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Through Restitution Penalties, Poachers Help OHA and OSP Catch More Poachers

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When a man was recently convicted of illegally killing a trophy bull elk in Northeast Oregon during the 2011 bow season, his penalties included two days in jail, 18 months probation, 40 hours of community service, a three-year hunting license suspension and a \$227 fine. But he also had to pay a whopping \$15,000 in restitution for the animal he killed. Poachers may not know it, but when they cough up restitution penalties, they are helping the Oregon Hunters Association and the Oregon State Police catch more poachers.

That happens through the Turn-in-Poachers program, operated by the Oregon Hunters Association and administered by the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division, where people can report information about fish and wildlife violations. If their tip results in an arrest and conviction, they may receive a reward that typically ranges from \$100 to \$500, but can occasionally be much higher when local OHA chapters kick in additional reward funds. For example, TIP is currently offering a \$17,500 reward involving a still unsolved long-term Southern Oregon elk killing and wasting spree. Tipsters can also arrange to remain anonymous if they prefer and still qualify to receive a reward.



One of seven bulls poached in Glendale. Photo credit: File

Between 2009 and 2011, OHA contributed about \$35,000 for TIP rewards, and averages \$10,000 to \$13,000 per year in TIP reward contributions. And when poachers are assessed a restitution penalty for their crimes, they replenish the OHA TIP fund that encourages people to come forward with information about wildlife crimes and helps the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division arrest more poachers.



Trooper with poached bull from Glendale case. Photo credit: File

According to Mike Vallery, OHA State Treasurer, District Attorneys prosecuting poaching cases may ask for restitution from the offender, and if the judge grants the request some of that restitution money may go to the TIP program, which helps replenish the reward fund.

“We’re seeing more and more restitution penalties being levied by judges, so it’s not just guys getting slapped with a fine and walking away and not paying it,” said Vallery. “It’s working very well and keeps the TIP program self-sustaining.”

To report information about a fish or wildlife violation contact the TIP program at 1-800-452-7888 or by e-mail at TIP@state.or.us. The Oregon Hunters Association also sponsors the Natural Resources Reward Program that offers a reward of \$200 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of people causing natural resource damage with a motor vehicle. That information can also be reported through TIP.



Poached Glendale bull in back of truck. Photo credit: File

The Oregon Hunters Association is the state’s largest pro-hunting organization, with 11,000 members and 27 chapters statewide. Its mission is “to provide abundant huntable wildlife resources in Oregon for present and future generations, enhancement of wildlife habitat and protection of hunters rights.”

The Oregon Hunters Association, along with others, are offering a \$17,500 reward through the TIP program to obtain information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for an elk killing and wasting spree in Southern Oregon.

Wildlife Issues

Wildlife Issues Experienced during Summer Months

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) responded to a call to assist a Burns resident with a fawn found stuck between the subject's shop and gate. Caldwell was able to remove the fawn without injury. The fawn soon recovered and ran off to join its mother.

Tpr. Nugent (Central Point) responded to the scene of a traffic stop a Jackson County SO deputy initiated and located a small fawn in the vehicle. Nugent contacted the subject who explained he thought the fawn was motherless. The list of reasons as to why the subject thought he could be a better mother did not add up. Nugent cited the subject for **Take/Hold Young Game Mammal** and seized the fawn. He took the fawn to ODFW who took it to a wildlife rehabilitation facility.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) responded to a report of a Bay City subject who killed a deer with a shotgun. The subject had deer in his yard and thought they were doing damage to his garden. The subject shot at a deer with a shotgun, trying to haze the animal but killed it. Hoodenpyl cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession Deer** and referred him to ODFW to apply for a haze permit.

Sr. Tpr. McNeil and Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) responded to a Keating residence where a bear cub was in a tree by a residence. The rancher was worried about his pigs. ODFW responded with a tranquilizer gun and darted the bear. Officers caught the cub in a tarp as it fell out of the tree. ODFW ear-tagged and relocated the cub.



Captured bear cubs sleeping. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) investigated a report of a subject with a captive raccoon. He contacted the subject and found she did have a raccoon without a permit. The subject advised she obtained the raccoon from some friends who moved to California. Maher cited the subject for **Unlawful Holding of Wildlife—Raccoon without a Permit** and seized the raccoon and transferred it to ODFW.

Sr. Tpr. Bean (La Pine) investigated a report from USFS concerning campers near Gilchrist holding chipmunks in cages as pets. Bean located the camp and found at least two chipmunks held in small cages complete with exercise wheels. Bean cited the subject for **Unlawful Holding of Wildlife—Chipmunks**. The chipmunks were released unharmed.

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) received a call from a subject in Yachats that a sow and two cubs were up a tree in a crowded neighborhood in Yachats. Urbigkeit and Sr. Tpr. Peterson (Patrol) responded. The troopers determined the three bears had been in the area for at least three days and had repeatedly gotten into and tipped over the dumpsters in the neighborhood. ODFW District Biologist Doug Cottam and Sgt. Thompson (Newport) also responded. ODFW and OSP cleared the area with the help of

Yachats Fire Department. The sow was deemed a nuisance bear, making it ineligible for relocation. Officials tranquilized the sow and removed from the area and euthanized it. The officials tranquilized the two 25-pound cubs and transported them to ODFW for rehabilitation.



Fawn removed and released. Photo credit: File



Sr. Tpr. Davis (Baker City) located two dead mature elk who became entangled in a fence while fighting. Photo credit: File

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AIS	Aquatic Invasive Species	FTA/FTP	Failure to Appear/Pay	Rct.	Recruit
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	IDFG	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game	Sgt.	Sgt.
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	SIU	Special Investigations Unit
BER	Boat Examination Report	Lt.	Lieutenant	Sr.	Sr.
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	SO	Sheriff's Office
BUH/DUII/Boating/Driving Under		ODF	Department of Forestry	TMA	Travel Management Area
DUID	Influence Intoxicants/Drugs	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	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
DWS	Driving while Suspended			WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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Hunting Small and Big Game

Illegal Bear Hunting Investigated

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) investigated a report of a black bear shot at a rural residence near North Bend. As a result of the investigation, Harris arrested and lodged the subject in jail for **Taking Black Bear Closed Season**. Harris forwarded a report to the DA's office.

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski, Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras), and Sr. Tpr. Raugust (Patrol) responded to a report of subject who killed a bear cub in the Metolius Unit. The troopers located and contacted the subject. They determined the subject shot the bear with a snub-nosed .44 mag revolver. The subject advised that from his view, the bear looked bigger than the 55 pounds and 41 inches eventually weighed and measured at ODFW. The subject kept the head and hide as a "trophy" and retained only the backstraps and upper hind quarter meat (about five pounds). The troopers cited the subject for **Waste of Wildlife** and submitted a report to the DA.



Bear cub taken in Metolius Unit. Photo credit: File

WED Operations Conducted

Tpr. Imholt and Sgt. Ashenfelter (Springfield) set up a WED the night before opening day of deer season. Only one vehicle drove past the set, but that one vehicle stopped and shot the decoy. The troopers cited the shooter for **Hunting Deer Closed Season** and **Hunting with the Aid of a Light** and the driver for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**. The shooter has a lifetime angling suspension; and, since this is not his first illegal hunting citation, the troopers will request a hunting license suspension.

Sr. Tpr. Boyd and Sr. Tpr. Hagedorn (Springfield) conducted a WED during the evening of the opening day of western rifle deer season. A vehicle stopped at an angle in the roadway with its headlights aimed directly on the decoy. The passenger shot the buck deer decoy from the road after legal hours with the aid of artificial light. The 15-year-old shooter just graduated Hunter Education, and the driver was his father. The troopers cited the juvenile for **Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light** and the father for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense** and **No Operator's License** and seized the rifle.

Since the beginning of archery season, Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) began receiving poaching and trespass complaints regarding a local subject. Astoria troopers have been receiving similar complaints on the same subject for over 10 years. The subject had been very outspoken about staying a step ahead of the law and had used intimidation tactics to prevent area residents from making formal complaints with law enforcement. One morning, O'Connor, Tpr. Vogel, Tpr. Herman, and Sgt. Schwartz (Astoria) conducted a WED operation involving the "roboelk" on a piece of private property the subject is known to frequent. Just before shooting hours, the subject drove past the decoy set and turned around and came back. The subject stopped and observed the decoy and then positioned his vehicle so his headlights were shining directly on the decoys, as well as a no trespassing sign. The subject then drove toward the end of the road where there were three nearby houses and then, again, came back to the decoy set. At that point, the subject exited his vehicle and shot at least two arrows at the bull decoy. The subject then got back in his vehicle and left at a high rate of speed. Schwartz and Herman located the fleeing violator and took him into custody. The troopers cited and released the subject at the Clatsop County Jail for **Hunting on the Enclosed/Cultivated Land of Another, Casting Light from a Motor Vehicle on a Game Mammal while Armed, and Hunting from a Roadway**. The troopers forwarded a report to the DA. The subject is on probation stemming from a conviction last deer season for Hunting on the Enclosed/Cultivated Land of Another.

