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Two Men Sentenced Following Investigation into Unlawful Taking of Flat Abalone

An investigation by the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) led to the conviction and sentencing of two Gold Beach-area men related to activities surrounding the unlawful taking of Flat Abalone along the southern Oregon coast.

One of the men convicted was the only person in Oregon to be issued a permit by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to harvest wild Flat Abalone. He was also the only person legally allowed to commercially harvest wild abalone along the North American west coast.

The suspect was "entrusted with a tremendous privilege, but greed and temptation led him to violate that trust in the worst possible way," said Division SIU Sergeant David Anderson. The Division's purpose is to ensure compliance with the laws and regulations that protect and enhance the long term health and equitable utilization of Oregon's fish and wildlife resources and the habitats upon which they depend. The Division's SIU is primarily responsible for conducting in-depth and complex investigations of individuals or groups in violation of the fish and wildlife laws and regulations, with specific emphasis on those violators who are flagrant or illegally commercializing the State's fish and wildlife resources.



Flat abalone in its habitat (above). Seized abalone (below). Photo credits: File

In March 2009, Division investigators served a search warrant at the main suspect's residence and seized evidence, including personal log and invoice books. The officers additionally seized 30 pounds of frozen, vacuum-sealed flat abalone illegally harvested in 2009 without a valid permit. Another subject assisted as a "tender" while the main suspect dove from his boat.

The main suspect admitted to investigators he reported false harvest poundage, and a review of seized personal log books revealed he exceeded annual allowable harvest amounts in seven of the eight years he had a permit. In August 2009, a Curry County Grand Jury indicted the main suspect on 44 misdemeanor and felony counts and his accomplice on five felony counts.



In January 2010, in Curry County Circuit Court, both men entered guilty pleas and were sentenced. The main suspect was convicted of one count of **Unlawful Taking of Flat Abalone Closed Season** (Class C felony), two counts of **Unlawful Taking of Flat Abalone Closed Season** (Class A misdemeanor), one count of **No Wholesalers License** (Class A misdemeanor), and one count of **Falsifying Business Records** (Class A misdemeanor). He was sentenced to: 40 days in jail, 36 months probation, 120 hours community service, \$21,000 in fines, \$18,538 restitution to ODFW, and ordered to have no contact with the accomplice. The accomplice was convicted of one count of **Unlawful Taking of Flat Abalone Closed Season** (Class C felony). He was sentenced to: 10 days in jail, 18 months probation, \$2,500 fine, \$5,000 restitution to ODFW, \$800 attorney fees, and ordered to have no contact with the main suspect.

Dispositions

Notable Dispositions Received in January



Two chicks removed from nest. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) investigated a case that brought considerable attention when several subjects removed two Peregrine Falcon chicks from a Port Orford nest site. After numerous interviews, assisted by Sgt. Anderson (SIU) and USFWS, one suspect provided a statement in a plea bargain. A second person, an apprentice falconer, also gave a statement. The ring leader pled guilty and provided a statement. One suspect pled not guilty and is scheduled for court in April. The suspect who plea bargained was convicted of **Criminal Trespass 2** (Class C misdemeanor) and **Theft 1** (Class A misdemeanor) and sentenced to \$2,667 fines, \$900 restitution to ODFW, 400 hours community service, and three years probation. The leader was convicted of **Theft 1** (Class C felony) and **Removal of Wildlife in Violation of the Terms of the Permit** (Class A misdemeanor) and sentenced to 10 days in jail, \$7,600 fines, \$1,000 restitution to ODFW, 250 hours community service, three years probation, and falconry permit revoked. The courtroom was full.

Tpr. Schwartz and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) had a jury trial in Clatsop County Circuit Court on a second suspect in an August 2008 case involving a rifle-killed elk taken during archery season. Troopers cited two subjects and seized a new ATV, a .243 rifle, and numerous other firearms. Suspect #1 was convicted and sentenced in 2008. Suspect #2 was cited with Aiding in a Wildlife Crime—Unlawful Take of Elk with a Firearm during Archery Season, Initiating a False Police Report, and Felon in Possession of a Firearm (x 11). In January 2010, the suspect was convicted and sentenced to: **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime**, 12 days jail, \$3,067 fines (\$500 to TIP), two years hunting license suspension, and forfeit .243 Winchester; and **Initiating a False Report** (the ATV discovered at the scene was reported stolen by the suspect), five days in jail and \$3,634 fines (\$500 to TIP). The Felon in Possession of a Firearm charges resulted in acquittal. The remaining seized firearms were released to the suspect's mother, and the ATV will be turned over to the subject that the suspect sold the ATV to following the seizure.

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) received a disposition on a subject who shot a WED prior to legal hours during Western Oregon deer season. The subject was sentenced to: \$200 restitution to the WED fund, two years hunting license suspension, forfeiture of firearm, and \$400 fines.

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) received a disposition from Harney County Circuit Court on a Fall 2009 deer case. The suspect allowed his child to shoot a buck deer in a private field near Crane in the Steens Mountain Unit. The father and son left the area after shooting the buck and left it to waste. As a result, the father was sentenced to the following: 60 hours community service, one year bench probation, \$536 fines, \$800 restitution to ODFW, and three years hunting license suspension (added to his current two-year suspension).

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) received a disposition from Clatsop County Court regarding a November 2009 case where a subject shot a spike elk in the middle of the Saddle Mountain Unit (three-point or better) with a Wilson Unit tag. Despite knowing a witness existed; the man transported the elk to his home, completely dressed out the elk, and disposed of the head in the trash. When Klepp arrived at the suspect's home four hours later, the suspect claimed he planned to turn himself in. The suspect was found guilty of **Taking Spike Elk Closed Season** and **No Valid Saddle Mountain Elk Tag** and sentenced to \$1,569 fines, two years hunting license suspension, and one year probation.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) received a disposition from U.S. District Court in Portland on a 2009 case involving a California man and an Arizona man who falsely applied for Oregon resident hunting and angling licenses for the past nine years to save over \$1,000 in non-resident fees. Both men drew several controlled elk tags for the Walla Walla Unit and were successful at least once in taking branch bull elk. Oregonians were offered few tags for this hunt. **Suspect #1** was found guilty of **Violation of the Lacey Act** (federal Class A misdemeanor) and sentenced to one year probation, \$1,350 to Oregon Zoo's Oregon Endangered Species Justice Fund, \$3,428 restitution to ODFW, \$1,350 fines, and apology letter submitted to newspaper. **Suspect #2** was found guilty of a **Violation of the Lacey Act** (federal Class A misdemeanor) and sentenced to one year probation, \$1,350 to Oregon Zoo's Oregon Endangered Species Justice Fund, \$2,877 restitution to ODFW, \$1,350 fines, and apology letter submitted to newspaper.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	Sr.	Sr.
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content			SO	Sheriff's Office
BER	Boat Examination Report	LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	TIP	Turn in Poachers
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	Lt.	Lt.	TMA	Travel Management Area
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Tpr.	Tpr.
Capt.	Captain	ODF	Department of Forestry	UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	ODFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease	ODOT	Department of Transportation	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
DA	District Attorney	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	UUMV	Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
DSL	Department of State Lands	Ret.	Ret.	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
DWS	Driving While Suspended	Sgt.	Sgt.	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy
		SIU	Special Investigations Unit		

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Commercial Fish / Marine Board

Boaters Safety Jeopardized

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) patrolled Applegate Lake. Using his spotting scope, he watched three men drinking beer as they motored around the lake fishing. The boat had an expired registration; and, after watching for some time, at least one man appeared intoxicated. When Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) responded to assist, the boat was at the opposite end of the lake with no shore access. Meyer watched the boat go to shore across the lake. One man fell down on the bank; and, after getting up, he fell into the lake next to the boat with water up to his neck. The others helped him get back into the boat. They boated back to the ramp, and Meyer and Cushman were waiting for them. Cushman conducted SFSTs on the operator, which he passed. The second man was slightly intoxicated; and the third was very intoxicated, as well as cold and soaking wet. All three were cited for **No Angling License**. The third man initially refused to give his name and was going to be lodged in jail, but his friends convinced him to cooperate. The operator was also cited for **No Certificate of Number**.

