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Logging Company Discovered World War II Aircraft near Rockaway Beach

On March 18, a logging company discovered debris of a World War II-era U.S. Navy aircraft in a heavily wooded area near Rockaway Beach. After Tillamook County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) and Oregon State Police (OSP) learned about the discovery, the U.S. Navy (Navy) was notified for response.

A team of Navy personnel are working on-scene in coordination with TCSO and OSP to investigate and share information with Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC) in Honolulu and Navy Region Northwest for further determination. Tillamook Fish and Wildlife troopers Sr. Tpr. Guerra, Tpr. Howell, and Rct. Galusha have assisted in this ongoing interagency investigation, a tremendous team effort by all involved.

Initial responders believe a possibility exists human remains are present at the site. They also reported seeing a wing, a tail section, landing gear, and other debris spread out over approximately a 200-yard area. Officials confirmed the aircraft's identity as a Curtiss SB2C Helldiver. Naval Air Station Tillamook, decommissioned in 1948, was located within 20 miles southeast of the crash site, but the air station of origin has not been determined. OSP bomb technicians checked the site and found no obvious signs of unexploded ordnance.

While the assessment and investigation of the aircraft crash site in Tillamook County continues, Navy personnel and local officials are working together to ensure the best possible security and safety measures are taken at the private-property location. Officials are not releasing the exact location of the site. The Navy team on-scene needs to also be allowed to make a comprehensive, undisturbed assessment at this time; and the site's safety and integrity is paramount to this investigation.

Since the site's discovery, the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has also been involved with early evaluation of the scene and debris, as well as keeping unauthorized people out of the area. Investigators and SHPO have a message of caution to those who unlawfully access the area. SHPO Archeologist Matthew Diederich advised that altering, damaging, or removing material from this archaeological site is a criminal offense (ORS 358.905-955), and violators will be prosecuted.

For Navy-related questions, please contact Public Affairs Officer Sean Hughes at 360-396-1630. For more information about the area or initial findings, please contact TCSO Sheriff Todd Anderson at 503-815-3345 or OSP Public Information Officer Lt. Gregg Hastings at 503-731-3020 ext. 247. For archeology-related questions, please contact SHPO Archeologist Matthew Diederich at 503-986-0577. For interesting related news articles, please click on the following links: [Northwest Navigator](#), [The Oregonian](#), and [The Daily Astorian](#).



WWII-era aircraft wreckage debris found (above and below). Photo credits: File



Dispositions

Notable March Dispositions

Tpr. Howell, Tpr. Thomas, and Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) investigated and cited a local Tillamook resident for killing a trophy bull elk during deer season. The subject then cut the antlers off the elk and left the carcass to putrefy. In March, the Tillamook Circuit Court sentenced the subject to two years license suspension, two years probation to include no hunting or aiding others in hunting, two days in jail, and \$1,882 in fines and restitution.



Black bear exploring in the ferns. Photo credit: USFS

In August 2009, Sr. Tpr. Cushman and Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) checked a bear bait station Cushman had been watching. They saw a vehicle parked in the area, and they walked in to the bait station. They found a man and a boy in a stand over some bait. The man had a mentored hunter slip with his girlfriend's forged signature, and he had her bear tag. He thought he could mentor the youth with his girlfriend's extra bear tag and the forged mentor slip. He later admitted he shot the bear his girlfriend tagged also. The case went to trial in March. The court found the male subject guilty of **Hunting Prohibited Method—Baiting Bear** and **Borrowing a Bear Tag** and sentenced him to 18 months bench probation; 80 hours of community service; five years hunting license suspension; \$800 restitution to ODFW; \$557 in fines and fees; and forfeit all evidence, including bear meat, his bear hide seized from a taxidermist, and his rifle. The court found the subject's girlfriend guilty of **Loaning a Bear Tag**, and she was fined \$250.

A subject Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) cited for **Taking Buck Deer without a Valid Tag** and three counts of **Aiding in a Game Violation** for his illegal hunting activities in 2008 involving four deer pled guilty in Lake County Circuit Court. The man was sentenced to three years formal probation to include he cannot be around firearms, \$1,600 restitution to ODFW, \$500 fine, and **10 years** hunting license suspension.

Sr. Tpr. Wilson (Ontario) received a disposition from the Malheur County DA involved a licensed guide who took four hunters from Pennsylvania on a guided bow hunt using general season rifle tags. The suspect pled guilty to two misdemeanor counts of **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Taking Bull Elk without a Valid Tag**. The guide was sentenced to \$3,000 restitution to ODFW, \$279 restitution to OSP (cut/wrap fees), 10 days county work crew, and two years bench probation.

Sr. Tpr. Duncan, Sr. Tpr. Hawkins, and Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) received a disposition on case they worked during the 2009 bow elk season involving two suspects who shot a large bull with a rifle after chasing it in their SUV. One suspect pled guilty to **Unlawfully Taking Elk** and was sentenced to the following 180 days in jail (suspended), one year bench probation, \$434 court fees, \$1,000 TIP fund, \$1,000 WED fund, \$1,500 restitution to ODFW, and two years hunting license suspension. The other suspect has not been to court yet.

In March, an important cervid elk ranch case went to court in Clatsop County. The cervid ranch owner and his wife had both been charged criminally for **Fail to Maintain Type 1 Cervid Fencing to Required Standards** and **Fail to Maintain Type 1 Cervid Ranch Records as Required**. The criminal treatment for these offenses correlated with repeated similar and related violations over several years. Clatsop County Circuit Court Judge Phil Nelson found both parties guilty on the Class A misdemeanors. The ranch owner was sentenced to \$1,500 fine (\$1,200 suspended on the condition he use this amount towards fencing repair and maintenance). The wife was found guilty and sentenced to pay \$1,000 (\$700 suspended).

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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

Commercial Activities Enforced

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) assisted two Patrol troopers who stopped a vehicle with 1,300 pounds of trout in six coolers. He learned the trout were purchased at a trout farm in Idaho and being transported to Portland for a church function. The subject had no transportation slip or record of transfer. Pearson cited the subject for **No Commercial Fisher Transportation Report** and will be following up by contacting the hatchery.

Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) checked a commercial vessel in Charleston and determined a deckhand did not have his commercial fishing license. Bowen cited the deckhand for the violation and warned the captain for Aiding in the Commission of a Commercial Fishing Offense.

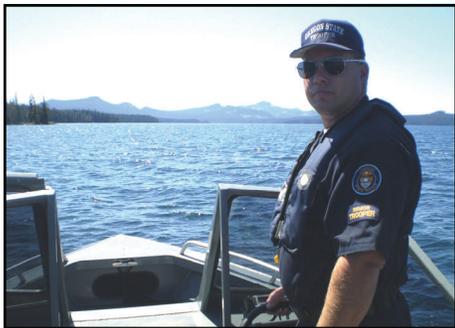
A commercial fisherman came into the Astoria office and wanted to report he had a significant overage on canary rockfish during a commercial trawl fishing trip. Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) conducted a follow-up investigation and confirmed through fish receiving tickets the landing limit for canary rockfish had been exceeded by 203 pounds. Klepp cited the fisherman for **Illegal Possession of Canary Rockfish—Exceeding the Cumulative Catch Limit for the March/April Period**.

Troopers Conducted Boat Patrols and Discovered Violations

While on a boat patrol on Brownlee Reservoir, Sr. Tpr. Hawkins and Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) contacted two out-of-state anglers who caught and kept several crappie. Neither had angling licenses, and one subject was using two rods without the proper validation. Both subjects were cited for **No Nonresident Angling License**.

Rct. Herman (Astoria), Tpr. Schwartz, and Tpr. Vogel (St. Helens) conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River and Multnomah Channel. They checked numerous anglers; issued two citations for **Unlawful Taking No 2010 Tag—Salmon**, one for **Unlawful Taking No 2010 Nonresident License—Salmon**, and two for **Failure to Immediately Validate Tag—Sturgeon** and several warnings; and seized three Chinook. On another boat patrol, Herman and Schwartz worked the Columbia River, Multnomah Channel, and Willamette River. In numerous contacts, they issued two tag-related citations and several warnings. On another patrol on the Columbia River, Schwartz and Vogel contacted over 60 people, resulting in issuing six citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods, No Angling License, and No Angling Harvest Card** and numerous warnings. They also performed several boating compliance checks.

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) worked Hills Creek Reservoir and Crescent Lake. At the reservoir, they checked six anglers and three boats. When they contacted a boat with an expired registration and two anglers using three lines, they found



Trooper on boat patrol. Photo credit: File

neither angler had angling or two-rod licenses. They cited both anglers for **No Angling License** and the operator for **Expired Boat Registration** and warned one for **No Two-Rod License**. At Crescent Lake, they checked four anglers and two boats (two BERs). They observed a boat trolling along shore with three anglers using six lines. The boaters stayed out past legal angling hours without navigation lights, so the troopers watched with night vision. When the boat came in, the anglers exited and walked toward the campground. Martin Maher kept watching with night vision, as Marshall Maher made contact. The anglers

said they only caught and released fish. The operator did not have an angling or a two-rod license and said the lights did not work. A consent search revealed a large brown trout in a live well. One angler admitted catching it, and another said they kept it to take a picture. The angler was cited for **Angler Denying Peace Officer the Opportunity to Inspect Catch—Brown Trout** and told unwanted fish must be released immediately unharmed. The trout was photographed and released. The operator was cited for **No Angling License and Operating a Boat without Required Navigation Lights** and warned for **No Two-Rod Angling License** and four Marine Board violations. On another patrol at Crescent Lake, Marshall Maher checked six anglers and five boats (five BERs). A California boat contacted with an expired registration also did not have certain safety equipment or an out-of-state invasive species permit. The operator was cited for **Expired Boat Registration** and warned for the other Marine Board violations.

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) and Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) floated about a 12-mile stretch of the Applegate River from Applegate down to Murphy. They checked eight steelhead anglers, wrote one citation for **No Angling License**, and gave two warnings for **No Angling License** and **No Harvest Tag**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) worked local lakes and streams and he checked 28 anglers and six boats. Maher also attended the weigh-in at a bass tournament at Cottage Grove Reservoir. The bass club had four boats participating, and eight anglers weighed in a total of 12 bass. Maher did not observe any violations, and all bass caught were released unharmed back into the reservoir.

Tpr. Barden, Sr. Tpr. Stinnett, and Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) performed a boat patrol of the Lower Rogue River between Gold Beach and Agness to monitor spring Chinook. They issued one citation for **Angling Prohibited Method—Three Rods**; two Marine Board citations for **Expired Boat Registration**; and six warnings for **Displaying Expired Boat Registrations, No Invasive Species Permits, and Fail to Carry Angling license and Tag**. They contacted numerous boaters and anglers with few Chinook taken.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) had Rct. Nugent (Patrol) working with him and they conducted a boat patrol with Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) on the Rogue River. They checked over 20 steelhead anglers and cited one and warned three for **No Angling License**. Bennett conducted another boat patrol on the Rogue River with Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass). They contacted 47 anglers and issued four citations for **No Angling License**, one for **Fail to Validate Angling Harvest Card**, and one for **Unlawful Take of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Trout**.

Sport Angling and Shellfish

Citations Issued for Crabbing Violations

Sgt. Thompson (Newport) received a complaint of a subject pulling the claws off of crab at the South Beach public pier, along with performing a distasteful act. Thompson contacted the suspect and found the suspect did indeed possess a mutilated crab. Thompson cited him for **Unlawful Possession of Mutilated Crab**.

Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) contacted two crabbers in Winchester Bay. Upon inspecting their catch, it was determined they were in possession of eight undersized Dungeness crabs. Lea cited one subject for **Taking Undersized Dungeness Crab** and warned the other crabber for the same offense.

