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Division Trooper First Oregon Recipient of National Award

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation presented the Guy Bradley Award to Senior Trooper Mark Prodzinski (Madras) and first Oregon recipient in recognition of his dedication and public service in protecting natural resources and advancement of wildlife conservation at the Oregon Governors Fund for the Environment award ceremony held on August 25 in Portland with Governor John Kitzhaber and U.S. Attorney Dwight C. Holton in attendance.



Senior Trooper Mark Prodzinski received national award. Photo credit: File

The Guy Bradley Award is given in the spirit of Guy Bradley, the first wildlife law enforcement agent killed (1905) while performing his duties to protect the nation's wildlife. Since 1988, the Foundation seeks to recognize extraordinary individuals who have made an outstanding lifetime contribution to wildlife law enforcement, wildlife forensics, or investigative techniques that warrant national recognition. The award is presented each year to one person from a state agency and one person from a federal agency.

Involved in fish and wildlife enforcement for over 30 years, Prodzinski, age 50, has worked out of the Madras office since 1993. He started his career with OSP in 1983 when he was assigned to the Klamath Falls office as a Patrol trooper. Prior to full-time employment with OSP, he worked as a seasonal cadet with the Fish and Wildlife Division from 1979 through 1983. OSP quickly noticed his passion for protecting Oregon's natural resources and transferred him two years later to the Fish and Wildlife Division at the Portland office.

Prodzinski's accomplishments include significant contributions to safeguarding and restoring fishery resources and big game and migratory waterfowl enforcement and helping address other issues, such as water pollution and habitat protection. Notable highlights include:

- During his eight years working out of the Portland office, Prodzinski was active in Columbia River Basin issues, including the protection of critical salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon stocks.
- After transferring to the Madras office in 1993, Prodzinski was assigned as the cadet coordinator for the Lower Deschutes River Program and was responsible for training, monitoring, and coordinating the efforts of five unarmed cadet officers' seasonal assignment on the Lower Deschutes River's 100 Wild and Scenic miles.
- Prodzinski developed and implemented a Bull Trout Protection Action Plan for Lake Billy Chinook and the Metolius River to provide protection for and reduce the illegal harvest of bull trout, for their numbers had been hovering dangerously low for several years. The plan was successful in reducing illegal harvest through enforcement efforts aimed at intentional acts or education for those regarding fish identification.
- Active involvement in youth education by speaking at Hunter Education classes and natural resource events at local grade schools.

Captain Jeff Samuels, Division Director, said Prodzinski sets the bar high for all Division troopers whose important work and contributions often occur away from the public's eye. "Prodzinski's work, as well as that of many other Fish and Wildlife Division troopers, is critical in protecting our natural resources and apprehending wildlife offenders. His efforts have discouraged many of these individuals from offending again, and he has instilled proper ethics and respect for wildlife in thousands of our youth," said Samuels.

Background and contact information about the Guy Bradley Award is available by visiting the following link:
<http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Search&template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=17740>

Recognition

Lane County DA Received 2010 Wildlife Prosecutor of the Year Award

A Lane County DDA was selected as the recipient of an award presented to an Oregon prosecutor for his support, hard work, dedication, and prosecution of those who violate fish and wildlife laws. Sponsored by the Oregon Sportsmen's Coalition (OSC) and in partnership with OSP; the award was presented on August 4 to DDA Jay Hall by Captain Jeff Samuels and Steven Marx in front of his peers at the Oregon District Attorney Association (ODAA) 2011 Summer Conference in Sunriver. OSC consists of numerous volunteer outdoor enthusiasts groups opposed to the unlawful and unethical taking of wildlife.

"DDA Hall has a passion for wildlife and is a sportsman himself," said Captain Jeff Samuels, Fish and Wildlife Division Director. "He is dedicated to the protection of Oregon's natural resources through the vigorous prosecution of those who violate wildlife and other criminal laws." Samuels pointed out that Hall, hired by the Lane County DA's office in late 2009, has been on ride-alongs with Division troopers and is an excellent communicator, making himself available after hours to assist troopers with investigations. "ODFW appreciates Hall's work prosecuting wildlife cases in Lane County," said Steven Marx, ODFW South Willamette Watershed District Manager. "His efforts, and others in DA offices around the state, are helping to ensure the safety of our wildlife and the protection of our natural resources."



DDA Hall received 2010 Wildlife Prosecutor of the Year award. Photo credit: File

Troopers who work with the Lane County DA submitted nominations commending Hall for his prosecutorial endeavors and enforcement support. Jay Hall "went above and beyond what [we] have ever experienced as far as his open communication, willingness to support our mission, and hands on experience," said Sgt. Ron Martin, South Valley Team supervisor. "His prior law enforcement experience as a former Deschutes County SO deputy sheriff helped lay a solid foundation for him to understand the issues we deal with. His combined experience helps him to understand how important it is to protect all aspects of the environment." Hall's "tenacity and dedication is unwavering, which is evident when looking at the successful resolution of wildlife cases he has prosecuted," Samuels said.

The first significant wildlife case Hall prosecuted was in January 2010 that involved a suspect who unlawfully killed four large bull elk during Cascade elk season on private property then solicited help from five others. All six suspects trespassed across four separate pieces of property to retrieve the elk. The six subjects all pled guilty in a case that was highly publicized (to view disposition press release, click here or visit http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/NEWSRL/news/01_13_2010_cottagegrove_elk_sentence.shtml).

Hall also prosecuted the first case under Oregon's new "Trophy Law" that authorized new penalties for the unlawful take of trophy-class animals. In February 2010, a Cottage Grove area resident was arrested for the unlawful taking of a four-point buck and later pled guilty. He was sentenced to pay the entire \$7,500 restitution to ODFW, additional fines, 10 days in jail, 18 months probation, and 100 hours of community service.

Throughout 2010 and into 2011, Hall's commitment continued as he recently assisted in writing and executing a search warrant for and prosecuted a case that began in 2010 involving the take of about 300 deer and elk over five years and other criminal offenses, which led to the convictions of nine suspects. Hall was an instrumental part of that investigation (view press releases: http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/NEWSRL/news/04_28_2011_donoho_wildlife_case.shtml and http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/NEWSRL/news/07_13_2011_donoho_poaching_sentence.shtml).

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Abbreviations and Acronyms					
AIS	Aquatic Invasive Species	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	Rct.	Recruit
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	FTA/FTP	Failure to Appear/Pay	Sgt.	Sgt.
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	IDFG	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game	SIU	Special Investigations Unit
BER	Boat Examination Report	LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	Sr.	Sr.
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	Lt.	Lieutenant	SO	Sheriff's Office
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under Influence	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	TMA	Travel Management Area
Capt.	Captain	ODF	Department of Forestry	Tpr.	Trooper
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	ODFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife	UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
DA/DDA	District Attorney/Deputy DA	ODOT	Department of Transportation	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	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	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
		PFD	Personal Flotation Device	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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Dispositions / General Law

Notable Dispositions Received in August

Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) attended a trial for a **Felon in Possession of a Firearm** 2010 deer season case. The subject changed his plea to guilty, and the court sentenced him to 13 months in jail.

The suspect in a case Tpr. Ritter (John Day) investigated from the 2010 elk rifle season in the Murderers Creek Unit who shot his weapon several times toward a group of seven hunters, because he was mad they were making too much noise, pled guilty to seven **felony** counts of **Unlawful Use of a Firearm**. The court dismissed seven counts of Menacing Recklessly Endangering Another and Pointing a Firearm at Another and sentenced the suspect to 90 days in jail, \$7,000 fines (\$3,500 suspended), \$1,500 fees/fines, 320 hours community service, three years probation, and three years hunting license suspension.

In 2010, Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) cited a fish processing plant for **Illegal Possession of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Chinook Salmon**. The three large illegal fish were found at the plant after the company purchased the previous nights' Columbia River gillnet catch from several of its listed agent buyers. The plant maintained it was not responsible for the fish, and their agents had no idea who delivered the three illegal fish among the hundreds of legal salmon. The court found the plant guilty and ordered it to pay \$1,250 restitution to ODFW and \$254 civil penalty. The salmon were donated to charity.