Subject Took Cougar then Bought a Tag

ODFW forwarded information to Sr. Tpr. Davis (La Grande) about a subject who checked in a cougar the same date he purchased a cougar tag. The subject purchased the tag after legal shooting hours. When contacted, the subject told Davis he knew why he was there and admitted to shooting a cougar then went to town and purchased his tag. Davis cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Cougar—No Valid Tag**.

Airplane Aided Ground Troopers in Locating Violators

At about 12:30 a.m., from the Division airplane, Sgt. Culp (Pilot, Salem) located a vehicle driving near Browns Camp off of Hwy 6 casting a light. Sr. Tpr. Reid and Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (McMinnville) responded to the area and eventually stopped the subject. The front seat passenger possessed a pistol and spotlight. The passenger admitted to shining his light on five deer (four does and one spike). The troopers cited the passenger for **Casting an Artificial Light on a Game Mammal while Armed** and seized the spotlight and pistol.

Illegal Bird Hunting Detected

Tpr. Clement (Salem) received a complaint of adults hunting pheasants during the E.E. Wilson youth hunt weekend. Clement contacted two adults actively hunting in the wildlife area. Pheasant season did not open in the wildlife area to the general public until October 1. Clement cited the subjects for **Hunting Pheasant Closed Season**.

Sr. Tpr. Knapp (Enterprise) contacted a subject on a motorcycle in the Imnaha Unit with a ruffed grouse. His investigation resulted in issuing the subject a citation for **Taking a Ruffed Grouse without an Upland Game Bird Validation** and warnings for **Taking Grouse Prohibited Method—.45 cal pistol, No Protective Helmet, and No ATV Sticker**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) worked the archery opener in the Oakridge area. During the day, he checked 13 deer, elk, and bear hunters. During one contact, Maher learned the subject killed and had in possession a ruffed grouse. Maher advised the subject the season for ruffed grouse did not begin until September 1. Maher seized the grouse and cited the subject for **Taking Game Bird—Ruffed Grouse—Closed Season**.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) located a large camp in the Mt. Hood National Forest. Among the piles of trash, he located a bag with blue grouse feathers. The subject harvested two grouse and did not have the required validation. Gunderson cited the subject for **Unlawful Taking Grouse x 2—No Upland Bird Validation**. The subjects consumed the birds. Gunderson ordered the campers to clean up the trash.

Hunting Big Game

Troopers investigated Big Game Cases



Sr. Tpr. Hagedorn and Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) followed up on a cold case from the 2011 Cascade elk season when a timber company gate was pulled out of the ground in the McKenzie drainage. Of four subjects contacted, only one had a 2011 Cascade elk tag. The interviews revealed one subject killed a trophy-class 6 x 6 bull elk without an elk tag. The tag holder tagged the elk then he went back to the vehicle and pulled the gate out of the ground in an attempt to make the pack-out easier. The subjects packed the elk out to the McKenzie Hwy and took it to the shooter's residence near Springfield. The shooter had the bull elk shoulder-mounted and hung it prominently in his living room. The troopers developed probable cause for the charges of **Unlawful Take of Bull Elk—No Tag, Aiding in a Wildlife Offense x 3, Criminal Mischief—Felony, and Unlawful Possession of Illegally taken Game Meat**. They seized the elk shoulder mount along with a rifle and game meat and forwarded a report to the DA.

Evidence seized from elk poaching case. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Mayer and Tpr. Jewett (Pendleton) responded to a report of five-point bull elk killed on private property in Heppner. The shooter self-reported the incident. He shot the elk, thinking it was a deer, and was informed by his wife, whom he texted a picture to, that he shot an elk. The subject and his fellow party members left the elk and called in the incident several hours later. They failed to process the elk and the meat spoiled. The troopers cited the subject for **Taking Bull Elk Closed Season and Waste of Big Game Mammal—Elk**.

Sr. Tpr. Ritter (John Day) received a complaint from two archery hunters in the Beulah Unit that unknown suspect(s) set a cable snare on a game trail and the snare appeared to be set for big game. Ritter responded to the location and seized the snare. The complainants advised they saw a white van in the area, so he and Sr. Tpr. Weaver (Patrol) performed an area search. A short time later, Ritter located the van on a nearby forest road, unoccupied. Soon thereafter, the vehicle owner, who had tags for archery deer and elk, returned. The subject initially denied any involvement in setting the snare. During a consent search of his van, the troopers located several items similar to those used to construct the snare. The subject eventually admitted he set the snare to catch and kill deer and elk. The suspect led Ritter to a second snare made out of multiple strands of 50-pound fishing line. Ritter seized the second snare as well as evidence from the subject's vehicle and cited the subject for **Hunting Elk Prohibited Method—Snare x 2 and Hunting Deer Prohibited Method—Snare x 2**.

Sr. Tpr. Hagedorn (Springfield) contacted Sgt. Withers and Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) regarding a cow elk shot illegally in the Elkton area. The subject was observed shooting into a herd of elk in the Tioga Unit where no current elk rifle season was open. Frerichs responded to the area and spent a couple of hours looking through a timber unit for the shot cow. Frerichs located a cow elk shot and left at the location in some dense cover. He was able to locate a bullet from the animal and other evidence at the scene. The next day, Withers and Frerichs contacted the suspected shooter at his residence regarding the shot cow elk. The subject admitted to shooting and missing a cow elk with a Melrose Unit cow elk rifle tag. The subject did kill another cow elk at the location, which he took to a meat processor for cold storage. The subject was very cooperative with the troopers and admitted to not checking on the other elk he reportedly had missed. The troopers cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Cow Elk—Prohibited Area and Unlawfully Exceeding the Bag Limit of Elk**. The troopers seized the elk carcass and tag from the meat processor.

Tpr. Warwick, Tpr. Vogel, and Sr. Tpr. Stanton (Astoria) responded to a report of two subjects hunting in Fort Stevens State Park. Upon arrival, the troopers found two subjects hauling a 5 x 5 bull elk out of the park onto the back of some property in the Warrenton city limits. The investigation determined one subject shot from inside the city limits with at least four arrows at the elk that was standing in the park. The troopers seized the elk and cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Bull Elk Prohibited Area—Fort Stevens State Park**.

OSP received a report of a rifle shot in the Nickel Mine area near Riddle on the opening day of archery season. Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) responded and contacted a group leaving. One subject was driving an ATV pulling a trailer containing a 6 x 6 bull elk tagged with the subject's archery elk tag. The subject said he killed the elk with a bow, but Baimbridge became suspicious when one of the wounds appeared to have been caused by a bullet. OSP's subsequent investigation during the day resulted in OSP seizing the elk for further examination. The investigation led Roseburg troopers to serve a search warrant at the subject's Riddle residence where they seized a pistol and a rifle along with ammunition and marijuana. The pistol had a ground-off serial number, and the rifle matched the caliber of the rifle used in the taking of the elk. The troopers took the subject into custody and lodged him at the Douglas County Jail for **Unlawful Possession of a Bull Elk and Unlawful Possession of an Altered Firearm**.

An eight-month investigation by Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski and Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras), with the assistance of Deschutes County SO and USFS, led to multiple charges for three subjects involved with the unlawful take and waste of deer and elk in the Metolius Unit. Evidence accumulated during the investigation identified three main suspects (two 18-year-olds and a 17-year-old). The troopers lodged subject #1 in the Deschutes County Jail on local area charges and cited subject #1 to appear in Jefferson County. Charges for subject #1 include **Taking Deer Closed Season (Jefferson x 8, Deschutes x 1), Taking Elk Closed Season (Jefferson x 2), Waste of Wildlife—Deer (Jefferson x 7, Deschutes x 1), Waste of Wildlife—Elk (Deschutes x 2), and Hunting with Aid of Artificial Light (Jefferson x 3)**. The troopers cited subject #2 for **Unlawful Possession of Deer Parts (Jackson x 6), Taking Deer Closed Season (Jefferson x 5, Deschutes x 1), Waste of Wildlife (Jefferson x 3, Deschutes x 1), Hunting with Aid of Artificial Light (Jefferson x 3), and Criminal Mischief I (Jefferson)**. The troopers cited subject #3 for **Taking Deer Closed Season and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation x 3**, both Jefferson.