Captains, Crew, and Harvesters Cited

While observing a commercial vessel offload in Charleston, Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) located undersized crab. With the assistance of Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) and Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach), 5,693 pounds of crab were checked, and 1.6% were undersized. Keeler cited the captain and three crew for **Unlawful Take Undersized Shellfish—Commercial**.



Close-up of sea urchin. Photo credit: Wikimedia/Kirt Onthank

Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) concluded an investigation regarding commercial sea urchin divers not submitting the required ODFW logbooks. This **Fail to Submit Logbooks** has been an ongoing problem for two years. When contacted, one diver stated he suffered from dyslexia and should have a medical exemption. The other simply complained it was a duplication of paperwork, and he would not do it or pay the fine. Van Prooyen served **15** criminal citations to both suspects along with numerous warnings for other commercial fishing violations.

Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) contacted a commercial crabbing vessel at the Port of Garibaldi. Howell found two crew members onboard did not have commercial fishing or crew member licenses. Both subjects thought the captain of the vessel would provide them with crew member licenses. Howell cited the captain for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—No Crew Member Licenses**. He checked both subjects through dispatch and found one had a felony arrest warrant for UPCS—Heroin. Howell lodged this subject in the Tillamook County Jail.

Two Subjects Cited in Commercial Crab Pot Theft Case

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) received a complaint from a commercial crabber who stated a Newport subject on probation for prior crab pot theft stole over 60 of his commercial crab pots and unlawfully sold them to a Brookings subject. Urbigkeit located the buyer, and Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen and Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) assisted by contacting him. The buyer only purchased 43 crab pots from the Newport subject. While recovering the gear, Van Prooyen and Stinnett discovered the buyer attempted to keep part of it, and they found another 22 crab pots concealed. The buyer also purchased these crab pots from the Newport subject. The troopers seized all 65 crab pots and assorted gear, and Van Prooyen cited the buyer for **Theft I by Receiving**. The troopers returned the pots and gear to the rightful owner. Urbigkeit's investigation determined the Newport subject stole 90 commercial crab pots. She arrested the Newport subject for **Theft I** and lodged him in the Lincoln County Jail.



Crab pots seized. Photo credit: File

Boat Patrols Yielded Violations

Tpr. Schoenborn and Tpr. Fromme (Portland) and volunteer Mike Buck conducted a drift boat operation on the Sandy River. During the patrol, they conducted over 30 angling checks and issued five Marine Board warnings, one angling license and tag warning, and one citation for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Sr. Tpr. Connell (Hermiston) and Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River above McNary Dam. They checked 19 anglers and issued one citation for **Continuing to Angle after Retaining Daily Bag Limit** and warnings for No Harvest Card and Expired Boat Registration.

Tpr. Schwartz and Tpr. Vogel (St. Helens) conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River and Multnomah Channel. Several anglers were contacted, resulting in citations for **No Angling License, No Valid Angling Harvest Card, Failure to Immediately Validate, and No Certificate of Number**. They issued several verbal warnings and conducted numerous BERs as well.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson and Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) conducted a boat patrol on Lost Creek Lake. The patrol started slow due to the damp and dreary weather; but as the climate improved, customers started to appear. The team contacted 20 anglers and 10 boats. They also inspected all the boats for aquatic invasive species, and all were found to be clear. They issued five warnings for various boating violations and one for No Angling License.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) and Rct. Imholt (Springfield) conducted a drift boat patrol on the Siuslaw River. They checked 42 anglers and 15 boats. Several steelhead were caught and compliance was high. They warned one angler for Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card. The following day Salisbury took Tpr. Goldsmith (Patrol) on a drift boat float trip on the Siuslaw River. They checked 44 anglers and 16 boats. They issued one Marine Board warning.

Sport Shellfish and Angling

Sport Shellfish Harvesters Cited

Rct. Galusha (Tillamook) conducted a patrol of Tillamook Bay for people clamming during the minus tide. Galusha observed a subject dump clams from his clam bag onto the ground and then began sorting through them after he had observed Galusha checking licenses. Upon contact, the subject was found to be in possession of 42 cockle bay clams, 22 over the daily catch limit. Galusha cited the subject for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Bay Clams**.

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) followed up on a complaint OSP received of two male subjects allowing two young girls to take undersized crab from their pots in the Winchester Bay area. The reporting party observed the girls play with the crab, step on them, and feed them to the birds. Keeler contacted the subjects at their residences where they admitted to allowing the girls to play with the crab. Keeler cited both subjects for **Fail to Immediately Release Unwanted Crab**.



Wild steelhead migrating. Photo credit: USFWS

Various Northwest Region Enforcement Patrols

Sr. Tpr. Hanson (Portland) contacted anglers at Cathedral Park on the Willamette River. One subject retained an undersized sturgeon. Hanson cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Sturgeon** and donated the seized sturgeon to charity.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) responded to the Klaskanine Fish Hatchery where ODFW observed three subjects angle within 200 feet of the hatchery. O'Connor cited each subject for **No Angling License and Angling Prohibited Area—Within 200 Feet of a Fish Hatchery**.

Rct. Galusha (Tillamook) checked a father and his sons fishing with sand shrimp on the upper Nestucca River in a no-bait area. They caught some cutthroat trout but no steelhead. Galusha informed him the area is closed to the use of bait and provided a synopsis for reference. Galusha cited the subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—Use of Bait in No-Bait Area** and warned him for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

Rct. Imholt (Springfield) patrolled the Siuslaw River and located a lone bank angler. He observed the subject using spinners with one pole and salmon eggs with another at the same time. Upon contact, the subject said he was fishing for steelhead with two poles and showed valid fishing and two-rod licenses. When asked if he read the regulations about using two poles, the angler said he had not read the regulations but read on the internet about using two poles. Imholt cited the subject for **Angling with Two Poles on a River** and informed the subject the two-pole license is only valid on lakes, ponds, and reservoirs.

Patrols over East

Sr. Tpr. Coggins (Enterprise) and Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) made an ATV patrol into Rondowa, the confluence of the Willowa River and the Grande Ronde River. During the patrol, the troopers contacted 12 steelhead anglers, citing one for **No Non-Resident Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Hawkins and Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) worked a plain clothes operation on Malheur Reservoir after receiving complaints of ice anglers chumming with corn. The officers observed several ice anglers over the course of the day and located two males actively chumming. They contacted and cited both anglers for **Angling Prohibited Method—Chumming**.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) checked eight sturgeon anglers in three groups along the Columbia River near Rowena in about a ½-mile stretch. In the first group, Pearson contacted a father and two sons who had one extra rod out and a live, undersized sturgeon tied off to the shore with a piece of twine. The fish was released unharmed, and Pearson issued the father citations for **Angling with More than One Line** and **Retaining Undersized Sturgeon** and a warning for **Using Barbed Hooks**. The second group checked was legal. The third group checked consisted of two subjects angling for sturgeon without harvest tags and using barbed hooks. They were both cited for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks** and warned for **No Harvest Tag**.

