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Sauvie Island Wildlife Area (SIWA) Patrol with Trooper Adam Shimer



Trooper Shimer checks the (all current) license and goose permit of Rick Jones of Portland during a routine Sauvie Island shift. Photo credit: Bill Monroe, The Oregonian

Oregon State Trooper Adam Shimer was first on the scene two weeks ago when one of two fishermen drowned after their kayak capsized in a closed unit of the Sauvie Island Wildlife Management Area (SIWA).

This past week was a bit easier on the 28-year-old Oregon State Police fish and wildlife officer, with more routine investigations and citations; such as the one issued Wednesday to a hunter in the Scappoose area who'd taken geese without a valid permit.

"He said he lost it somewhere at home (in Columbia City)," Shimer said. "So we went to his home with him and I can see how he lost it." (The man was cited.)

Shimer, who works with other troopers across the three-county metro area and Columbia County, was the primary law enforcement officer patrolling the island this past fall and winter.

Late one weeknight at the Gilbert River boat ramp, Shimer watched a man land a sturgeon and leave it on the dock to return

to his vehicle. Shimer confronted him, revived the fish and released it only to discover a second sturgeon hooked when he reeled in the man's line.

He issued tickets for shooting at ducks with a 22-caliber rifle (and having open beer cans in the shooter's vehicle); for hunting deep within the area on a non-hunt day, and for wasting birds (dumped in a box into a dumpster...Shimer used a hotel chain name on the box to ultimately track down the shooter, employed by the hotel).

In February, two men fishing for steelhead from a boat told Shimer they didn't have to show him their licenses. When he convinced them they did, one of the men tried to pinch his hook's barb with his finger. Both got tickets for fishing with barbed hooks (illegal for steelhead, salmon and sturgeon) and one for no license or tag.

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Also this month, Trooper Shimer and Trooper VanRenterghem received information regarding a subject angling in the closed Sauvie Island Wildlife Area. The troopers located a man who had paddled a kayak deep into the closed refuge, where he was fishing. Upon contact, the man stated that he did not know that SIWA was closed (despite all of the signage) and that he went back there all the time. The man did not have an invasive species permit for his kayak or a PDF for himself because he was a "Lifeguard" and knew how to swim. The troopers informed the man he was in the same lake a kayaker had drowned in earlier in the month. The man was cited for **SIWA Day Use Restrictions**, warned for Trespassing, Angling in a Closed Area, No AIS Permit and No PDF. The troopers loaned the man a lifejacket to paddle back with.

Sport Angling

Lost Angler Wanders onto Troopers Driveway

Sr. Tpr. Bean was off duty at his residence when a subject came walking up his very rural driveway. The subject was carrying a fishing pole and looked wet and cold. He stated that he had been angling on the Little Deschutes River when he became lost and disoriented. It was determined that he had been angling on private property. The river does not open for angling until May 24th. Sr. Tpr. Bean took the subject home. The following day the subject was again contacted by Sr. Tpr. Bean and cited for **Angling Closed Season** and warned for **Criminal Trespass**.

BUII and DUII Pine Hollow Reservoir

Sr. Tpr. Pearson contacted a male adult while he was operating a motorboat and fishing on Pine Hollow Reservoir. It was determined that the person was under the influence and was arrested for BUII and DUII since he had driven a vehicle to that location a few minutes before being contacted. The subject submitted to a valid breath sample 0.08%.

Troopers Check Anglers

Sr. Tpr's. Marshall and Martin Maher worked area ponds and reservoirs checking anglers and boaters. During their patrol they contacted 31 anglers and inspected seven boats. During the angling contacts, they issued two citations for **No Angling License**. They also warned one angler for No Two Rod Angling License and another for No Angling License in Possession. A bass tournament was worked while the troopers were at Cottage Grove Reservoir and the tournament weigh in was attended.

Illegal Gillnet Case Solved



Tpr. Keeler and Sr. Tpr. Harris followed up on the illegal gillnet that had been located near Coquille. One subject, who was interviewed the week prior, provided information about a possible suspect. The subject was interviewed and admitted to setting the gillnet in mid-November, he also provided information about his father's involvement. He said he had checked the net a few times then, left it in the waterway. The subject was arrested and cited for **Angling Prohibited Method – Gillnet**. The father was interviewed and ultimately admitted he knew about the gillnet and had provided it to his son. The father was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense – Angling Prohibited Method – Gillnet**.

