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South Valley Team Awarded 2010 Team of the Year

The Division recognized the exceptional work of troopers from the South Valley Team when Captain Jeff Samuels announced on June 8 they were the recipients of the Division's Team of the Year award for 2010 during a presentation at the Springfield Area Command office. This is the fifth presentation of the award since the Division implemented a new program celebrating and recognizing the outstanding teamwork by Division troopers in protecting Oregon's natural resources.

Supervised by Sergeant Ron Martin, the seven-member South Valley Team is comprised of one sergeant and six troopers assigned to Springfield, Florence, and Oakridge offices. Ranging from 2 to 21 years of OSP service, the following South Valley Team members have a total of 78 years of OSP law enforcement experience: Sergeant Ron Martin, Senior Trooper Marshall Maher, Senior Trooper Martin Maher, Senior Trooper Scott Salisbury, Trooper Marc Boyd, Trooper Ed Imholt, and Trooper Josh Wetzel.



South Valley Team received the Fish and Wildlife Division 2010 Team of the Year award. (Left to right: Senior Trooper Martin Maher, Trooper Ed Imholt, Trooper Josh Wetzel, Sergeant Ron Martin, Trooper Marc Boyd, Senior Trooper Marshall Maher, and Northwest Region Lieutenant Ethan Wilson. Senior Trooper Scott Salisbury not pictured.) Photo credit: File

In 2010, South Valley Team members distinguished themselves by their outstanding performance and dedication to public service. Several members were individually recognized for exceptional effort in protecting the fish, wildlife, and natural resources within their areas of responsibility; for outstanding performance in the enforcement of Marine Board laws; and for actions instrumental in lifesaving rescues. The team performed exceptionally in the detection, apprehension, and deterrence of wildlife violators by conducting successful investigations, careful planning of daily patrols, teamwork, and attention to Cooperative Enforcement Planning priorities. This highly motivated team has also maximized boating safety by exceeding team expectations in Marine Board enforcement.

Captain Samuels said, "I am very proud of the South Valley Fish and Wildlife Team as they exemplify the meaning of teamwork, performance excellence, and commitment to protecting the natural resources and the citizens of Oregon."

During 2010, the team worked numerous successful wildlife enforcement decoy operations, aircraft patrols addressing night hunters, and general patrol to address illegal hunting, license compliance, and improve hunter ethics. Team members participated in the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Hunter Education program as instructors or guest speakers to promote ethical hunting and outdoor recreation among future hunters. They also instructed and/or participated in other outdoor education classes at schools in Florence and Oakridge along with Cub Scout day camps and an OSU Fish and Wildlife Enforcement class.

In addition to fish and wildlife laws, as Oregon is one of two states (the other is Alaska) where fish and game/wildlife wardens are fully trained state troopers; South Valley Team members are exceptionally effective in all aspects of law enforcement, from locating missing children to enforcing traffic laws to assisting with criminal investigations. They have received multiple compliments from all OSP divisions for their exemplary teamwork, displaying competency in any situation and successfully partnering with other agencies to address environmental and law enforcement issues, provide public safety, and apprehend fleeing criminals.

For the press release that provides highlights involving the South Valley Team, please visit http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/NEWSRL/news/06_09_2011_2010_FW_team_of_year.shtml.

Notable Dispositions Reported in June

Guilty Suspects Sentenced

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) received a court disposition on a subject he cited for **Taking Deer Closed Season**. The court found the subject guilty and sentenced the subject to one day in jail, \$800 restitution to ODFW, \$102 in fines and fees, 18 months probation, and three years hunting license suspension.

Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) cited a subject who shot a goose after the close of the 2010-2011 goose season for **Taking Goose Closed Season**. The subject entered a guilty plea; and the court sentenced the suspect to \$250 in fines and fees, forfeit his shotgun, and three years hunting license suspension.

Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) investigated a complaint of subject who shot a turkey while trespassing on private property and subsequently cited one subject for **Taking Turkey with No 2011 Turkey Tag** and a second subject for **Loaning 2011 Turkey Tag**. The court found both subjects guilty and sentenced the subjects to three years hunting license suspension, \$500 in fines and fees, and \$100 restitution to ODFW and additionally ordered one subject to forfeit his shotgun.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) attended court in Grant County where the court found a subject guilty of **Taking Buck Deer without a Tag and Borrowing a Buck Deer Tag**, both Class A misdemeanors, for killing a large 5 x 5 buck deer during the 2010 deer rifle season. The court did not impose sentencing at the trial, advising he needed a couple of weeks to consider whether to impose the enhanced restitution amount of \$7,500. The subject and his wife both offered testimony that led the DA to convene a grand jury to indict both he and his wife for **Perjury**.

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City), along with help from Tpr. Ritter (John Day), identified two subjects involved in the Unlawful Taking of a Cougar with the Use of Dogs. A Grant County court found the first subject guilty of **Unlawfully Taking Cougar with Dogs** and sentenced this subject to \$500 in fines and fees, two years bench probation, three years hunting license suspension, \$800 restitution to ODFW, and 80 hours of community service. The court found the second subject guilty of **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** and sentenced the subject to \$500 in fines and fees, two years bench probation, and 80 hours of community service.

Tpr. Ring (Bend) received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for **Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine**. The court found the subject guilty and sentenced the subject to \$137 in fines and fees, three days in jail, 18 months probation, and 40 hours of community service.

Albany Division troopers investigated a male subject after they received information the subject killed a large 3 x 5 blacktail buck during the night in October 2009. The subject pled guilty in the Lebanon Justice Court for **Taking Deer with the Aid of an Artificial Light—3 x 5 Blacktail Buck Deer**, and the court sentenced the subject to \$1,050 in fines and restitution and three years hunting suspension.

Sgt. Brown (Pendleton) cited a subject who shot three spike elk on private property in 2010 elk season for **Exceeding the Bag Limit**. The court found the subject guilty and sentenced the subject to 90 days in jail (suspended), \$4,268 fines and fees with \$1,000 suspended, \$3,000 restitution to ODFW, \$200 donation to a wildlife foundation, three years hunting license suspension, one year bench probation, and 20 hours of community service.

Tpr. Ring (Bend) received a court disposition on a domestic dispute case he investigated at Wickiup Reservoir. An ex-husband and ex-wife got together for a camping trip then began arguing. During the argument, the ex-husband took the ex-wife's pistol and threw it through her vehicle window. Ring arrested the ex-husband for **Criminal Mischief II**. The court found the subject guilty and sentenced him to \$850 in fines and fees, four days in jail, one year probation, anger management evaluation and treatment, no weapons, and no contact with the ex-wife.

Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) conducted an investigation of a subject who shot deer with his pellet rifle when they came onto his property. Unfortunately, one deer was killed from a shot to the knee with the pellet rifle. The death occurred after a few weeks of fighting infection from the wound and cold temperatures. Although the Baker County court found the subject guilty of **Unlawfully Harassing Wildlife**, the court did not impose any fines, dismissed the second charge of Unlawfully Taking Deer Closed Season, and ordered the subject to pay \$400 restitution to ODFW for the offense.