A subject cited for **Exceeding the Limit of Gaper Clams** (he tossed his the one clam he was over out of his bucket and denied it) retained legal counsel and went to trial. The subject ended up pleading No Contest, and the court fined him \$197, with \$50 restitution to ODFW.

In 2010, Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) cited a subject for **Wildlife Harassment** after he drove his boat repeatedly through a popular Chinook hole on the Salmon River in an attempt to scare the fish to get the "boat bite" going. The court found the suspect guilty of Wildlife Harassment and fined him \$300.

One suspect in a case Tpr. Ritter (John Day) investigated from the 2010 muzzleloader deer season who shot a large 4 x 4 buck deer on private property in the Silvies Unit pled guilty to **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**. The court sentenced the suspect to \$500 fees/assessments, \$2,740 restitution to OSP to reimburse DNA testing costs, \$800 restitution to ODFW, pay cut and wrap fees, 40 hours community service, and three years hunting license suspension. The meat was donated to the Grant County Food Bank. Two other suspects pled guilty to **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Hunting on the Enclosed Land of Another**. The court dismissed one count of Criminal Trespass II and sentenced each suspect to \$500 fees/assessments, 40 hours community service, and three years hunting license suspension.

Dangerous People Encountered — Benefits of Being a Fully Trained State Trooper

Tpr. Fromme (Portland) contacted two anglers in the Sellwood Park area on the Willamette River. Neither nonresident angler had a fishing license in Oregon. While issuing the **No Nonresident Angling** citations, Fromme learned one suspect was a Fugitive from Justice out of Washington with a caution-coded felony warrant for **ID Theft**, additional warrants out of Multnomah County for **Forgery x 5** and **ID Theft x 5**, and a warrant out of Washington County for **Assault IV** and **Attempted Coercion**. Fromme took her into custody without incident and lodged her in jail.

Tpr. Borchers (Portland) observed a large camp along the Sandy River near the Columbia River where overnight camping is posted as prohibited. He hiked to the site and contacted five adults and one child observed sitting around a campfire with a 20-inch bong sitting near them. The four-year-old child was with his mother and his mother's boyfriend. A search revealed two subjects, the mother, and the boyfriend possessed marijuana; the boyfriend is a registered sex offender and also possessed hypodermic needles and pornographic DVDs; and contraband inside the tent where the child was staying. Borchers took the mother and her boyfriend into custody for **Endangering the Welfare of a Minor** and cited them each and two others for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.



Trooper taking subject into custody. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) patrolled North Bank Chetco River Road and contacted a male and female observed shoving each other. Both subjects were extremely intoxicated, and the woman was trying to find the "mothership" and kill herself. A records check revealed the woman was wanted on a Curry County warrant. While trying to take her into custody, Van Prooyen was forced to use his Taser to gain control of her and keep her boyfriend at bay. He transported the woman to the hospital on a mental hold; and the following day, he took her to jail for the warrant and the charge of **Disorderly Conduct II** and also cited her for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**. He lodged the male in jail for **Disorderly Conduct II** and will charge him with **Contempt of Court**, as the male was on probation with a No-Alcohol Clause.

Tpr. Andrews and Tpr. Clement (Salem) were headed to a WED location when they encountered a disabled motorist and passenger at a locked gate. Both subjects offered Clement their identification. While Andrews assisted by filling the radiator with water, Clement ran a records check and learned the passenger was on parole with a long list of stipulations. Based on observations, they determined the passenger was out of compliance. Upon questioning, the passenger who had exited the vehicle prior to contact became increasingly nervous and argumentative then began pacing and let out a huge sigh before walking away. The troopers told the passenger to stop, but the passenger ran away. Andrews pursued on foot, while Clement followed in the truck. The foot pursuit led down a steep hill, through a ditch, over a gate, and into a stand of trees before Andrews apprehended the suspect at gun point. Following the pursuit, the troopers searched the suspect's belongings and located many bags with methamphetamine residue. They lodged the suspect in jail for **UPCS—Methamphetamine** and **Interfering with a Peace Officer**.

General Law / Patrol

Suspect Cited for Theft

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) observed dust coming from a county gravel pit near Galesville Reservoir. He drove around a gravel pile and located a male and female loading a truck full of gravel from the pile. Stone asked what they were doing, and they stopped mid-shovel and replied they were getting a ticket. Stone cited the male for **Theft III**, and the gravel was unloaded back into the pile.

Trooper Attended Motorcycle-Versus-Deer Crash Victim

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) came upon a motorcycle-versus-deer crash on Hwy 26 about three minutes after it occurred. After hitting the deer, the driver and motorcycle slid about 200 feet. The only protective clothing the driver wore was a leather vest and helmet. Ritter administered first aid to the driver who sustained extensive road rash until an ambulance arrived. The driver refused ambulance transportation to the hospital. His motorcycle was towed to Prineville, and the driver rode in the tow truck. When he arrived, the driver sought treatment for his injuries at the hospital emergency room. The deer was killed in the crash.



View of forest property. Photo credit: MS Office

Trooper Investigated Theft from Logging Company

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) investigated multiple thefts from a La Pine logging company where a suspect illegally entered a fenced compound and stole numerous items to include truck tires, GPS units, fuel, and radiators. During the most recent theft, the subject dug a hole under the fence and stole two truck tires and hid them in nearby woods. Hayes located the tires and observed the suspect return to pick them up the next day. After arresting the suspect, a search of the suspect's residence located numerous other items. Hayes lodged the suspect in jail on **Illegal Possession of Deer, Burglary I, Burglary II x 3, Theft I x 3, Theft II x 4, Trespass II x 2, Tampering with Physical Evidence, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance—Methamphetamine x 2, and Unlawful Entry into a Vehicle x 3**. During the search, OSP found the suspect's children living in unhealthy conditions and notified Department of Human Services.

Driver Caught DUII-Drugs with Children in Vehicle

Sr. Tpr. Carter (Pendleton) responded to a report of subjects shooting a gun out of a vehicle window. Sr. Tpr. Wolf (Patrol) advised that another trooper handled a similar complaint the previous day in the same area. Carter located and stopped the suspect vehicle on Hwy 395. He observed a .22 caliber rifle next to the passenger and empty casings and ammo boxes in the vehicle and recovered live ammunition from the driver's pocket. Additionally, a search of the passenger revealed a pipe and marijuana. The driver's two minor stepchildren were also in the vehicle. After Wolf conducted SFSTs on the driver, the troopers arrested the driver for **DUII—Drugs**, cited a passenger for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**, and released both children to their mother along with a pit bull dog. The troopers additionally forwarded charges of **Felon in Possession of a Restricted Weapon, Disorderly Conduct II, Reckless Endangering, and Endangering Welfare of a Minor x 2** to the DA. Carter later interviewed a third subject who will be charged with **Disorderly Conduct II, Recklessly Endangering, and Discharging a Firearm from a Public Roadway**.

Patrol Laws Enforced

At around 9:00 a.m., Tpr. Wetzel (Florence) noted a stopped vehicle and contacted the driver who was attempting to take a road-killed fawn from Territorial Hwy at Hamm Road. Wetzel observed a strong odor of alcohol coming from the subject who consented to and failed SFSTs. Wetzel arrested the subject for **DUII** and transported him to the local sheriff's office, BAC .20%. The suspect began drinking at 6:00 a.m.

While Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (McMinnville) and Tpr. King (Tillamook) conducted a night WED operation on the upper Nestucca River, King overheard Tillamook County dispatch report a drunk driver had rolled his vehicle along the Nestucca River near the Dover campground. Both troopers responded and found the car abandoned and the driver back at his camp drinking alcoholic beverages. After a short investigation, the troopers cited the driver for **Reckless Driving**.