Hunting Big Game

Troopers investigated Big Game Cases



Mechanical broadhead seized. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Bigman (Patrol) received a hunting complaint regarding a subject who shot a doe with his bow. She responded to the subject's residence and made contact with the subject. Lt. Gifford and Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) also responded to assist. The troopers determined the subject shot a doe in the Rogue Unit with his bow. He had a bow deer tag, but the bag limit is one buck with a forked antler or larger, not a doe. The troopers cited the subject for **Taking Doe Deer Closed Season** and seized the deer.

Sr. Tpr. Gardner (Pendleton) received a complaint of a subject shooting deer with a bow in Pendleton. The subject admitted to shooting deer with a bow from a front yard across a busy street next to an elementary school boundary fence and hitting the deer. Gardner found blood, but he was unable to find the deer. The subject showed Gardner the blood, bow, and arrow. Gardner cited the subject for **Hunting Prohibited Area—Inside City Limits of Pendleton** and seized the bow and arrow as evidence.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson and Tpr. Frazier (The Dalles) responded earlier in July to the report of a dumped deer carcass in the Rock Creek Reservoir area. When checking the area, they located a deer carcass and a head and hide from a doe deer in a nearby plastic tote. Further search of the scene revealed an old cell phone and an empty .22 caliber ammo case. They took the evidence to The Dalles PD in an attempt to locate latent prints. The investigation resulted in locating a print on the ammo case. Later, Gunderson called the phone number and met with the phone's owner. The subsequent interview revealed the phone owner shot the deer in May 2012 in Sherman County to obtain meat for a friend. The subject cut up the deer at his residence in Wamic and dumped the remains at the reported location. The subject inadvertently kicked the phone and ammo case out of his truck when he dumped the carcass in the middle of the night. The troopers obtained a written statement, seized a .22 caliber revolver, and collected deer hair from his barn as evidence. The troopers cited the suspect criminally for **Taking Deer Closed Season and Offensive Littering**.

While working the opening day of archery season in the Steens Unit, Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) contacted 17 hunters, giving four warnings for various offenses and issued one citation to an archery hunter for **Hunting Prohibited Method—Using Mechanical Broadheads to Hunt Big Game**.

Tpr. Nagle (Patrol) stopped a vehicle near Finley Butte on Hwy 97 for a traffic violation. The investigation of a tagged game animal in the vehicle revealed an additional entry wound consistent with a rifle. Sr. Tpr. Love and Tpr. Sogge (Bend) responded to assist. The troopers interviewed the subjects. The passenger admitted to shooting the deer with a .22 caliber rifle and then shooting it with her bow. The troopers seized the deer, rifle, and bow as evidence and cited the passenger for **Taking Deer Prohibited Method—.22 Caliber Rifle** and the driver for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

On the opening morning of archery season, Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) responded to a trespassing complaint on private property adjacent to the White River Wildlife Area (WRWA). He located three subjects hunting on the private property without permission. Two of the subjects were adults, and the third was one of the subject's 12-year-old son on his first deer hunt. Gunderson determined the subjects had parked right at the corner of the WRWA that was clearly posted with warning signs, saw deer on the private property, and decided that they were "close enough" to public land and went after the deer. The reporting party worked all summer for the rancher in exchange for hunting privileges only to have his hunt ruined by the subjects. Gunderson cited both adults for **Hunting on Enclosed Lands of Another** and warned the juvenile for the violation.

Tpr. Tague (Lakeview) received a complaint of trespassing hunters. He responded and found the landowner had detained subjects who shot at a deer on the landowner's field. The landowner found two subjects looking for an arrow, but only one was hunting. Tague cited the subject hunting for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another** and the other subject for **Criminal Trespass II**.

Sr. Tpr. Davis (La Grande) responded to a report of a subject shooting a deer with a rifle during archery season. He found the subject with a buck deer, but he claimed he was shooting his rifle at a bobcat that was "running with the deer." After Davis removed bullet fragments from the deer, the subject admitted to first shooting the deer with an arrow and then shooting it with a caliber rifle. Davis cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Deer—Prohibited Method**.



At about 1:00 a.m., Tpr. Freitag (Salem) responded to a call to investigate a game crime stemming from a local agency's traffic stop. When the officer stopped the vehicle for a traffic violation, he noticed a freshly killed black-tailed deer in the back of the vehicle. Freitag arrived and interviewed the two vehicle occupants. The investigation revealed the driver began hunting around 10:30 p.m. near Silverton where he spotted a deer with his head lamp and shot the deer with a rifle. Both subjects loaded the deer in the back of the vehicle. Freitag cited the driver for **Unlawful Take of Black-Tailed Deer** and the passenger for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** and seized the deer and rifle. He donated the deer to the local mission.

Environment / Trespass / ATV

Six Subjects Caused Mischief at Boat Ramp

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson, Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles), and Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) observed three men and three women drinking beer on the Harpham Flats boat ramp. The men threw and broke beer bottles on the boat ramp right next to the river, and the women urinated on the ramp and left toilet paper everywhere. With the hot weather, hundreds of people were expected to use the ramp the following day. The troopers cited all six subjects criminally for of **Litter within 100 Yards of Oregon Waters** and ordered the subjects to clean up the area.

Subject Cited for Trespass and Theft

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) completed an investigation into a metal theft from a construction company. Bean had deployed a trail camera to observe possible poaching activity on BLM property near property belonging to the construction company. Instead of a poacher, Bean caught photos of a subject stealing metal from the property. The investigation revealed the subject likely took in excess of 6,000 pounds of metal. The company was unaware the theft had occurred until Bean notified them. After admitting to the theft, Bean cited the subject for **Criminal Trespass II** and **Theft II**.

Landowner and Miners Cited for Water Pollution

Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) completed a fill and removal investigation on Widow Creek in north Lincoln County. He determined a landowner poured concrete bridge supports adjacent to Widow Creek without the proper permits and the sediment entered the essential salmonid habitat stream. Canfield cited the landowner for **Water Pollution II** and forwarded the fill and removal violation report to DSL.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) accompanied Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) on a mining complaint in the Cave Junction area. They checked a subject operating a suction dredge in a creek without any permits. The troopers cited the miner for **Water Pollution II**. After assisting with an unrelated investigation after citing the miner, Thompson received another call of unlawful mining activity on the Rogue River near Enis Riffle. This is in the Wild and Scenic section of the river where suction dredging is not allowed. Thompson and Bennett responded. They located subjects working a suction dredge and cited one subject for **Water Pollution II**.

Partygoers Stopped from Creating Bonfire

Sr. Tpr. Bertram (Klamath Falls) located an area where subjects had been creating bonfires and committing off-road damage. While patrolling the area to check for violators, Bertram found a pile of 10 tires, along with other wood debris in a large fire ring. It was clear preparations were underway for a large party. Due to fire danger and environmental concerns, the landowner had company personnel respond and remove the tires from their property. Bertram and Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) along with a Klamath County SO deputy hid in the area on a Friday night and waited for the party to start. Niehus was watching the area as vehicle after vehicle showed up. A few subjects began pouring their drinks when one subject wandered off to "go to the bathroom" when she stumbled upon Niehus' location and screeched. The officers then were forced to make contact before the party got rolling. The troopers cited three subjects for **MIP—Alcohol** and warned 10 subjects for Violating Fire Restrictions.

Young Boy Caught Riding ATV Solo on Beach

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) contacted a 9-year-old boy riding an ATV at Jones Beach. The boy did not have an ATV operator permit and was unaccompanied by an adult. O'Connor located the boy's parents and cited the father for **Endangering a Class I ATV Operator** and issued warnings for No Current ATV Permit and Operation of an ATV without the Required Equipment.

Video Surveillance Helped Make Case

Sr. Tpr. Merritt and Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) wrapped up a case that started a week before. The case originated with Merritt being dispatched to a bear carcass being dumped. While looking at the bear carcass, Merritt located a stolen moped and criminal mischief and theft to an ODF bridge. The case concluded with the troopers recovering two stolen mopeds and arresting two suspects for **Theft I**, **Criminal Mischief II**, **Criminal Trespass II**, **Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle**, and **Offensive Littering**. This case was made thanks to video surveillance the troopers set up.