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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
DUID	Influence Intoxicants/Drugs	ODF	Department of Forestry	Tpr.	Trooper
Capt.	Captain	ODFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife	UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	ODOT	Department of Transportation	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
DA/DDA	District Attorney/Deputy DA	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DSL	Department of State Lands	PFD	Personal Flotation Device	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
DWS	Driving while Suspended			WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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Notable Dispositions Reported in June

Five Suspects Sentenced for Poaching Deer

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) was the lead investigator into the unlawful taking of multiple buck deer in the Beatys Butte Unit in 2009 and 2010 that involved a group of subjects who hunted deer without the proper tags. Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) and Det. Conner (Criminal), Sr. Tpr. Wilson (Ontario), Tpr. Weaver (Patrol), and Division SIU detectives assisted Caldwell in the investigation that resulted in charging **five** subjects for various offenses. Harney County Justice Court Judge Newton found all five subjects guilty of and sentenced them to the following:

- **Subject #1, Unlawfully Taking Buck Deer** (2009) and dismissed one charge of Unlawfully Taking Buck Deer, \$775 fines and fees, \$1,600 restitution to ODFW, three years hunting license suspension, 18 months bench probation, and 60 hours community service;
- **Subject #2, Unlawful Possession of Buck Deer** (2009), \$178.50 fines and fees, \$800 restitution to ODFW, three years hunting license suspension, 18 months bench probation, and 40 hours community service;
- **Subject #3, Unlawfully Taking Buck Deer** (2010), \$110 fines and fees, \$7,500 restitution to ODFW, three years hunting license suspension, three years bench probation, and 40 hours community service;
- **Subject #4, Unlawfully Taking Buck Deer** (2010), \$244.50 fines and fees, \$800 restitution to ODFW, three years hunting license suspension, 18 months bench probation, and 40 hours community service; and
- **Subject #5, Unlawfully Taking Buck Deer** (2010) and dismissed Aiding in a Wildlife Violation, \$202 fines and fees, \$8,300 restitution to ODFW, three years hunting license suspension, 18 months bench probation, 20 hours community service, and forfeit firearm and trophy mount.



Seized deer from Beatys Butte Unit. Photo credit: File

Tribal Member Found Guilty of Taking Bighorn Sheep

After four days of testimony and closing arguments by attorneys, Baker County Circuit Court found a Nez Perce tribal member who killed two bighorn sheep south of the Nez Perce-ceded boundary in the Lookout Mountain Unit, one in 2007 and one in 2008, guilty of two counts of **Unlawfully Taking Bighorn Sheep** and two counts of **Unlawful Possession of Bighorn Sheep**. The case involved several motion hearings, resulting in the accepting the Buchanan Test as the standard of law. Evidence was presented that showed the Nez Perce Tribe did not use the area south of the Powder River in Oregon as aboriginal hunting grounds at the time of the treaty in 1855. Judge Baxter sentenced the suspect to 20 days in jail (180 days per count, with 170 suspended), \$2,266 fines and fees, \$13,600 restitution to ODFW (\$6,800 per sheep), two years hunting license suspension, three years bench probation, and forfeit all wildlife parts. Additionally, the subject cannot hunt outside Nez Pearce-ceded boundary in Oregon during probation.

Suspect Guilty of Taking Bear and Tampering with Evidence

In the Fall 2010, Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) was at The Dalles ODFW office when a subject checked in two black bear heads. One bear was killed in a Hood Unit controlled hunt area during the controlled buck season, and the subject did not possess a controlled hunt tag. Gunderson asked the subject his method of take. The subject advised he used a bow and hit the bear right behind the shoulder with a broadhead-tipped arrow. The subject stated the carcass was in a friend's cooler in Hood River. Gunderson asked to look at the carcass. The subject said other animals were hanging in the cooler; and, as his friend did not like OSP, he did not want to mess up his arrangement to use the cooler. His friend was also out of town. Gunderson, with the help of Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) and connections, determined what cooler the bear was in. Frazier knew the owner of the cooler who had no problem granting access. The troopers learned the subject went to the cooler after initial contact and removed the front half of the bear and discarded it and unlawfully transferred the hide to a friend who took it to a tannery. The troopers located the hide and seized it and discovered two holes consistent with bullet holes. The troopers charged the subject with Taking Black Bear Prohibited Method, Tampering with Physical Evidence, and Waste of a Game Mammal. The suspect pled guilty to **Taking Black Bear Prohibited Method** and **Tampering with Physical Evidence**, and the court dropped the Waste charge. The court sentenced the suspect to \$1,302 fines and fees, three years hunting license suspension, two years bench probation, and forfeit bear and rifle.

DNA Proved Trespasser Guilty

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) cited a subject for **Hunting on the Enclosed Land of Another** for killing a large 4 x 4 buck deer on private property in the Silvies Unit during the 2010 muzzleloader buck season. The subject pled guilty after DNA testing proved he did kill the deer on the private property. Through a plea agreement with the Grant County DA, the subject was sentenced to \$7,500 restitution to ODFW, \$2,740 reimbursement to OSP for DNA testing, pay cut and wrap fees, three years hunting license suspension, and 40 hours of community service. The judge is looking over the enhanced restitution part of the agreement.

Illegal Deer Found during DUI Arrest

A search incident to Patrol Tpr. Jennings's **DUII** arrest in January 2011 revealed a fresh four-point blacktail buck head in the SUV. Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) handled the wildlife investigation and served a search warrant on the vehicle. Based on evidence located, the troopers lodged the subject in jail on multiple wildlife crimes. The subject pled guilty to **Unlawful Possession of a Game Mammal**, and Lincoln County Circuit Court Judge Branford sentenced the subject to three years probation; 45 days in jail (seven days in June 2011 and remainder in May 2012); and if complies with probation, the judge may suspend remaining days); three years hunting license suspension; \$5,135 fines and restitution; and forfeit 9mm pistol, Mossberg shotgun, and Winchester 30-06 rifle. The subject also may not be on a gravel or back road during hunting seasons, accompany anyone hunting, and/or may not be on a gravel or back road during the hours of darkness at any time of the year.

General Law / Public Safety



Car crash victim walked away with only bruised knee. Photo credit: File

Troopers Protected People and Property

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) and Sr. Tpr. Hansen (Patrol) responded to a call in La Pine of a 24-year-old subject who attempted to stab his father with a large knife. The subject was unsuccessful with his attack and fled into the woods. Hayes located the subject and took him into custody for **Attempted Assault I**.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) was on his way to the woods when he came in behind a car driving erratically on Hwy 66. He made a traffic stop and noticed several signs of impairment. The operator refused field sobriety tests. Niehus arrested her for **DUII** based upon her driving and the other signs of impairment he observed. She was taken to the Klamath County Jail where she submitted a **.32% BAC** and then was lodged.

Ranchers who were driving cattle on the Post-Paulina Highway contacted Sr. Tpr. Madison (Prineville) regarding a subject who drove through the herd in an unsafe manner and caused one of the ranchers to almost fall off a horse. The subject then came back through the herd a short time later, and the ranchers noted his license plate and vehicle description. Tpr. Ring (Bend) assisted locating the subject in Bend. The subject was cited for **Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle around Livestock**.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) drove upon a crash that just occurred on Hwy 126E. The minivan collided into a large tree and was essentially torn in half. It appeared as if there would be serious injuries to the occupants of the van. Two witnesses told Boyd the driver was the only occupant, and he was in front of the van. Boyd contacted the 65-year-old male driver who was alert and sitting upright on a walker near the vehicle. Medics were called, and the driver indicated he was fine and only suffered a knee bruise/abrasion. The driver's wife took the driver for a medical check-up.

Fleeing Violator Caught at Water's Edge

Sgt. Allori (Portland) contacted an 18-year-old subject at Estacada Lake after watching him smoke marijuana on a public dock and leave garbage behind. While questioning, the subject ran off, resulting in a foot pursuit through the park. The subject ran over a steep embankment through heavy brush toward the reservoir. He eventually gave up after finding he was trapped at the water's edge with no where to go. The subject disposed of his marijuana, but Allori took him into custody without further incident and lodged him in jail for **Escape Third Degree** and **Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of Water**.

