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Unlawful Hunting of Black Tail Deer

Tpr.Boeholt (Portland) received a report of a Black Tail Deer that had been killed and field dressed in the Santiam Unit, which was closed until Oct. 25th. The deer had also been intentionally concealed with brush and tree limbs. Tpr. Boeholt and Tpr. Borchers hiked approximately a mile into the wilderness before daylight on the 25th. Later that morning four subjects arrived who skinned and quartered the deer. The Tprs. made their presence known, to the great surprise of the subjects. One subject admitted to killing the deer on the pre-



Troopers with seized black-tailed deer

vious Thursday. The subject had already validated his Western Deer Rifle Tag for Saturday October 25th. The hunter was cited for **Hunting Closed Season** and **Unlawful Take of Black Tail Deer**. Two of the other subjects were cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime**. The shooter's rifle was seized. The meat was also seized and donated to charity.

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Deer Decoy Was Shot / Subject Received Criminal Citation

Tpr. Kenyon (Salem) and Tpr. Glaser (Salem) worked an early morning deer decoy in Polk County. At 4:50 AM two vehicles drove into the decoy set and stopped. The driver of the second vehicle exited with a rifle and fired a shot at the decoy. Tpr. Glaser contacted the suspect and subsequently issued him a criminal citation for **Hunting with Artificial Light**, and seized his rifle. A short while before legal shooting light, another vehicle stopped at the decoy. The passenger retrieved a shotgun from the back of the vehicle and was heard working the action. Meanwhile the driver flashed the headlights at the decoy. The passenger then got back into the vehicle and the vehicle drove off. The vehicle was stopped and the passenger was eager to point out that the shotgun in his lap was not loaded, although there was a round of buckshot on the dash right in front of him. The driver stated they "knew it was fake and they did not want to play that game." The passenger was issued a violation citation for **Hunting with Artificial Light**.



Shots Fired from a Motor Vehicle

Sr. Tpr. Leighty (Salem) drove up behind a subject's vehicle and observed a gun barrel protruding from the passenger window. The operator slowed and the passenger shot out of the window. Sr. Tpr. Leighty stopped the vehicle and requested identification from both subjects. The operator presented a Washington driver's license. The passenger stated he had just shot a rabbit and Sr. Tpr. Leighty observed a dead rabbit along the roadside. Along with the shotgun, there were two rifles in the vehicle. Both the operator and passenger stated they were deer hunting. Both the passenger and operator presented Oregon resident licenses and tags. When questioned about the resident license, the operator said he had a motorhome licensed in Oregon. The operator was cited for **Aiming Firearm from Moving Vehicle, Possession of Falsely Applied for Hunting License/ Tags and Aiding in Game Violation**. The passenger was cited for **Aiming Firearm from Moving Vehicle**.

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		DA/DDA	District Attorney/Deputy DA	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
		DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	OPRD	Parks and Recreation Department	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
		DSL	Department of State Lands	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
		DWS	Driving while Suspended	PFD	Personal Flotation Device	UTL	Unable to Locate
		FTA/FTP	Failure to Appear/Pay	Rct.	Recruit	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
				Sgt.	Sergeant	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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Hunting Without a Deer Tag

Sr. Tpr. Leighty (Salem), after observing two subjects crossing a clear cut and making their way to a parked vehicle, contacted both hunters. Both stated they were deer hunting. A check of their license and tags revealed that one subject did not have a deer tag (He had a Cascade Elk tag). A check of ODFW records confirmed he had not purchased a deer tag. The suspect was cited for **Hunting Black Tail Deer Without Tag**.