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) observed two subjects pulling their crab rings on the Bandon crab dock. Keeler contacted the father and his adult son as they were leaving the dock. The son stated he was not crabbing, he did not have a shellfish license, and he was only helping pull pots. The father stated he did also not have a shellfish license and added he was going to go get one if he caught any crab. He figured he would be safe to crab because he thought all of the police would be checking steelhead anglers on the local rivers. The subjects did not have any crab in their possession. Keeler cited the father for **No Shellfish License** and warned the son.



Pulling pots/rings often discovers other marine species. Photo credit: WDFW

Subjects Cited and Counseled

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) watched three anglers at Trail Bridge Reservoir in Linn County. The three anglers were angling with worms and Power Bait, which is prohibited for the protection of native trout. All three were cited for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**. During the contact with the last violator, two very shaken anglers in a raft approached Boyd and asked if they could speak with him. Boyd concluded his contact. They told Boyd they had been fishing at the far end of the lake about 50 yards from two fly anglers in pontoon boats. As they fished, one fly angler offensively yelled at them to get out of "his" area. The conflict continued, and the suspect made threats about popping the victim's boat. Boyd observed the suspect still on the water but had no way to sneak to the area undetected.

Boyd geared up in an unmarked coat and life jacket and boarded the raft with one of the complainants. They rowed toward the area of the dispute. About 80 yards from the suspect, the complainant said "here he comes," and the suspect raced toward them. When the suspect was about 20 feet away, the complainant asked the suspect what he was doing. The suspect aggressively made some threatening remarks. Boyd removed his hood and coat and announced himself. All parties went to shore, and Boyd interviewed the suspect. The suspect thought he had some rights to possess a certain area of the lake and was upset lure anglers were approaching "his" area. The second fly angler moved down the lake to avoid conflict. The suspect was counseled about harassment and all were reminded about angler ethic. The suspect was extremely embarrassed and apologized to the anglers.

Subjects Caught Using Prohibited Methods and in Closed Areas

Rct. Imholt (Springfield) observed two anglers at Armatage Park on the McKenzie River fishing with bait. The anglers thought they were on the Willamette River and did not know the rules. Imholt cited both for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**. Also on the McKenzie, Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) watched an angler using worms in a prohibited area. The subject saw Boyd and broke off his hook and worm. Boyd cited the subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**. Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) patrolled the Nestucca River and contacted two anglers in an area restricted to artificial flies or lures. Both hesitantly reeled in their lines, revealing they were using bait. Howell cited both subjects for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait** and warned one for No Angling Harvest Card.

Rct. Herman (Astoria) contacted an angler on the Necanicum River fishing with two rods. He cited the subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods**. Rct. Galusha (Tillamook) observed an angler using two rods on Cape Meares Lake. The subject was surprised upon contact. The subject did not have a two-rod validation. Galusha cited the subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—No Two-Rod License**. Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) contacted a parent and a child using three rods on Empire Lake. The parent did not have a two-rod license and said he was told he could use two rods this year. Keeler cited him for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods**. Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) contacted an angler at Duncan Reservoir who appeared to have three rods out. When the subject saw Bean, he cut his line and put his rod away. When contacted, the subject provided a two-rod license. The cut line was still lying on the bank, so Bean retrieved it and matched the bait to that on the other two rods. Bean cited the subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—Three Rods**.

Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) and Rct. Cederberg (Patrol) received a call from volunteer Jim Buchanan of an angler on Gales Creek, a closed area. They responded and observed the subject angling. When contacted, they cited the subject for **Angling Closed Stream**. Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) was driving past Little Butte Creek near the Denman Wildlife Area when he saw two people angling in the closed stream. He located a man and a boy angling. The man first claimed he was not angling, his boy was. Cushman pointed out the man's fishing rod hidden in the trees. Cushman cited the man for **Angling Closed Stream** and warned the youth. Rct. Galusha (Tillamook) and Volunteer Kelly worked the trout season opener on Henry Hagg Lake. The weather was excellent and angling pressure was high. Washington County SO was also present, but Galusha was still able to issue citations for **No Angling License**, **False Application for Resident Angling License**, and **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods**. While returning from Hagg Lake, Galusha located two anglers on Gales Creek. He cited both subjects for **Angling Closed Stream**.

Sport Angling



Sturgeon taken on closed day seized and donated to charity. Photo credit: File

Sturgeon Taken on Close Day

Sr. Tpr. Moore (Portland) was observing a sturgeon angler in the Columbia River east of Rooster Rock State Park. He watched the angler catch and retain a sturgeon and place it in his boat. Sturgeon retention was closed on this day. The suspect later rowed his boat out towards the shoreline of Rooster Rock State Park. Moore attempted to locate the suspect in the park. He discovered the suspect rowed back to a different area and met up with another person and vehicle. The suspect placed the boat and sturgeon into the other person's truck and began leaving when Moore contacted him. Moore cited and released the suspect for **Illegal Possession of Sturgeon** and seized and donated the 58-inch sturgeon to a local charity.

Suspects Cited for Unlawful Fish

While waiting for commercial boats at the Port of Port Orford, Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) observed an angler in a kayak land on the beach. Barden checked the angler and located an undersized lingcod among his catch. The angler was instructed on how to properly identify lingcod and cited for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Lingcod**.

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) contacted a drift boat on the South Fork of the Coquille River. The two occupants gladly showed him two hatchery steelhead they caught. A consent search found one of the subjects had also kept a nonadipose fin-clipped steelhead. The subject was cited for the **Unlawful Take of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Steelhead**, and the fish was seized. The subject was warned for **Fail to Display Catch on Request**.

Rct. Galusha (Tillamook) contacted two anglers on the Trask River. The first subject was in the parking lot upon contact and admitted to fishing in two places during the morning hours and that fishing had been slow. When asked for his Combined Angling Tag, the subject said he left it by the river with his friend. Upon contact with his friend, Galusha observed a cutthroat trout flopping on the bank and his friend was still fishing. This river is closed to trout fishing. The friend admitted to keeping the trout thinking it was legal. At the river, the first subject admitted he did not have a Combined Angling Tag, knew he needed one, and apologized for lying. Galusha cited the first subject for **No 2010 Combined Angling Tag** and his friend for **Unlawful Possession of Cutthroat Trout**.