OSP vehicle with gillnet. Photo credit: File

Angler Arrested for Outstanding Warrant

While checking anglers, Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher issued two citations for **No Angling License** and arrested one of the anglers cited for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant out of Linn County. The angler was lodged at the Lane County Jail.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AIS	Aquatic Invasive Species	IDFG	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game	SIU	Special Investigations Unit
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	Sr.	Senior
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	Lt.	Lieutenant	SFST	Standardized Field Sobriety Test
BER	Boat Examination Report	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	SO	Sheriff's Office
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	ODF	Department of Forestry	TMA	Travel Management Area
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under BUI/DUI	ODFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife	Tpr.	Trooper
Capt.	Captain	ODOT	Department of Transportation	UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
DA/DDA	District Attorney/Deputy DA	OPRD	Parks and Recreation Department	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DSL	Department of State Lands	PFD	Personal Flotation Device	UTL	Unable to Locate
DWS	Driving while Suspended	Rct.	Recruit	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
FTA/FTP	Failure to Appear/Pay	Sgt.	Sergeant	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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Sport Angling

Warnings Issued Deschutes River

While checking anglers on the Deschutes River near Cline Falls, Tpr. Sogge issued one warning for Prohibited Method (using bait), and one warning for Possession of Alcohol at the State Park.

CA Resident, Oregon Angling License

Sr. Tpr. Harris contacted an angler at Tenmile Lake. The angler had a resident angling license and a California driver's license. Sr. Tpr. Harris began asking the angler about his residency and the angler became upset alleging racial profiling. The angler went on to explain that he had been stopped (in a vehicle) several times and had to explain to the same officer each time that he was a California resident and was only making temporary trips to Oregon, he was adamant that he was a Californian. The angler was cited and released for **False Application for a Resident Angling License**. His angling license, harvest card, and resident shellfish license were seized as evidence. Additional counts of False Application will be referred to the DA's Office.

Angler Fishing with Treble Hook

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs was working the North Umpqua River near Rock Creek when he observed a subject using a large buzz bomb lead lure with treble hook. The regulations prohibit the use of treble hooks in the area and the subject was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method**.

Honeyman State Park Citations

During a patrol of Cleawox Lake at Honeyman State Park Tpr. Cutsforth checked several people who were angling for Trout. Overall compliance was high but two people were issued citations for **No 2014 Angling License**.

Smoking Angler Burns off Line

Sr. Tpr. Cushman was checking anglers at Agate Lake when he came upon a man fishing from the bank with two rods. One rod was lying on the ground and partially in the water to hide it, the other was held up on a stick rod holder. As the trooper approached, the man reeled in the one rod that was on the rod holder and ignored the second rod. Sr. Tpr. Cushman checked his license and found he did not have a two rod license so, instructed him to reel in the second rod. The angler was smoking a cigarette and when he leaned down to pick up the second rod, he burnt the fishing line off with his cigarette and said he was not fishing with that rod. The line he burnt off had a bobber attached to it and Sr. Tpr. Cushman pointed it out and told him to use his first rod to snag the line from the second rod and pull it in. The man then said, "You got me" and was cited for **No Two Rod License**.

Angling Closed Season

Sr. Tpr's. Stone and Frerichs located two anglers near Canyon Creek on the South Umpqua River. One stated he was fishing for trout, which is closed, and he did not have a salmon/steelhead tag. The man was cited for **Angling Trout Closed Season**.

Singleton Park Marijuana Citations

Sr. Tpr. Stone observed one angler and three non-angling friends drinking beer and smoking marijuana at Singleton Park on the South Umpqua River. Upon contact the angler admitted to not having an angling license or combined angling tag. The owner of the marijuana and pipe was identified. The angler was cited for **No 2014 Angling License** and the friend was cited for **Unlawful Possession Marijuana Less than One Ounce**, he offered to play the Tpr. a song on his guitar in exchange for tearing up the citation, the trooper kindly declined the offer.

Angling Closed Area

Tpr. Ring patrolled the High Lakes and Deschutes River looking for anglers fishing closed waters. Tpr. Ring contacted 18 anglers and issued four warnings for Angling Closed Area, South Twin Lake.



Wickiup Reservoir (left) Davis Lake (center). Photo credit Wikimedia Commons by Jsayre61

Wickiup Reservoir Angler Cited

During the weekend of good weather, Tpr. Sogge contacted numerous anglers across the county. Eight warnings were issued for angling closed season on South Twin Lake. One citation was issued for **Angling Closed Season on the Deschutes River above Wickiup Reservoir**. One warning was issued at the same location for Aiding in a wildlife violation. One citation was issued for prohibited method on the Deschutes River at Cline Falls.