Sr. Tpr. McNeil (Baker City) was patrolling Lookout Mountain for opening weekend antelope hunters and stopped a vehicle for a seat belt violation. He learned the driver was **Misdemeanor DWS** and had **Switched License Plates** and **No Insurance**. Neither the driver nor passenger had been observed outside the pickup, but they had six firearms in the vehicle and did not possess antelope tags. McNeil issued citations for the listed violations and seized the plates. The driver commented he had not expected to see law enforcement at 7:00 a.m. on a Sunday.

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) worked the Gold Hill area around 5:50 p.m. when he drove around a corner on Hwy 234 and had to brake hard to keep from crashing into a car that was perpendicular in the roadway blocking the lanes between two blind curves. The car completed a U-turn, and Allison stopped it in Gold Hill. He detected the odor of alcohol on the driver's breath and noted other indicators of intoxication. The driver consented to and failed SFSTs. Allison arrested the driver for **DUII**, BAC .16%. A records check indicated the woman had two prior DUII convictions in 2009 in California. Allison testified in front of the Grand Jury, and the woman was indicted for **Felony DUII** this time.

As Tpr. Ritter (John Day) was driving away from the John Day office, a man traveling on Hwy 26 flagged him down and told him he needed to retrieve his firearm from the OSP office. The man followed Ritter into the John Day office parking lot where he explained that Patrol's Tpr. Weaver seized his firearm for safekeeping the previous evening after arresting him for **DUII**. Ritter saw multiple indicators of impairment while speaking with the driver and smelled a moderate odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his breath. The driver told Ritter he drank only one beer. After conducting SFSTs, Ritter took him into custody for **DUII**. Patrol's Sr. Tpr. Johnson transported the driver to jail where he submitted to breath samples, BAC .14%. The suspect was additionally charged with **Violating the No-Alcohol Clause—Conditional Release Agreement**, which he received when he was released from jail earlier that morning, and **Driving Uninsured**.

ATV / Environment / Trespass



Suspects entered area posted as closed. Photo credit: File

Certain Areas Closed to Protect Habitat

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) received a complaint of three subjects shooting carp with bows in a section of the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area that is closed to entry for the protection of bird habitat. Boyd found the suspect's vehicle; and, a short time later, he located the suspects behind a gate posted "Closed To Entry Except By Permit" and "Wildlife Sanctuary, Dike Closed Beyond This Point." During the investigation, Boyd also learned that U.S. Army Corps of Engineers biologists recently attempted to educate the suspects multiple times without success. Boyd cited all three suspects for **Unlawful Entry into (Posted) Closed Section of Fern Ridge Wildlife Area.**



Suspects dumped debris from dismantled trailer. Photo credit: File

Debris Dumped from RV Trailer in Forest

Ret. Sr. Tpr. Bertram (Klamath Falls) patrolled JWTR lands and learned two subjects were dumping pieces of a dismantled RV trailer. He drove to the location and caught the subjects in the act of dumping the debris, including a large quantity of metal, lumber, and insulation from the trailer. The subjects told Bertram they were offloading the garbage at that location for another person to pick up. They stated this location was half way between them and would save them both gas. Bertram directed both subjects to clean up the mess and issued each a citation for **Offensive Littering.**

Subjects Caught Trespassing on Private or Closed Properties

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) and Tpr. Mathews (Patrol) worked opening day of bear season on private timber lands in the Culp Creek/Dexter area where Weyerhaeuser and Giustina properties were closed to all public vehicle access and stopped a vehicle on Giustina property. Maher recognized the driver and passenger from prior enforcement contacts. The driver claimed he was bear hunting; the passenger was just along for the ride. The troopers determined they had also trespassed across Weyerhaeuser lands. The troopers cited both subjects for **Criminal Trespass II.**

While Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) patrolled the Trout Creek area off Slick Rock Creek to conduct follow up on an elk investigation, two subjects on ATVs drove in the area from an unauthorized ATV trail. He stopped and contacted the subjects. Kehr cited both for **Criminal Trespass II.**

While Ret. Sr. Tpr. Miller (Newport) searched for suspects of a shooting complaint on a TMA near Toledo, he located a subject on an ATV on a closed road. The subject admitted to accessing from private land. Miller cited the subject for **Unlawful Operation of a Motor Vehicle in a TMA.**

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) responded to a ranch near Fox where the owner found two photos on a trail camera showing a male trespassed the prior day, but the suspect's face was not distinguishable. The owner advised Ritter a camp was set up on USFS land near the ranch, and the man appeared to have a similar build as the suspect. Ritter drove to the camp and contacted a male and his wife. Despite seeing "No Trespassing" signs, the couple crossed the fence onto the ranch to look at elk they heard from camp. Ritter conferred with the owner then cited both for **Criminal Trespass II.**



Trooper checking miners on Illinois River. Photo credit: File

Habitat Areas Monitored

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) checked a miner working a suction dredge on the Illinois River. He warned the miner for violating his DSL permit for working outside the wet perimeter or cutting into the bank extending beyond the wet perimeter. On another occasion, Thompson received a complaint that one suction dredge on the Illinois River had a turbidity plume over 300 feet long, a DEQ permit violation. Thompson and Sgt. Meyer (Central Point)

Driller Cited for Water Pollution

Sr. Tpr. Allison and Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) responded to a complaint about a substance flowing from a pipe into the Rogue River in Shady Cove. Two different troopers saw the plume as they floated by during an OSMB drift boat training course. The substance was draining into the river near a sewer pipe. After environmental crews arrived, officials determined the substance was running from a storm drain pipe and not the sewer pipe. The officials then back-tracked up the system about a quarter of a mile to a residence where a subject was drilling a new water well. The substance was slurry from the well-drilling operation and is not allowed to run into the storm drain or the river. Allison cited the owner/operator of the well-drilling rig for **Water Pollution II.**

responded to the remote area and hiked down to the river, contacting many miners and checking three suction dredges. The troopers did not see any turbidity over the limit, but they observed other violations. The cooperative miners were warned.

Wildlife / Hunting

Violators Charged with Felony and Misdemeanor Wildlife Crimes

In January 2011, the Newport Team, assisted by SWAT, served a search warrant on two residences in Siletz. The warrant stemmed from a lengthy investigation in salmon, deer, and elk poaching activities that occurred in the fall of 2010 in Lincoln County. On August 25, two subjects were indicted on multiple felony and misdemeanor charges stemming from that investigation and subsequent search warrant. Troopers found evidence of illegal take of Chinook salmon, black-tailed deer, and Roosevelt elk. Both men recently regained their Oregon hunting and fishing privileges after being suspended for two years for wildlife convictions. Felonies are being charged for the Unlawful Take charges due to repeat offenses within a 10-year period. The troopers charged the first suspect with **Unlawful Take of Cow Elk—Closed Season (Felony)**, **Unlawful Take of Spike Bull Elk—Closed Season (Felony)**, **Unlawful Take of Blacktail Deer—Closed Season (Felony)**, **Hunting Unlawful Method, Loaning Big Game Tag, and Fail to Validate Big Game Tag**. They charged the second suspect with **Felon in Possession of Firearms x 4 (Felony)**, **Aiding in the Unlawful Take of Spike Bull Elk—Closed Season, Fail to Validate Salmon Harvest Card—x 6, Unlawful Take of Salmon—Snagging, Angling Prohibited Method—More than Three Hooks, Angling Prohibited Method—Weight not 18” above Hook, Exceeding Daily Limit of Chinook Salmon, and Wildlife Harassment**.

Taxidermist Cited

Tpr. Boyd and Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) worked a taxidermy case in the McKenzie Valley where they notes several violations and determined the taxidermist was operating without a license and in unlawful possession of multiple protected and game animals. Boyd contacted Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) and gave him information on the taxidermist under investigation currently operating a roadside receiving station in Crane. Caldwell contacted the unlicensed taxidermist who had already taken in several antelope and cited him for **No 2011 Taxidermy License** in Harney County.