Cow Elk Taken by a Rifle During Archery Season

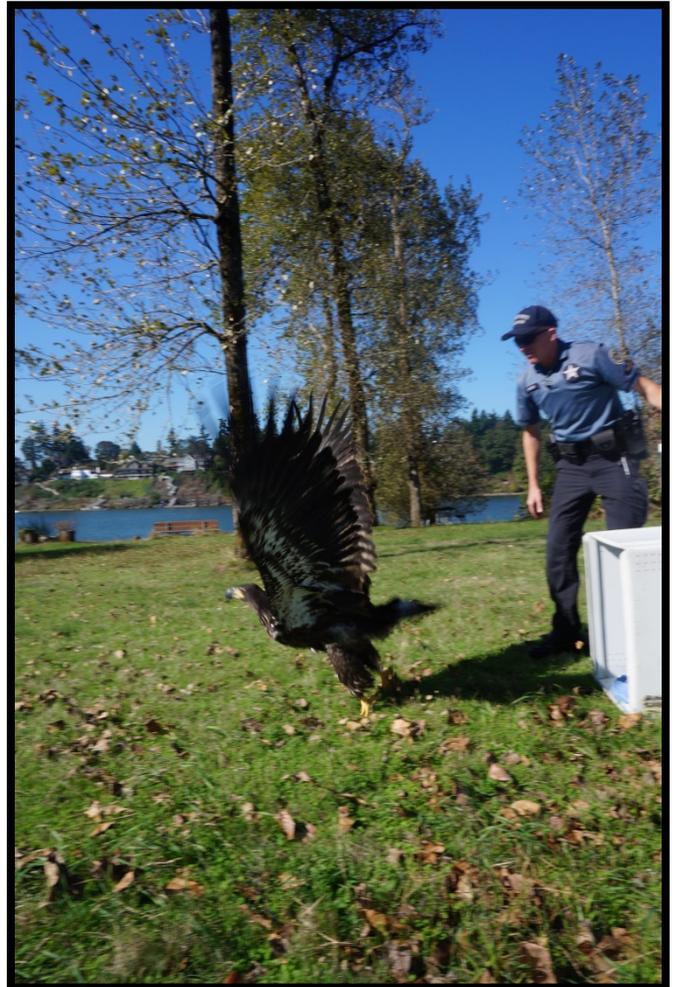
Tpr. Andrews (Albany) and Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) finished a two month investigation on a cow elk taken with a rifle during archery season. Tpr. Andrews interviewed both suspects and presented them with all the evidence. After hearing the evidence both suspects admitted to taking part in the killing of the cow elk with a rifle during archery season. Both suspects were cited for **Lending/Borrowing Big Game Tag** and **Unlawful Take/Possession of Antlerless Elk**.

Unlawful Take of Black Bear Without a Tag

Tpr. VanRenterghem (St Helens) and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) followed up on a referral from ODFW in which a family member of a hunter had checked in a bear at the Big Creek Fish Hatchery. The ODFW employee noticed the time stamp at the bottom of the tag indicated the tag was purchased late in the evening on the day the tag was validated. Tpr. VanRenterghem and Tpr. O'Connor located the suspect at his residence in Westport. The subject initially stated he shot the bear the morning after the tag was issued, but later admitted he shot the bear the day the tag was validated for and then drove into town and purchased a bear tag. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Take of Black Bear Without a Tag**. The bear parts at the subject's residence were seized.



Photos by Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife



Tpr. Shimer Observing release of Juvenile Bald Eagle

Bald Eagle Released on Sand Island

Tpr. Shimer (St Helens) assisted the Audubon Society in releasing a rehabilitated juvenile bald eagle on Sand Island. The eagle had been captured by Tpr. Shimer after it was found on the Fourth of July with a broken wing. Upon release the eagle was able to fly to a nearby tree.



Fish / Angling / Marine

Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB)

Investigation to Unlawful Guiding

The Portland and Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Teams, in conjunction with the Fish and Wildlife Special Investigations Unit (SIU) concluded an investigation into the illegal guiding operations of a subject from the Portland area. The subject of the investigation had previously been cited by the Portland Fish and Wildlife Team following an SIU Investigation for Guiding Without a License, and pled guilty to the charge in 2013. During the summer and early fall of 2014, the subject again was booking trips without having registered as guide through the Oregon State Marine Board, as required by law. Upon contact with the guide it was also found he was in possession of undersized Dungeness crab. The subject was lodged in the Tillamook County Jail on charges of **Guiding without a License** and **Unlawful Possession Undersized Dungeness Crab**.



ANGLING

Subject Cited for No Angling License

Tpr. Farrar (Florence) conducted a patrol of Lake Creek and contacted several anglers. During the patrol he discovered an angler who did not have a fishing license or a combined angling tag. The angler was cited for **No Angling License**.

Citations Issued on Columbia River

Sr. Tpr. Connell (Hermiston) has been working Salmon and Steelhead anglers on the Columbia River at the Irrigon Fish Hatchery up river to the Umatilla River. Sr. Tpr. Connell issued multiple citations. Two for **No Columbia River Endorsement** and several others for **Using Barbed Hooks for Salmon and Steelhead**.