Troopers Consistently Deal with License-Related Problems

Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) contacted three steelhead anglers on the Columbia River. Kipper cited one subject for **Fail to Validate Harvest Card** and two others for **False Application for Resident Sport License** after he learned they have only lived in Oregon for four months.

While checking trout anglers on Empire Lakes, Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) contacted a subject who did not have an angling license. He cited the angler for **No Angling License**. A records check later in the day revealed the subject was also suspended. Keeler re-contacted the subject at his residence and cited him for **Angling while Suspended**.

Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) and Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) observed two subjects angling from a kayak in the Pacific Ocean at Chetco Point. About 15 minutes later, the anglers landed their kayak on the beach. Upon contact, one subject said he did not have an angling license and denied angling. When advised he had been observed angling, he apologized for lying. Van Prooyen issued him a citation for **No Nonresident Angling License**.

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) observed two subjects angling. When he went to make contact, one subject put his rod down and appeared he was going to run. Stone closed the distance very quickly. He learned the subject did not have an angling license and was thinking about running off, but the subject said he thought he was too drunk to get away (which he was). Stone cited the subject for **No Angling License** and his friend for **No Salmon/Steelhead Tag**.

Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) contacted two subjects angling at Cooper Creek. One subject packed up his rod when Baimbridge approached. He admitted he was angling and did not have a license. The subject stated he has never had a license and knew this day was coming. Baimbridge cited the 19-year-old for **No Angling License**. Unlike Baimbridge, while checking anglers on Johnson Mill Pond, Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) contacted a subject who would not admit to angling, as he was just "trying it out." Unfortunately, Keeler observed the unlicensed angler for about 15 minutes. Keeler cited the subject for **No Angling License**.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) watched three crappie anglers on Fern Ridge Reservoir. Boyd made contact and noticed two of the three had discarded their fishing rods. One of the anglers presented his 2010 Two-Rod License and informed Boyd he was the only one fishing. After becoming aware of the fact that Boyd had watched all three angling, one of the other two anglers, who was highly intoxicated, admitted angling but told Boyd he had left his license at home. A check through dispatch confirmed he had a license and also revealed he also had an outstanding felony warrant for his arrest. He was taken into custody without incident, lodged in the Lane County Jail and warned for **Not Having License while Angling**. The third subject was cited for **No 2010 Angling License**.

Wildlife / Hunting

OSP Seeking Public's Help — Tips Can Remain Anonymous



Poacher killed elk and took only antlers. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) followed up on a reported bull elk killed in the Tire Mountain area west of Westfir. At the scene, Maher discovered a bull elk had been killed on a side spur road. The poacher removed only the bull's antlers and an ivory tooth, wasting the rest of the animal. Maher has not identified any suspect(s) at this time and is continuing the investigation. Anyone with information about this illegal, blatant disregard for wildlife is asked to call the TIP line at 1-800-452-7888 or Sr. Tpr. Maher at 541-782-4374.



Bull elk poached along spur road. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Moore and Tpr. Fromme (Portland) responded to a complaint of an injured cow elk on Squaw Mountain Road north of Hwy 224 east of Estacada. When they arrived, the troopers found a shot cow elk still alive lying down and unable to get up. Moore dispatched the elk. The troopers salvaged the elk and took the elk to an Oregon City meat processor. Over 300 pounds of meat was cut up and donated to the Portland Rescue Mission. OSP has not identified any suspects at this time. In addition to the OHA TIP reward of \$500, the Humane Society of the United States and the Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust are offering a reward of up to \$2,500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the crime. Anyone with information is asked to call the TIP line at 1-800-452-7888 or Sr. Tpr. Moore at 503-731-3020 ext. 423.

Troopers Worked Deer and Elk Cases

Sr. Tpr. Torland (Newport) received a complaint of two subjects processing a cow elk in a USFS meadow off of the 31 Road. Torland and Sgt. Thompson (Newport) responded and developed a landowner preference (LOP) tag holder as a suspect. The troopers discovered the suspect was a mentor for a nine-year-old who shot the elk more than two miles outside the hunt boundary. The troopers cited the adult for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense—Taking Cow Elk Outside of LOP Hunt Boundary** and seized the elk and rifle.

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) received a complaint of elk hunters in the Dixon Unit near Prospect on a Thursday. The complainant's wife spoke to the subjects earlier that day. Meyer advised the complainant a cow elk hunt with very few tags was open in that area. He ran a records check on the registered owners of the suspect vehicle. The woman had a valid tag, but the man had a tag for an earlier season. On Monday, Meyer, Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point), and Rct. Nugent (Patrol) set up an elk WED in the general area where the complainant saw the hunters the prior week. The snow was falling and very few vehicles drove by. About 2½ hours after setting up, a subject stopped his vehicle near the decoy. The female passenger exited the truck with a rifle, but she did not shoot. The male driver also got out with a rifle, but he fired two shots at and hit the elk decoy in the chest. Upon contact, Meyer recognized the subjects' names as the owners of the suspect vehicle he ran a check on the previous week. The troopers cited the man for **Unlawful Take of Elk—No Tag** and the woman for **Loaning a Big Game Tag**. Central Point members have issued several citations since January when there were very few elk hunts and limited tags. Violations included **No 2010 Hunting License, Fail to Validate an Elk Tag, Unlawful Take of Elk—No Tag, and Loaning a Big Game Tag**.

In early February, Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) received a call from a taxidermist about a set of suspicious deer antlers. A friend of the person who supposedly shot a deer with a Western Oregon deer tag brought in the 4 x 5 buck head. Due to the antlers' considerable size, the taxidermist suspected the deer was shot in Eastern Oregon. Kipper contacted the tag holder who denied any knowledge of the deer in question and provided a photo of the deer he actually shot. He did admit to giving this friend his hunting license and deer tag numbers for the purpose of having some meat processed. When interviewed, the friend stated he took the head in for the tag holder, but he would not provide any other details. As a result of his investigation, Kipper cited the friend for **Unlawful Possession of Buck Deer** and the tag holder for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Unlawful Possession of Buck Deer**.

Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) received information regarding a subject known to him who was attempting to sell a full head mount of a California bighorn sheep on Craigslit which he killed on the Deschutes River in 2003. Mayer then contacted other troopers who then arranged to buy the bighorn at a predetermined meeting spot in Hood River the following day. When the subject arrived at the meeting site, he not only brought the bighorn sheep, he also brought a 5 x 7 mule deer buck and a 6 x 6 bull elk which he attempted to sell as a package deal. After a deal was struck with the troopers, Mayer contacted the subject and took him into custody for Offering the Unlawful Sale of Wildlife. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) and Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) assisted with the seizing of all the animals and subsequent interviews of the subject and his significant other who was traveling with him at the time. The subject was later cited and released for **Offering the Unlawful Sale of Wildlife**.



Suspect attempt to sell animals. Photo credit: File

Wildlife / Hunting

Scores of White Geese Migrate to Klamath County



White geese in Klamath County. Photo credit: File

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) patrolled the last day of the late goose hunt in Klamath County. He was marveling at all the Ross' geese that just landed on a rural pond which is surrounded by a trailer park. About 5,000 geese descended on the pond and began to graze up onto the residents' lawns. As Hand patrolled through the park, he noticed someone moving in the cattails on the adjacent property. He then saw two more hunters move into position. Hand made a phone call to the landowner and found out the landowner had not given anyone permission to hunt on the property. A large group of geese then flew over. The subjects opened fire, killing two. Hand contacted the subjects who claimed they had permission to hunt



Ross' goose in flight. Photo credit: Nature's Pics

geese on the property. Hand confronted them with the facts he learned. Hand warned the subjects for Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another.

Troopers Investigated Wildlife Issues

Tpr. Young (Prineville) received a complaint of a dog that was caught in a leg hold trap in Prineville. The trap was found in a canal within city limits. The trapper was located and issued a citation for **Trapping within City Limits**.

Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) responded to an angling complaint only to find the suspects gone on arrival. Randall continued to patrol in the area and later found a subject shooting at ground squirrels. The subject was parked in the middle of a county road and shooting from within the cab of the truck at squirrels on private property that he did not have permission to hunt on. Randall cited the subject for **Hunting Prohibited Area—Roadway**.

Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) was on patrol on the Nestucca River when he saw several parked vehicles at a location known for bear bait stations. Howell's investigation led him up a logging road where he contacted two subjects leaving on an ATV. Both subjects had buckets with remnants of pastries and caramel syrup. The subjects led Howell to where they deposited the pastries on the ground and covered them in caramel syrup. One subject had a bear tag for the area that opened in three days, and the other had his hunting privileges suspended for poaching. Howell will cite both subjects for **Baiting Bear**.

A man called ODFW indicating he found a game camera with their property sticker on it in the Elk Creek drainage. The camera was locked to a tree near a bait station. ODFW did not have any cameras set up in the area but did have one stolen a few years ago. The man took Sr. Tpr. Collom and Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) to the site. The camera was set up over a feed block and salt rock to attract elk. A cow elk season was open in the area. The troopers planned to stake out the area to try and catch the thief. Prior to the stake-out, Meyer sent photographs of the camera to ODFW who indicated the camera was not theirs. The camera's owner made the stickers look official.

Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) contacted a subject who called ODFW a few days prior in regard to checking in a cougar he killed near Pilot Rock. The subject later called ODFW indicating he could not find the cougar. A records check showed the subject did not have a valid hunting license or tag. Mayer contacted the subject who provided photos of the cougar which he took shortly after killing it. The subject said he attempted to pack the cougar from the canyon back to his vehicle but shortly realized cougars do not smell very good and left it behind hoping it would not smell so bad later. When he returned to the snow covered area later, he could not locate the cougar. Mayer cited the subject for **Taking Cougar without a Valid Tag**. ODFW was contacted and volunteered to help the subject look for the cougar next week.

Waterfowl Patrols Conducted

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) investigated a report of Obstructing the Lawful Taking of Wildlife during the late goose season. Harris contacted two landowners who were reportedly blowing air horns as geese came into the hunter's decoys in the Englewood area. Harris advised the landowners of the law and issued them warnings.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) responded to a noise complaint from residents near the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area. The complaint involved the use of a propane cannon to haze geese on a local grass seed farm. The cannon had been heard going off all night and was upsetting the neighbors. Maher contacted the landowner/farmer who was very cooperative. He disabled the cannon, and all was quiet again.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) and Rct. Criswell (PSD) patrolled the Midland area during the late goose season. They watched as two people shot a total of three times, dropping three white-fronted geese. The two subjects picked up two of the birds and then began picking up their decoys, leaving a goose in the field. When the troopers checked the subjects as they arrived at their vehicle, they discovered the subjects had obtained their limit of geese. When asked about the extra goose, neither admitted to knowing it was there, though it was visible from over a quarter mile away. Troopers issued one citation for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit** and a warning for Fail to Retrieve.

Tpr. Schwartz (St Helens) responded to an anonymous complaint regarding an individual who unlawfully shot two geese near Banks. Schwartz arrived in the area and located a breasted-out cackler goose a short distance from the suspect's residence. Schwartz contacted the suspect. After obtaining consent, Schwartz searched the outbuildings and vehicles located at the residence. He located two mallard drakes lying in a dump truck and elk parts lying nearby. He confirmed the suspect took the goose and two mallards after the season had closed. Additionally, the suspect's brother took a cow elk two weeks prior and not validated his elk tag. Schwartz cited the suspect for **Unlawful Taking of Mallard Duck Closed Season**, and **Unlawful Taking of Cackler Goose Closed Season** and the brother for **Failure to Immediately Validate Big Game Tag**.

ATV / Environment / Habitat



Environmental Issues Discovered

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) located a large dump pile of trash in the Elliott State Forest. As a result of his investigation, Harris developed and cited a suspect for **Offensive Littering**. While conducting ATV checks on JWTR properties, which resulted in numerous warnings issued, Sr. Tpr. Bertram (Klamath Falls) also located a trash pile. Information found led to a suspect who ultimately was cited for **Offensive Littering**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) contacted four subjects in possession of numerous firearms and open containers of alcohol on private timberland property. The subjects were informed to leave the premises due to the area being closed. The next day, Frerichs located the area the subjects went after the contact and found numerous beer cans, shotgun shells, paper targets, and shell boxes discarded on the private timberland. The subjects will be re-contacted and cited for **Offensive Littering**.