Evidence Tampered with

During the 2010 Murderers Creek bull rifle season, Tpr. Ritter (John Day), Sr. Tpr. Timko, and Tpr. Hutchison (Patrol) worked a “suspicious” hunting camp. They were not able to make a case, so Ritter and Timko hiked back into the rugged area after the season ended looking for evidence to no avail. In summer 2011, Ritter received an anonymous tip reporting one of the two tag holders in that camp shot and killed three branch-antlered bulls and left two to waste. This subject also said the suspect was concerned he could face a \$30,000 fine for the elk, so the suspect returned to the area in late spring and cut up the antlers of the wasted elk and dispersed the pieces so law enforcement would not find them. Ritter and Timko interviewed three members of the camp who told the same story. They contacted the suspect who initially denied killing more than one elk, but he eventually said he “accidentally” killed three 5 x 5 bulls and left two to waste. He denied going back and cutting up the antlers. With the complainant’s help, Ritter and Tpr. Weaver (Patrol) directed Tpr. McClay (John Day) and Sr. Tpr. Johnson (Patrol) via radio to two wasted elk carcasses in the steep and rugged terrain. Ritter issued the suspect citations for **Tampering with Physical Evidence x 2, Exceeding Bag Limit—Bull Elk x 2, and Waste of Wildlife—Bull Elk x 2**. Tpr. Vogel (St. Helens) served the citations to the suspect at his Rainier residence for Ritter.

Three Suspects Cited for Poaching

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) completed an eight-month long investigation that included the execution of a search warrant and subsequent crime lab analysis of seized evidence resulting in the charging three suspects. Gunderson cited suspect #1 for **Taking Deer Closed Season x 3** (a doe, a yearling, and a 4 x 5 trophy buck), **Hunting Deer Closed Season, Waste of a Game Mammal x 2, Unlawful Possession of Deer x 2, Borrowing Big Game Tag, and Offensive Littering**. He cited suspect #2 for **Unlawful Possession Deer x 2, Waste of a Game Mammal x 2, and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**. This suspect previously pled guilty to Loaning Big Game Tag. Gunderson cited suspect #3 for **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Violation**.

Deer Illegally Taken

Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) responded to the Canyonville area on a 4 x 4 black-tailed deer shot that morning. Merritt contacted a suspect in connection to the case, resulting in the seizure of the buck and a .22-caliber lever action rifle. The suspect told Merritt he shot the deer around 2:30 a.m. thinking it was a cougar and was scared to report the incident. Merritt cited the suspect for **Taking Deer Closed Season**.



Seized evidence in Sutherlin case. Photo credit: File

OSP received a tip alleging unlawful hunting activities involving a Sutherlin-area subject. Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) initiated the investigation and, assisted by Roseburg troopers and Sutherlin PD, served a search warrant where they contacted a subject and his mother. During the search, officers located and seized 5 x 5 bull, 4 x 3 buck, and forked horn buck antlers; a .308 rifle; and marijuana. As a result of the investigation, Division troopers lodged the subject for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm** and also cited him for **Unlawful Possession of Elk Antlers and Unlawful Possession of Deer Antlers x 2**. Sutherlin PD lodged the mother on an unrelated charge. She was additionally cited for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Tpr. Borchers (Portland) received information from a subject regarding a possible black-tailed doe shot on the subject’s in-law’s property. The subject provided the first name and address of a neighbor who allegedly killed the deer. Borchers and Tpr. Fromme (Portland) contacted the suspect at his address and asked him if he knew anything about a deer killed on the property next door. The suspect immediately told Borchers he killed the deer. The troopers seized about 40 pounds of meat and the rifle used and cited the suspect for **Unlawful Taking of Black-Tailed Deer—Closed Season**.

Wildlife / Hunting



Ring-billed gull illegally taken. Photo credit: File

Subjects Illegally Took or Possessed Birds

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) investigated two suspects who illegally took a protected bird. He determined the first suspect shot at birds with his shotgun while the other transported him on a personal watercraft. Caldwell cited the first suspect criminally for **Unlawful Take of Protected Bird—Ring-Billed Gull** and the second suspect criminally for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**. Caldwell recovered one dead ring-billed gull.

Tpr. Clement (Salem) responded to a hunting complaint in Linn County. A witness driving on Hwy 20 observed a person shooting at a bird in a field from across a highway. Clement responded to the area and contacted the suspect who admitted to him that he shot at a crow across the highway with .22 rifle. Clement cited the subject for **Hunt on/across Highway—Crime and Hunting Crow Closed Season** and seized .22 rifle as evidence.

Sr. Tpr. Carter (Pendleton) responded to the Meacham area to check on a wounded red-tailed hawk; and before he arrived, Sr. Tpr. Madsen (Patrol) watched a truck driver pick the bird up and put it in his truck. Madsen stopped the driver and held him until Carter arrived. The driver was untruthful about why he had picked the bird up, as it was dead already. Carter cited the driver criminally for **Illegal Possession of Protected Bird—Red-Tailed Hawk** and seized the hawk.

Deer Attacked Homeowner

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) responded to a report of a deer attack in the Merlin area, north of Grants Pass. A 79-year-old woman was working in front of her house when she saw a young buck. She did not think anything of it until she had her back to the deer and it knocked her down. She grabbed the deer by the antlers, and they struggled until she let go and threw a rock at it. The deer walked off but soon returned. A neighbor heard her screaming, and he arrived and fended off the deer with a chair while the woman's husband ran inside the house to grab his rifle. The husband shot the deer, killing it, near the front door of the home. The woman went to the hospital, in their privately owned vehicle, where she received stitches to her hand and bandages to the wounds on her arms. Meyer retrieved the deer and took it to ODFW.

Pilot Detected Spotlighter

On the evening before the archery opener, Sr. Tpr. Menlow (Bend) was flying and observed a subject cast a bright light. He directed Sr. Tpr. Hayes and Tpr. Ring (Bend) to the subject and witnessed him cast his light on deer. Upon contact, the subject was found in possession of a 10-million candle power spotlight and a .22 pistol. The troopers cited the subject for **Casting an Artificial Light on a Game Mammal while Armed** and seized the spotlight and pistol.



Deer attacked homeowner. Photo credit: File

Patrol Trooper Detected Illegal Wildlife Parts

Tpr. Barden (Patrol and former Fish and Wildlife trooper) received a report that a southbound green Subaru was seen with a bighorn sheep skull attached to the roof rack. He located the suspect vehicle as it approached Klamath Falls. As he could not see a tag or any type of pin attached to the horns, Barden stopped the vehicle. Upon contact, the driver said he found the skull while attending Burning Man a few years ago and did not know they were unlawful to possess without them being pinned. The subject stated he has taken them to Burning Man each year in hopes of returning them to their owner. Barden cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Big Game Parts—Bighorn Sheep** and seized the horns.

Bobcat Taken Closed Season

A property owner reported two men recently trespassed on her property, and at least one shot a bobcat. Tpr. Ritter (John Day) contacted one of the suspects in the Beavercreek area. His investigation revealed both suspects trespassed on the private property while in possession of firearms, and one of the suspects shot and killed a bobcat. The shooter initially told him he shot the bobcat out of self-defense, because it was acting in an aggressive manner toward him. Ritter eventually determined the suspect shot the bobcat, because he had the opportunity to shoot it and not because he felt threatened. The shooter hid the bobcat in the brush after the owner confronted him about the incident. Ritter cited the shooter for **Taking Bobcat Closed Season, No Hunting License, and Criminal Trespass while in Possession of a Firearm**. Ritter will cite the second suspect for **Criminal Trespass while in Possession of a Firearm**.

Troopers Dealt with Bear Issues

Over the course of two weeks, Sr. Tpr. McNerney (Hood River), Sr. Tpr. Gunderson, and Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) investigated two subjects suspected hunting bears with bait. During the patrol, they caught the suspects coming into a known bait site on USFS land with their arrows nocked. The troopers cited both suspects for **Hunting Bear Prohibited Method—Bait** and seized their archery equipment and trail cameras containing photos of bears. No bears were taken.