Subject Spotted with Drugs during Break

Sgt. Withers (Roseburg) and Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) were patrolling west of Grants Pass and stopped at a store for a soda. As they pulled into a parking spot, Withers observed a male subject sitting in the front passenger seat of a pickup holding a small bag of white powder. The subject looked over (with a big-eyes-in-the-headlight look), saw Withers exiting the patrol truck, and dropped the baggie on the floorboard. Upon contact, the troopers tested the powder and determined it was meth. The subject was on parole for Dangerous Drugs, and his parole officer responded to the scene and transported him to jail where he was lodged for **Unlawful Possession of Meth** and a **Parole Violation**. The troopers also cited him for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Night Angler Also Littered and Possessed Marijuana

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (McMinnville) received a complaint of a subject staying the night on his boat on the Willamette River near Wheatland. The complainant was concerned the subject might be unlawfully angling at night. Sr. Tpr. Reid (McMinnville) watched the suspect throughout the week and observed him littering in the river. On another evening, Reid sat on the suspect while Turnbo, Sr. Tpr. Culp (Salem), and a volunteer awaited upstream in a boat. After legal fishing hours ended, the troopers paddled downstream with the aid of night vision gear and contacted the subject. The suspect was still angling two hours after sunset while being naked and highly intoxicated. The troopers cited the suspect for **Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway**, **Angling Prohibited Hours**, **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**, and **No Anchor Light**. Earlier in the day, Reid observed the suspect's angling partner using two rods. He contacted this subject later and cited him for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Lines**.

Drugs Discovered on Angling Patrols

Tpr. Baimbridge and Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) conducted a boat patrol on Cooper Creek Reservoir and observed three adult men frequenting a place in the brush just out of eyesight while trading off two rods for three anglers. Upon contact, the troopers located a marijuana pipe in the brush at that location and recovered a bag of green marijuana as well. The troopers arrested and lodged one subject in jail for an outstanding warrant, cited one for **No 2011 Angling License**, and cited another for **UPCS—Marijuana**.

While conducting an angler check at a boat ramp, Tpr. Andrews (Salem) monitored two vehicles that pulled into the parking lot and noted several signs of criminal activity. He contacted the two subjects and determined they were conducting a drug deal involving marijuana. Andrews cited one subject for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and arrested the other for **Distribution of a Controlled Substance—Marijuana** and **UPCS—Marijuana** and additionally issued a citation for **MIP—Alcohol**.

Tpr. Fromme (Portland) watched an angler enter a sturgeon sanctuary and fish for what looked like sturgeon. After baiting up and casting, Fromme watched the angler smoke from a tobacco pipe, but he was smoking in a manner consistent with marijuana use. Upon contact, the subject admitted to smoking marijuana and presented the pipe and marijuana. The angler admitted he was trying for both sturgeon and salmon. Although salmon is open in the area, Fromme informed him that he could not target sturgeon and issued him a warning. Fromme cited the subject for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

ATV / Environment

Habitat Laws Enforced

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) worked a habitat case near Elk Creek where several subjects drove vehicles around locked gates and made a complete mess of the grounds. A turkey hunter captured the suspects in a photograph on his trail camera. The suspects operated a certain SUV without a front license plate. Collom thoroughly checked the area and discovered a receipt with a name on it muddied up and laying on the road where the suspects drove back onto the pavement. He followed up on that name and found the same SUV from the picture. He attempted to contact the suspect, but the suspect continued to avoid him; so Collom forwarded **Criminal Mischief** and **Operating a Motor Vehicle in a Road Closure** charges to the DA for consideration.



Damage caused by off-roading in closed area. Photo credit: File

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Special Forest Products Permits Needed

While checking mushroom pickers in the Burns area, Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) contacted a subject harvesting more than allowed without a commercial permit. He warned the subject for the offense, but he arrested him for two outstanding warrants. Later that same day, Caldwell stopped a subject in the forest who did not have a forest permit for harvesting firewood. He cited this subject for **Transportation of Minor Forest Products—No Permit**.

Adult Man Littered and Furnished Beer to Teen Girl

Sgt. Allori (Portland) was patrolling on the Clackamas River when he observed a group on a dock at Estacada Reservoir and noted a 22-year-old male give a 16-year-old girl a can of beer, which she began drinking. He also observed the male drinking beer and throwing the cans into the reservoir. Allori and Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) contacted the group after they walked away from the dock. The male was on parole. Allori lodged the male in jail on a **Parole Violation Warrant** and **Furnishing Alcoholic Beverage to a Minor**. The male was also cited for **Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of Water**, and the juvenile female was cited for **MIP—Alcohol**.

ATV Operators Cited around the State

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) worked the Huckleberry Flat OHV area. He checked 25 ATVs and issued two **No ATV Permit** citations and a No ATV Permit and a No Education Card warning. Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) cited an ATV operator near Balsam pits for **DWS—Misdemeanor**. Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) cited a subject found operating an ATV without a headlight on for **DWS—Felony** while he and Pilot Sr. Tpr. Menlow (Bend) performed a ground-air patrol near Mayfield Pond looking for spotlighters. Tpr. McClay (Burns) warned a subject who was operating a dirt bike on the roadway in the city limits of Burns and cited him for **DWS**. During a shellfish patrol on Winchester Bay, Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) received a complaint of ATVs on the beach near the South Jetty in the closed area. He was unable to locate the ATVs, but he did contact a subject in the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area and found he did not have an ATV education card and was suspended. Boyd cited the subject for **Operating a Class I ATV while Suspended**.

Troopers Monitoring Conflicts between Miners and Anglers

June 15 was opening day for suction dredging on the Rogue River. With other states outlawing suction dredging and the high price for gold, southern Oregon has become a hot spot for miners. On one day, 18 suction dredges were located on about a half-mile stretch of the river where the former Gold Ray Dam was removed. Vehicles associated with the dredges had license plates from North Carolina, Mississippi, Michigan, Washington, and California, along with Oregon. Other states have aquatic invasive species, including quagga and zebra mussels. The dam's removal also made that stretch of the river more accessible to boaters and rafters. The spring Chinook salmon run was also under way. Conflicts have occurred between river users.



A suction dredge located on the Rogue River. Photo credit: File

Dump Offenders Cited

Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) located a garbage dump on Simonsen Road. He found information within the garbage that identified a potential suspect. Imholt contacted the suspect at the suspect's residence. The suspect admitted dumping the garbage that day. Imholt cited the suspect for **Offensive Littering** and instructed him to clean up the garbage.

A Prairie City-area rancher reported that unknown suspect(s) dumped a large amount of garbage over the bank of Dixie Creek Road, and most of it landed in an irrigation canal that ran parallel to and about 100 yards from Dixie Creek. The garbage contained, among other things, prescription pill bottles, a partially full can of motor oil, electronics, used baby diapers, plastic items, metal, and Styrofoam. A county road worker told the rancher he saw a pickup in the area that day. Tpr. Ritter (John Day) responded and took photos of the garbage and combed through it for evidence. He also conducted an area search to look for the suspect vehicle. A short time later, he observed a certain pickup parked on a side road. He contacted the vehicle owner, a 20-year-old man who lived in Prairie City with a family member, a name found in the garbage. Ritter revealed the man dumped the garbage in order to keep the \$20 the family member gave him to pay the dump fee. Ritter cited him for **Placing Offensive Substances in Waters of the State**. The subject cleaned up the dump.

Shellfish Saturations

Clammers Dug for Another

On Netarts Bay, Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) noted three subjects clamming and filling four containers. Upon inspection, he found the group was trying to fill a bag of clams for a boy who was not even present on the flats. One subject took responsibility for the violation, and Hoodenpyl cited him for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit Bay of Clams**.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) observed a subject acting suspiciously while approaching his patrol vehicle. He contacted the subject and found 31 razor clams in his container. The subject advised that he came to the beach with the intent of digging a limit for his elderly father who was at home. O'Connor cited the subject criminally for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** and seized 16 clams.