Angler not Oregon Resident

Tpr. Galusha contacted a California resident who was angling for trout at Lake Lytle. The subject denied fishing and said he was just straitening his line. Further investigation revealed that

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the subject had purchased a 2013 resident angling license while still living in California. The subject then admitted to angling and said he thought he only needed to be in Oregon a total of six months a year to be a resident and did not know it was six consecutive months. The subject was cited for **No Non-resident Angling License**.

Gilbert River Dock Sturgeon Violators

Tpr. Shimer (SIWA) patrolled Sauvie Island looking for sturgeon poachers. Early in the evening, he checked group of men angling on the Gilbert River Boat Dock. Tpr. Shimer warned the men for using barbed hooks while fishing for sturgeon and reminded them sturgeon was closed for retention. Tpr. Shimer drove down the road, out of sight of the men, and waited. Within five minutes of checking the men on the dock, a vehicle drove by the trooper and the driver stated the same men had just caught a large sturgeon and put it in their vehicle. Tpr. Shimer contacted the men as they were leaving the parking lot. A search of the vehicle yielded a live 45" sturgeon with a barbed hook stuck in its mouth. The sturgeon was returned alive in the water and one man was cited criminally for **Unlawful Possession of Sturgeon and Angling Prohibited Method - Barbed Hooks for Sturgeon**. The driver of the vehicle was cited for **No Operators License, Driving Uninsured** and criminally cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime**. There were over 15 upset witnesses to the crime.

100 Pounds of Smelt Seized



Smelt. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by Andrea Pokrzywinski

Tpr. Borchers, Tpr. Schoenborn, Tpr. Boeholt, Tpr. Ferguson, Tpr. Jubitz and Tpr. Frazier worked the lower Sandy River during the smelt season. The following enforcement action was taken during the six-hour fishery; six citations for **Over Limit of Smelt**, 23 warnings for **Taking Smelt after Hours**,

27 warnings for **Over Limit of Smelt** and 10 warnings for **Catching Another Person's Limit of Smelt**. Approximately 100 pound of smelt was seized.

Buck Lake Angler Non-Resident

Tpr. Cutsforth contacted a subject angling at Buck Lake who told him he had just moved to Oregon from Washington a few weeks earlier. The subject provided a 2014 resident angling license with the residency affidavit filled out to show he had lived in Oregon one year and five months. When questioned further about his residency, the subject admitted that he had not lived in Oregon for more than two weeks and that the affidavit was incorrect. The subject was issued a citation for **Possession of Falsely Applied for License**.

Barbed Hooks on Dibblee Beach

Sr. Tpr. Klepp contacted 17 spring salmon anglers on Dibblee Beach on the bank of the Columbia River in Rainier, five of which were using barbed hooks. He issued five citations for **Angling Salmon with Barbed Hooks**.

Smelt on Sunday Nets Citation

Tpr. Borchers contacted a subject on the Sandy River, after receiving a complaint, dip netting smelt on Sunday afternoon. Smelt season on the Sandy River is limited to Saturdays from 6am to 12noon. The subject had retained several smelt and was cited for **Take/ Possession of Fish Closed Season – Smelt**. Approximately five and a half pounds of smelt were seized as evidence.

Sauvie Island Wildlife Area

During the weekend Tpr. Shimer (SIWA) patrolled the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area with assistance from Tpr. Vanrenterghem and Tpr. Boeholt. The troopers contacted over 200 anglers and beach goers. Subjects were found violating numerous laws including; barbed hooks for salmon/steelhead, no angling license, unlawful possession of smelt, no parking permits, dogs off leash, trespassing and littering. Throughout the weekend, 46 citations were issued between the troopers in the SIWA.

Undersized Striped Bass Ana River

Sr. Tpr. Hayes checked anglers at Ana Reservoir and the Ana River. One subject was observed reeling in an undersized and deceased striped bass. The 18 year old male was found to have not purchased a 2014 angling license and stated that his mom forgot to get one for him. The subject claimed to have hooked the dead bass floating in the water. The subject was cited for **No 2014 Angling License** and warned for Unlawful Possession of Undersized Bass.

Sport Angling / Commercial / Shellfish

Multiple Warnings Deschutes River

Throughout the week, Tpr. Sogge contacted numerous anglers on the Deschutes River near Cline Falls. During that time, four people were issued warnings for No License and one warning for Prohibited Method (using bait).