Concerns for Wild Steelhead on the Umpqua

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) received a complaint regarding a suspect on the lower main Umpqua River taking a non-adipose fin-clipped steelhead and leaving the area in a certain pickup. Being familiar with this suspect and vehicle, Stone and Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) responded and located the suspect at his home about two hours later. The subject eventually admitted to taking a very large non-adipose fin-clipped steelhead. The troopers seized both fillets and roe as evidence; the carcass had already been taken to the dump. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Take of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Steelhead**.

From a secluded position on the lower Umpqua River, Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) observed a bank angler land a large steelhead and another subject net it. Both subjects quickly took the fish into the brush. One subject returned a short time later and watched up and down the river until the other subject returned. Upon contact, both denied catching any fish. Baimbridge searched the area and found the steelhead buried in the sand. The subjects knew it was illegal to keep the fish. Baimbridge cited one subject for **Unlawful Take of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Steelhead** and the other for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

The Roseburg Team utilized great teamwork and many hours of surveillance in an attempt to protect non-adipose fin-clipped (native) Umpqua River steelhead. In a two-day concentrated effort, the Team issued six citations for **Unlawful Take of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Steelhead**, with all six fish seized; five citations for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime** (including clipping adipose fins); one citation for **No Harvest Tag**; one citation for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**; and numerous warnings for other angling violations. In nearly every case, the native fish were immediately landed and hidden in the brush or under leaves, buried in the sand, or taken to a vehicle. One was even later located hidden inside a suspect's washing machine.

Sport Angling

Check Bait for Restrictions

On the Illinois River, Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) observed one subject using worms in a no-bait area. As other anglers approached the violator, he hid his worm container in the rocks, reeled in, and walked to his vehicle where Bennett contacted him. The subject initially said he had not been fishing. When confronted with the observation, he said he did not know he could not use worms. The subject was a student from another state taking criminology courses at the university. He wants to be a game warden in the other state. He did not have an angling license. Bennett cited the subject for **No Non-Resident Angling License**. He and his partner admitted to using baits, and Bennett warned them for Angling Prohibited Method—Bait.

Issues Detected on Rogue River

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) found a man angling on the Rogue River with two rods; one for trout and one for steelhead. He stopped steelhead angling and walked up to his truck but left his trout rod out. He was contacted at his vehicle. Allison cited the subject for **Fail to Attend Line** and warned him for Angling with Two Lines.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) contacted anglers on the Rogue River on a Monday. One Washington angler handed him a one-day license for the Friday before. Stinnett explained it was valid only for that day. The subject said he was here to angle for the weekend and had bought another two- or three-day license. After searching for several minutes, he found his two-day license. Stinnett showed him the dates (Saturday-Sunday) then cited him for **No Non-Resident Angling License**.

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) patrolled the Rogue River and came across an angler and watched him for a few minutes. Upon contact, Meyer discovered the subject had an untagged steelhead. The subject said he caught it about 10 minutes earlier and planned to tag it when he was done. Meyer cited him for **Fail to Validate Steelhead Tag**. Further upstream, he saw anglers on both sides of the river. After briefly watching, he stepped out and checked the closest angler. As the angler pulled out his tag, Meyer saw a man across the river nonchalantly reel in his line, set his rod down, and step away. Meyer returned to his truck, drove to the other side, and contacted the suspicious subject who did not have an angling license or tag. Meyer cited him for **No Angling License**. He also conducted two BERs and checked three steelhead.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett and Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) conducted a jet boat patrol on the Rogue River above the deadline (Hog Creek) for the retention of wild steelhead. In the first boat contacted, they asked the occupants if they caught any fish. The boaters replied they had not, and their angling licenses and tags were clean. Bennett asked for consent to check the fish box, and the operator opened it. When Bennett asked to look under the bulging burlap bag, the operator apologized for lying and revealed a wild steelhead. A passenger admitted taking the steelhead, because it was hooked in the gills and bleeding heavily. They tried to revive it, but the fish went belly up. The passenger was cited for **Unlawful Taking of a Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Steelhead**, and the operator was warned for Aiding in a Game Violation.

No Angling from Floating Device on Winchuck

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) observed several anglers in a drift boat on the Winchuck River. After observing the anglers for a while, Barden noticed two of the subjects were angling from the drift boat (angling from a floating device is prohibited on the Winchuck River). Barden contacted the anglers. One angler caught one wild steelhead and had not tagged it. Barden warned the angler for Failure to Immediately Validate Steelhead Tag, cited both anglers for **Angling from a Floating Device**, and warned the third for Aiding in a Wildlife Violation.



On the Winchuck River, angling is prohibited from a floating device. Photo credit: USFS

Angled while Suspended

Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) received information a local subject with a suspended angling license was steelhead fishing, and he checked several locations over a week for the subject. Merritt finally located the subject angling at a remote location on the South Umpqua River with another subject. The subject could not believe Merritt found him. Merritt cited the subject for **Angling while Suspended**. The subject with him did not have a license or tag, and Merritt cited him for the offense.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) was finally able to cite a subject for **Angling while Suspended**. Bennett originally cited the subject in 2008 for snagging salmon. Bennett and Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) observed the subject in August 2009 attempting to snag salmon again. A records check after the observation revealed the subject's angling privileges had been suspended due to pleading guilty to the snagging offense. Bennett finally relocated the subject. When contacted, the subject stated he did not remember the incident, but he did remember "controlling" the boat for his brother.

Coquille River Patrols Resulted in Citations

Coos Bay troopers spent hours patrolling both the North and South Forks of the Coquille River, contacting numerous anglers and issuing several warnings and citations. Tpr. Davis conducted a boat patrol on the South Fork with an ODFW biologist. He contacted an angler who was in possession of a wild steelhead. He cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Steelhead** and seized the fish. On the North Fork, Davis cited a subject for **Unlawful Take of Steelhead—No Angling Harvest Card**. Tpr. Keeler received excuses from anglers. On the South Fork, he contacted a female and male angling. The female did not have an angling license, for she said she was just learning how to fish. Keeler cited her for **No Angling License**. On the North Fork, Keeler contacted an unlicensed angler, as he said he did not have money to purchase his Sportspac. Keeler cited the subject for **No Angling License**. Keeler observed two subjects fishing near Laverne Park. One subject said he was not fishing, as he was only holding the pole for his buddy. When he was told he was seen fishing, the subject stated he did not have money to buy his license. Keeler cited this subject **No Angling License**.