Crabbers Possessed Illegal Species

Tpr. Peterson and Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) contacted a subject at the Nehalem Bay State Park. Upon inspection of the subject's catch, the troopers found the subject was in possession of seven illegal Dungeness crab (two females and five undersized males). The troopers cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession Undersized/Female Dungeness Crab**.

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) checked four men at the public pier in South Beach. She determined two men had shellfish licenses, were working five pieces of crab gear, and had a cooler full of female and undersized and one legal-sized Dungeness crab. They did not possess a measuring device and claimed they were new to crabbing and had not read the rules. Van Meter issued two men criminal citations for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab** and **Unlawful Possession of Female Dungeness Crab** and warnings for Exceeding the Daily Limit of Dungeness Crab.

Exceeding the Daily Limits Depletes Precious Resources

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) worked Clatsop Beach at the South Jetty during a razor clam tide. He observed one digger bury several clams before returning to his vehicle. After retrieving the buried clams, Herman contacted the subject and discovered the subject had 15 razor clams in his possession. A consent search of the subject's vehicle revealed an additional 25 razor clams. Herman cited the subject criminally for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** and seized the excess clams.



Excess razor clams seized. Photo credit: File

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) observed a male and a female on the clam flats for over one hour and noted the male dug the clams and the female shucked several of them, put them in a bag, and place them

in her pocket. Van Meter and Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) contacted the couple as they left the clam flats. They had a bucket with 13 gapers and a bag with 12 gapers. The couple were asked three times if they had any additional clams; and each time, they said they did not. Van Meter then asked about the clams in the female's pocket, and the female reluctantly produced two bags containing an additional 15 gaper clams. The troopers cited the man criminally for **Exceeding Daily Limit of Gaper Clams** and **Digging Clams for another Person** and the female criminally for **Exceeding Daily Limit of Gaper Clams** and **Possession of Mutilated Clams**.

Tpr. Peterson (Tillamook) contacted four subjects who were leaving the Tillamook Bay clam flats, three of them carrying buckets of clams. Upon inspection, he found the subjects exceeded the daily limit of gaper clams. The fourth subject claimed she was not clamming, as she did not have a license. A passerby told Peterson this group had buckets of clams stashed in the grass a short distance away. Peterson accompanied all four subjects down a grassy trail until they met a fifth subject who had two buckets of clams. One bucket belonged to the subject who said she was not clamming, and the other bucket belonged to the fifth subject. When he checked, he found both buckets contained over the limit of gaper clams. Peterson cited two subjects for **Exceeding Bag Limit of Gaper Clams** and another for **Unlawful Possession Gaper Clams—No Shellfish License** and seized 80 clams.

Subjects Failed to Possess Valid Licenses

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) contacted a clammer at Tillamook Bay who had 20 bay clams in his bucket. When Galusha asked for his shellfish license, the subject presented a Washington shellfish license. The subject thought the Washington license was good in any state. Galusha cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Bay Clams**. Tpr. Peterson (Tillamook) cited a subject pumping shrimp who had just moved to Oregon from Montana for **Possession of Falsely Applied for Resident License**. Tpr. King (Tillamook) contacted a subject crabbing/clamming in Netarts Bay who eventually admitted he was an Idaho resident and lied to receive a resident license. King cited the subject for **Possession of Falsely Applied For Resident License**. Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) and Marshall Maher (Oakridge) assisted with shellfish enforcement in Coos Bay. They checked 65 crabbers/clammers, three anglers, and inspected 12 boats (BERs). They issued one citation for **Possession of Falsely Applied for Resident Shellfish License** and eight shellfish warnings.

Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) saw an angler on Barview Jetty who he identified as a known violator. Upon contact, Guerra confirmed the subject had suspended angling privileges for which he has been arrested for numerous times. He also found the subject possessed 96 bay clams and did not have a shellfish license. Guerra lodged the violator in jail for **Angling while Suspended** and **Unlawful Possession of Clams** charges.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) was assisting on Netarts Bay when he saw a large flock of seagulls near two clammers. He determined they fed broken and small gaper clams to the seagulls. After the subjects left the area, Gunderson found several broken and small gaper clams in the holes. Upon contact, both subjects said their shellfish licenses were in their vehicles, so Gunderson escorted them to the parking lot. One subject was from Washington and did not have a shellfish license. Gunderson cited this subject for **No Nonresident Shellfish License** and **Fail to Retain Broken Gaper Clams** and warned the second for various violations.

Commercial Fish / Marine Board

Subject Illegally Sold Bait on Internet

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) received information from ODFW regarding a subject offering to sell live bait shrimp on an Internet site, and the seller was suspected of being an unlicensed bait dealer. Later in the week, Klepp called the advertised number and arranged to buy six dozen sand shrimp. Klepp and Tpr. Warwick (Astoria) met with the “seller” in Astoria and purchased the sand shrimp. The investigation revealed the man did not have any commercial licenses. The suspect stated he researched the commercial license requirements, but he did not have the money to pay for them and decided to sell the bait on the Internet anyway. The troopers cited the suspect for **No Wholesale Commercial Bait Dealers License** and **No Commercial Shellfish Harvest Permit**.

Commercial Laws Enforced

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) contacted a vessel that landed three canary rockfish. The skipper said the young man who caught them returned to Las Vegas. The skipper took responsibility for the take. Stinnett cited him for taking **Canary Rockfish Closed Season**.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) determined a commercial vessel that delivered 1,298 pounds of Dungeness crab to a fish plant in Astoria was 8% over the weekly limit. Klepp issued the commercial fisherman a citation for **Illegal Possession of Dungeness Crab—Exceeding the Weekly Delivery Limit**. The overage was sold at fair market value, and a check was written to ODFW.

Patrols Detected Violations

At Diamond Lake, Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) worked a patrol, checking 25 anglers with almost 100 trout, some close to 20 pounds. He also conducted eight boat exams and issued several warnings for various boat violations.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) deployed the new pontoon boat at Lofton and Holbrook Reservoirs and surprised a number of boaters. Between the two lakes, he checked 21 anglers and 13 boats. Niehus issued 33 warnings for various angling and boating violations.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) and Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) worked an enforcement float from Mule Shoe to the Priest Hole on the John Day River. During the float patrol, they checked 14 anglers, completed four written and 14 visual BERs, and issued only three Marine Board warnings.

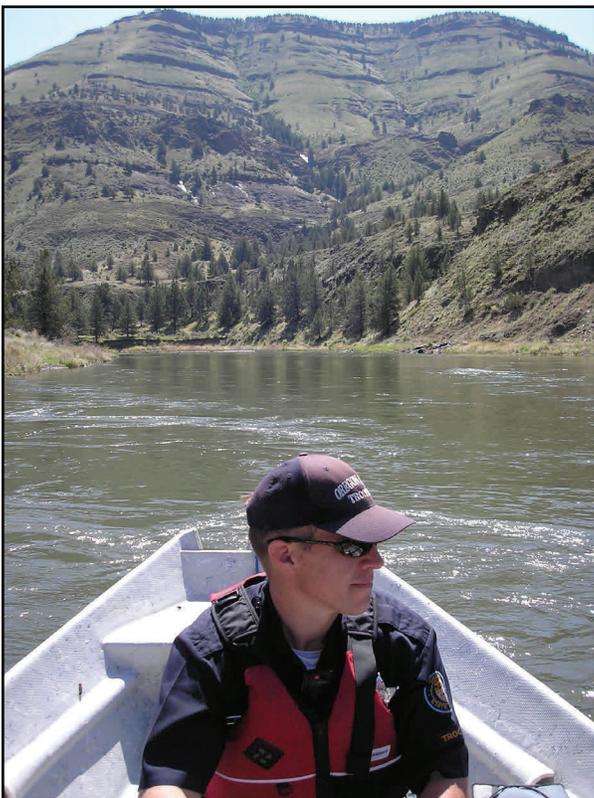
Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) worked a drift boat patrol on the McKenzie River from Leaburg Dam to Leaburg ramp. During the hour patrol, the troopers checked 56 anglers, inspected 12 boats (BERs), visually inspected three boats, and checked one guide. They issued one citation for **Insufficient PFDs**, one for **Fail to Validate Combined Angling Harvest Tag**, and three for **No Angling License**.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) noticed an inflatable motorized raft moored to the deadline rope above Leaburg dam. The two raft occupants were angling and casting into the closed area. Boyd called the subjects to shore where he found both anglers already caught their daily bag limit of trout. Boyd issued the anglers citations for **Continuing to Angle after Retaining Daily Bag Limit of Trout** and warnings for **No Boat Registration**, **Angling in a Closed Area**, **No Sound Producing Device**, and **Fail to Carry 2011 Angling License**.