Ret. Imholt (Springfield) located a large amount of garbage dumped on a logging road and found some addressed mail in the garbage. Imholt contacted the address and located the owner of the garbage. The owner paid his friend to take the garbage to the dump, but his friend had instead dumped the garbage in the woods and kept the \$20. Imholt cited the suspect for **Offensive Littering** and told him he needs to remove his garbage and dispose of it properly. Imholt will check back on the location to ensure the subject removed the garbage.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson and Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) patrolled Grave Creek, a tributary of the Rogue River, checking for a reported gold dredge being operated unlawfully outside the in-stream work period. They did not locate the one they were looking for, but they contacted another mining camp that was setting up to begin mining this weekend. They were advised that the in-stream work period is not until June 15. Thompson is also following up on several other environmental complaints in Josephine and Jackson counties. DEQ has been notified, with Thompson assisting them.

Landowner and Two Subjects Cited for Water Pollution

While on a habitat patrol, Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) discovered an excavator in Carson Creek, a tributary of the Yachats River. Van Meter determined three subjects were involved, a landowner and two workers. Using an excavator, the subjects attempted to drain a wetland area adjacent to Carson Creek and removed fill from Carson Creek itself, causing extensive turbidity in and polluting both Carson Creek and the Yachats River. Van Meter also learned the landowner did not have any permits. The area is also essential salmonid (coho) habitat (ESH). ODFW, DEQ, DSL, National Marine Fisheries Service, and Department of Agriculture were involved in the investigation. Van Meter issued the landowner and the two other subjects each a **criminal** citation for **Unlawful Water Pollution Second Degree** and a warning for Unlawful Fill and Removal—Wetland.

Turbidity caused from unlawful water pollution. Photo credit: File

ATV Operators Cited for Illegal Activities

Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) received a report of ATV riders going around the new JWTR gate at Hidden Valley. Randall located the parked towing vehicle and trailer and waited. Two ATV riders returned, and Randall cited them for **Criminal Trespass II**.

Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Sr. Tpr. Torland (Newport) were patrolling an area of private industrial timberland because of unlawful ATV use. As the two troopers were parked on the side of the road, a 4 x 4 pickup followed by a dirt bike passed their location. As Canfield pulled out to stop the dirt bike, the rider looked back and then accelerated around the pickup on a corner. Canfield activated his lights and siren and a short pursuit ensued. The dirt bike stopped after approximately ½ mile. The rider was cited and released for **Attempt to Elude Felony, Dangerous Operation of an ATV, and Unlawful Operation of an ATV**.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) received a report from ODFW about a vehicle stuck in an area closed to vehicles on the Denman Wildlife Area. A man apparently called ODFW after he and a woman spent the night in a vehicle after becoming stuck late the night before. Cushman located the vehicle with the help of Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point). There was damage to the wildlife area from the vehicle track causing ruts in the fields and possible damage to vernal pools. Cushman cited the man for **Committing Unlawful Damage with a Class 2 ATV**.



Subject got his vehicle stuck in a wildlife area. Photo credit: File

Tpr. Boyd, Ret. Imholt (Springfield), and Sr. Tpr. Van Meter (Patrol) attempted to locate a person on an outstanding felony warrant who was the primary suspect in one of Boyd's investigations, which led to a search warrant last August involving buried stolen cars, stolen guns, drugs, and environmental crimes. This suspect violated parole on the charges from that case, and Boyd was made aware of the warrant about 11:00 a.m. At about 12 noon, the suspect happened to pull up right behind Boyd at a lighted intersection with Van Meter right behind the suspect. The troopers stopped the suspect and arrested and lodged him in jail without incident. During the contact, one of the suspect's associates stopped to pick up the suspect's car. Boyd had been attempting to locate this subject regarding a Trespassing with an ATV violation. Boyd interviewed the subject and ultimately cited him for **Criminal Trespass II on an ATV**. The first suspect is supposed to be going to jail for 38 months for the offense.

Habitat / General Law

Fish and Wildlife Troopers Performed or Assisted with General Law Investigations

After Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) found a car abandoned on JWTR property near Spencer Creek, his investigation revealed, in addition to the subject stripping and dumping the car, criminal activity involving trafficking vehicles. Niehus lodged a Klamath Falls man for **Trafficking in Vehicles with Altered VINs and Offensive Littering**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) observed a subject who is a regular customer of Fish and Wildlife officers driving a motor home. He ran a records check and discovered the subject's driver license was Felony Revoked. Frerichs stopped the subject and took him into custody. The subject was also in possession of alcohol, a violation of his probation. At his probation officer's request, Frerichs lodged the subject in jail.

Ret. Imholt (Springfield) followed up on a trespass case. Roseburg Timber personnel found two suspects who drove behind a locked gate on company property hunting elk. The driver knew he did not have permission to be on the property, but he also knew the area had elk and was trying to get his friend an elk. The passenger said he did not know they were trespassing. Imholt cited the driver for **Criminal Trespass II** and the passenger for **Hunting the Enclosed Land of Another**.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) finished an investigation into a complaint that Tillamook-area subjects killed an elk behind locked gates in the North Coast Travel Management Area (TMA). Hoodenpyl determined the subject did indeed kill a bull elk behind a locked ODFW gate along the Wilson River. The subject then found a way to remove the lock and chain, opened the gate, accessed the closed road by vehicle, and packed out his animal. Hoodenpyl cited the subject for **Operate/Transported in Motor Vehicle in Violation of Cooperative TMA**.