N. Umpqua River Anglers Cited

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs was working the upper North Umpqua River when he observed two subjects angling in the closed area above Rock Creek off the North Umpqua Trail. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs hiked to the location and observed one of the subjects using a worm for bait, while the other was fly angling. On contact, both subjects (brothers) stated that they did not have angling licenses or tags. A records check showed one of the subjects was on felony probation for **PCS - Heroin**. He was also in possession of alcohol which was a violation of his probation and his probation officer was notified. Both subjects were cited for **No Resident Angling Licenses** and warned for Angling Closed Area and No Salmon-Steelhead Tags.

Illegal Camping, Drugs & Sturgeon

Members of The Dalles team contacted an illegal campsite in the Crates Wildlife Area. Several subjects were warned and cited for a combination of violations to include; **Illegal Camping, PCS Less than One Ounce Marijuana, Minors in Possession of Alcohol, Possession of Undersized Sturgeon, No Harvest Card, and No Columbia River Endorsement**.

Steelhead Dinner Offered by Chef

Sgt. Meyer and his wife were out to dinner (off duty) at a local Medford restaurant when he saw that there was a special dinner being offered which included fresh wild steelhead that the chef caught himself. Sgt. Meyer informed Sr. Tpr. Bennett of the steelhead being offered for sale. Sr. Tpr. Bennett contacted the owner/chef who admitted that he recently caught the steelhead while on a guided fishing trip on the Umpqua River. He had eaten some of the fish and decided to offer to prepare the last few pieces of fish for his customers. He was not aware that he could not sell the fish. The owner/chef of the restaurant was warned for offering unlawful sale of wildlife.

COMMERCIAL

Gillnetter Refused Observer

Tpr. O'Connor and Sr. Tpr. Klepp contacted a gillnetter after receiving several complaints from ODFW. The complaints were made after the gillnetter had refused an observer several times during the Tongue Point winter gillnet salmon fishery. The gill-

netter was issued a citation for **Failure to Cooperate with and Allow ODFW Observers on Board During the Tongue Point Fishery**.

Sablefish Limit Exceeded



Sablefish. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by NOAA

Tpr. O'Connor followed up on a case involving a fishing vessel that participated in the 2013 primary sablefish fishery. Vessels in this fishery are assigned a specific limit of sablefish, which cannot be exceeded. The vessel's limit was 15,688 pounds, which was exceeded by 1,701 pounds, a 10% overage. Certain methods are used estimate weights at sea by the fishermen; however in this case, the suspect vessel did not use those methods. The captain was issued a citation for **Exceeding the Cumulative Trip Limit of Tier Two Sablefish**.

Exceeding Limit on Greenling

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett contacted two commercial fishermen that exceeded their period limit on Greenling. One subject was less than 1% over and was warned but the other was 14% over and received a criminal citation. The local fish buyer wrote fish tickets paying ODFW for the overages.

SHELLFISH

Coos Bay Clam Digger Cited

Sr. Tpr. Harris contacted two clam diggers at Coos Bay. Both diggers were warned for No Shellfish License and one was cited for **Unlawful Taking Gaper Clams**.

Tillamook Bay Undersized Dungeness

Tpr. Galusha contacted three subjects who were crabbing on Tillamook Bay. Upon contact with the subjects, it was found that they possessed eight Dungeness crab, of which seven were undersized. One subject said he was responsible for all the short crab and was subsequently cited for **Unlawful Possession Undersized Dungeness Crab**.

Wildlife / Hunting

WILDLIFE / HUNTING

Illegal Bobcat and Marten Trapping

Sr. Tpr. Hayes completed an investigation into illegal bobcat and marten trapping. The subject was cited for **Trapping Marten Closed Season, Trapping Prohibited Method – Un-branded Traps, Trapping Prohibited Method – Using Sight Bait within 15 Feet of Traps, and Trapping Prohibited Method – Traps without Off-set Jaws.**

Search Warrant for Alligator

Sr. Tpr. Merritt and Sgt. Withers assisted the Douglas County Sheriff's office with a three foot alligator which was located inside a residence after the execution of a search warrant. With ODFW's assistance, a licensed alligator rehabilitator was found in Corvallis and the alligator was relocated.



Alligator. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons

Illegal Cougar Kill

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher received information from Sr. Tpr. Halsey regarding a suspicious cougar kill. Sr. Tpr's. Martin and Marshall Maher contacted the hunter who bought his 2014 cougar tag (Sportspac) in December 2013 then said he killed the cougar on January 5th, 2014 in an area east of Florence. During a follow up interview the next day with a hunting partner, it was learned the cougar was killed the second week of December 2013. The hunter later confirmed he had killed the cougar in December and didn't have a tag. He also found out the cougar zone in which he had killed the cat was closed as of December 6th. The hunter decided to buy his 2014 cougar tag, wait a few days to tag it, check in the carcass at ODFW, then make up the story to cover his illegal harvest. The hunter was cited (criminally) for **Unlawful Take of Cougar** and for **Unlawful Possession of Deer Parts**. A cougar hide, meat, tag, and five sets of deer antlers (found at the hunter's residence during the

investigation) were seized. His hunting partner was cited (criminally) for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense**.