20 AIS Citations Issued on Owyhee Patrols

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) and Sr. Tpr. Wilson (Ontario) conducted a raft patrol on the Owyhee River. During the raft patrol, they contacted 55 recreationalists, conducted 34 boat checks, performed one guide/outfitter check, and issued seven citations for **No AIS Permit**.

On another raft patrol conducted on the Owyhee River, Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) and Tpr. McClay (Burns) observed a boater operating a 27-foot jet boat well above the motorized deadline in the wild and scenic section near Jackson Hole. The troopers contacted the operator who claimed he did not see the signs and told the troopers he was heading for Rome. The troopers cited the operator for **Operating a Motorized Vessel in a Prohibited Area—Wild and Scenic River**. Also during the raft patrol, they checked 56 boats, contacted 119 people, and issued 13 citations for **No AIS Permit**.



Float patrol conducted on John Day River. Photo credit: File

Boater Tipped Off other Recreationalists

Sr. Tpr. Cushman and Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) conducted an enforcement boat patrol on the Rogue River on one man catarafts to monitor boating and angling compliance. Upon launching, the troopers noticed a boater near the launch immediately went to the cell phone. As they rounded the river bend, the troopers noticed boats with anglers on board sitting with their arms crossed, obviously waiting for the troopers to leave. During the patrol, they checked nearly 40 anglers, most of who were angling for salmon, and issued one citation for **No Nonresident Angling License** and several warnings for other miscellaneous violations, ranging from slightly too long of a leader to the keeping of a wild trout by a lesser experienced fisherman.

Sport Angling in the East and in the Valley

Anglers Harassed at Sherars Falls

A husband and wife angling at Sherars Falls were harassed by an angler who thought they were fishing too close to him. The suspect yelled and swore at the couple; and, at one point, he struck the woman with his rod. He tangled his line with the man's, then he cut the man's line and threw the weight into the river. The suspect left when the man said he called police. The SO took the original call and interviewed witnesses. Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) contacted the suspect at his residence and cited him for **Interfering with the Taking of Wildlife, Harassment, and Criminal Mischief III**.

Shad and Salmon Poachers Caught in the Gorge

In June, The Dalles Team spent a significant amount of time patrolling Cascade Locks in response to snagging and unlawful gear complaints involving shad and salmon. These fisheries attract a large number of anglers with numerous violations committed, and OSP receives complaints from other anglers several times a day in many cases. Below are just a few of the cases made in June:

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson observed a man retain a Chinook caught on shad gear. A nearby angler told him he could not keep the fish on the gear he was using. The man disregarded the warning and kept the fish. He then changed his gear so it would be legal if contacted. Gunderson contacted and cited the man for **Angling Prohibited Method** and seized the fish.

For four days in a row, the team conducted surveillance in the Cascade Locks area. On the first day, Sr. Tpr. Pearson responded to the area and conducted surveillance for about a half hour. He contacted several violators and issued five citations for **Taking Foul-Hooked Shad** and one for **No Nonresident Angling License** and seized 21 shad.

The next day, Sr. Tpr. Pearson and Sr. Tpr. McNerney patrolled the area again and conducted surveillance for about an hour and spotted several violations. They contacted the violators, issued four citations for **Taking Foul-Hooked Shad**, and seized 21 shad and donated them to the Rowena Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic.

On the third day, Sr. Tpr. Pearson and Sr. Tpr. McNerney did not detect any violations; however, as they headed back on I-84, they spotted three anglers walking on an access road near Government Island, another location that tends to have a high noncompliance rate, including closed season sturgeon taken. They timed their contact and met the group on a brushy corner. One man darted quickly into the brush and then quickly rejoined the other two. McNerney contacted the anglers, and Pearson walked to where the man darted into the brush and located a sturgeon wrapped in a shirt. The fish was alive and returned to the river. The troopers cited the man criminally for **Taking Sturgeon Closed Season**.

Sr. Tpr. Kipper, Sr. Tpr. Gunderson, Sr. Tpr. McNerney, and Sr. Tpr. Pearson worked the area for a fourth day in a row. The word was out that troopers were monitoring the fishery; and, although the compliance rate was up noticeably, plain-clothes Gunderson and Pearson spotted several violations and called Kipper and McNerney. During this patrol, the troopers wrote citations for **Taking Foul-Hooked Shad, Taking Foul-Hooked Sockeye Salmon, Possession of a Falsely Applied for Resident Angling License, and No Harvest Tag** and seized three shad and a sockeye salmon. After leaving the area, the troopers toured the Government Island area and issued two more angling-related citations.

Eastern Angling Spots Worked

Sr. Tpr. Wilson (Ontario) and Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) patrolled Brownlee Reservoir for angling compliance. Of the numerous anglers they checked, they issued two citations, one for **Unattended Line** and one for **No Resident Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. McNeil (Baker City) contacted 46 anglers during a large patrol loop through Baker County, including Powder River, Unity Reservoir, Burnt River, and Brownlee Reservoir. He warned three anglers for minor violations and cited two subjects for **No Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) observed a subject angling at Silver Creek Diversion Dam without any clothes on. The subject was angling with one bait rod at the same time he was casting another rod from the bank. He decided to attempt contact later in the day when he was coming back through in hope that the subject would put some clothes on. Approximately five hours later, Bean contacted the subject who was still angling without wearing clothes. The subject did not have an angling license and denied fishing. When Bean told him he saw him angling, the subject replied, "You got me." The subject has an extensive fish and wildlife record and is well known. Bean cited the subject for **Angling with Too Many Rods**. The subject told Bean he liked tanning "all of himself;" and, therefore, he takes clothes as optional when fishing.

Valley Waterways Patrolled

Tpr. Andrews (Salem) contacted an angler in a parking lot on the North Santiam River. During his contact with the individual, Andrews noted multiple decaying trout fillets in a beer box in the bed of the subject's truck. He determined the angler was going to throw the fillets into a dumpster. Andrews cited the subject for **Waste of Game Fish**.

Tpr. Freitag (Salem) received a complaint of two subjects attempting to dump approximately 27 tilapia into the Willamette River near Salem. The reporting party stopped the two subjects just before they dumped the fish into the river. Freitag later contacted the subjects who stated that by releasing animals, they were granting them freedom. Freitag cited both subjects for **Transportation/Release of Fish without Permit—Prohibited**.

Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) was patrolling Wiley Creek when he observed two subjects angling at Wiley Creek Falls. One of the subjects attempted to put a rod in a place where it was not easily visible. Halsey contacted both subjects. He determined they were both using worms, and the first subject did not have an angling license. Additionally, Wiley Creek is closed to the use of bait due to a native run of steelhead. Halsey cited both subjects for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait** and the first subject also for **No Angling License**.