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) has been monitoring a woman in the Phoenix area feeding bears. He contacted the woman twice last year and warned her to stop feeding the bears. She was again feeding bears this year, and OSP warned her again. House Bill 2175, recently signed by the Governor, requires a person who receives written notice by an officer to remove food or attractant. Allison and Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) personally served the woman written notification to stop feeding bears.

Sport Angling

North Coast Troopers Issued over 85 Cites in Three Patrols and Seized over 30 Illegal Fish



Guardian on patrol. Photo credit: File

During one week, Tpr. Shimer (St. Helens), Tpr. Herman, Tpr. O'Connor, Sr. Tpr. Klepp, Sgt. Schwartz (Astoria), and Lt. Anderson (Headquarters) conducted multiple Pacific Ocean patrols. On one day, *Guardian* assisted as well. North Coast troopers also spent several hours at docks contacting salmon anglers. In total, troopers contacted about 200 anglers, resulting in issuing 11 citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks for Salmon**, one for **Angling Closed Area—Columbia River Control Zone**, one for **Angle with more than One Line/Rod**, 11 for **Failure to Immediately Validate Harvest Card—Salmon**, 11 for **Unlawful Taking Undersized Chinook Salmon**, and six for **Unlawful Taking Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon** and 43 warnings. The troopers seized over two dozen undersized Chinook and nonadipose fin-clipped coho. Over the course of another week, the North Coast Team worked docks and contacted numerous anglers. The troopers issued 22 citations for **Unlawful Taking of Salmon**, four for **Failure to Immediately Validate Tag**, and one for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

One one occasion, Tpr. Schoenborn came over from Portland and worked a boat patrol on the Pacific Ocean and the Columbia River at Buoy 10 with Herman. The duo contacted numerous anglers and gave out multiple warnings. They issued one citation for **Unlawful Taking Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**, two for **Failure to Immediately Validate Harvest Card—Salmon**, three for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks for Salmon**, and three for **Angling Closed Area—Columbia River Control Zone**. The troopers seized and donated one coho to the local food bank.

While conducting another patrol, Herman and O'Connor observed a boat actively trolling for salmon, as well as a subject in the process of filleting a salmon on the back deck. When the anglers saw the troopers approaching, they stopped trolling and reeled in their rods. Herman boarded the boat and found the four anglers possessed eight salmon—three legal, two native coho, and three undersized Chinook. The anglers also had not validated any of the salmon and were all using barbed hooks. The troopers issued two citations for **Unlawful Taking Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**, one for **Unlawful Taking Undersized Chinook Salmon**, three for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks for Salmon**, and three for **Failure to Immediately Validate Harvest Card—Salmon**. They also warned the anglers for multiple offenses and seized five salmon.

Angler Retained Prohibited Species

Tpr. Peterson (Tillamook) responded to Garibaldi where a subject had returned back from nearshore halibut fishing and had in his possession groundfish and Cabezon, both prohibited species. His investigation revealed the subject was fishing with a bait shop owner who said he was unaware of the regulations. Peterson warned the subject for the groundfish and cited him for **Unlawful Possession of Cabezon**.

Subject Caught with 49 Salmon Smolts

Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) contacted a subject jigging for herring in Charleston. The subject said he had not harvested any herring but his friend's children had, and he displayed a bucket containing 49 salmon smolts. While writing this subject a citation for **No Angling License**, the friend showed up. Upon inspecting the fish, he agreed they were smolts and apologized for not supervising his children closely. Lea cited the second subject for **Aiding in a Game Violation—Unlawful Taking Salmon Smolts**. Lea seized the smolts as evidence.

Tuna Anglers Opted to Reel in Illegal Salmon

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) observed several subjects near a parked vehicle with an attached boat on a trailer in a seafood plant parking lot. One subject brought salmon from inside the boat to the stern and laid the fish on the deck. Upon contact, O'Connor located 14 salmon, and 10 were illegal. The boat operator insisted he had not fished during the trip and only drove the boat because his had suspended angling privileges in Washington. The subjects stated their trip targeted tuna; however, when they found little success with tuna, they got frustrated and went salmon fishing. O'Connor cited three anglers criminally for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Adult Salmon** and the operator criminally for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense** and seized 10 salmon.

Poor Compliance Found on Brownlee

Tpr. Spencer (Ontario) patrolled Brownlee Reservoir and found very poor compliance. Of the 11 anglers checked, he issued three citations for **Unattended Line**, one for **Angling Prohibited Method—Multiple Lines**, and one for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** and four warnings for Unattended Lines and two for No Angling License.

Subjects Caught Angling in Closed Areas

Off-duty Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) called Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) to report an angler fishing Hunter Creek near Turtle Rock, a closed area. On arrival, Stinnett watched an angler walk from the ocean shore to Hunter Creek, a couple hundred yards from the mouth, and cast into the closed stream. He observed him cast several times before making contact when he cited him for **Angling Closed Stream**.

Tpr. Reding (Patrol) and Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (McMinnville) responded to Three Rivers at the Cedar Creek Hatchery for a complaint of five subjects snagging in an area closed to protect brood fish. The troopers found all five fishing next to a Closed to Angling sign, some snagging, and two retained steelhead. They cited two for **Unlawful Possession Steelhead—Closed Stream** and three for **Angling Closed Stream**.

Tpr. Clement (Salem) responded to a complaint of people fishing above the deadline on the Santiam River in Mill City. He observed a male and female angling above the deadline, and the male actively attempting to snag. The male successfully snagged a fish and passed the pole to the female. The male netted the salmon and dragged it up onto the riverbank. Upon contact, Clement had the male return the salmon to river. He cited the male criminally for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging and Retaining Native Salmon—Closed Season** and the female criminally for **Angling Prohibited Method—Closed Area**.

Enforcement Raft Patrols

Raft Trips Found Anglers and Boaters Mostly Complied with Laws

Tpr. Fromme and Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) conducted an enforcement float patrol using pontoon boats on the Clackamas River. The troopers contacted numerous boaters and conducted multiple boating safety exams. Although everyone passed the boating exams, the troopers found subjects who possessed marijuana. They cited three rafters for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Sr. Tpr. Duncan and Sr. Tpr. McNeil (Baker City) concluded a three-day raft patrol of 33 miles of the Wild and Scenic section of the Snake River on the three non-motorized days for the week. The troopers contacted 36 rafters on 19 vessels. Of the 21 anglers observed, they found all were licensed and using barbless hooks. Additionally, the troopers found 100% compliance with AIS permits.

Deschutes Patrol Resulted in Multiple Citations

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) and Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) conducted a whitewater patrol on the Lower Deschutes River from Mack's Canyon to the mouth, resulting in a very high compliance rate. During the patrol, they conducted 77 angler and 65 scenic boater pass checks and issued only one citation for **No 2011 Angling Harvest Card**.

Lindberg and Pearson conducted several other raft patrols on the Deschutes River over three days. During these patrols, opportunities occurred to view activity they could not have observed from the road or by conducting foot patrols through the campgrounds along the river.

On the first day, they conducted a late evening raft patrol of Segment 2 of the Deschutes River (the "Splash and Giggle" section). About 50 yards into the patrol, the troopers observed a group of three subjects acting suspiciously along the river in City Park. Upon contact, one man threw some marijuana into the river, and they located a pipe with marijuana on another subject. The troopers issued two of the subjects for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**. The troopers floated through the next campground and observed a man casting a spinner. As this angler did not have an angling license, the troopers cited him for **No Angling License**.