Hunters Cited for Outside Hunt Unit

Tpr. Peterson and Sr. Tpr. Klepp responded to a report of a Cow Elk that had been shot in the Saddle Mountain Unit near Vernonia. When the troopers arrived, they found the subjects had left with the elk. Investigation found that the land owner had given permission to the subjects, but did not check if they had valid tags. Tpr. Peterson contacted Sr. Tpr. Reid who responded to their residence and observed the elk in the garage. Tpr. Peterson interviewed the subject who presented a Scapoose Unit cow tag and stated that they thought they were in the right unit, but did not check the regulations. The elk was seized and the suspect was cited for **Unlawful Take Cow Elk - Hunting Outside Controlled Hunting Area**.

Mule Deer Bucks Taken Unlawfully

Sr. Tpr. Hayes was traveling through Redmond and observed a vehicle that matched the description from an earlier complaint received in January by Bend area troopers. The complaint alleged that a subject was seen loading a large antlered buck head into a vehicle in the Metolius Unit. Sr. Tpr. Hayes contacted the subject who admitted to having the four-point mule deer head in his garage. A second (unlawfully possessed) four-point buck was located during a consent search of the residence and the hunter was found to have falsely reported on his mandatory reporting during 2013. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Take/ Possession of Deer**. Further investigation into the case was referred to Sr. Tpr. Lindberg.

Bobcat Pelts Not Checked by ODFW

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher contacted an Oakridge area resident who had harvested two bobcats during the 2013 – 2014 seasons but had failed to check them in with ODFW within five days after the close of the season to obtain valid ownership tags as required. Sr. Tpr. Maher seized both bobcat pelts and issued the individual a citation for **Fail to Check in Bobcat Pelts within (5) Days after the Close of the Season with ODFW**.

Video Captures Illegal Cow Elk Take

Tpr. Galusha completed an investigation into a local Tillamook subject who was working with a hunting video production company on filming a youth cow hunt. During the filming of the video, the subject shot a cow elk (on video) without a tag. The video company reported the incident and turned over the video to Tpr. Galusha who later cited the subject for **No Big Game Tag and Unlawful Taking Cow Elk**.

Wildlife / Hunting

TIP Leads to Arrest & Citations

Tpr. Imholt received an anonymous tip regarding several deer that had been illegally taken with a crossbow in the Veneta area. The circumstances sounded similar to a report that Tpr. Cutsforth had taken in November of 2013. Tpr. Imholt and Tpr. Cutsforth located the subject at his residence where he was taken into custody on two outstanding warrants, **Kidnapping and Contempt of Court**, which were unrelated to the wildlife crimes. Further investigation lead to the subject admitting to the unlawful take of two trophy black tail buck deer and one smaller black tail buck (a 6x5, a 4x4 and a forked horn). He confessed to killing the three deer at night and with a crossbow during the fall of 2013. In addition, his hunting privileges had a lifetime suspension. He was lodged at the Lane County Jail on the two warrants and was cited criminally for **Unlawful Take of Buck Deer x3 and Hunting While Suspended**. Two trophy deer racks, a crossbow mounted with a laser and light, crossbow bolts and a small amount of deer meat were seized.



TIP lead from antlers and crossbow. Photo credit: File

Taking Turkeys Closed Season

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher responded to a residence near Cottage Grove to investigate the dumping of two turkey carcasses on the property. Two male turkey carcasses were found in the front yard. Most of the meat had been removed from them and they were fresh. Using information provided by the complainant, the trooper contacted a person at a nearby residence. It was determined this person had shot both turkeys a couple of days earlier, removed the meat and dumped the carcasses. A .22 caliber rifle and other evidence (including a smoker full of turkey jerky) were seized and the suspect was cited for **Taking Turkey Closed Season x2**.

Whitehorse Unit, Unchecked Trap

Tpr. Spencer located a trap set on a rim overlooking the Owyhee River off of the Three Forks Road in the Whitehorse Unit. Based on the ATV and boot tracks in the snow, it appeared the trap hadn't been inspected in the last day or two. Tpr. Spencer set up a trail camera to monitor the trap and returned two days later, unable to find any new ATV or boot tracks near the trap. The trail camera did not show anyone checking the trap since it was set. Tpr. Ring later issued a citation to the owner of the trap for **Failure to Inspect Traps every 48 Hours**.