Quick Response Prevented Excessive Pollution

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) responded to an Oregon Emergency Response System notification where an 80-ton earth boring machine overturned into the South Fork of the Siuslaw River at an ODOT bridge construction site on Territorial Hwy south of Lorane. Due to the quick response of the construction workers who placed numerous absorbent booms across the creek downstream, the small amount of hydraulic oil released was contained. Upon further inspection, all fluid reservoirs on the machine appeared intact and no significant amount of fuel or oils appeared to have been spilled. ODOT and NW Haz-Mat responded to further contain and access the scene.

Special Forest Products Investigations Worked

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) and Tpr. Ocheskey (Patrol) were responding to a call when they passed a pickup with a full load of firewood. A check of the subject's firewood permits revealed he had placed electrical tape over the wood tickets in an attempt to appear as though the tickets were validated in order to sneak out an additional 1 1/2 cords of firewood. The troopers cited the subject for **Unlawful Cut and Transport of Special Forest Products** and had the subject properly validate his permits.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) worked a lengthy investigation into firewood theft, criminal mischief, littering, and other criminal activities on a timber company's property. Company managers set out a trail camera in the area. A subject was observed on the camera and by the manager's cell phone camera taking five pickup loads of green madrone wood from the company's property. On the fifth load, the recording showed the subject enter the area. The manager arrived about 20 minutes later to change out the SD card. When the manager left, the camera disappeared. Bennett obtained pictures of the subject and the subject's vehicle. Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) accompanied Bennett to the subject's residence that backs up to the company's land. The subject admitted to cutting 18-20 loads of firewood that he sold for \$145 a load over the previous four to six months since he has been unemployed. The troopers cited the subject for **Unlawful Cutting of a Minor Forest Products** and recovered the \$350 trail camera.

Commercial Fish / Marine Board

Multiple Cited in Commercial Fish Investigations

Tpr. Galusha and Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) worked on a commercial fish case involving commercial dive fishermen who harvested undersized gaper clams and cockles while the dive fishery was closed. The troopers cited the captain of the vessel for **Unlawful Taking Undersized Commercial Gaper Clams**.

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) was at public hoists on the Newport bayfront observing offloads from the second commercial halibut opener. She warned two wholesale dealers for Not Having Buyer's License and cited one fisherman for **Exceeding the Landing Limit of Halibut**, for the skipper of the fishing vessel brought in 1,016 pounds when the limit for his vessel was 845 pounds.

Tpr. Peterson (Tillamook) completed his investigation into a Garibaldi vessel fishing halibut with a long line and left a partial long line in the ocean fishing. Troopers conducted a *Guardian* patrol and pulled and recovered the line. They cited the subject for **Fail to Inspect Long Line within Seven Days**. Peterson forwarded a report to the DA.

Tpr. Peterson and Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) checked a boat that came off the Ocean with crab and various rockfish. A consent search of a cooler and fish box resulted in the troopers finding a yelloweye rockfish, undersized crab, and multiple license violations. The troopers cited the captain for **Unlawful Possession Yelloweye Rockfish**.

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) completed an investigation into the illegal sale of albacore tuna to a Newport restaurant. She received information about the unlawful sale of tuna and conducted a retail check. She determined the restaurant purchased the albacore tuna from a commercial fishing vessel, and the owner of the vessel did not possess a limited seller's license. Urbigkeit cited the owner of the fishing vessel for **No Limited Seller's Permit** and warned the restaurant for Illegal Purchase of Fish and Fail to Maintain Fish Dealer Records.

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) completed an investigation into a commercial wholesale fish dealer that began with the Tri-State Operation. Keeler determined a Portland-based company purchased crab directly from commercial fishermen in Newport on 34 separate occasions and the company had not obtained a wholesale fish dealer's license since 2009. Keeler also determined the company processed Dungeness crab beyond what is allowed as a retail fish dealer. Keeler forwarded a citation to the Portland office for issuance for **No Wholesale Fish Dealer's License**. The company has since acquired its dealer's license.

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) responded to Port Dock 7 where reportedly a fishing vessel deckhand had been fixing and preparing halibut gear when, unexpectedly, the deckhand threw about 19 tubs of halibut gear overboard. While en route to the bayfront, she overheard Newport PD (NPD) respond to a domestic dispute in Newport, not far from the bayfront, and NPD tased and arrested a male subject. When she arrived to the bayfront regarding the deckhand complaint, she found the deckhand had already left. After briefly speaking to witnesses, she determined the deckhand could be the male subject of the NPD call. She called dispatch and confirmed the male subject was the deckhand and in NPD's custody. NPD responded to the bayfront where additional charges of **Criminal Mischief** and **Offensive Littering** were placed on the deckhand. A neighboring commercial fisherman recovered most of the halibut gear from the bay via a grappling hook.

Marine Board Cases Worked

Tpr. O'Connor received a phone call from a gillnetter who stated an air boat just drove by the docks at a high rate of speed and ripped the cleat out of the gunwale of a gillnet boat. O'Connor and Tpr. Herman (Astoria) located the air boat at a nearby boat ramp. At that time, the victim arrived and a civil compromise was reached for the damage to gillnet boat. The troopers cited the suspect for **Unsafe Boat Operation**.

Tpr. Warwick (Astoria) was preparing the boat when he witnessed a subject run his vessel into the dock while trying to enter his marina slip. When the subject saw Warwick, he yelled with very slurred speech to grab the bow. Warwick helped the subject with the boat then began a BUII investigation. A records check showed the subject had a warrant for a previous DUII along with a no-alcohol stipulation from another DUII for which he was still on probation. Warwick took the subject into custody. At the jail, Tpr. Shimer (St. Helens) administered SFSTs, .13% BAC. The troopers cited the subject for **Unsafe Operation of a Boat** and **BUII** and lodged him on the warrant and probation violation.

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) conducted a boat patrol on the lower McKenzie and Willamette Rivers and checked 55 boats and eight anglers, resulting in six citations for **Insufficient PFDs**, one for **Angling with Bait where Prohibited**, and one for **No Angling License**. They also observed a very intoxicated person on an air mattress throw a beer can on the bank. The can rolled into the water and floated away with no attempts to retrieve it. The troopers recovered the can and then assisted the subject to a nearby gravel bar where they cited the subject for **Littering in a Waterway**. They then gave the subject and his two river companions a courtesy jet boat ride to shore for a relative to pick them up.

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) observed kayakers launch at the Ona Beach/Beaver Creek boat launch. She determined one subject was acting as a guide and had three clients. The guide did not possess a guide license and told her the company owner never said he needed one. The guide said he already conducted two trips for the company. Van Meter contacted the owner who claimed he was unaware of the outfitter-guide requirement. Meter contacted a Lincoln County SO marine deputy who told her he warned the owner for illegal guiding two years prior. She further learned the owner began the registration process with OSMB in July 2010 but never finished or received a license for the guiding activities. Van Meter re-contacted the company owner and issued a criminal citation for **No 2012 Oregon Outfitter-Guide License**.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) observed a boater erratically towing a skier from Dorena Dam, pick up the skier after he fell (no warning flag or lookout) and motor into Baker Bay, creating a wake in a no-wake zone. The operator exited onto the dock and walked stiff-legged and unsteady to a van. Boyd went to make contact but noticed a subject in his car smoking marijuana. He contacted the smoker then noted the operator enter his van and drive to the ramp where he had difficulty backing. A second subject drove the boat onto the trailer, and both had difficulty attaching the boat. Boyd had the smoker go to his camp then contacted the boaters who both failed SFSTs. After securing the boaters in his vehicle, he contacted and cited the smoker, and then secured the van and boat in the park. At Cottage Grove PD, the boaters submitted .14% and .16% BACs. Boyd issued the first boater citations for **DUII** and **BUII** and warnings for No Skier Down Warning Flag, No Lookout, and Wake in a No-Wake Zone and cited the second boater for **BUII**.

Shellfish / Marine

Poor Compliance Found Offshore

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) worked razor clam tides on Clatsop Beach in plain clothes. He issued four citations for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** and three for **Fail to Retain Razor Clams as Required**. He seized multiple clams and donated them to the local food bank.

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) was working on the North Jetty when he saw a young child on the jetty yelling to the anglers police were coming. He contacted two subjects with the child and found they possessed three undersized Dungeness crab. Galusha cited the subjects for **Unlawful Possession Undersized Dungeness Crab**.