Unlawful Take of Sturgeon from Swan Is-

land

Tpr. Borchers (Portland) and Sr. Tpr. Reel (Portland) were dispatched to Swan Island on a complaint of Sturgeon anglers retaining fish on a non-retention day. Upon contact the Tprs. discovered two Sturgeon approximately 50 inches long hidden in the brush. After interviewing three anglers on scene one was cited criminally for **Unlawful Take of Sturgeon and Angling Prohibited Method to wit: Barbed Hook**. The second angler was cited criminally for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime** and **Unlawful Possession of Sturgeon**. The third angler was warned for not having a license or tag on his person. The first angler's fishing gear was seized as evidence. One sturgeon was able to be released back into the river unharmed. The second sturgeon was donated to a local food bank charity.



Unlawful Angling on the Trask River

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) was working anglers on the Trask River when he was contacted by four anglers who were concerned about a subject who was hooking fish that were spawning nearby. The anglers stated they believed the subject had just caught a salmon and the fish was hooked on its side. Sgt. Hoodenpyl observed the subject and watched as he tried to snag/floss spawning fish with a fly pole. The subject was then observed hooking a fish which he fought to the bank where he eventually saw Sgt. Hoodenpyl. The subject grabbed the fish, looked at Sgt. Hoodenpyl, and asked whether the fish was legal to keep and was advised it needed to be released. The subject told Sgt. Hoodenpyl he had caught a Chinook earlier and had placed it in his van parked in the parking lot. A consent search of the van resulted in the fish being identified as a wild Coho salmon, which was unlawful to possess. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession Non-Adipose Fin Clipped Coho Salmon** and warned for snagging (Flossing).

SHELLFISH***Unlawful Crabbers in Hammond***

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) and Recruit Morgan (St Helens) checked recreational crabbers and Salmon fisherman as they came back to the boat ramp in Hammond. The Tprs. gave multiple warnings, and issued 2 citations for **Unlawful Taking Non Adipose Fin Clipped Coho**, and 1 citation for **No Shellfish License**. 2 Coho were seized.

**ATV*****Unlawful Entry on Weyerhaeuser Road***

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (McMinnville) assisted Sr. Tpr. Poggi (NCTMA) with a subject who was trespassing with an ATV on Weyerhaeuser property and operating an ATV on a public highway. The subject was found to be in possession of a loaded firearm on the ATV and was cited for **Unlawful Motorized Entry, Operating An ATV With a Loaded Firearm**, and warned for Operating an ATV on a Highway and No ATV Education Card.

GENERAL LAW***Unlawful Possession of Heroin***

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) contacted a suspicious vehicle at the Westport Ferry Landing. Two subjects were observed making suspicious movements when they saw the Tpr. approaching. When Tpr. O'Connor approached, needle caps and Q-tips were observed near the occupants. The female occupant in the vehicle consented to a search of her purse which yielded two syringes (one loaded) and other drug paraphernalia. A search was conducted of the vehicle, where Tpr. O'Connor located a digital scale, user amounts of heroin and other drug paraphernalia. The two subjects were issued citations for **Unlawful Possession of Heroin**.

INTERAGENCY COOPERATION***Two Lost Fisherman Safely Located***

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) assisted Lincoln County Sheriff's Office with a search for two lost fisherman on upper Drift Creek. The fishermen were located within a few hours and led back to their vehicle. The fishermen were wet and tired, but otherwise ok.

Female Located in Newport

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) and Rct. Nelson (Newport) responded to assist with a missing person call in the Lincoln Beach area. After searching the area for about an hour, they located the missing female subject wandering the area. She was disoriented, but otherwise okay.



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DISPOSITIONS***Two Years of Investigation Lead to a Conviction***

A two year investigation into the unlawful taking of an elk and deer during the 2012 archery season was concluded when the suspect in the case pled guilty to three misdemeanor crimes that involved the **Unlawful Take/Possession of Deer, Failing to Validate Tag**, and **Unlawful Sale of Sport Caught Salmon**. The suspect, who is a convicted felon; was also found to be in possession of a shotgun located during the execution of the search warrant at his residence in February of 2013. At the conclusion of the trial, the suspect was found guilty of **Felon in Possession of a Weapon** and was sentenced to 15 months in prison, given a 36 month license/tag revocation from hunting and fishing, required to perform 120 hours of community service and pay \$1,500 in fines.

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