Tpr. Freitag, Tpr. Andrews (Salem), and Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) conducted surveillance on the South Santiam River in an area where OSP has received numerous complaints about people snagging. During the patrol, they observed a group of five males engaging in snagging activities. They cited four adults criminally and a juvenile as a violation for **Snagging/Attempt to Snag Salmon/Steelhead**. Additionally, the troopers seized all five angler's fishing rods. The troopers also arrested and transported one of the adult males to the Linn County Jail where they additionally charged him with **Disorderly Conduct**.

Sport Angling along the Coast and in the South

Patrol Stop Discovered Illegal Fish

Tpr. Hurliman (Patrol) stopped a subject on Hwy 6 who was returning to the Valley after fishing. Upon inquiring about his success, Hurliman found the subject possessed a wild spring Chinook he caught on the Trask River. The subject said he did not know he could not retain wild spring Chinook, but examination of his harvest card revealed he had not tagged the fish either. Hurliman cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Spring Chinook Salmon**.

Coastal Troops Cited Sport Anglers

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) contacted an angler who caught and retained a 15-inch cabezon. As the legal minimum size to retain cabezon is 16 inches, Stinnett issued the angler a citation for **Unlawful Take of Undersized Cabezon**.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) contacted several surf perch fishermen at the cove in Seaside. One of the contacts resulted in a citation for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Surf Perch** after O'Connor found one fisherman in possession of six over his limit.

Tpr. Brandon (Coos Bay) contacted three trout anglers on the upper Smith River in the catch-and-release-only zone and discovered two of the subjects each retained two trout. Brandon cited both subjects for **Unlawful Take Trout—Catch-and-Release Zone** and warned them for Continuing to Angle after Retaining Limit.

Tpr. Galusha and Tpr. Peterson (Tillamook) worked Three Rivers to address snagging complaints and contacted a female holding a rod who immediately passed it to a male standing nearby. The troopers found the male retained and validated a Chinook on his harvest card. The female said she was not fishing and only held the rod as the male baited the hook. Galusha contacted two anglers downstream and asked if they knew how long the female had been fishing. The anglers said she had been fishing for some time, and the male recently netted the fish on the bank for the female. The troopers re-contacted the subjects who then admitted the female had a license/tag but left it in the car, so the male tagged the fish. The troopers cited the female for **Borrowing Angling Harvest Card** and the male for **Loaning Angling Harvest Card**.

While checking crab fishermen at the Port of Brookings, Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) contacted an angler who landed a canary rockfish. The angler said he did not know the fish was illegal. Stinnett cited him for **Taking Canary Rockfish Closed Season**.

Newport's Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Tpr. Van Meter and NW Region Lt. Wilson patrolled in the Stonewall Banks Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area (YRCA) closure. They cited one violator for **Angling Closed Area—Stonewall Banks YRCA**.

In one of many boat patrols conducted on the Pacific Ocean, Tpr. Herman and Sr. Tpr. Klepp (both Astoria) contacted numerous salmon anglers and issued four citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks for Salmon**, one for **Angling Prohibited Method—Treble Hooks for Salmon**, one for **Unlawful Taking Undersize Chinook Salmon**, and one for **Unlawful Taking Coho Salmon Closed Season** and numerous warnings. They also seized and donated two salmon to charity.

Tpr. King (Tillamook) worked Three Rivers out of Hebo and saw five subjects fishing for spring Chinook. After a short time, King saw one of the subjects foul-hook a fish under its belly. The subject then fought and landed the fish with the assistance of a friend. After landing the fish, the subject tagged the fish on his angling harvest card. Upon contact, King found the subject had snagged the fish with a large hook with a small piece of yarn on it. He noted several of the anglers were not using bait or yarn but using a bare hook. King cited the violator for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging** and seized the fish. Tillamook troopers recently cited this same subject on the Trask River.

Southern Troops Detected Violations

Ret. Sr. Tpr. Bertram (Klamath Falls) responded to a complaint of anglers using bait on the Klamath River. Upon contact, he found one subject switched to a spinner but earlier had used a shoelace tied to a hook to imitate a worm. The other subject decided his imitation worm was not good enough and switched to a real worm. Bertram cited the subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**.

Ret. Sr. Tpr. Bertram (Klamath Falls) responded to a complaint on the Klamath River. This particular river section just closed to angling. Bertram intercepted the angler while he was on his way out with four fish. Even if the river was open, the bag limit is only one fish. Upon checking the angler, he discovered the subject did not even have an angling license. Bertram cited the subject for **Taking Game Fish Closed Season** and seized and donated the four fish to the local Union Gospel Mission.

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) responded to a complaint from Cole Rivers Hatchery reporting anglers in the closed area. He located three males, ages 15, 16, and 21, who already made it back out to their car. A search located two salmon in the trunk, one legal and one with the adipose fin recently cut off in an attempt to disguise the fish. Meyer determined the 16- and 21-year-olds angled in the closed area; and the adult snagged the salmon, and the 15-year-old netted it. All three hid in the brush when an employee saw them and told them they better leave before they received a ticket. Hatchery staff reported the incident to OSP. Meyer cited the adult for **Unlawful Take of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Salmon** and warned him for Unlawful Possession of Mutilated Game Fish, Snagging Salmon, and Angling in a Closed Area. He warned both juveniles for Angling in a Closed Area and Aiding in a Fish and Wildlife Offense.

At 1:00 a.m. on a Sunday, Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) parked near McGregor Park and hiked to the hatchery. Upon arrival, he saw a pickup arrive; and three males in dark clothing get out, grab their rods and net, and walk to the dike. Collom snuck up to about 75 yards from them. He saw one subject had a fish on. The fish was netted, kept, and put in a backpack; and the lookout took it in a roundabout way back to the truck and put it in a cooler. He then walked back along the dike, coming about five feet from Collom. The other two snagged more salmon, and the lookout hid along the dike to watch for sneaky game wardens. Around 1:40 a.m., Collom radioed for assistance. In all, he noted the subjects snagged five salmon, with two taken to the pickup and three more put in the backpack. When Sr. Tpr. Lee (Patrol) responded, he drove across the hatchery while Collom stood right above the suspects. All three "hit the deck" when they saw the patrol car, only to be surprised by Collom's flashlight and orders to stay right where they were until Lee drove around to assist making contact. The suspects admitted to snagging all five salmon. The three were each cited for **Snagging Salmon** and **Angling Prohibited Hours**, and all five salmon were seized along with the two fishing rods/reels and the net.

Wildlife / Hunting

Turkeys Hunted in City Limits

Tpr. Andrews (Salem) responded to a complaint regarding two individuals hunting turkeys within the city limits of Jefferson. He located and contacted the suspects. Consequently, Andrews issued citations to each suspect for **Hunting within City Limits**.

Abandoned Fawns Taken to Rehab

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (McMinnville) responded to a McMinnville residence where a vehicle unfortunately struck and killed doe deer who had two fawns. After the accident, her two fawns were located, and Turnbo captured the fawns and took them to a local rehabilitation facility.

Dogs Allowed to Chase and Kill Deer

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) received a complaint regarding dogs chasing and mauling to death a pregnant deer. Thanks to the reporting party doing an excellent job in providing reliable information, Stone was able to locate the deer. Stone and Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) contacted the hound hunter who indicated the two young hound dogs had not yet been broken on chasing deer. The trooper issued the subject a citation for **Allowing Dogs to Chase and Kill a Deer** and a warning for Running Dogs during Bird Nesting Season.

Subject Unlawfully Possessed Deer

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) received a report of two subjects who retrieved a road-struck deer from the Charleston area. The complainant reported the subjects had the deer at their residence and begun to butcher it. Keeler, along with Patrol Division Troopers Looney and Koehler, contacted the subjects at their residence. The troopers found the back straps removed from the deer in the refrigerator. The troopers seized the deer and back straps and cited both subjects for **Unlawful Possession of Deer—Closed Season**.