Tpr. Brandon (Coos Bay) responded to a call of two subjects pulling other people's crab pots on Winchester Bay. Several people who witnessed the incidents contacted Brandon. One suspect had left the area, but one remained still packing up his gear. Based on witness statements and locating six undersized crab in his catch, Brandon cited the subject for **Criminal Mischief III** and **Unlawful Take Undersized Dungeness Crab**.

Off-duty Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) contacted Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) regarding a group of crabbers putting almost everything they caught in a cooler. When Harris made contact, he found the group possessed 32 undersized and female crabs, and their story contradicted what they told Cushman. The troopers cited the group leader for **Failure to Immediately Release Undersized and Female Dungeness Crabs**.

Tpr. Peterson (Tillamook) contacted a subject with 11 crab on Netarts Bay. The subject said he was crabbing with two other people. When they arrived, the subject immediately went to the boat and started throwing crab overboard even after Peterson told him to stop. Peterson found all three subjects were in possession of multiple female and undersized Dungeness crab. He cited two of the subjects for **Unlawful Possession Female Dungeness Crab** and the other for **Fail to Allow Inspection of Catch**.

Tpr. Wetzel (Florence) received a report about two subjects taking undersized crab at the South Jetty crab dock and hiding them in their vehicle. The subjects left the dock, and park rangers spotted them. When the subjects saw the rangers, they immediately pulled over, left the vehicle, and ran over the berm onto the beach. After about an hour, both subjects returned. A search revealed two female and one male undersized Dungeness crab underneath the trunk carpet in the spare tire area. Wetzel criminally cited both subjects for **Taking Undersized Female Crab**.

Poor Compliance Found when Checking Marine Fish Anglers

Newport's Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Tpr. Van Meter conducted an all-depth halibut ocean patrol on Chicken Ranch and Stonewall Banks, 27 miles offshore. In the 10 boats and 23 anglers they contacted, the troopers discovered the offshore compliance was low. They issued four citations for **Fail to Validate Halibut Harvest Card**, one for **Possession of Altered Tag**, one for **Continuing to Angle after Limits**, one for **Unlawful Possession of Arrowtooth Flounder** (one fish seized), and two for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks**. They also issued nine warnings for license and angling violations. Additionally, the troopers issued three anglers in one boat criminal citations, one for **Unlawful Possession of Canary Rockfish** (three fish seized), one for **Unlawful Possession of Lingcod** (three fish seized), one for **Exceeding Daily Limit of Halibut** (one fish seized), three for **Fail to Validate Salmon Harvest Card**, and one for **Continuing to Angle after Limits**. They also warned one angler in the boat for **Unlawful Possession of Greenstriped Rockfish** (one fish seized) and one for **Unlawful Possession of Yelloweye Rockfish** (one fish seized). They donated all of the seized fish to the Lincoln County Food Share.



Fish seized from ocean patrol. Photo credit: File

Tpr. Smith (Tillamook) responded to Garibaldi where a subject had been checked by ODFW with a 50-pound halibut caught near shore. Halibut season was closed and this closure was well-posted all over the marina. Smith seized the fish and cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession Halibut Closed Season**. Smith also cited another subject after season closed.

Tpr. Peterson (Tillamook) saw a boat come into Garibaldi and offload a large tote on the dock. He contacted five subjects and found the tote contained 23 rockfish. Further inspection revealed the subjects possessed three yelloweye rockfish and 16 canary rockfish. Peterson cited one subject for **Unlawful Possession Canary Rockfish** and seized the fish.



Seized canary and yelloweye rockfish. Photo credit: File

Tpr. Smithers (Gold Beach) received a complaint from a guide about a subject who was tossing dead rockfish out of his boat in the Rogue River Bay. One subject admitted to throwing at least four dead rockfish out of the boat. Smithers then noticed a canary rockfish on the cleaning table. He conducted a check of the remaining catch and seized five canary rockfish and two female Dungeness crab. Smithers issued one subject citations for **Waste of Black Rockfish** and **Unlawful Take of Canary Rockfish** and a warning for **Unlawful Possession of Female Dungeness Crab**.

Tpr. Smithers (Gold Beach) received a complaint of a subject who refused to allow ODFW to check his catch in the Port of Port Orford. ODFW believed the suspect exceeded his limit. An attempt-to-locate was placed on the suspect's vehicle. Patrol troopers stopped the vehicle on Hwy 42 and obtained the occupants' information and inspected the catch. Coos Bay Patrol troopers located a fresh black rockfish placed in an open field off of Hwy 42. The next day, Smithers contacted ODFW and positively identified the suspect who refused the inspection. He and Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) contacted the suspect at his Roseburg residence. The troopers took the subject into custody and lodged him in jail for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit**, **Waste of Black Rockfish**, and **Fail to Allow Inspection of License or Catch**.

Sport Angling

Subjects Angled while Suspended

Tpr. Warwick (Astoria) contacted the crew of a charter boat who brought in a yelloweye rockfish. During his investigation, one deckhand admitted to angling and catching fish while out on the charter boat. Additionally, Warwick recognized him as a subject Tpr. Herman (Astoria) was trying to locate to issue a clam digging citation. An records check showed the subject's angling and shellfish privileges to be indefinitely suspended. Warwick cited the deckhand for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense—Unlawful Take of Yelloweye Rockfish, Digging Clams while Suspended, and Angling while Suspended.**

Sgt. Allori and Tpr. Borchers (Portland) checked anglers at North Fork Reservoir, and one subject said he left his license in his vehicle. The subject could not produce his angling license. A records check under the name initially given revealed the person had a 2012 resident angling license. The troopers questioned the subject further and found out his real name (he initially used his brother's) and the fact his angling license was suspended. The troopers arrested and lodged the subject in jail for **Giving False Information to a Police Officer, Angling while Suspended, and Unlawful Possession of Trout.**

Snagging Issues Experienced at Big Creek

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) watched two anglers at Big Creek repeatedly snag salmon. Another angler at the creek told the two snaggers that they were not allowed to snag, to which they responded that they did not care. When the anglers snagged their third salmon, they quickly went back to their car to leave. Herman contacted the subjects, and they eventually admitted to snagging three salmon. He cited both subjects criminally for **Unlawful Taking Prohibited Method—Snagging Salmon** and seized the three salmon.

Tpr. Warwick (Astoria) responded to a complaint at Big Creek regarding a subject who hooked a large salmon in the belly and retained it. Warwick arrived as the subjects were packing their vehicle. Four anglers had eight salmon validated on their harvest cards, but only six in the vehicle. When Warwick asked where the other two fish were, one subject said they hid them in the brush "to prevent them from getting stolen." After retrieving the fish, Warwick asked if there were any more fish in the brush, and the subjects all said no. Upon searching the brush, Warwick found four more salmon, which the anglers eventually admitted were theirs. Warwick cited three subjects criminally for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Salmon** and one additionally criminally for **Unlawful Take of Chinook Salmon—Snagging.**

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) observed two anglers on Big Creek below the Hwy 30 bridge. One subject played a salmon, eventually reeling it in. Once the salmon reached the bank, the subject removed the hook from the pectoral fin and put the fish in a shallow area of the creek. The fish lay in shallow water, with most of its body showing above water for several minutes. Rocks surrounded the fish, preventing it from swimming to deeper water. The two subjects began to dangle their lines and hooks near the fish's mouth. The subject who originally landed the fish began playing the fish, which was now hooked in the mouth. The subject then pulled the fish up to shore and bled it out. O'Connor contacted the subject and asked where the fish had been hooked. The subject admitted the fish was hooked in the pectoral fin, but contended he did as he was supposed to and "released" the fish and then caught it again legally. O'Connor cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Salmon Prohibited Method—Snagging** and seized the salmon.