Wildlife / Hunting

Waterfowl Patrols Yielded Numerous Wildlife and Angling Citations



Illegal goose seized (above). Troopers checked legal anglers and hunters (below). Photo credits: File

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) conducted a jet boat patrol on the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers over 7½ hours, covering 70 river miles. They checked eight boats (with BERs), 22 hunters, four anglers, and one trapper's gear and issued two hunting and two angling citations. One subject cited for **No Federal Waterfowl Stamp** reported other subjects shooting geese downriver. The troopers proceeded downriver and observed some subjects preparing to leave near a slough. Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher contacted three subjects at their pickups. Engaged in conversation, the subjects gladly showed their hunting licenses and two ducks. Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher noticed both goose and duck decoys in the back of a pickup, and a search revealed a Canada goose under the decoys. The subjects initially denied knowledge of how the goose got there, but further questioning revealed the truth. The shooter knew the area was closed for goose; but he shot the crippled goose, because he did not want it to go to waste. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Take of Goose—Closed Season (NW Permit Goose Zone)**. Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher conducted another jet boat patrol on the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers. They checked 10 boats (with BERs), 15 anglers, and five hunters and issued one

angling citation and five angling and Marine Board warnings. On another patrol on the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers, Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher checked three boats (with BERs) and seven hunters. They contacted two subjects in a drift boat coming out of a slough below Harrisburg. When asked if they had any luck, the subjects indicated they were successful. A check revealed two birds were not ducks but protected pied-billed grebes. One subject claimed shooting both birds and was cited for **Unlawful Taking of Protected Bird—Pied-Billed Grebe**.



Area troopers participated in the NW Goose Permit Zone saturations in Lane, Linn, Washington, and Yamhill Counties. For Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville), hunter activity was low; but Shugart located four subjects and issued one citation for **No Resident Hunting License**. Shugart also gave two warnings for No Goose Card in Possession and Fail to Sign Federal Waterfowl Stamp. Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) and Rct. Berland (Patrol) checked seven hunters during the patrol. They issued two citations for **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Cackling Goose** and one citation for **Disguise Species/Sex of Game Bird**. In addition, they issued two warnings for license violations. They seized six cackling geese as evidence. Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) worked fields in the Greenhill Road, Fir Butte Road, and Alvadore areas. He checked 12 goose hunters and issued one citation for **No Federal Waterfowl Stamp**. The subjects contacted were found to have harvested six cackler and three Taverner's geese.

Also during the saturations, Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) patrolled the Junction City area, making a run as far north as the Peoria ramp. During the five-hour patrol, Maher checked seven hunters. One subject in a large group was contacted leaving private property near Hwy 36. He killed two cacklers but had not validated his goose harvest card. He was cited for **Fail to Immediately Validate/Record Harvest on Goose Harvest Card—NW Goose Zone**. Rct. Imholt (Springfield) observed two subjects shoot and retrieve geese and continue to shoot without filling out their harvest cards. Imholt walked towards the subjects. When they saw him coming, they quickly got out their harvest cards and validated them. As Imholt approached, they shot another goose that fell into a fenced-off area which they did not have permission to access to retrieve the goose. Upon contact, the subjects first said they filled out their cards right after shooting the geese; but they admitted, after seeing Imholt, to filling them out. Imholt issued both citations for **Fail to Immediately Record Goose Harvest while in Field** and warnings for Trespassing in a Closed Area.

Rct. Imholt (Springfield) cited a subject for **No Hunting License** in the NW Goose Permit Zone, then he patrolled the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area. On patrol, he heard several small caliber rifle shots coming from the area. He located two suspects shooting paper targets and cans with 22s. They said that they did not know it was illegal and did not see the sign saying rifles and handguns prohibited, but they did see the sign that said shotguns only. Imholt cited both suspects for **Discharging Rifles in a Prohibited Area—State Wildlife Area**.

Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) and Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) received a complaint of two subjects goose hunting during a closure. Both subjects had taken at least one goose and shot at another. The troopers located the vehicle associated with the subjects and obtained a license plate. The two subjects returned to their vehicle and left the area before the troopers were able to make contact. The vehicle owner's information was provided to Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) who contacted the subject as he arrived home. The subject had the goose in possession. Schoenborn cited the subject for **Taking Goose Closed Season—NW Permit Zone** and donated the seized goose to charity.

Wildlife / Hunting

Wildlife Issues and Enforcement

Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) followed up on a complaint regarding a subject who brought in a pygmy owl for treatment after his cat attacked it. Marchand contacted and cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Protected Species**.

Linn County SO informed Tpr. Burkholder and Tpr. Clement (Albany) about a subject shooting turkeys from the road. The suspect was contacted and cited for **Hunting Turkey Closed Season and Shooting from a Public Roadway**.

Sr. Tpr. Hanson (Portland) responded to a report of an injured hawk in downtown Portland. Assisted by courthouse security, Hanson caught an injured Cooper's hawk in the park across the street from the courthouse. He took the hawk to an after-hours veterinarian who took it to Audubon Society the next morning.

A La Grande resident observed a vehicle stop outside her residence and a subject shot at Hungarian partridges. She obtained the vehicle license plate and called ODFW. Biologist Hans Hayden responded and located several spent shotgun shell casings from the middle of the road. He informed Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) who contacted and cited the suspect for **Hunting Prohibited Area—Public Roadway**.

Waterfowl Patrols Conducted around the State

While checking duck hunters on New River, Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) contacted a subject who did not have his license or tags signed. Keeler cited the subject for **No Resident Waterfowl Validation** and warned him for No HIP Validation and Fail to Sign Hunting License. Keeler later observed three subjects in a closed area. The subjects stated they did not know the area was closed, and they had hunted there the day before. Keeler cited all three for **Duck Hunting Closed Area**.

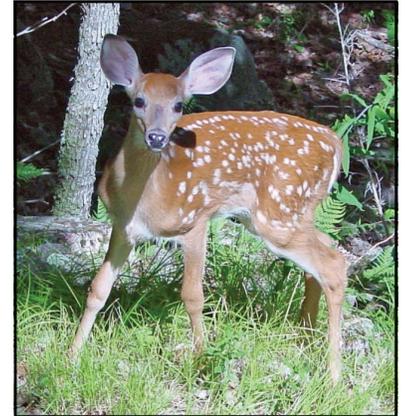
Sr. Tpr. Gunderson and Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) patrolled Memaloose State Park. They located two subjects with one goose in possession. They warned the subjects due to the park's boundaries not posted and seized the goose. While checking these subjects, the troopers heard shots east of their location. They located three adults and one juvenile. Upon contact, they were told the juvenile was being mentored by his father who did not have a hunting license. Kipper cited the father for **No Hunting License**.

A subject reported five dead geese at the Gold Hill boat ramp near the water's edge. Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) responded and found two geese and balls of feathers and skin. Both had been shot with a shotgun and only the breast meat taken. Goose season was open at the time. Only one vehicle was in the parking lot and no boat trailers. At the next boat ramp, Meyer located two vehicles with drift boat trailers, and they each contained items indicating goose hunting. From shore, Meyer located two drift boats with three men on board each steelhead angling. Meyer waved them to shore to conduct a check. They did not have shotguns, but Meyer saw several spent shells in one boat. One subject admitted he killed four geese the day before and gave two away. He breasted out the two he kept and dumped the carcasses at the Gold Hill boat ramp. He had the meat in a cooler on the boat. Meyer cited him for **Waste of Wildlife and Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway**.