Further downriver, the troopers conducted surveillance on a large group of campers at the White River campground. They observed one subject carrying a glass bong up from the water's edge, retrieve a jar of marijuana from the tent, refill his bong, light the marijuana, take a hit, and then pass it to another subject who lit the bong and took a hit. Lindberg showed great boat handling skills in rowing across the heavy current to pull in just below the campsite. The troopers covertly approached the group using the heavy cover of brush next to the water. Upon contact, the troopers cited both subjects for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and seized the bong and jar of marijuana as evidence. Later on in the evening, after dark, the troopers teamed up with BLM LEO (and former OSP trooper) Carothers and conducted a foot patrol of several campgrounds upstream from Maupin. They issued five citations for **MIP—Alcohol** and one for **Violation of Fire Restrictions**. The troopers also stopped a vehicle on the access road upstream from Maupin and arrested the driver for **DUI**. Tpr. Calloway (Patrol) arrived and transported the DUI driver to jail, BAC .19%.

The next day, Pearson and Lindberg conducted a raft patrol on the 24-mile long Segment 4 stretch of the Deschutes River from Mack's Canyon to the mouth. During this patrol, they issued citations for **No Boaters Pass**, **Possession of Mutilated Steelhead** (adipose fin of the fish had been discarded during a very sloppy fillet job), and **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**. During the float, they gained intelligence from a river guide of a suspicious campsite about seven miles upstream from the mouth that Lindberg and Pearson walked into late the night before under the cover of darkness. The troopers set up surveillance above a group of three young men. Shortly after their arrival, they watched the men go down to the river and retrieve two stashed wild steelhead, bring the fish into the campsite, and begin filleting the steelhead by lantern light. The troopers made their way down a very steep hillside and walked in on the men. Upon contact, the men tried to hide the fact the fish were wild by throwing one carcass back into the river after filleting it and cutting off the adipose fin on the other carcass. The troopers cited each for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and criminally cited each for **Possession of Wild Steelhead** and one for **Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of a Waterway**.

In the evening, Lindberg and Gunderson contacted a group with three boats and six fishermen who only had four boater passes. They claimed two men hiked four miles up from the mouth and had not floated in with the group from Mack's Canyon. The story sounded suspicious. The troopers contacted the same group on the third day and observed all six were using boats to float out and waved them to shore. The troopers issued two citations for **No Boater Pass**. One subject asked why they were received citations when people were filleting wild steelhead up river. The troopers informed the man that they issued citations the day and night before for that very type of activity. The group failed to mention wild steelhead were being taken and filleted when the troopers visited their camp the evening before when they warned four for **Violation of Fire Restrictions**.

Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) and Sr. Tpr. Madsen (La Grande) conducted a raft trip down the Snake River over a weekend. During the patrol, they checked 50 boaters and overall found good compliance. They did issue a guide a citation for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** after he allowed two of his clients to angle without an angling license.



Trooper conducting pontoon boat patrol. Photo credit: File

Marine Board

Troopers Rescued Kayakers from the Surf in Dense Fog

While conducting an ocean boat patrol, Tpr. Shimer (St. Helens) and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) were contacted by Tpr. Herman (Astoria) who was shoreside regarding a report of two capsized kayakers with people in the water near the Clatsop County ocean beach. While on the phone, Herman advised he could hear people screaming in the surf about 50 yards south of the Peter Iredale. O'Connor and Shimer proceeded south through dense fog until they found both of the boaters, clinging to their kayaks. The troopers brought both subjects onboard OSP's boat, as well as their kayaks. Both people displayed signs of hypothermia and had been in the water for about 45 minutes. The troopers transported the two subjects in the OSP boat to a boat ramp in Ilwaco, Washington, where Pacific County Fire and Rescue transported them to a local hospital where they were treated.

Careless Boater Arrested for BUII

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) responded to a report of a careless boater on Cultus Lake. Upon contact, he determined the operator was intoxicated on alcohol and prescription medication. He arrested the operator for **BUII**, BAC .13%. Hayes conducted a follow-up investigation that evening with witnesses who advised they observed earlier that day the operator whipping a young male around on an inner tube that struck the dock at high speed. The tube was large enough the rider went over the dock and into the water instead of an abrupt stop that would have caused serious injury or death. Hayes forwarded a report to the DA.

Busy Patrols on Willamette and McKenzie

In August, Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) conducted many jet boat patrols on the Willamette and lower McKenzie Rivers. On one patrol, they contacted several boaters and anglers and issued one citation for **No Angling License** and nine for **Insufficient PFDs**. On another patrol, the Maher's conducted 32 visual boat checks, performed three BERs, and checked three anglers. They issued three citations for **No PFDs**, one for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**, and one for **Angling with Bait where Prohibited**.

On a third patrol, the troopers performed 21 visual boat checks and 13 BERs and contacted two anglers. One angler retained a cutthroat trout in a catch-and-release-only section of the McKenzie River. In addition to citing this angler for **Unlawful Taking of Trout**, they issued 13 citations for **No PFDs** and one for **No Angling License**.

The Maher's worked another occasion on the Willamette and lower McKenzie Rivers. During the patrol, they assisted Lane County SO Marine deputies with an overturned raft, conducted five BERs, checked four anglers, and visually inspected 78 boats.

They issued five citations for **Insufficient PFDs**, one for **Angling with Bait where Prohibited**, and one for **No Angling License**. The troopers were then dispatched to a report of people detaining an intoxicated person on the shore of the McKenzie River. They located and loaded up the highly intoxicated male into their boat then transported him to a boat ramp downstream where Sgt. Martin (Springfield) took him into custody.



Trooper patrolling Valley river. Photo credit: File

Subject Guided without a License

In July, Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) observed a vehicle and kayak trailer with guide advertising take a group of about 10 kayakers on Beaver Creek near Ona Beach. She followed up on the company and found they had licenses in 2009 and 2010; but in January, the owner sent OSMB a letter stating they were not renewing their registration. Van Meter checked the company's website and found they advertised various trips, including kayaking. She contacted the owner who claimed after she sent the letter, she changed her mind and obtained her license; but she could not produce proof. Van Meter cited the owner in August for **No 2011 Oregon Outfitter/Guide License**.

Interagency Boat Patrols Productive

Sgt. Allori and Tpr. Boeholt (Portland) worked a Marine Board saturation on the Clackamas River with Clackamas County SO deputies. The officers issued 46 citations for **No PFD** and one for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) conducted a Pacific Ocean patrol with Lincoln County SO and contacted 17 boats and 60 anglers. They issued one citation for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks** and one for **Unlawful Possession of Cabezon**.

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) and Tillamook County SO Deputy Cloud worked a boat patrol on the Nehalem River and contacted 19 people and issued one citation for **Fail to Immediately Validate Chinook**, one for **Unlawful Possession of Dungeness Crab—No License**, and one for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Crab** and one warning.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) conducted a boat patrol with WDFW from Cape Disappointment aboard their boat. They contacted 21 boats and issued five citations for **Angling with Barbed/Treble Hooks**, one for **Angling Prohibited Area—Columbia River Control Zone**, one for **Failure to Allow Gear for Inspection**, and one for **Offensive Littering in a Waterway** and nine angling warnings.

USCG Cutter SwordFish and USCG Station Yaquina Bay requested assistance as their 25-foot vessel in Yaquina Bay was out of service. Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) and USCG patrolled the Pacific Ocean off of Newport and the Stonewall Banks Rockfish Closure Area as well as Yaquina Bay. Boating traffic was low, but USCG conducted multiple boardings, and OSP issued several angling citations.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) worked a joint Columbia River patrol with WDFW Officer Bolton and Sgt. Wickersham on their boat. In addition to pulling one ghost gillnet with over 10 wasted sturgeon, they cited issued for **Fail to Validate Angling Harvest Card**, three for **Continuing to Angle after Retaining Daily Bag Limit of Steelhead**, one for **Angling for Sturgeon Prohibited Method—Barbed Hook**, and one for **Expired Boat Registration**.