Cited for Shooting Cormorant

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher received a complaint of a hunter shooting a cormorant near the dam at Cottage Grove Reservoir. The reporting party provided a description of the suspect and vehicle. While at the scene, the trooper contacted a hunter leaving the area that witnessed the incident and directed the trooper to a garbage can where the suspect reportedly deposited the dead bird. After not finding the carcass, the trooper followed up on the case the next day and located the suspect in Cottage Grove. Upon completing the interview, the subject surrendered the cormorant carcass and was issued a citation for **Unlawful Take of Wildlife – Cormorant**.

Failed to Check in Otter

Tpr. Ring and Tpr. Sogge responded to ODFW in Bend on a complaint of a subject trying to check in three river otters past the check in deadline. The male subject was completely unaware of the five day check in period and believed the check in period was 10 days. The subject voluntarily relinquished the otter pelts to ODFW and was educated on check in requirements. The subject was then warned by Tpr. Ring for fail to check otters within five days.

Silver Falls Hunter Cited

Tpr. Glaser (Salem) received information that a group of hunters who own land near Silver Falls State Park had killed four cow elk during the second weekend of January 2014. The elk were reported to have been killed under questionable circumstances. Sgt. Thomas, Tpr. Burkholder, Tpr. Clement, Tpr. Freitag and Tpr. Glaser (Mid-Valley Team) conducted interviews on eight subjects. During the interviews, it was determined that one of the hunters had killed a cow elk on property he did not have a land owner tag for. Instead of reporting the incident, the hunter borrowed his niece's tag, which was valid for the property the elk was killed on. The subject was issued a criminal citation for **Loaning/Borrow Big Game Tag**. A rifle and elk meat was seized as evidence.

OSMB / Environment / ATV

OREGON STATE MARINE BOARD (OSMB)

Sled Boat Crash, OSP Assists

Sr. Tpr. Stone and Tpr. Baimbridge were on a boat patrol when they observed a sled boat crash at Crow Rapids. The troopers responded with first aid gear and assisted in securing the vessel which was quickly filling with water, and eventually pulled the boat ashore using a Z-Drag rope pulley system (learned at OSMB sponsored drift boat training). The boat suffered extensive damage including a broken drive line, windshield, and two large holes in the bottom; none of the four occupants reported any injuries aside from a bump on the head suffered by the driver's head breaking the windshield. The troopers contacted the adjacent landowner and helped arrange recovery of the inoperable boat.

Marine Board Enforcement

Sr. Tpr. Klepp used the department's skiff to patrol commercial gillnet vessels participating in the Blind Slough Select Area Spring salmon gillnet season. He contacted four vessels issuing several marine board warnings, four boat examinations and wrote two citations for **No Fire Extinguisher** and **No PFD**.

ENVIRONMENT

Salmon River Fill & Removal Violation

Sgt. Thompson responded to a fill and removal complaint on the Salmon River. A homeowner, who also owns an excavating business, deposited approximately 30-40 yards of rock and fill dirt on the bank of the Salmon River to mitigate erosion of his property line from high water flow. The Salmon River is defined as essential fish habitat, which puts the fill or removal threshold at zero **amount**, without a permit. It was discovered the subject did not contact DSL or ODFW prior to the work. The following week, a site tour was conducted with Department of State Lands (DSL) and ODFW. Following the site tour, DSL informed the homeowner that he would be subject to a restoration plan and associated civil penalty. He was also cited for **Unlawful Fill into Waters of the State without a Permit**. The homeowner received notices of violation from DSL in 2004 and 2007. Both notices stipulated the fill and removal law requirements.

Clean Streams Complaint Investigated

Sr. Tpr. Merritt responded to a clean streams complaint regarding a privately owned pond containing various kinds of fish that was running into Cow Creek. Sr. Tpr. Merritt contacted the landowners and determined that a very small area around the pond had given way and small amounts of water were entering Cow Creek but that no fish from the pond were escaping. The landowners corrected the damage to the pond.