Attempted Wildlife Rescues

Rct. Galusha (Tillamook) received a report of several dogs chasing and killing a yearling deer near the Nestucca River. Upon arrival, he located a severely injured deer and dispatched it. Galusha determined who owned the dogs and cited the subject for **Unlawfully Permitting Dog to Hunt Game Animals**.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) responded to two complaints regarding injured animals. The first was a "twitching" fox in the Takelma area. Upon his arrival, Bennett found the animal deceased. The fox had a wound on its hip that may have been a dog attack or a vehicle injury. The fox was recovered and given to ODFW. It appeared healthy other than that. The second complaint was a fawn deer in the Selma area that had taken over a residence back porch. When the witness tried to shoo the deer off, it charged them. Upon arrival, Bennett observed the fawn appeared wet and exhausted. He suggested to let the fawn be for the night; and, hopefully, the fawn would leave by morning.



Whitetail fawn. Photo credit: Veledan/CC

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) contacted two duck hunters in the New River access area near Langlois with two mallards and a pintail. Neither subject had a hunting license, a state validation, or a federal stamp. One subject's shotgun was also unplugged. Barden cited the subjects for **No Hunting License and Unlawful Take of Waterfowl—No Hunting License**, issued warnings, and seized the ducks.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) observed two duck hunters walking back to their vehicle via private property. Upon seeing O'Connor, one subject hid. The other subject said his friend had been picked up by another. O'Connor gained permission from the landowner and located the subject hiding in the field. The subject hid, for he did not think his licenses were up-to-date. O'Connor cited him for **No Hunting License**.

Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) worked a waterfowl emphasis boat patrol on the Columbia River/McNary Dam with WDFW Officers John and Hahn. Officers also checked anglers on the patrol. Mayer issued citations for **No Harvest Card (2), No Angling License, Hunting Waterfowl Prohibited Method—Lead Shot, Angling with More than One Line, and UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and warnings for Expired Boat Registration and Fail to Have Tag/License in Possession.

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) came upon a vehicle belonging to a lifetime suspended California subject. He saw the subject and a juvenile headed out with shotguns. A short time later, he heard three shots then a single. Upon their return, the subjects unloaded their shotguns, palming the shells to hide them. Hand asked what they were using. The subject handed over shells from his vest while palming the others. When directed, the subject handed over the lead shot shells in his hand. The subject was cited for **Hunting Prohibited Method—Possession of Lead Shot**. Upon leaving, Hand found four spent lead shot shells.

Wildlife / Hunting

Cougar Taken before Subject Bought Tag

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) received a call from ODFW regarding a subject who checked in a cougar the same day he bought his cougar tag. His investigation revealed the subject shot the cougar without a current hunting license or cougar tag. After killing the cougar, the subject drove to town and purchased a 2010 hunting license and a cougar tag. Ritter seized the cougar hide and head (the subject already disposed of the carcass) and cited and released the subject for **Hunting without a License** and for **Taking Cougar without a Valid Tag**.

Steens Patrol Discovered Spotlighting

Tpr. McClay (Burns) was on night patrol in the south Steens when he observed a vehicle spotlighting out in the Catlow Valley area. McClay contacted the vehicle and determined the suspect knew it was unlawful to hunt with the aid of a spotlight and said they (driver and passenger) had not killed anything. McClay issued a citation to the driver for **Hunting with Aid of Artificial Light** and warned the passenger.

Numerous Subjects Cited for Unlawfully Taking Cow and Bull Elk

Tpr. Kehr (Newport) received information a bull elk was harvested in the Stott Mountain area during the antlerless hunt. Kehr requested Tpr. Olsen (Salem) follow-up on hunters living in the Salem-area who had tags for the Stott Mountain hunt. Olsen and Rct. Glaser (Salem) contacted a subject who shot a spike bull and tagged it with his disabled antlerless elk tag. The subject thought he could take any animal with his disabled permit. He was cited for **Taking Bull Elk Closed Season**.

Rct. Galusha, Tpr. Howell, and Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) responded to a report of a subject who illegally shot two cow elk. The investigation revealed a subject hunted with his wife without a valid elk tag, and this subject shot and killed one cow elk he intended to put his wife's tag on and mortally wounded another cow elk found 36 hours later. The first elk was salvaged, and the second had gone to waste prior to the troopers locating it. Troopers cited the subject for **Unlawful Taking Cow Elk—No Tag** and will refer additional charges to the DA.

Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) was advised a subject, while hunting antlerless elk, shot and killed a spike elk and wanted to turn himself in. Shugart met with the subject. The subject went cow elk hunting on Stimson Property in Tillamook County when he saw several cow elk below him. He shot one of the elk, which went down immediately; and when he got to the elk, he saw it was a small fork by spike. The subject field dressed the elk and notified authorities of his mistake. Shugart cited the subject for **Unlawful Taking Antlered Elk** (violation) and seized and donated the elk.

Sr. Tpr. Duncan and Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) finished an investigation from Rocky Mountain bull elk season in the Sumpter Unit. The case involved three adult males who shot three cow elk during the bull season. Two of the males borrowed a disabled elk tag from their grandfather, who was not present, and planned on filling that. The other subject did not have any tags at all. The following charges have been referred to the DA office: **Taking Cow Elk Closed Season (Two Subjects), Borrowing an Elk Tag, Hunting Elk without a Valid Tag (Two Subjects), and Unlawful Take of Elk**.

Rct. Imholt (Springfield) received a report of people shooting elk in a field in the Noti-Saginaw cow hunt area. When Imholt arrived, he saw three dead untagged cow elk lying in the field with no one around. Imholt located and contacted a group of subjects a short time later. The investigation led to Imholt citing one subject for the **Unlawful Take of Antlerless Elk, Hunting Antlerless Elk without a Tag, and Borrowing an Elk Tag** and another subject for **Loaning an Elk Tag**. Imholt cited all as crimes and seized the rifle of the subject who did not have a tag. Imholt salvaged and donated the elk to the Eugene Mission.

Rct. Galusha (Tillamook) responded to Wheeler for a complaint a subject shot and killed a spike elk while on an antlerless elk hunt. Rct. Galusha contacted the subject after the subject completed packing the animal out and then had contacted law enforcement. The elk was salvaged and the subject was cited for **Unlawful Taking Bull Elk**.

Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) received a complaint during the last cow season of two elk shot and left to waste. He developed two suspects from southwest Oregon. His investigation revealed both subjects shot into a large herd of elk numerous times to fill their last tag. Chandler cited one subject for **Hunting Elk without a Valid Tag and Waste of Wildlife—Elk** and a second subject for **Waste of Wildlife—Elk**.



Bull elk bugling. Photo credit: Nature's Pics Online/Creative Commons

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) followed up on an elk case involving the taking of a 1 x 2 bull elk in the Tioga Unit on the opening morning of the second rifle elk season. Keeler received the report about one month after the incident. With the help of the complainant, Keeler located the bull and the names of five subjects involved. Keeler contacted all five subjects. Two of the subjects denied any knowledge of the incident, but the other three admitted involvement. They stated one of the subjects in their party killed the elk, and they left it when they realized it was not legal. When Keeler contacted the two subjects who denied involvement a second time; the two subjects changed their stories, and one admitted to shooting the animal. They all stated they left it to waste, because they were scared of being caught with it. Keeler cited the shooter for **Unlawful Take Bull Elk and Waste of Wildlife—Elk** and the accomplice for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Waste of Wildlife—Elk**.

Wildlife / Hunting

Trapping Offenses Detected near Burns and Lakeview

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) worked a case on a local subject who was trapping for bobcats. He discovered the trapper failed to inspect his traps within 48 hours, the traps were unbranded, and he was using sight bait within 15 feet of his traps. Caldwell issued the subject citations for the trapping offenses.

Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) received information from a BLM employee of illegal traps, along with a description of a vehicle that came into the area while he was there. The road was extremely remote, and any traffic is noteworthy. Weaver found the trap and noted it was set up similarly to some illegal traps he found the previous year. The vehicle description provided was similar to a vehicle driven by a relative of the suspect in last year's case. Weaver contacted the subject, and the subject admitted the trap was his. The subject was warned for Failure to Check Traps and cited for **Trapping Prohibited Method—Unbranded Traps**.

While Sr. Tpr. Caldwell and Tpr. McClay (Burns) were patrolling for trappers and trap sets near Fields; they found a trap that had been set with a goose wing hanging from a branch next to the trap, as well as a breasted Canada goose lying just behind the trap. McClay pulled the trap and found it did not have a brand. Continuing their patrol, Caldwell and McClay contacted the owner of the trap set as he was checking other traps. A subsequent investigation led to citing the suspect for **Trapping Bobcat Prohibited Method—Baiting with Game Bird and Fail to Brand Traps**. The suspect was warned for multiple other violations including Failing to Register ATV, Use of Sight Bait within 15 Feet, and Loaded Firearm on ATV.

Illegal trapping methods (below and right). Photo credits: File



Subjects Caught Falsely Applying for Licenses and Tags

Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) concluded an investigation where a subject had been residing in Arizona and purchasing resident Oregon licenses and tags for the past two years. He contacted the subject, and the investigation showed the person knowingly purchased the licenses and tags unlawfully. Schwartz cited the subject for **Falsely Applying for 2008 and 2009 Hunting Licenses and Big Game Tags**.

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns), Sgt. Cyr (Baker City), and Nevada Fish and Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed investigated a subject who purchased resident hunting licenses and tags in both states. Officers determined the subject and his wife were Nevada residents. They seized two elk and one deer from a residence in Denio, Nevada. Officers cited the male for **Unlawfully Taking Elk, Unlawfully Taking Deer, and False Application for Resident Oregon Licenses** and the female for **Unlawfully Taking Elk and False Application for Oregon Resident Licenses**.

Sr. Tpr. Carter (Pendleton) concluded an investigation for false application for resident licenses and tags. Photographs of a deer hunter with a harvested 4 x 5 mule deer buck appeared in the hunting and fishing guide magazine in 2007. Further investigation led to evidence that the subject in the photograph was a Hawaii resident using his parents address in Eugene to apply for Oregon licenses and tags. A second photograph in 2008 with a second buck harvested in Oregon indicated the subject was continuing his unlawful activities. Carter had an encounter with the subject's hunting party in the Ukiah Unit in the Fall 2008, which led to further information being developed regarding his hunting activities and place of residence. Additional investigation by Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) yielded evidence of residency in Hawaii and a DUII arrest in Hawaii in 2008. Boyd and Carter located and interviewed the suspect who was now living back in Oregon. It was determined the suspect illegally acquired resident documents, including the purchase of resident Sports Pacs since 2005. Troopers seized the mounted buck heads taken in 2006 and 2008, cited the subject for three counts of **Possession of Falsely Applied for Resident License/Tag and False Application for Resident License/Tag**, and warned the subject for two counts of Illegal Possession of Game Mammal.

Waste and Unlawful Possession of Deer

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) located a suspect from the 2009 archery season who shot a 2 x 2 buck in the hindquarters and left the deer to waste. He cited the subject for **Fail to Validate Deer Tag and Waste of Wildlife**.

Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) received information that a convicted felon had taken a small buck to a local taxidermist to be mounted. This buck was brought to the taxidermist with a Western Oregon rifle deer tag. The subject supposedly found the deer road-struck and did not shoot the animal with a rifle. Howell seized the deer head and cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession Deer**.

Central Point Dealt with Urban Issues

Sr. Tpr. Cushman and Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) responded to an elk hunting complaint in the Rogue River area. Several people living just on the outskirts of the city of Rogue River called reporting several shots fired and some elk were down and/or wounded. Cushman and Meyer arrived to find a dead cow elk in a small field about a block from the city limits. A small herd of about 30 elk had gone through or over several fences on other small parcels of land with homes on them. Cushman and Meyer located two subjects who shot the elk. One subject shot a cow elk and it wandered off, and the second subject shot and killed the cow elk found in the field. The first subject had a tag, and the second could not find his tag. A records check confirmed the tag purchase, so he was cited for **Fail to Validate an Elk Tag**. The Central Point Team contacted six urban subjects in one week, issuing four of the six citations, three for **No 2010 Hunting License** and one for **Fail to Validate an Elk Tag**.

General Law

Varied Assistance Provided

Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) received a complaint on a subject who had been ordered to remove his shelter from Campbell Group property. Schwartz contacted the subject, who continued to remain unlawfully on the property, with several shelters constructed. Schwartz cited the subject for **Criminal Trespass II**.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) and Rct. Berland (Patrol) worked the upper McKenzie River drainage on USFS property and contacted several subjects recreating in the wintering grounds area for deer and elk. The area soon became crash central. They covered one three-vehicle crash with one rollover on Santiam Pass and a head-on collision on Hwy 126. The offending vehicle driver in the head-on crash was **DUII, BAC .27%**. Both crashes were turned over to Patrol troops upon their arrival.

Dangerous Subjects Encountered

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) investigated a parked vehicle. As he was out of his vehicle, he looked up to see a person pointing a scoped rifle at him and then lower the weapon. He contacted the person with the rifle. The coyote hunter said he saw movement and lifted his rifle to check it out. Niehus warned him for **Pointing a Firearm at Another**.

Sgt. Allori and Tpr. Fromme (Portland) contacted a subject at Elk Rock Island Park on the Willamette River. They observed a subject leaving his beer can and garbage next to the water. A check revealed the subject had two outstanding arrest warrants, a felony (nationwide extradition) for Identity Theft and a FTA/Probation Violation—DWS. A pair of brass knuckles was found in the person's custody. The subject was lodged on the warrants and for **Felon in Possession of a Weapon**.

On the South Umpqua, Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) noted one angler threw his pole in the water when seeing Stone. The subject denied angling, but was told he was observed angling and needed to produce his license and tag. The subject said they were in his truck and walked off. When told to stop, he took off running up to the freeway. Several agencies searched the area, along with a private helicopter pilot who offered help. Stone located the subject about two hours later hidden in nearby brush. Officers learned the subject had felony warrants, including Escape, Probation Violation, and Drugs, and a probable cause arrest warrant for **Rape 1st Degree**. The subject was lodged in jail.

Tpr. Fromme (Portland) stopped a driver after he saw the subject pass about 30 vehicles on the right shoulder in stopped traffic on Hwy 26 near Hillsboro. The driver consented to and failed SFSTs and was arrested for **DUII**. A Patrol trooper transported the subject to the Washington County Jail after the subject became combative and resistive in attempts to get him in and out of the Fish and Wildlife patrol truck. At the jail, the suspect refused a breath test and required extra supervision, as his combative and verbally assaultive behavior continued. The suspect was cited for **DUII—Alcohol, Refusing a Breath Test, Open Container, and Unsafe Passing on the Right**.