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) worked Expo Ponds. Prior to checking, he scoped out the anglers through a spotting scope to see who was and who was not angling. While looking through the spotting scope, he saw a man roll a marijuana "joint" and begin smoking it. The man passed it off to another man who smoked it momentarily and then passed it back. Both men were angling. Meyer called Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) to have him contact the men while he continued to watch through the scope in case the men ditched the marijuana. Marijuana was recovered from one man who had a medical marijuana grower card, not a user card. He was the grower for his girlfriend who had a user card. Both men were cited for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**. The man with the grower card was also cited for **No Angling License**.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) responded to assist Lane County forest deputies with a serious ATV accident in the Fall Creek area. Boyd was within four miles of the accident location when the vehicle in front of him started to drive erratically. Boyd stopped the vehicle for Violation of Basic Rule (VBR)—70/55 and Failure to Drive within Lane. The driver showed signs of impairment, and Boyd noticed a semi-auto 45 in a shoulder holster on his left side. Boyd secured the weapon for officer safety and asked the driver if he had any other weapons. The driver told Boyd he had another pistol in a holster on his right hip and a rifle behind the seat. Boyd secured the remaining weapons for officer safety. Tpr. Cutsforth (Springfield) arrived to conduct a DUII investigation. The driver consented to SFSTs and failed. The driver was cited and released at Springfield PD for **DUII (.14% BAC), Failure to Drive within Lane, and VBR 70/55** and given a courtesy transport home.

Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) developed a lead in the investigation where several dozen decoys were stolen. As a result of the lead, and with the assistance of Detective Yaws, Randall interviewed three suspects. All gave confessions. The decoys, valued at over \$3,000, were recovered. Randall cited all three suspects for **Theft in the First Degree and Conspiracy**.

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) stopped a vehicle in La Pine for Passenger Not Wearing a Seatbelt. The passenger gave Bean a false name and date of birth and was a little unsure of the year of his birth. When asked how old he was, the passenger gave Bean the incorrect age for the year of birth given. Bean could not locate any records using the information provided. He took the passenger into custody, and the passenger later provided his real identification. The driver thought he had a warrant out of Arizona. Bean ran another records check and learned the passenger did have a warrant, but it was not serviceable in Oregon. Bean cited and released the passenger for **Giving False Information**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) stopped to check an area where illegal bait anglers frequent on the Row River above Dorena Reservoir. Upon reaching the secluded fishing hole in Bake Stewart Park, Maher noticed a male and a female on the riverbank. He watched the male throw rocks at some ducks. After the ducks flew downstream, this subject sat down and lit up a multi-colored glass pipe. Maher watched him take a couple of hits and cough. A few minutes later, the subject looked over his shoulder and saw Maher standing above him (the look on his face was classic). Upon contact, Maher seized the pipe and a small amount of marijuana from a backpack belonging to the female. Since neither had a medical marijuana card, Maher cited both for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and warned the male for **Harassing Wildlife**.

Springfield troopers responded to a commercial truck crash on Hwy 58. They determined a westbound commercial truck lost several very large bails of hay weighing about 1,000 pounds each that collided with an eastbound commercial truck, demolishing the cab and killing the driver.

The suspect vehicle failed to stop and continued west. The victim's vehicle came to rest in the ditch. An attempt to locate request was sent on a commercial truck missing a portion of its load of hay. After receiving the information, Tpr. Ring (Bend) made inquiries with a Lake County SO deputy and determined the truck most likely belonged to an area farmer. Ring responded to the farm where the truck most likely originated from, spoke to the owner of the farm, and identified the truck driver. Ring contacted the driver by cell phone, determined the truck was the one in question, obtained the driver's location, and requested he remain there until troopers could respond. Ring relayed the information to Springfield troopers. A Salem trooper located the driver in Gates. Hwy 58 was closed for over four hours while troopers investigated the incident and ODOT removed the hay bales from the roadway.



Fish and Wildlife trooper located driver who lost hay from his truck, causing a fatal accident. Photo credit: File

Interagency Cooperation

Multiple Agencies Involved in Columbia River Boat Patrol

Sr. Tpr. Connell (Hermiston), Sr. Tpr. Carter (Pendleton), and Umatilla Tribal Officer Curry conducted a boat patrol from McNary Dam to Boardman. They made 18 visual inspections, conducted four BERs (3 Pass, 1 Fail), checked 28 anglers checks, and issued one angling and five Marine Board warnings. They also participated in a boater assist for a subject who was out of fuel. They towed the boat into the Boardman marina and brought fuel to the dock.

Tpr. Schwartz, Tpr. Vogel (St Helens), Tpr. O'Connor, Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria), and WDFW Officers worked a lower Columbia River spring salmon saturation patrol. They contacted several anglers, resulting in citations for **Failure to Immediately Validate** (x 3), **Continuing to Angle after Obtaining Daily Bag Limit, Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods** (x 3), **Failure to Allow Gear Inspection, and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Angling Prohibited Method**. They issued several verbal warnings and conducted numerous boat inspections as well.

On March 19-20, Sgt. Allori, Tpr. Fromme, Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland), Tpr. O'Connor, Rct. Herman (Astoria), and Tpr. Vogel (St. Helens) all participated in a multi-agency operation on the Columbia River between Longview and the I-205 bridge in an effort to promote safe boating during the Columbia River Chinook fishing season. The other agencies involved included USCG, WDFW, Columbia County SO, Clackamas County SO, Multnomah County SO, and Clark County SO (Washington). USCG was the lead agency during this operation dubbed "Operation Spring Catch." Objectives of the plan included monitoring and detecting illegal guides and angling violations and ensuring safe boating practices. During the operation, law enforcement officers boarded and inspected 410 boats, contacted 787 people, issued 93 citations and 142 warnings, terminated four voyages, and arrested two people [one warrant (OSP); one BUII (Clackamas County)], and USCG Auxiliary made 615 shore contacts.



Officers inspecting boat documents. Photo credit: USCG

Other Interagency Investigations and Patrols Conducted

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) received a call from a landowner outside of Monmouth who had five angora goats killed. Turnbo responded with USDA Trevor Lock who confirmed a cougar killed the goats. One of the goats was killed while inside of the barn.