Shellfish / Commercial Fish / Public Relations

Shellfish and Commercial Fish Laws Enforced

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) contacted a commercial fisherman who went over his limit of lingcod of 400 pounds by 104 pounds, or 26%. She cited him for **Exceeding the Monthly Limit of Lingcod**.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) cited a skipper of a commercial trawl vessel for **Illegal Possession of Undersized Lingcod** after he delivered 352 pounds to an Astoria fish dealer. The fish was donated to charity.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) arrived in the parking lot of a local retail bait shop in the parking lot of the Hammond boat basin and noticed a man delivering a large amount of bait anchovies and herring to the shop. A conversation with the man revealed he was also supplying a number of other bait shops in the area, but he failed to possess a dealer license. Klepp cited him for **No Wholesale Bait Dealer's License**.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) took ODFW onto the Siuslaw commercial docks to check a commercial fishing vessel selling tuna. He checked the fisherman, crew, and catch and discovered several violations with the limited fish seller requirements. As this was the commercial fisherman's first time selling tuna with the license and was not sure about some of the paperwork, Salisbury and ODFW educated the fisherman and crew to get them into compliance. They issued several warnings and will check the operation again on their next trip to ensure they continue to comply with the regulations.

Trooper Educated Youth

Ret. Sr. Tpr. Bertram (Klamath Falls) located some families swimming in Spencer Creek. He found some of the youngest participants engaged in catching trout fry and placed them in bags so they could take them home and raise them. Spencer Creek is the only spawning tributary to the Klamath River in Oregon. Bertram had the children release the fish, and this upset them terribly. He then gave the children stickers and the parents a few dollars to buy some goldfish for the kids.

Meat Seized Donated to Animal Facilities

To donate game for human consumption, the meat needs to be inspected before packaging. As the frozen meat seized in a large recent poaching case was packaged, Tpr. Boyd and Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) donated the meat to four separate animal care facilities: High Desert Museum in Bend, Wildlife Safari in Winston, Cascade Raptor Center in Eugene, and Turtle Ridge in Salem. In all, they donated 1,598 packages totaling over 1,600 pounds. The centers will use the meat to supplement the diet of carnivores and raptors either in captivity or in the process of rehabilitation for release into the wild.

Ride-a-Long Experienced Busy Day

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) had a person ride a long who wants to learn more about becoming a Division trooper. After investigating two crashes and determining several suspected poached deer were road-kills dumped by the county road department, the observant ride-a-long saw two anglers fishing in Little Butte Creek above Agate Road, a closed area. The anglers thought they were fishing in the Rogue River, which is about eight times the size of Little Butte Creek. Salmon were starting to come into Little Butte Creek to spawn; however, the subjects were clearly using trout gear. Collom warned the subjects for Angling Closed Stream. Collom's rider learned that you never know what kind of a day you are going to have in this job.

With assistance of ODFW, Sr. Tpr. Harris and Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) contacted and cited a subject who was **92 clams** over the limit criminally for **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Gaper Clams**.

Sr. Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) was checking sport crabbers in Charleston and contacted one subject with nine short crabs and another neglected to purchase his shellfish license. Bowen cited the first subject for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Crab** and the other for **No Shellfish License**.

Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) contacted a group of campers in Winchester Bay with a crab cooker set up. Lea discovered the campers already processed most of the crab; however, a consent search of a cooler resulted in Lea locating three cooked, undersized Dungeness crab. Lea issued one subject a citation for **Unlawful Taking of Undersized Dungeness Crab**.

Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) contacted a subject crabbing on Alsea Bay. The subject was an Arizona resident and in possession of an Oregon resident shellfish license. The suspect owned a house in Seal Rock and felt he was entitled to an Oregon resident license; however, the subject did not meet residency requirements, as a person needs to reside in Oregon for six consecutive months immediately prior to the date of making an application for a license, tag, or permit. Canfield issued the suspect a citation for **Possession of Falsely Applied for Resident Shellfish License** and warnings for several boating violations.

Meetings, Presentations, and Events Attended

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) spoke at a Hunter Education class at the McGowen Creek gun range.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) gave a safety talk to a Hunter Education class in the Lowell area. Maher discussed hunting regulations and other hunting safety topics. About 20 students attended.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) spoke at the OHA Medford Chapter monthly meeting. Sgt. Meyer and other Central Point troops rotate each month giving local fish and wildlife PPP (poaching, pillaging and plundering) updates at the monthly meetings.

Sgt. Martin (Springfield) manned a display at the Springfield Cabela's Fall Outdoor Classic, including a jet boat, various safety equipment, life jackets, and a deer WED. Surprisingly, the WED was the center of attention. Several hundred people passed by the display, with the majority stopping to ask questions and make positive comments.

Sr. Tpr. Wilson and Tpr. Spencer (Ontario) attended the Malheur County Fair with the Trailer of Shame and contacted many people who received the display well.

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) gave a talk to two Hunter Education classes at the Ashland Gun Club range. About 8-10 instructors and 60 kids and parents attended in the 98-degree heat.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) spoke at a Hunter Education field day at the Cottage Grove/Eugene Sportsman Club. He discussed hunting regulations and other topics to about 30 students.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp, Tpr. O'Connor, and Sgt. Schwartz assisted with live-fire ranges at the OHA Clatsop County Chapter's Youth Day at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. The event attracted 69 youths ages 4-17 and provided a muzzleloader, shotgun, .22, and laser live ranges along with other activities/prizes. The event was a success, and ideas were considered for next year.

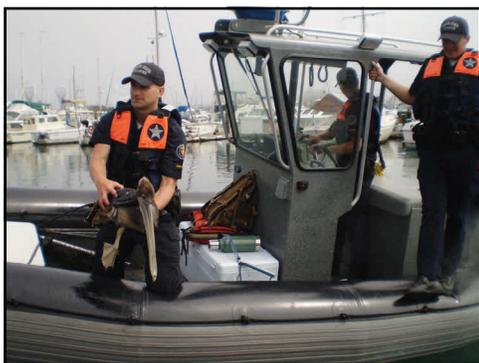
Interagency

Troopers Worked Halibut Opener and Rescued Pelican during RHI Training

On August 3-5, USCG Station Yaquina Bay held RHI boat training. OSP had 14 troopers, 6 RHIs, and *Guardian* participate. The three-day training covered everything from equipment requirements, low speed maneuverability, to open ocean operations. The last day of training coincided with the recreational summer all-depth halibut opener. Division troopers who attended the training conducted a saturation patrol on the Pacific Ocean offshore of Lincoln County. Sport anglers on board hundreds of recreational boats participated in the opener. USCG and *Guardian* assisted in the saturation patrol as well. During the patrols, troopers issued several citations for **Angling Prohibited Area—Stonewall Bank Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area** and **Fail to Validate Harvest Card** and gave out various Marine Board and angling warnings.



Trooper and USCG training. Photo credit: File



(Far left, middle, and above). Troopers rescuing fuel-soaked pelican. Photo credit: File

During the above-mentioned RHI training in Newport, one of the OSP boats found a pelican totally drenched with fuel. The troopers collected the pelican from the water and boated it to the vessel. Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) were in since they knew what to do with it in Lincoln County. The troopers called the Oregon Coast Aquarium who said they would come pick it up. While waiting for them to show up, Van Meter, a USCG officer, and Tpr. Vogel (Astoria) tried to clean off the pelican with towels.



OSP Worked with Out-of-State Agencies to Enforce Fish and Wildlife Laws

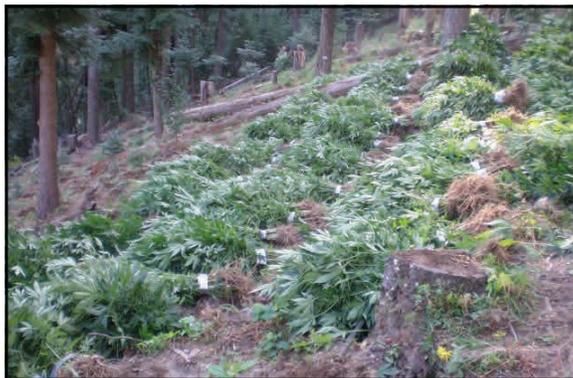
Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) received a call from a CDFG warden in Plumas County California who had a group of men detained for poaching deer. One of the men was from the Medford area. Cushman and Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central) went to the suspect's house and seized a rifle and hindquarters of a deer. CDFG cited the suspect for Taking Deer Closed Season.