Runaways Discovered during Traffic Stop

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) was en route to meet with Sr. Tpr. Wilson (Ontario) on an elk case and stopped a vehicle with Oklahoma license plates on I-84 after observing a girl not using a safety restraint in the right front seat. The girl did not have any identification and could not remember her parent's phone number. She eventually provided her identity and that she was a runaway from Washington. Sr. Tpr. Howard (Patrol) assisted. Duncan spoke to the 14-year-old girl away from the pickup. She told Duncan a second 14-year-old runaway girl from Washington was hidden inside the pickup. When the troopers lifted up the rear bench seat, they discovered the second girl, identified as the driver's girlfriend, in a hidden compartment. The two girls advised they were both concealed in the compartment for a brief period after they ran away. Their luggage was hidden under the vehicle in the spare tire compartment. Both girls were detained, questioned, and turned over to Department of Human Services (DHS) workers. DHS transported the girls to The Dalles to be returned to relatives. The driver was lodged for **First Degree Custodial Interference (x 2)**.



Two girls were concealed in compartment. Photo credit: File

Drugs are Persistent Problem around the State

Sr. Tpr. Hawkins and Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) were checking Chukar hunters on Snake River Road near Brownlee Reservoir. While contacting one group, officers found two subjects had marijuana. They were cited for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce Marijuana**.

On the South Fork Coquille River, Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) contacted two anglers suspected of using marijuana. Upon contact, one subject produced two pipes with residue, and the other threw a plastic container with suspected marijuana into the river. Davis cited the subject for **Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway and Tampering with Physical Evidence** and a third subject for **No Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) stopped a man for speeding on I-84 and had probable cause the man had over the 24 ounces of marijuana his medical permit allowed. Sr. Tpr. Vanderwerf and Rct. Addesa (Patrol) assisted. Troopers located about three pounds of marijuana bud and digital scales with residue. They seized the marijuana the man could not possess (\$12,000 value) and cited him for **UPCS—Marijuana**.

Troopers noticed two males smoking marijuana in a car on the South Jetty then drive away. They stopped and detained them until Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) arrived. The driver had a medical card and thought he could share with a friend over 21. The driver appeared intoxicated. Rct. Hanson (Patrol) arrived and investigated the **DUII**. The driver was cited for **DUII and Delivery of Less than Five Ounces of Marijuana** and the passenger for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce Marijuana**.

While patrolling the Sandy River, Tpr. Fromme (Portland) watched a young, distressed female walk behind the mall towards the river. When asked if she needed help, she said she was homeless (not a runaway) and cold, and everyone hated her. After offering her hand warmers and the tailgate to sit on, a check found she had cautions for mental distress and a warrant for **Theft II**. A search found marijuana and paraphernalia. Fromme transported her to jail where he cited her for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and released her to jail physicians.

Environment / Habitat / ATV / General Law

Unrecorded Pictographs Discovered in South Central Oregon

While walking out an old trap line, Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) located several ancient Native American pictographs. Weaver mentioned his find to the BLM LEO. BLM's investigation determined the pictographs Weaver discovered were previously unknown to BLM, and State officials are now recording the pictographs. For more information on Oregon's heritage and preservation resources, please visit www.oregonheritage.org.

Native American pictographs discovered. Photo credits: File



Klamath Falls Ramped Up Patrols

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) located a person traveling on a Class III ATV on a closed road. Upon contact, Niehus learned the subject had an outstanding warrant. Niehus cited the subject for the **Operating ATV in Closed Area** and **DWS** and lodged the subject in jail on the warrant.

The Klamath Falls Team has been monitoring a new gate installed in Hidden Valley near Klamath Falls. ODFW and JWTR installed the new gate as part of the new JWTR Access and Habitat project. Attempts to close this area in the past have failed due to vandalism. Builders used 18,000 pounds of concrete to secure this new gate. The Team patrolled the area heavily while the concrete set and continued to check on it.

The lack of snow has kept many roads and trails open that are typically impassable this time of year. The muddy and wet conditions have made it attractive to off-road enthusiasts. Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) focused his efforts on ATV enforcement, contacting several ATV riders in the vicinity of the Balsam Road rock pit. Numerous violations were encountered and warnings issued. Meanwhile, Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) also worked on off-road issues, locating numerous subjects who had been mudding on JWTR property. However, Niehus could not locate any resource damage, and no action was taken.

Toxic Ash Dumped near Creek

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) and Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) responded to a complaint of a subject filling in Sucker Creek in Josephine County with toxic ash from an outbuilding fire. They determined some sand was taken from the old stream channel and moved to fill in some of the charred ground where the outbuilding burned. The toxic ash was being moved and dumped near the creek, where it appeared to be above the average two-year high water mark. They took photos and referred the case to DSL.

Shipping Label Led to Suspect

While Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) patrolled the Rogue River below Gold Ray Dam, he checked three anglers, one of whom just landed a hatchery steelhead and was not sure how to tag it. Meyer showed him how to validate his tag. Meyer continued downstream and came upon a recent garbage dump site. Someone disposed of nine trash bags full of yard debris and sod along with a cardboard box. The box had a shipping label on it. Meyer contacted the shipper and obtained the delivery date (three days prior) and address. Meyer drove to the Medford residence and contacted a subject who admitted to dumping the trash. Meyer cited him for **Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway**.

Interagency Cooperation

Trespass Saturation Resulted in Lodging Two Subjects and Issuing 12 Citations to Multiple Subjects

Tpr. Boyd, Rct. Imholt (Springfield), Sr. Tpr. VanMeter (Patrol), Rct. Day (Patrol), and ODOT Emergency Response conducted a trespass saturation on private property near I-5 near mp 191. There have historically been multiple complaints of trespassing and environmental crimes on properties owned by absentee landowners who live back east, the railroad, ODOT, and others near the area. Upon entering the property, officers found multiple long-time camps and contacted several people during the two-hour operation. Officers took one female and one male into custody on outstanding felony warrants, cited and released three subjects for **Placing Offensive Substance on Property of Another**, cited and released eight subjects for **Criminal Trespass II**, and cited and released another subject for **Giving False Information to Police**. Several of the trespassers indicated they had been living at the location in excess of five years. The vast amount of garbage and offensive substances at the scene were in or near waterways that drain into the Willamette River that is less than 1/4 mile away. Upon conviction for that charge, for each day after conviction the offensive substances are not cleaned up and removed, an additional Class A misdemeanor is charged for the same crime.



Illegal long-time camps discovered. Photo credit: File

Interagency Cooperation

Historic Lighthouse Vandalized, Over \$580,000 Damage, \$5,000 Reward Offered, Suspects Cited



Historic lighthouse vandalized. Photo credit: File

According to Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook), in January, a subject drove a vehicle down a blocked maintenance road to the historic Cape Meares Lighthouse. The subject(s) fired several rounds at the lighthouse, breaking 15 windows and several pieces of a historic Fresnel lens, and into an active USCG light and surrounding equipment. While leaving, the subject drove off the road, causing considerable damage to a grassy area. In cooperation with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), Hoodenpyl started investigating the incident.

The lens was manufactured in Paris, France, and shipped around [Cape Horn](#) (southernmost tip of South America) up to Oregon. The lighthouse went into service January **1890**. Initial estimates reported the damage at over \$50,000; but, Florida-based lens experts indicated the lens damage is in excess of **\$500,000**. However, given the parts are of historic value and irreplaceable; the true cost is incalculable. Damage to other structural portions, such as exterior safety glass panes, will exceed \$80,000. OPRD closed the park until short-term repairs are conducted.

