a Pronghorn doe was shot and wasted on Big Summit Prairie. The story has been on local media and an article featured in the Bend Bulletin Newspaper. OHA Tip added \$250.00 to the OHA Prineville Chapter reward bringing the reward total to \$750.00.



## *Coho Salmon Donated to Charity*

F&W Troopers seized six coho salmon at South Beach Marina and issued four citations for **Possession of Non Adipose Fin Clipped Coho Salmon**. All of the salmon were donated to charity.

## *F&W Sergeant instructed Hunters Education*

A F&W Sergeant gave instruction and answered questions at a Hunters Education class at the Four Corners Rod and Gun Cub in Salem. Approximately thirty people were in attendance.



## *Cougars in Oregon*

A F&W Trooper out of the Oakridge field office was a guest on the KUGN AM morning show. The topic of discussion was regarding recent cougar sightings in the Eugene area. The Trooper provided information to the public on what to do if a cougar is observed and who to report the sighting to. He also discussed how to be proactive to avoid conflicts with cougars.



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## Spotlight

### *2015-2016 Access and Habitat Troopers*

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Access and Habitat program is an incentive based program designed to improve wildlife habitat and increase public hunting access on private lands in Oregon. The funding for the Access and Habitat Program comes from 3 resources: a \$4.00 surcharge on all hunting licenses, the annual auction and raffle of 10 deer and 10 elk tags, and funding from the Green Forage and Deer Enhancement and Restoration Program.

The Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife contracts with ODFW to seasonally hire Access & Habitat employees (Retired State Troopers) to patrol private timberlands before and during hunting season to protect against illegal hunting, theft, vandalism, littering, damage to land, enforcement of ATV's, reduce fire danger and improve the quality of hunting for deer and elk.

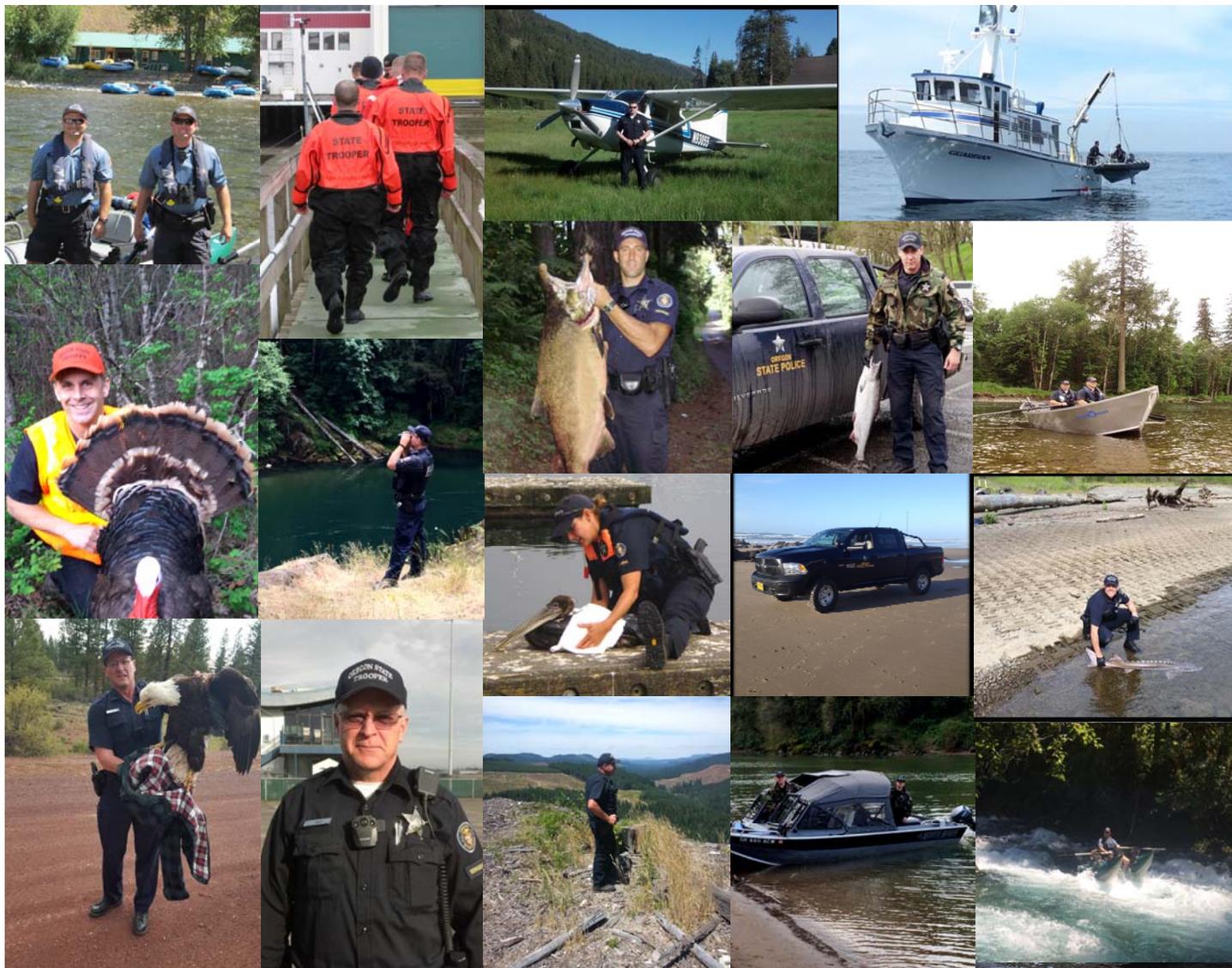


A&H Troopers during pre-season training session

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