Early in 2010, ODFW forwarded information to Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) on a Colorado subject that had been purchasing resident licenses for four years. She found the subject owned rental property in Lincoln County. She contacted two separate renters over the course of three months who confirmed they rented the home, and the landlord lived in Colorado. Both claimed the landlord came down once a month to fish and stayed in a camper parked on the property. Van Meter contacted Colorado Division of Wildlife who indicated the subject last purchased a Colorado resident license in 2004. The subject held a current Colorado drivers license. Van Meter eventually reached the subject via phone. He confirmed he lived in Colorado. He said he thought since he owned property in Oregon and paid taxes on the land, he was entitled to an Oregon resident license. In August, Van Meter contacted the suspect in person, and he surrendered his Oregon resident license on which he indicated he had been a resident for six consecutive months prior to purchase and for the prior 10 years. Van Meter cited the suspect for **Possession of a Falsely Applied for Resident License**.

The Central Point Team met with CDFG wardens for their annual meeting held just prior to bow deer season to introduce new members, discuss poachers from both sides of the Oregon and California border, and to plan cross-border operations. The sack lunch meeting took place at the top of Mt. Ashland and lasted for about three hours. Last year's interagency operations netted poachers on each side of the border, including spotlighters during deer season, illegal possession of crab (over the limit) at the bug check station, and other cases as well.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) worked an ocean recreational salmon boat patrol with WDFW aboard their boat south of the Columbia River. They encountered 13 boats with 38 anglers and issued five citations for **Angling Salmon Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks** and one for **Illegal Possession of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**. They also issued six angling-related warnings. One coho was seized and donated to charity. Later that night, Klepp worked jointly with two WDFW officers on the lower Columbia River for a gillnet patrol during the nine-hour commercial salmon/sturgeon season. They contacted numerous vessels and found two subjects in violation. One subject had two undersized sturgeon on board; the other exceeded the 10-sturgeon maximum boat limit by having an extra five sturgeon on the boat after picking the net, and two were undersized. Klepp issued both citations for **Failure to Immediately Return Unwanted Commercial Harvested Sturgeon**.

Interagency



Division investigating environmental damage at grow site. Photo credit: File

Division Investigating Environmental Crimes at Grow Site

A multi-agency (local, county, state, and federal) investigation began on August 17 when a helicopter spotted a possible outdoor marijuana growing operation in remote northeast Oregon. When law enforcement responded to the site, officers took two suspects into custody without incident. On August 24, a multi-agency team served a search warrant on the private Wallowa County property. When officers raided the site, they discovered and eradicated over 10,300 marijuana plants three to five feet tall, with a \$25 million approximate value. Officials believe this operation had been ongoing for years without knowledge of the landowner. Officers discovered extensive environmental damage to this area of old growth including substantial amounts of trash, chemicals, and irrigation tubing littered about the forest. The Fish and Wildlife Division will conduct an investigation into multiple environmental crimes discovered at the site. The two suspects were lodged on charges of **Unlawful Manufacture and Possession of Marijuana**.

BLM and OSP Teamed Up

Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) and BLM Ranger Carothers patrolled the Clarno area on the John Day River. Of the 14 anglers checked, Jewett cited one for **No Angling License**, one for **No Nonresident Angling License**, one for **Counseling in a Wildlife Violation**, and one for **Exceeding Daily Smallmouth Bass Catch Limit**. He also cited one subject angling with four hand lines, fishing rods, and beer cans for **Angling Prohibited Method—Multiple Lines**. Carothers cited one subject for Offensive Littering. The officers gave out various warnings.

Assisted PD with Illegal Deer Found at Residence

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) assisted Roseburg PD (RPD) regarding evidence of an illegal deer when they responded to a domestic dispute and found animal blood on the suspect's skin and clothing. Frerichs learned when the suspect and his girlfriend who were arguing saw officers, they attempted to hide a freshly shot doe in an adjacent garage. The suspect said he was cutting up the doe for a neighbor. After contacting the neighbor, Frerichs determined the suspect, his girlfriend, and the neighbor were spotlighting; and the suspect shot the deer about 1:00 a.m. and was field dressing it when RPD arrived. Frerichs lodged the suspect in jail for **Taking Deer Closed Season** and **Tampering with Evidence**, cited the girlfriend and neighbor for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**, and seized the deer and a .22 semi-automatic rifle.

ODFW Assisted with Wildlife Issues

ODFW set a bear trap in a Florence neighborhood. That evening, two suspects were observed trying to disable the trap. They also stole a trail camera ODFW set to monitor the trap. Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) located and interviewed the suspects who admitted to spraying the trap and bait with cologne, trying to close the door, and throwing the camera away. He cited the suspects for **Criminal Mischief** and **Theft II**.

With ODFW's assistance, Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) cited one subject for **Unlawful Take of Cabezon** and another for **Unlawful Take of Wild Coho**, Tpr. Brandon (Coos Bay) cited one for **Unlawful Take of Cabezon** and two for **Unlawful Take of Coho Salmon—Closed Season**, and Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) cited one for **Illegal Possession of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Salmon**. Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) responded to the Port of Brookings harbor to assist ODFW with two illegal coho. Upon arrival, the suspect had already left, but he did contact a different suspect with another illegal coho. The suspect stated she thought the coho was a Chinook. Van Prooyen cited the suspect for **Unlawful Take of Coho Salmon Closed Season** and seized the fish.

Subject Falsely Applied for Tags for over 10 Years

Sr. Tpr. Carter (Pendleton) and USFWS LEO Merritt contacted a suspect in Walla Walla who Carter had been investigating since 2008 for False Application for Resident Licenses/Tags. The suspect moved his business to Walla Walla from Milton-Freewater in 1997-98 and has resided in Washington since at least 2000. The suspect drew at least 20 Oregon resident big game tags during, and he did not deny falsely applying for them during that time period. The suspect said he had not harvested any game during that entire period. Carter cited him for several counts of **False Application for Resident Hunting Licenses and Tags** and forwarded a report to the DA.

OSP Worked with SOs to Apprehend Violators

Tpr. King (Tillamook) assisted Tillamook County SO on a warrant service for a wanted Montana subject. While at the residence, the occupants told officers the suspect was camping at an unknown location in the woods with a lot of dogs. King went to the Little Nestucca River to check an area closure on the river when he located a Montana-plated vehicle at a camp. As King walked toward the camp, he could hear many dogs barking and realized he located the suspect's camp. King took the suspect into custody and lodged the suspect in jail on the felony warrant charging the suspect with **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**.

On two occasions, Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) and Lane County SO Deputies Combs and Duvalt patrolled the Blue River/Cougar Reservoir areas of the McKenzie Valley, focusing mainly on Terwilliger Hot Springs which USFS closes at night. During the two three-hour patrols, officers contacted numerous people and issued **62 citations**, four for **UPCS—Less Than an One Ounce of Marijuana**, five for **MIP—Alcohol**, one for **Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor**, one for **Criminal Trespass II**, two for **DWS**, two for **Driving Uninsured**, one for **Permitting Unlawful Operation of a Motor Vehicle**, two for **Illegal Stop/Park in Roadway**, one for **Depositing Trash within 100 Yards of a Waterway**, and **43 for Violation of Posted Restrictions**. They also issued multiple warnings. As Boyd was leaving the parking area after the second patrol, he observed a vehicle negotiate a corner too fast, slide into the ditch, and travel in the opposite direction. He radioed Combs and Duvalt and asked them to stop the suspect vehicle. Combs attempted to stop the suspect, but the suspect swerved into the ditch and accelerated around the deputies. The suspect turned onto a dead end spur road, ending the pursuit. The suspect was lodged in jail without incident for **DUII** and **Attempt to Elude Police** and additionally cited for **DWS**, **Driving Uninsured**, and **Fail to Drive within Lane**.

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