Multiple Citations Barney Reservoir



Barney Reservoir. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by M.O. Stevens

Sr. Tpr. Reid was checking anglers near Barney Reservoir when he heard a chainsaw off in the distance. After a short investigation, Tpr. Reid was able to locate a subject falling timber in the area. It was determined that two large Douglas fir trees (approximately four feet in diameter) had been cut down. A third tree was initially cut, but was left standing after the suspect determined the inside was rotten. The suspect initially denied cutting the timber, but later admitted he was attempting to fill orders for four cords of wood. Further investigation revealed the suspect had illegally caught trout from Barney Reservoir the night before. The suspect was cited for **Theft I, Unlawful Taking/Cutting of a Minor Forest Product, Unlawful Possession Trout** and warned for Angling Prohibited Method-Bait.

ATV

Outstanding Warrants Leads to Arrest

Sr. Tpr. Hayes contacted a subject whom had three outstanding felony failure to appear warrants related to illegal drugs and a pursuit involving a stolen ATV. The subject was found to be in possession of crystal methamphetamine and lodged at the Deschutes County Jail.

ATV / General Law

ATV Enforcement, Coquille River

While en route to patrol the South Fork Coquille River, Sr. Tpr. Harris stopped an ATV operator for Unlawful Operation of a Class 1 ATV on a Highway. The operator was cited for **Driving While Suspended – Violation** and warned for traffic violations. At the South Fork Coquille River, Sr. Tpr. Harris cited one angler for **Failure to Immediately Validate Harvest Card (Steelhead)**. While in the area, Harris also warned two ATV operators for Endangering Class 1 ATV Passenger (child passengers without helmets) and also assisted Powers Police Department take a subject into custody on a mental hold. The subject had trespassed by jumping a fence in the storage lot of the Powers Ranger Station, and then fled by swimming across the South Fork Coquille River while in fear of imaginary armed assailants. Powers PD transported the subject to Bay Area Hospital for an evaluation.

ATV on Private Timber Land

Sgt. Hoodenpyl responded to a complaint on Stimson Lumber Company property where a subject had driven an ATV through a gated roadway that was signed 'Closed to Motorized Vehicles.' While inside the property the subject sped past a logging crew and then drove off the roadway causing damage to the ATV and causing injury to himself. An ambulance was called to transport the subject to the Tillamook Regional Medical Center where he was later released. The subject was subsequently cited for **Trespass II**.

Troopers Complete Coos Bay ATV Class

Tpr. Smithers, Sr. Tpr. Rushton from patrol, and Sr. Tpr. Stinnett attended an ATV class in the Coos Bay area and received their certification to operate ATV's.

Keno Unit ATV's Cause Damage

Sr. Tpr's. Niehus and Bertram and Rct. Michaels worked a joint saturation of JWTR lands in the Keno Unit after multiple reports of damage to roads and forest lands. The weather turned cold and not many people were out. Of the five vehicles contacted, three were found to be in violation of posted restrictions. The driver of one vehicle was cited for **Violation of Posted Restrictions**. The operators of two ATV's were cited for **Causing Damage with a Class I ATV** and warned for four other violations.

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Motorcycle Thief Arrested

Tpr. Glaser assisted Salem Patrol troopers with a call of a

reckless driver on a motorcycle on Interstate 5. It was believed that the driving complaint was directly related to a motorcycle that had been stolen from Wilsonville just minutes prior. Sr. Tpr. Hagen (Salem - Patrol) located the motorcycle in Woodburn and attempted to keep eyes on it while it was being operated by a subject who was not wearing a helmet. The motorcycle driver eluded Woodburn Police Officers. Tpr. Glaser was responding when he observed the motorcycle crash into the rear of a Ford pickup that was yielding to Tpr. Glaser's emergency vehicle. The subject was not seriously injured and was taken into custody and lodged at the Marion County Jail on charges of, **DUII, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Reckless Endangering, Reckless Driving, Unlawful Possession of Heroin, and Felony Attempt to Elude**. The suspect also faces addition charges for the theft of another vehicle that was located in Wilsonville which the suspect had stolen from Washington the day before.

DUII Arrest Elliott State Forest

Sr. Tpr. Harris was patrolling in the Elliott State Forest when he observed an oncoming vehicle failure to drive right. After turning, and while overtaking the vehicle, Sr. Tpr. Harris observed the driver throw out a partially full beer can. As a result of the stop, the driver was arrested for **DUII and Offensive Littering**. He was also warned for Open Container, Failure to Drive Right, Driving Uninsured, and No Operator's License. The suspect was transported to the Coos County Jail where he provided a BAC of .05% three hours after the stop.