Subject Intended to Poach

Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) followed up on a case of a subject not checking in his bear to ODFW but taking the bear and his validated bear tag to a taxidermist. When Imholt made contact, the subject confessed to not checking in his bear with ODFW and also to purchasing a duplicate bear tag so he could continue to hunt bears and potentially kill another bear on the same tag. Imholt seized the bear skull and unpunched duplicate tag and cited the subject for **Failure to Check In Bear Skull within 10 Days of Harvest** and criminally for **False Application of Bear Tag**.

Trooper Attempting to Assist Family Obtain Help

A citizen called in a poaching complaint near the town of Chiloquin. Tpr. Rice (Patrol) responded and located the suspect and suspect vehicle. He noticed fresh blood and deer hair in the back of the suspect vehicle. Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) was called out to assist with the wildlife investigation. Niehus revealed that a 16-year-old male shot a large mule deer buck in attempts to have meat for the family. Apparently, his mother had been investing most of her grocery money into alcohol. Niehus cited the 16-year-old for **Taking Deer Closed Season** and seized his .30-06. Niehus is attempting to help the family obtain some counseling services.

Dove Cooked for Lunch

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) and Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) contacted a couple and their daughter preparing a barbeque lunch on the riverbank when Gunderson noticed what appeared to be a small bird carcass on the grill. Further investigation revealed the bird was a dove that the suspect shot with his BB gun a couple of hours earlier. The troopers located the dove's head, feathers, and legs nearby. The troopers cited the suspect for **Taking Dove Closed Season** and seized and photographed the dove as evidence.



Subject shot a dove during closed season. Photo credit: File

Busy Day Experienced Handling Wildlife Issues

A cougar, a great horned owl, a longhorn bull, a salmon, a horse, a bear, a raven, and a crow were each the subject of calls Sgt. Meyer and Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) responded to on a busy Wednesday. In short, the cougar was sighted in the city of Ashland around 4:00 a.m., and it ran off, not seen again. Information was taken and advice was given (cougar sightings in Ashland have been on the increase). The owl was found standing dazed in the traffic lane on Hwy 140 after probably being struck by a car. It was taken to ODFW and later to Wildlife Images for care. The longhorn bovine was running down the highway near the owl. It was chased into a fenced area, and the owner was notified. Three anglers were found **Angling in a Closed Area** at the hatchery; one was cited. A young lady trailering her horse home to Prospect had a tire blow out on the trailer in 90-degree+ weather. She was assisted in changing her tire while the horse patiently waited. A bear was killed and left on someone's private property. The landowner saw spotlights and people across the orchard late at night and went out and yelled at the poachers. The next morning, the landowner found a dead bear. Allison investigated the incident and did not identify any suspects. A complaint of a raven held in a cage was investigated (in Interagency section). They received a complaint of some transients keeping a crow tied up alongside the I-5 exit in Ashland. The panhandlers "rescued" the crow in Olympia, Washington, and name it "Mena." They said the crow would not eat and could not fly, so they "saved it." The rehabilitation facility did not want the crow, so the troopers released it at a safe place, and the crow flew away. The troopers warned the transients for Holding Wildlife without a Permit.

Interagency

Huge Outdoor Grow Discovered in Northeast Oregon

A multi-agency investigation led to the arrest of six suspects at a remote northeast Oregon outdoor marijuana grow site. The discovery is believed to be the largest outdoor marijuana grow to date in Oregon. The investigation started this past spring when a group of bear hunters came upon the grow site and reported it to local law enforcement. On June 15, a multi-agency team, assisted by the OSP SWAT team and air support from the Oregon Army National Guard, served a search warrant on USFS public lands in a remote section of northern Wallowa County. When officers raided the site, six suspects were taken into custody; and investigators got a good look at the size, magnitude, and potential environmental damage related to the grow operation that had been ongoing for a substantial period of time. Sr. Tpr. Gardner (Pendleton) and Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) assisted with this operation by investigating environmental crimes, performing an environmental assessment, and preparing a report. Over 91,000 plants were seized and destroyed. For the complete press release, visit: http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/NEWSRL/news/06_17_2011_wallowa_mj_grow.shtml.



Marijuana grow discovered in NE Oregon. Photo credit: File



Officers eradicating grow site. Photo credit: File



Officers collecting evidence. Photo credit: File

Interagency Boat Patrols Conducted Monitor Angling and Boating Compliance

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) conducted a joint boat patrol with the USCG. They contacted subjects angling in the prohibited Stonewall Banks Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area. She cited one subject for **Angling Prohibited Area—Stonewall Banks YRCA** and two subjects for **Fail To Validate Harvest Card**.

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) conducted a joint boat patrol on the Columbia River and Pacific Ocean with Clatsop County SO Deputy Phillips. The officers contacted numerous vessels, resulting in seven citations issued for **Exceed the Daily Bag Limit—Rockfish** and 26 black rockfish seized and donated to the food bank.

Sr. Tpr. Connell (Hermiston), Tpr. Mayer (Heppner), and Morrow County SO Deputy Wilson conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River. The officers contacted numerous recreationalists and conducted 29 visual boat checks and wrote seven BERs. They issued one citation for **No Angling License**, one for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods**, and one for **No PFD** and gave out four No Harvest Card in Possession, two angling license-related, and two Marine Board-related warnings. While conducting angler checks at the Irrigon Marina, they contacted a subject angling off the dock. A records check revealed this subject had two misdemeanor warrants for **Fail to Appear**. Officers lodged this subject in the Umatilla County Jail.



Black rockfish overage seized. Photo credit: File

Troutdale PD Assisted Trooper with Drug and Angling Investigations

In May, Tpr. Fromme (Portland) responded to a call of a subject who took an undersized sturgeon from the Sandy River near Troutdale and put it in a plastic bag. After arriving and while walking down a path toward the river, Fromme contacted two subjects not related to the complaint. As he approached them, he observed the two juveniles holding large cans of an alcoholic beverage. They both admitted to being 16 and 17 years of age. A consent search found one had a marijuana bong concealed and covered with a shirt. As Fromme walked the juveniles back to his truck, he requested Troutdale PD arrive to assist in the sturgeon complaint and the juveniles he had detained. During the issuing of the citations for **MIP—Alcohol** and **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**; a man, woman, and a child walked into the parking lot with the man carrying a live undersized sturgeon by the tail. Fromme contacted the man and asked about the sturgeon. The man told Fromme he found the fish laying next to the path inside the plastic bag (matching the complaint). Fromme explained to the man he could not take the sturgeon home and that he would take the fish back to the river when he was done issuing the citations. The sturgeon was presumably dropped when the suspect saw police in the parking lot in an attempt to conceal the crime of **Unlawful Possession of an Undersized Sturgeon**. After the juveniles were released to a sober adult with their citations, Troutdale PD and Fromme hiked the sturgeon back to the river for a successful rehabilitation. An area check of the riverbank did not find any suspects; however, a suspect was developed when he walked through the above mentioned contact and in front of dashboard camera located in the Troutdale PD's patrol car, but Fromme could not identify any suspects in this case.

Interagency

Various Agencies Assisted with Wildlife Issues



Biologist preparing to take seized raven to rehabilitator. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) received a complaint of someone keeping a raven in a cage in Prospect. He contacted the suspects and found they had a raven in a cage that they had been keeping for several years. The suspects said they found the raven injured about 5-6 years ago and took it home, and the bird has been in their cage ever since. Allison seized the raven, and ODFW Biologist Steve Niemela delivered it to Wildlife Images for rehabilitation. Allison warned the holders of the raven for Unlawfully Holding Wildlife.