Smaller Fish Species Protected

Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) contacted a group of anglers packing up and leaving Brownlee Reservoir. Cyr inquired about any fish that had been kept during the trip. The group stated they had kept some catfish. While inspecting the catfish fillets, Cyr located two undersized bass. He cited one subject for **Unlawful Taking of Undersized Bass.**

Tpr. Ring (Bend) patrolled the Deschutes channel of Wickiup Reservoir to enforce the bait restriction in that section. The restriction is a high priority in the Bend area cooperative enforcement plan to protect large brown trout that move into the upper end of the Deschutes channel to spawn. Ring contacted several anglers and cited two for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait.** When Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) patrolled the area, he located a subject using bait and cited him for the offense.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) watched an angler using worms on Trail Bridge Reservoir. Boyd walked past the subject's friend who was passed out above him on the shore. Upon contact, the subject deliberately broke his fishing line near the reel in an attempt to avoid revealing the night crawler. Boyd also discovered the fish he just caught and killed was a bull trout in addition to a rainbow. Boyd cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Bull Trout and Angling Prohibited Method—Bait.**

Illegal Trout Angler Endangered Daughter

Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) watched anglers on the McKenzie River when he observed a subject with his 8-year-old daughter illegally fishing with bait off a gravel bar in the middle of the river. The daughter held onto a stringer with one trout. After a short time, the subject made his way back to shore by wading through water several feet deep and moving swiftly. His daughter could not stand up in the current. With one hand, the subject dragged his daughter by her life jacket and held his rod with the other, while his daughter held onto the stringer. Just below, the river was blocked by fallen trees, creating a hazard if he slipped or let his daughter go. He stumbled several times and almost fell over, but he made it safely to shore but after he dropped his bait container in the water where it floated downstream and got hung up. Imholt seized the trout and cited the subject for **No Angling License and Unlawful Take of Trout** and warnings for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait, Littering in a Waterway, and Endangering the Welfare of His Daughter.**

Guides Committed Multiple Violations

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) observed two fishing guides filleting fall Chinook on the Main Umpqua River miles away from any boat launch or takeout area. He continued to observe the subjects in two different drift boats coming down the river toward Umpqua Landing. About one hour later, Frerichs contacted the two guides and found they had several bags of salmon roe, fillets, and one whole salmon. He determined one of the clients caught two salmon and the guide unlawfully tagged the salmon on his own tag. Frerichs cited one of the guides criminally for **Unlawful Possession of Mutilated Game Fish—Salmon**, as OSP had previously warned him for the violation, and cited the other guide for **Unlawful Possession of Mutilated Game Fish—Salmon and Loaning Salmon—Steelhead Tag.** He seized the fish, fillets, and roe. Later that same day, Frerichs observed another fishing guide with two clients angling for fall Chinook in the Main Umpqua River. On contact, he determined both clients each caught, retained, and tagged two adult fall Chinook. Frerichs cited the guide for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Continuing to Angle after Retaining a Daily Bag Limit of Salmon.**

Sport Angling

Of All the Places to Commit a Violation ...

During a OSMB whitewater drift boat class on the Rogue River, instructor Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) and student Tpr. Vogel (Astoria) observed an angler on the bank land a steelhead. The angler quickly gathered his rod and catch (still flopping around with line and lure still in its mouth) and walked briskly up the bank toward the parking lot of a nearby restaurant across from the boat ramp. Vogel rowed to the shore in time for Maher to intercept the angler in the parking lot just as he was about to drive away. The angler showed Maher his catch, a 25 1/2-inch adipose fin-clipped steelhead, which was still flopping in the back of the angler's vehicle. The angler did not have a tag. Maher seized the steelhead and cited the angler for **No Combined Angling Harvest Tag**. This was truly a team effort as other course participants arrived to help, including Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport), Tpr. Stone (Roseburg), Tpr. Ring (Bend), Tpr. Ritter (John Day), and Tpr. Nugent (Central Point).

Subjects Hunted Eggs

Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) contacted two subjects loading their vehicle after a day of angling on the Clackamas River near Cazadero Dam. A brief conversation between him and the anglers initially revealed they had not caught or tagged any Chinook. Schoenborn observed a green camp chair bag that had an odd shape inside the vehicle. A consent search of the bag revealed a wild Chinook with its adipose fin cut off very recently with a sharp object as it was still bleeding. His further investigation also revealed a small cooler with another wild Chinook in it that had been filleted. Schoenborn cited both subjects for **Unlawful Possession of Native Chinook Salmon** and **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** and one subject additionally for **No 2012 Combined Angling Tag**. Both subjects admitted they were egg hunting and used a fillet knife to cut the adipose fins off the fish. The trooper seized multiple rods and one fillet knife as evidence.

False Application Investigations Completed

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) contacted a male subject on a follow-up report by an estranged ex-girlfriend. The ex-girlfriend reported the subject was living in Stevenson, Washington, and applying for resident Oregon fishing licenses. She additionally reported the subject was attempting to hide his residency as he owed the federal and the state government a large amount of back taxes. The subject also owed her a large amount of money. The ex-girlfriend provided a detailed schedule of the subject to include a Monday 1:00 p.m. guided fishing trip and contact location. Pearson contacted and cited the subject for **False Application of Oregon Resident Angling Licenses**.

Tpr. Peterson (Tillamook) received information of a subject who just left the Tillamook ODFW office where he purchased a duplicate angling tag only. ODFW found it unusual the subject had all of his licenses and tags and only purchased an angling harvest card. The subject also claimed on his affidavit he had not tagged any halibut. Peterson knew OSP recently cited this subject for being in possession of two short Chinook, and ODFW port samplers had checked the subject earlier with six halibut tagged on his angling harvest card. Peterson located the subject's vehicle parked in Garibaldi during the all-depth halibut season and waited until the subject returned from fishing. When Peterson contacted the subject, he was in possession of another halibut and admitted he lied on his affidavit and was just trying to get more fish. Peterson cited the subject for **Falsely Applying for Angling Harvest Card** and **Exceeding the Yearly Bag Limit of Halibut**.

Endangered Salmonids Protected around the State

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) received a report of a subject unlawfully retaining a nonadipose fin-clipped steelhead on the Columbia River near the mouth of the Deschutes River. He located the subject who validated the fish on his angling harvest card as a "salmon." When asked what kind of "salmon" it was, the subject admitted he was a rookie angler and had no idea what kind of a fish it was. The subject actually had retained a nonadipose fin-clipped steelhead. Gunderson cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Steelhead** and seized the fish and donated it to charity.

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) watched two anglers repeatedly snag numerous salmon at Young's River Falls. The Chinook pool up in large numbers at the base of the falls, and the two subjects repeatedly ran their lures over the backs of the salmon while jerking the rods upwards. Herman watched as the anglers snagged ten plus salmon in the back. He recognized one subject as a repeat wildlife offender that Herman and other Astoria troopers have cited multiple times for various offenses. The subjects released all of the snagged salmon, and it appeared they were just snagging the salmon for fun. Herman cited both subjects for **Unlawful Taking Prohibited Method—Snagging Salmon**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) observed a subject catch and keep a foul-hooked Chinook on the upper North Umpqua River. He observed the subject take the hook out of the underside the fish and place it in its mouth. On contact, the subject denied keeping the foul-hooked fish and placing the hook in the mouth. Frerichs transported the subject to jail where he cited him for **Unlawful Keeping Foul-Hooked Salmon**. He seized the salmon and the subject's fishing gear. This part of the North Umpqua River (Rock Creek) has been a problem area with snagging, fail to validate, and illegal angling gear. Cases like this have helped greatly in reducing the illegal take of salmon and steelhead.

On the Sandy River at Brightwood Beach, Tpr. Reel (Portland) noted a subject attempting to snag Chinook for about 20 minutes. He contacted the subject who stated he was only trying to get his line through the rocks. Reel cited him for **Attempting to Snag**. The trooper continued upriver when he spotted another subject attempting to snag. He was able to get within 25 yards of the subject and observe him hook a fish and drag onto the shore tail first. Reel saw a bright orange "yarny" on the bottom side of a hatchery Chinook near the tail. The subject quickly removed the hook and killed the fish. Upon contact, the subject insisted he hooked the fish in the mouth. Reel cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Salmon—Snagging** and seized the fish and donated it to charity.

In the Mt. Hood National Forest, Tpr. Schoenborn and Tpr. Borchers (Portland) patrolled the Salmon River and observed two anglers using a "flossing" technique. They would cast their lures across the river, let them drift down to the slow water where multiple fish were holding, and then quickly drag their lines through the water. The troopers observed the subjects hook multiple fish, many of which were in the dorsal fin or tail. When one subject would hook a fish, the other would throw large melon-sized rocks behind or in front of it to corral the fish to slower water. Most of the fish escaped; however, one fish landed was kicked onto the rocks. Each then took a picture of the other with the fish. After two minutes, one subject threw the fish high into the air and back into the water. When contacted, the troopers issued multiple citations, including **No Angling License**, **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging**, **Harassing Wildlife**, and **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

Interagency Cooperation

Agencies Worked Together to Protect Fish, Wildlife, and Natural Resources

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) and WDFW Officer Hopkins conducted a patrol on the Pacific Ocean and Columbia River during the ocean and Buoy 10 salmon fishery. They contacted numerous anglers and, along with giving out multiple warnings, they issued **26 citations**, 10 for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks for Salmon**, one for **Unlawful Taking Undersized Chinook Salmon**, 10 for **Angling Closed Area—Columbia River Control Zone**, three for **Continuing to Angle after Retaining Daily Limit of Salmon**, and two for boat violations.