Rct. Imholt and Sgt. Martin (Springfield) assisted ODFW Invasive Species Biologist Rick Boatner and ODFW Assistant District Biologist Chris Yee to check out local pet stores for illegal invasive species after receiving reports the stores were in possession of unlawful species. They checked two different stores and discovered six red-eared sliders and a bluegill. They seized the illegal turtles and game fish and educated the managers on the unlawful selling and possession of invasive species and game fish.

In March, Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) received information indicating one of three 18-year-old males in the Vida area was in possession of a stolen gun stemming from a burglary that occurred in February in the McKenzie River drainage Lane County SO (LCSO) investigated. Boyd interviewed two people and narrowed the search to one suspect. After contacting and interviewing the suspect, Boyd recovered a semi-automatic pistol. He took the 18-year-old into custody and lodged him in the Lane County Jail without incident for **Burglary II, UUMV, UEMV x 2, Theft I, and Criminal Trespass II**. In early April, Boyd helped LCSO finalize the case. Officers located the suspect's accomplice. Bend's Sr. Tpr. Love and Sr. Tpr. Menlow transported the accomplice to the Santiam Pass to awaiting Boyd and LCSO. This subject was lodged in the Lane County Jail for the same charges as above. The victim in the case is an active member of a local guide service and is very supportive of local law enforcement.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) and Rct. Morgan (Patrol) contacted an angler at the Aldrich Point boat ramp after Officer Anderson (WDFW) observed the subject angling for salmon with more than one rod. The subject was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods**.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) assisted Curry County SO locate a man trapped on a rock cliff over the ocean near Gold Beach. The man was attempting to walk the entire Oregon coast; and when he tried to scale the cliff, he became stuck. USCG dispatched a helicopter. Stinnett coordinated with USCG to locate the man and closed the highway to provide a safe landing zone. USCG performed the extraction to perfection, safely dropping the man with no injuries.

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) assisted USFS LEOs with a suspect who had a trailer containing metal wire. The officers determined the suspect stole the trailer from a victim in Salem. The suspect advised he was transporting the wire to a metal processor in Redmond, but he could not explain where the wire came from and did not have a metal transportation permit. Lindberg cited the suspect for **Theft First Degree and Unlawful Transportation of Metal Property**.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) worked the Ray Benson Sno Park near Hoodoo checking snowmobilers. A man contacted Boyd and told him a 62-year-old woman fell while cross-country skiing and was injured. Two snowmobilers offered to bring her back to the staging area. While waiting for the victim to arrive, Boyd was told the victim may be going into shock. Boyd contacted the nearby ski patrol medics at Hoodoo and made arrangements to transport her to their facility to be checked out by a paramedic. The victim was treated and released by the ski patrol.

Interagency Cooperation / Public Relations

Troopers Worked Saltwater Sportsmen Show



On March 6th and 7th, Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) attended the 2010 Saltwater Sportsmen Show (formerly the Salty Dogs Convention) in Newport sponsored by The OCEAN (The Oregon Coalition for Educating ANglers), a non-profit organization. The troopers displayed the Trailer of Shame along with some angling enforcement posters highlighting statewide OSP fishery contacts and violation statistics. The show consisted of a variety of fishing and boating vendors, and several demonstrations and seminars were held to promote awareness of saltwater fishing and boating opportunities off the Oregon Coast. The event was well attended with approximately 800 attendees. The OCEAN's primary goal is "supporting conservation of and research on marine fisheries, as well as sponsoring and promoting activities to assist in marine fisheries management. The education of marine anglers is one of the ways The OCEAN is working to achieve this purpose." For more information on this organization, please visit <http://www.oceaned.org/>.

Troopers displayed Trailer of Shame at show. Photo credit: File

Troopers Instructed Classes, Attended Shows, and Delivered TIP Reward

Sr. Tpr. Hanson (Portland) and Sgt. Webb (WDFW) spoke to 29 USCG boarding team members and Multnomah, Columbia, and Clark County SO marine deputies regarding fisheries enforcement issues and current angling regulations for the Columbia River.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) and ODFW District Biologist Brian Wolfer instructed four class sessions of cougar and bear attack training to the Eugene PD officers over three weeks. The officers provided positive feedback on the training and felt the content was important in light of the recent rash of cougar sightings in the Eugene/Springfield area.

Central Oregon troopers worked the Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show in Redmond. They displayed the Trailer of Shame and answered several questions from attendees. The trailer was well received. Pendleton Team troopers spent time in the booth at the Eastern Oregon Sportsmen Show held in Pendleton. They answered questions about the new aquatic invasive species laws, general laws, and OSP employment. Attendance at the show this year was better than in the past.

Tpr. Howell and Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) conducted a presentation at a Tillamook-area hunter education class. About 25 kids attended. Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) spoke for an hour at a hunter safety meeting in Hermiston. He answered several questions from children as well as their parents in regards to hunting laws and safe hunting practices.

Lt. Scorby (East Region) and Sgt. Pond (Bend) gave a three-hour presentation to BLM rangers and special investigators in Bend on basic fish and wildlife laws. Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) also gave a presentation on an actual case to walk them through a complex Fish and Wildlife Division investigation. About 25 law enforcement personnel attended.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) delivered a \$500 OHA TIP reward check to a witness in an August 2009 elk case. The witness called in when he observed two suspects rifle-shoot a five-point bull elk during archery season in the Dorena Lake area. The witness provided critical suspect information and was extremely helpful in the investigation. The two suspects pled guilty to **Unlawful Taking of Elk—No Elk Tag**.

Troopers Participated in Job Fair

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) participated in the Toledo Job Fair for 7th through 12th graders. Eighty students signed up to attend the OSP session. The troopers gave a brief overview of OSP and then detailed information on the Fish and Wildlife Division. After the introduction, Urbigkeit and Van Meter broke the students up into two groups. One group learned how OSP conducts a big game investigation, including ballistics identification and how to determine method of take. The other group learned how OSP enforces commercial fishing regulations. OSP would like to thank local fish plants and ODFW who provided a variety of ocean fish for the students to identify.



Helping student identify ocean species. Photo credit: File



Explaining about ballistics identification. Photo credit: File



Helping students identify ocean species. Photo credit: File

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