After the incident, a reward fund was established for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible in this case, and increased to \$5,000 (\$1,000 from OPRD and \$4,000 from the Friends of Cape Meares Lighthouse). Additionally, the Friends of Cape Meares Lighthouse is accepting donations to help pay for costs to repair the damage (please [click here](#) for information and more photos of the damage). In February, just before publishing this newsletter, as a result of a tip received, officers served a search warrant at an Oceanside residence and seized evidence. Officers arrested two suspects at their place of employment in Florence and transported both suspects to the Tillamook County Jail. The subjects were charged for **Criminal Mischief in the First Degree** (Class C Felony), **Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree** (Class A Misdemeanor), **Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree** (Class C Misdemeanor), **Recklessly Endangering Another Person** (Class A Misdemeanor), and **Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree** (Class B Misdemeanor). Both suspects posted bail and were released, pending court appearance. The following agencies were involved in the investigation and search warrant execution: OSP troopers (Fish and Wildlife, Patrol, and Criminal Investigations Divisions), Tillamook County SO, Tillamook PD, USCG Investigative Services, and Tillamook County DA.

Various Interagency Patrols and Investigations

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) worked with ODFW District Wildlife Biologist Mark Vargas and conducted a waterfowl survey along the upper Rogue River and several ponds counting ducks and geese.

Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) assisted Lake County SO and a BLM LEO with a poaching complaint near Paisley. When Weaver arrived, he found six subjects detained in handcuffs. These subjects had been spot-lighting and killing rabbits from a moving vehicle on private ranch property. They had asked permission earlier to hunt the ranch but were denied. Only one person had a hunting license, and all admitted taking turns holding the spotlight. In addition, the BLM LEO and the SO deputy observed them casting light, hunting, and shooting. Weaver issued three citations for **Casting Artificial Light from a Motorized Vehicle** and two for **No Hunting License** and additionally warned the culprits for Hunting while in Violation of Criminal Trespass.

Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) assisted the Union County SO on a snowmobile patrol. They traveled 65 miles and took enforcement action on three minor violations that were detected.

Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) conducted a joint patrol with USFWS. A subject was checked at a duck club near Finley Refuge. The subject was cited for **No Resident Waterfowl Validation**, and USFWS warned the subject for No Federal Stamp.

ODFW Biologist Dave Larson checked a subject on Ladd Marsh. After the contact, another subject advised Larson he observed the subject take a pheasant prior to the check. Larson went home, picked up his dog, returned to the area, and located the bird hidden under a log. Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) contacted and cited the subject for **Taking Pheasant Closed Season** and **Waste of Game Bird**.

Pilot and Plane Not Injured during Emergency Landing

Sr. Tpr. Moore (Portland) was dispatched to assist in locating a pilot who had emergency landed an aircraft on the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area. The FAA informed dispatch the pilot radioed he was okay and had landed somewhere in a field on Sauvie Island. The GPS information showed the aircraft to be 50 miles away in Happy Valley. This resulted in the Clackamas County SO searching the Happy Valley area, while Multnomah County and Columbia County SOs and Moore searched Sauvie Island. The pilot walked about 1.5 miles out to the nearby public road and confirmed he was in the Oak Island Unit. Moore met the pilot on Oak Island Road. Along with the deputies, they drove back to the landing site that was inside a locked gated area closed to the public. The pilot indicated ice likely blocked the fuel supply, and the plane was not damaged during the landing. He put additional fuel into the plane's tank; and, after testing the engine, the pilot determined the plane was suitable to fly. The pilot took off safely and flew to the Scappoose Airport.



Pilot had to make emergency landing on Sauvie Island. Photo credit: File

Interagency Cooperation / Public Relations

Public Talks

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) provided a Fish and Wildlife enforcement talk at the Newport High School Hunter Education class. In attendance were 10 students, two parents, and two instructors.

Sgt. Hand and Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) attended an OHA meeting and answered questions about the new JWTR Access and Habitat project. Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

Interagency Meetings

Fish and Wildlife teams around the state participated in annual Cooperative Enforcement Planning (CEP) meetings with their local ODFW biologists to set enforcement priorities by species and discuss concerns regarding social issues, seasons, areas, and local issues.

Lt. Scorby (East Region) attended the Central Oregon natural resource agencies regional manager's team meeting in Bend for the purpose of guiding and prioritizing watershed protection and restoration activities and management actions at the regional level for implementation of the Oregon Plan. This meeting involved each agency providing an outline for their presentation planned for a multi-agency training in April.

Local Association Discussed Habitat Concerns

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) spoke at a meeting for the McKenzie River Whitewater Guides Association. He discussed new boating regulations and answered several questions about the new invasive species permits. Another subject of concern for the guides is the increasing numbers of homeless camps along the upper McKenzie and South Fork of the McKenzie Rivers. The guides main concern is the large amounts of garbage left behind on or near the bank of the river and the impact these "Residers" have on the native fish populations in these areas. This is a problem Boyd addresses yearly in cooperation with the USFS in these same areas of concern. The guides agreed to contact Boyd as they notice new camps along the river system.

Trooper Assisted with Rehabilitation Project

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) assisted the Mid-Coast Watershed Council, Wetland Conservancy, OSU Extension Service, and the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps with a habitat rehabilitation project on the Yaquina River. Van Meter used the boat to help shuttle 250 trees across the Yaquina River to be planted in the rehabilitation area. This is an ongoing project where several dikes were breached to restore the area to its natural state.

Transporting trees to rehabilitation area. Photo credits: File

Springfield Troopers Presented Local Company Appreciation Award

Lt. Edwards (Springfield Area Commander), Sgt. Martin, Tpr. Boyd (Fish and Wildlife), and Ret. Berland (Patrol) presented an appreciation award to **Delta Sand and Gravel** in Eugene for their cooperative involvement in a August 2009 search warrant in Lane County that Boyd and other troopers and agencies investigated. Delta Sand and Gravel's assistance was paramount in the company providing an excavator to search for buried stolen vehicles on the suspect's property.



Delta Sand and Gravel acknowledged for assisting OSP. Photo credit: File

Judge Rode with Trooper for Shift

Lane County Circuit Court Judge Kasubhai rode with Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) for his entire shift. During the shift, activity was somewhat slow. However, Judge Kasubhai provided terrific feedback about the exceptional professionalism of the OSP troopers he encounters in his court.

Officers Honored with Silver Star for Courage

Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) and Sutherlin PD Officer Troy Mills were honored at a presentation at Sutherlin PD for rescuing a subject from a burning home in March 2009. The subject and his wife were brutally attacked by their son in their home. The son set the house on fire in an attempt to destroy the crime scene. The mother was killed in the attack. Baimbridge and Mills were the first ones on scene, and they entered the home and assisted the father out. The American Police Hall of Fame awarded Baimbridge and Mills the Silver Star for Courage for "extraordinary heroism performed in the line of duty." This award "distinguishes an officer whose act of courage goes above and beyond the call of duty." Every year, the American Police Hall of Fame chooses a Silver Star recipient as the Officer of the Year. Lt. Gifford (SW Region), Lt. Ladd, and Sgt. Perske (Roseburg) attended the ceremony. [Click here](#) for a media video interview and story.



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