The North Coast Fish and Wildlife team, Columbia County SO Marine deputies, and St. Helens Patrol troopers conducted a saturation of the Sauvie Island area July 6-8, working by boat and on the island. Along with giving out numerous warnings, over three days, officers issued 33 citations, one for **DUII**, one for **BUII**, three for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**, two for **Arrest Warrants**, one for **MIP—Alcohol**, one for **Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor**, 13 for boat violations, four for criminal wildlife offenses, three for violation wildlife offenses, and 17 for traffic and parking offenses.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman and Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) were both off duty at the Denman Wildlife Area youth pheasant hunt. Collom took his son hunting in the youth hunt, and Cushman assisted with his dog. The troopers observed two male subjects hunting with no youths. One subject even shot and killed a pheasant. Collom and Cushman had an ODFW employee contact the subjects while they had Sr. Tpr. Bigman (Patrol) bring them a citation book. Cushman cited the subject who killed the pheasant for **Pheasant Hunting Closed Season** and warned the other. The fee pheasant hunt for adults opened the next day.

Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) assisted members of LINT, USFS, and Lincoln County SO with an illegal camp adjacent to the Drift Creek Wilderness Area. Officers contacted the remote camp after receiving multiple complaints. Upon contact, officers determined eight subjects had been living in the area for at least a month. In addition, the troopers discovered a poached calf elk in the camp. As a result of the contact, USFS cited one subject for **Camping more than 14 Days**, and troopers cited the same subject for **Unlawful Take of Elk** and **Hunting Prohibited Method** and seized an AK-47 rifle.

Sr. Tpr. Gardner (Pendleton), Tpr. Fraizer (The Dalles), Lt. Wagner (East Region), and WDFW conducted a three-day saturation patrol on the Columbia River between Cascade Locks and the John Day Dam. Frazier and WDFW observed two boats setting nets in the Deschutes sanctuary. One subject left before they could make contact; however, they were able to contact the other. Frazier cited this subject for **Commercial Fishing Closed Season—Deschutes River Sanctuary**. Gardner cited one subject for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Sturgeon**, one for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Sturgeon x 3**, two for **Commercial Fishing Closed Season—John Day Dam Sanctuary**, and two for **No Navigation Lights**. Additionally, Gardner and Officer Bolton noted a kayak with a trolling motor and no registration and the lone occupant trolling with two rods. The subject said he bought the kayak in Arizona and then came back to Oregon; he has been going back and forth since 2002. He produced an Oregon resident license but admitted he also has an Arizona resident license and has lived there since 2004. Gardner cited the subject for **False Application for Resident Oregon Angling License**, warned him for **No Registration and Angling with Two Rods**, and seized the licenses.

Sr. Tpr. Mayer and Sgt. Brown (Pendleton) assisted ODFW on a horse patrol in the North Fork of the John Day wilderness. John Day fish biologists counted salmon redds while the troopers patrolled the trail and moved the camp to various sites along the river. During the trip, the troopers contacted eight compliant hunters. In the remnants of a campsite at the mouth of Glade Creek, they located a large pile of freshwater mussel shells. Unknown suspects had apparently removed the mussels from the river.

Horse patrol. Photo credits: File



Sr. Tpr. Halsey and Sr. Tpr. Lane (Albany) responded to an area near the Middle Fork of the Santiam River regarding a report of a 6 x 6 bull hanging. This land was closed to all entry due to fire danger. A forester found the front and hindquarters hanging in game bags near the bull which still had the head and antlers attached. When OSP arrived, the quarters had been moved to another location. The investigation revealed two subjects accessed the property the evening before and killed the bull with bow. The troopers cited both for **Hunting while in Violation of Criminal Trespass** and seized two bows and the bull. Linn County SO forest deputies assisted OSP with the investigation.

Eastern Oregon's Sr. Tpr. Coggins, Sr. Tpr. Mayer, Det. Chandler, Sr. Tpr. Stone, and Sgt. Brown and Wallowa County SO served a warrant on a Joseph residence where the subject was a lifetime suspended hunter/angler. The subject was seen purchasing license and tags of another person and used those licenses and tags to hunt and angle. Prior to the warrant, Coggins contacted the subject who showed him the identification of the other person when asked for his fishing license and tag. The search yielded charges of **Possession of Falsely Applied for Tags/Licenses, Unlawful Manufacture of Controlled Substance—Marijuana, Unlawful Delivery of Controlled Substance—Marijuana, and UPCS—Marijuana** and seizure of a large amount of grow equipment and cash. The troopers forwarded a report to the DA.

When ordering fresh tuna at a local restaurant, a fish dealer asked where they got their tuna. The waiter identified a vessel docked near the restaurant. The dealer did not think the vessel had proper licenses, so he called OSP and Department of Agriculture. Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) and John Paeth (DOA) conducted a restaurant check and learned the business purchased tuna from the vessel three times but only found two receipts. Because the tuna was 48 degrees instead of 41, Paeth embargoed about 30 pounds of loins. The vessel did not have a license to sell, buy, or process fish. Urbigkeit cited the vessel for **No Limited Seller's Permit** and warned the restaurant for **No Receipts on Site for Food Fish and Buying Fish from an Unlawful Source**.

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OHA Donated Equipment

Sr. Tpr. Bennett and Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) contacted Grants Pass OHA about replacing obsolete video cameras. The troopers use cameras to collect evidence needed to prosecute cases. The use of video equipment has led to successful prosecution of cases involving WED and snagging. OHA immediately approved the request and purchased two Sony HD Handycams, two tripods, and two 32 GB memory cards, with a total value of around \$1,300. The gift was appreciated and shows the support OHA places on the enforcement wildlife cases.

Troopers Speak on Radio Shows

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) were guests on KUGN radio. They talked live on the air about the archery season opener and the impacts fire season may have on the season.

Lt. Gifford (SWR) and local biologist, Mark Vargas, participated in a live broadcast on Jefferson Public Radio at their Ashland station. The discussion was on poaching and some of the recent high profile cases. The recent case in the Metolius Unit involving a local subject was one of the cases discussed.

Missing People Found

A female was reported missing from 6:30 p.m. the previous day and last seen along the South Umpqua River near Lawson Bar in the Riddle area. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) launched a Division cataraft in the Canyonville area and floated downstream where he located the missing female walking lost and disorientated along the upper South Umpqua River with her two dogs. Frerichs walked the female up to the detectives working the case who took her home.

The Lane County SO received a report of a missing 22-month-old boy who was camping with his family at Rujada Campground near Cottage Grove. When the parents and other campers noticed the boy wandered off, they began searching the area around the 15 campsites. Another camper left the campground to find cell phone service and called 911. Four forest deputies, and Tpr. Imholt and Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) responded. By the time the first responders arrived, the child was missing for about an hour. At about 8:00 p.m., Imholt found the boy in the brush along a trail several hundred yards from the campground. The boy was fortunately unharmed. Imholt reunited the boy to his very grateful family.

Troopers Saved Lives

Hood River SO and Tpr. Frazier (The Dalles) responded to reports of high winds flipping two boats. The first boat was flipped by the mouth of White Salmon River and eventually righted itself. A second was reported later in the afternoon as capsized near the Hood River—Wasco County line. The SO and Frasier teamed up to rescue the boat and its crew, towing the boat to some slack water near sheltered area at Stanley Rock.

Sr. Tpr. Gardner (Pendleton) responded to locate sturgeon poachers. While at the river, Umatilla County SO Sgt. Johnson notified him of a boat in distress. The weather turned for the worse, with high winds and large swells, and the dam started dumping above normal water, due to storm water drainage. The officers located the boat across from the Umatilla Marina and the three occupants were sitting on the bow to keep it from sinking, because the anchor rope was wrapped around the prop. Johnson took Gardner out to the boat, where he climbed onto it, reached into the water, and cut the rope. The boat was only drafting around six inches of water and immediately returned to a safe flotation level once he released the anchor. The operators returned to the dock safely.

Meetings, Events, and Presentations

Sr. Tpr. Ritter (John Day) spoke about poaching at a forum of the South Fork John Day River Watershed Council in Canyon City. Other topics were covered by other agencies. A discussion followed the presentations which were all well-received.