Sr. Tpr. Reid (McMinnville) responded to Tualatin to assist with a three- to four-year-old bear present near Tualatin Elementary School. ODFW, Tualatin PD, Tigard PD, and Washington County SO also responded to the situation. Officials corralled the bear to keep it on the school field and out of the surrounding neighborhood. ODFW darted the bear with a tranquilizer after it climbed a tree in the residential area across the street from the school. Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue's Technical Rescue Team and USDA Wildlife Services safely brought the bear down out of the tree, and ODFW relocated the bear in the Coast Range.

Screen Installed to Protect Fish

Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) received information regarding people catching trophy trout by hand in a small seasonal creek flowing into Diamond Lake. Baimbridge and Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) responded and located the three-foot wide snowmelt-fed creek with numerous trophy-sized trout attempting to spawn. An unrelenting search of the area resulted in eventually locating the offenders. The troopers cited the four subjects for **Unlawful Take of Trout** and seized 15 very large trout, ranging from 21 to 25 inches. The troopers returned the remaining trout that were trapped in the stream back into Diamond Lake. They notified ODFW who responded and put up a screen at the mouth of the creek to prevent this from happening again. The troopers did an excellent job locating the hard-to-find suspects and protecting the remaining fish. On a later date, Baimbridge returned to check on the stream with ODFW. He assisted in netting nine more trophy-sized trout and returning them to the lake. They ensured the creek was totally screened off to prevent fish from migrating upstream.



Trophy-sized trout seized from offenders. Photo credit: File

With ODFW's Assistance ...

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) worked with ODFW to check several out-of-state suction dredges for AIS. During the patrol, he found several DEQ permit violations, mostly for storing fuel within 25 feet of a stream. Thompson issued several warnings for the violations.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) received a call from ODFW regarding a boat that arrived from a recreational ocean salmon trip with five coho and one undersized Chinook on board. When contacted, the anglers said they had asked a bait shop if salmon was open, but they assumed the rules were the same as last year. He cited the operator for **Unlawful Possession of Coho Salmon—Taken during a Closed Season** and warned the passengers. O'Connor seized six salmon and donated the fish to a local charity.

ODFW assisted coastal troopers with illegal fish. Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) cited one subject for **Unlawful Take of Undersized Cabezon**. Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) issued two citations for **Unlawful Take of Canary Rockfish**. One subject retained three canary rockfish; the second retained eight. Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) issued one citation for **Unlawful Taking Undersized Commercial Chinook Salmon**. Tpr. Brandon (Coos Bay) worked several rockfish patrols. On the first occasion, Brandon issued one citation for **Unlawful Take of Canary Rockfish**. On another day, he cited a subject for **Unlawful Take of Yelloweye Rockfish**. A third instance resulted in him issuing one citation for **Unlawful Take Yelloweye Rockfish** and two for **Unlawful Take of Canary Rockfish**.

PD and SO Assisted OSP with Violators

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) traveled to Newport to work shellfish. They concentrated on the clam flats at South Beach during a low tide. They warned the first two clambers for Digging Clams for Another. The next check of two clambers resulted in issuing a **No Shellfish License** citation as well as arresting the offender on a **felony warrant for Parole Violation**. After confirming the warrant, they escorted the suspect through the mud to an awaiting Newport PD patrol car at the Hatfield Marine Science Center. NPD lodged the suspect in the Lincoln County Jail. The troopers wish to thank NPD for their help.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) was called out regarding a report of unlawful deer hunting after LCSO Deputy Lane responded to a shooting complaint north of Eugene. ODFW recently issued a kill permit for the property. Two males contacted shot at deer, but they failed to find them and were unsure if they wounded them. The subjects did not have the permit in their possession. Additionally, one subject was not listed on the permit, and the other was using a .22 rimfire rifle, a prohibited weapon. The officers thoroughly checked the area using LCSO's FLIR, but they could not find any wounded or dead deer. Boyd issued the first subject a citation for **Hunting Deer with a Prohibited Weapon—.22 Rimfire Rifle** and the second a citation for **Hunting Deer Closed Season** and a warning for Failure to Have Kill Permit in Possession while Hunting.

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Flag hoisted at new memorial. Photo credit: File

(Portland) represented OSP at the event. Clackamas County SO, Multnomah County SO, Clackamas Fire District 1, Sandy/Boring FD, Estacada FD, AMR Ambulance, and Oregon Military Department also attended the ceremony.

Bull Trout Reintroduced

Sgt. Allori and Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) participated in the release and reintroduction of bull trout into the Upper Clackamas River with ODFW and other participants.

Division Transported Flag

A crowd of about 2,000 residents and students joined emergency responders, military, and Patriot Guard Riders during a special ceremony welcoming the arrival of the Patriot Flag. OSP was asked to transport the 75-pound flag in the back of a Division truck during a procession through town to the Estacada Veteran's Memorial where it was hoisted into the air for 55 minutes in remembrance of the time between the two World Trade Towers falling. Lt. Hastings (PIO), Tpr. Shoenborn, and Tpr. Borchers



Troopers released bull trout (above). Photo credit: File

Troopers Often Participate in Youth Events



Trooper attended youth event. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) and Sgt. Shugart (Salem) attended ODFW's annual Youth Outdoor Day at E.E. Wilson Wildlife Refuge. They displayed the Trailer of Shame along with NOAA handouts. About 750 kids attended the event that included a stocked trout pond, dog trials, decoy painting, birdhouse making, an archery shoot, and other activities. They answered many questions, and the trailer was well received.

Volunteer to Make a Difference

Per the *Newport News Times*, in May, a concerned citizen called to report seagulls trapped in a dumpster at the South Beach Marina. OSP volunteers and Oregon Coast Aquarium staff responded and rescued the sodden, but uninjured, birds. The gulls are expected to fully recover and will be returned to the wild. Regardless if sick and/or injured, OSP wants to remind citizens that the law prohibits disturbing marine birds and mammals and to contact OSP. Please call 1-800-452-7888 (24/7) or your local OSP office. About 25 volunteers assist the Newport office with rescuing wildlife. For the complete story, visit www.newportnewstimes.com/v2_news_articles.php?heading=0&story_id=28000&page=72.

Troopers Attended Classes, Events, and Meetings

Sr. Tpr. Vanderwerf (The Dalles) and Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) gave a presentation at a Hood River School to about 100 fifth- and sixth-grade students on public safety.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) assisted ODFW with Free Fishing Weekend at McHaley Pond near Prairie City. About 40 children with their parents participated. Many youngsters "limited," and several caught 18-inch+ fish. Prizes were awarded in several categories, and barbecued hotdogs and hamburgers were served. There were lots of smiles all around.

Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) gave a blood tracking class to a Roseburg Hunter Education class. About 25 new hunters participated. Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) taught at a Hunter Education course. About 40 students and 15 parents attended. Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) taught a Hunter Education class. About 25 students attended. Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) held a field day for a Hunter Education class at the Siuslaw Rod and Gun Club. Tpr. Wetzel, Ret. Sr. Tpr. Harris (Florence), and Patrol Tpr. Goldsmith assisted teaching and mentoring 30 students.

Sgt. Hand, Sr. Tpr. Niehus, and Ret. Sr. Tpr. Bertram (Klamath Falls) attended the monthly OHA meeting in Klamath Falls and gave an update on the JWTR project.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) participated in the annual Siuslaw water safety class. USCG, Siuslaw FD, Western Lane Ambulance, and Oregon State Parks partnered teaching 100 area fifth graders. Salisbury instructed the portion regarding life jackets and boat safety. The class was well received, and Eugene's KMTR filmed a news story.

Tpr. Freitag and Tpr. Glaser (Salem) attended a Safety Fair at the Sublimity FD with other agencies. They displayed a Division truck and boat and OSP and NOAA information. They answered many questions regarding the Division and related laws. Tpr. Halsey and Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) attended the Sweet Home Public Safety Fair and displayed the Trailer of Shame. The trailer was well received, and the troopers spoke with several families and answered many questions related to wildlife, fish, and poaching issues.

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