Tpr. Frazier (The Dalles) assisted USCG and Hood River SO during the annual Rob Webster Cross Channel Swim in Hood River, an five-hour annual Labor Day event. He provided the jet boat and two volunteers. They recovered two swimmers who were unable to complete the swim.

Tpr. Jewett (Pendleton), Tpr. Van Meter (Newport), Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass), and Sr. Tpr. Reid (McMinnville) also gave presentations and/or assisted at Hunter Education classes and field days. Instructors said it is the highlight of the student's day to take a break and have a trooper answer their questions about hunting and wildlife. All the presentations were well received.

After patrolling at Fall Creek Reservoir, Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) conducted a boat safety presentation for OPRD at Cascara Campground to about 14 kids. They discussed proper safety equipment and emphasized wearable life jackets. The attendees were very appreciative of the presentation. Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) attended and spoke at the annual OHA youth antelope BBQ at Gerber Reservoir. Sgt. Schwartz, Tpr. Warwick and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) assisted the Clatsop County Chapter OHA with the annual youth outdoor event. The troopers gave safety talks, assisted with set up, and manned the muzzleloader and rimfire stations.

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) and Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) conducted a presentation at the Nehalem State Park for the visitors. They discussed fish and wildlife opportunities in Clatsop County and the regulations. The troopers brought various fish, shellfish, and game species to help visitors identify different types of wildlife. Herman gave another talk for visitors but with Tpr. Warwick (Astoria) at Fort Stevens State Park and discussed wildlife opportunities in Clatsop County and regulations and brought species to display. Herman and Warwick conducted another presentation at Fort Stevens and discussed opportunities and regulations and displayed species. About 120 people attended this presentation.



Troopers displaying species at a park. Photo credit: File

Sgt. Hoodenpyl, Tpr. Peterson, Tpr. King (Tillamook), Sr. Tpr. Reid, and Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (McMinnville) assisted ODFW with manning their booth at the Tillamook County Fair throughout the week. Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) and Sr. Tpr. McNeil (Baker City) took the Trailer of Shame to the Malheur County Fair. The troopers answered questions regarding the displays and wildlife enforcement and regulations.

Dispositions

Notable Disposition Received in July, August, and September

Tpr. Warwick (Astoria) investigated a complaint at Haldeman Pond on Sauvie Island where he found three anglers to have grossly exceeded the daily bag limit of five trout per person per day. One subject pled guilty of Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Trout by 29 fish. The court sentenced the subject to three years probation, three years angling license suspension, and \$1,100 in fines and restitution.

Sr. Tpr. Davis (La Grande) cited a subject who shot a cougar near Dufur in Wasco County then purchased a tag and later checked the cougar into ODFW in La Grande where he lives. The subject pled guilty of **Unlawful Take of Cougar—No Valid Tag**. The court sentenced the subject to three years hunting license suspension, \$1,000 restitution to ODFW, \$299 fine, and forfeit his hunting rifle and cougar hide.

Linn County Justice Court convicted a subject Sr. Tpr. Halsey and Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) cited for **Pursuing Bobcat Closed Season and Criminal Trespass II**. The court sentenced the subject to \$3,500 in restitution/court costs, five years hunting license suspension (the subject's second hunting suspension), six months driver license suspension for trespassing in a motor vehicle, and obtain written permission from the landowner to be on private timber grounds.

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) received a disposition on a subject he arrested for Taking Deer Closed Season in Deschutes County and in Lake County. Deschutes County found the subject guilty and sentenced the subject to two years bench probation, three years hunting license suspension, 40 hours community service, \$100 fee, and forfeit rifle. Lake County found the subject guilty and sentenced the subject to three years hunting license suspension, 18 months probation, 60 hours community service, 15 days in jail, \$1,600 restitution to ODFW, and \$3,600 fines/fees.

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) investigated a subject in 2011 for shooting a deer without a valid tag and mentoring a youth in the wrong wildlife unit for a hunt in which a deer was killed and other violations were committed. Troopers conducted two search warrants. The court found the subject guilty of **Unlawful Take of Deer** sentenced the subject to 180 days jail (suspended), three years hunting license suspension, one year probation, \$800 restitution to ODFW, and \$100 fines/fees.

Sr. Tpr. Coggins (Enterprise) completed an investigation regarding a suspended hunter, resulting in two counties convicting and sentencing the subject. The suspect pled guilty to a felony probation violation in Yamhill County. The court sentenced the subject to 1,440 hours jail, ordered the subject to live at a recovery home until December 2012, and extended the subject's probation another three years. Wallowa County convicted the subject for **Hunting while Suspended and Tampering with Evidence**. The court sentenced the subject to submit to polygraph exam if his probation officer has reasonable grounds to believe the exam may disclose a violation, 160 hours community service (80 must be with ODFW), write a letter of apology to Oregon hunters (published in Wallowa County Chieftain, the Yamhill County newspaper, and Oregon Hunter magazine), not accompany any person on hunting trip or be present in a hunting camp, not possess any hunting weapon or equipment (including a bow, knives, saw, meat sacks, etc.) or any wild game (no matter its source), will consent to a search (his person, home, outbuildings, and vehicle) if requested by an officer who has reasonable grounds to believe he is in violation, forfeit all seized items, \$1,000 to the Wallowa County Hunter Education program, and \$900 fines.

Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) worked a case involving a subject in Baker City selling firewood to residents and never delivering the wood. The court ordered the subject to pay a judgment to three victims for wood he received payment for but never delivered, totaling \$2,093. Since this matter was resolved civilly, the DA decided not to file any charges.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) cited a subject for seven counts of False Applications for 2010 and 2011 Oregon Hunting and Angling Licenses and Tags. The subject pled guilty to two of the counts, and the court dismissed the other five. The court sentenced the subject to three years hunting license suspension, two years probation, \$1,528.50 restitution to ODFW, \$1,000 fines/fees, and 80 hours community service.

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) cited a subject for illegally taking a bobcat during trapping season. The court found the subject guilty of **Unlawful Take of Bobcat and Trapping Prohibited Method—Unbranded Traps** and sentenced the subject to two years probation, 56 hours of community service, \$2,011 fines/fees, \$700 restitution to ODFW, three years hunting license and trapping license suspensions, and forfeit catchpole and bobcat to ODFW.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) cited one subject for **Theft of Wood, Criminal Mischief II, and Criminal Trespass II** for trespassing on private property in the Dayville area, cutting down several trees, and stealing the wood. The suspect pled guilty to **Theft of Wood**, and the court dismissed the other two charges. The court sentenced the subject to \$150 restitution to the landowner, \$250 fine, 40 hours community service, and 18 months probation. A second subject Ritter cited in this case for Theft of Wood and Criminal Trespass II pled guilty to **Theft of Wood**, and the court dismissed the other charge. The court sentenced the subject to \$150 restitution to the landowner, \$250 fine, 40 hours community service, and 18 months probation.

Tpr. Warwick (Astoria) apprehended two subjects for the unlawful killing and waste of two 5 x 5 bulls prior to the 2011 archery season. One subject left one elk to waste; the second only took the head. Columbia County Circuit Court found one subject guilty of **Hunting Elk Closed Season and Unlawful Waste of a Game Mammal—Elk** and sentenced the subject to three years hunting license suspension, two years probation, forfeit bow and elk head, \$500 to Columbia County OHA, \$3,000 restitution to ODFW, and \$3,266 fines/fees. The court found the second subject guilty of **Unlawful Take of Bull Elk—Closed Season** and sentenced the subject to three years hunting license suspension, two years probation, forfeit bow, \$500 to Columbia County OHA, \$1,500 restitution to ODFW, and \$2,233 fines/fees.

Sgt. Schwartz, Tpr. Warwick, and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) cited two subjects in 2011 for shooting a cow elk and leaving a substantial amount of litter on private land. Columbia County Circuit Court convicted subject #1 of **Unlawful Take of Cow Elk—Closed Season** and sentenced the subject to three years hunting license suspension, two years probation, forfeit rifle and elk, clean up litter, \$1,500 restitution to ODFW, \$500 to Columbia County OHA, and \$2,218 fines/fees. The court convicted subject #2 of **Unlawful Take of Cow Elk—Closed Season and Unlawful Hunting of Deer** and sentenced the subject to 20 days in jail, three years hunting license suspension, forfeit elk, two years probation, no contact with subject #1, \$500 to Columbia County OHA, \$1,500 restitution to ODFW, and \$377 fines/fees.

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