Marijuana Citation on BLM Land



Marijuana. Photo credit: Wikipedia Commons by USFWS

Tpr. Sogge was following fresh vehicle tracks through the snow on BLM land west of Redmond. Approximately 1/2 mile from Highway 126, Tpr. Sogge observed two adult males parked within the trees just sitting in their vehicle. As Tpr. Sogge approached, the two males got out of the vehicle and were acting suspicious. While talking to the males, Tpr. Sogge could smell the odor of green marijuana coming from the vehicle and gained verbal consent to search. Subsequent investigation revealed there was approximately 1/2 ounce of marijuana in the vehicle. A citation was issued and the marijuana was seized.

Subject Did Not Have Auto Insurance

Tpr. Galusha responded to a motor vehicle collision on Hwy 101

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near Blain Road. While there the subject that caused the accident told Tpr. Galusha that he had insurance and provided him with information about his insurance carrier. On a later date, Tpr. Galusha was contacted by the subject's insurance agent who informed him that the subject was uninsured at the time of the crash and purchased insurance immediately after the collision. The subject was subsequently cited for **Fail to Maintain Lane** and **Giving False Information Regarding Liability Insurance**.

Stolen ODFW Sign on Subjects Gate

Sr. Tpr. Hayes was parked east of La Pine when a subject known to be criminally suspended approached in a Jeep. The subject stopped and was found to be in possession of hydrocodone pills and claimed to have a prescription. Then, he swallowed all of the pills and was found to be untruthful about having a prescription. A subsequent search at the residence revealed multiple stolen signs, including an ODFW Road Closure sign posted near his front gate. The subject was cited in lieu of custody for **Possession of an ODFW Sign (Theft)** and **DWS - Misdemeanor**. A report will be forwarded to the DA's office for Tampering with Evidence and Probation Violation.

Needle and Meth Found in Vehicle

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs contacted two males attempting to tow another vehicle in the area of Idleyld Park. During the contact Sr. Tpr. Frerichs located a used needle in possession of the driver and methamphetamine in possession of the passenger. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs transported the passenger to the Douglas County Jail for the offense of **PCS - Methamphetamine** and cited and released the driver for **DWS** and other traffic offenses and will submit the items recovered for testing at the Crime Lab.

Trooper Assists Lost Subjects

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs was patrolling the Calapooya Divide Mountains near Snow Peak after a recent snowfall when he observed a subject driving down Big River Road below Elk Meadows headed towards Cottage Grove. The subject stated that he was looking for a female acquaintance who had called him from her cell phone after becoming stuck in some deep snow and her cell phone lost battery or coverage after the call. He described the location as Twin Rocks Shelter. The subject was lost and not aware he was driving away from the area where she was located. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs located the female off of US Forest Service Road 2358 near Twin Rocks Shelter, pulled her vehicle out of the snow, and escorted them down the mountain.

Caught Stealing Railroad Ties

Sr. Tpr. Hayes observed a known suspended driver and theft suspect pulling a trailer containing railroad ties from a nearby

railroad project. The subject was cited and the railroad ties, which were marked with paint, were returned to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad right of way.

Husband Ran Wife's Car off Road

While working a highway departure overtime grant on Highway 26, Sgt. Allori was flagged down by a hitchhiker just west of Government Camp. The hitchhiker reported he had been a passenger in a vehicle that had been run off the road by another vehicle. It was discovered that the subject in the case was the husband of the victim vehicle's driver. The subject had located his wife after she had left the marriage about two weeks prior and was living in another location undisclosed to him. Subsequent investigation led to the subject being lodged in Clackamas County Jail for **Reckless Driving and Recklessly Endangering Another**.

Drugs Found in Vehicle Search

Tpr. O'Connor and Sgt. Warwick stopped a vehicle for expired license plates near the Big Creek Fish Hatchery. The passenger was found to have an outstanding felony warrant out of Clatsop County. She was taken into custody without incident. A consent search of the vehicle turned up a drug kit including several meth pipes with residue. The female subject was charged with **PCS - Methamphetamine**.

Gun, Marijuana and No Angling License

Sr. Tpr. Gardner contacted a subject on the Columbia River above McNary Dam. A concealed Colt .45 handgun and marijuana was discovered on his person. He was cited and released for **Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Possession Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and warned for **No Non-resident Angling License**. The handgun and marijuana were seized as evidence.

Shooting in Gravel Pit

Sr. Tpr. Bertram was patrolling JWTR properties when he located a shot up TV set in a local gravel pit. Sr. Tpr. Bertram picked up the TV set for later disposal and moved on. Later he came back to the same gravel pit and found more refuse, including a shot up box with a shipping label on it. Sr. Tpr. Bertram also collected that box and made a trip to the residence listed on the label. The residence was contacted and the resident admitted to shooting at the pit earlier in the day. He was cited for **Offensive Littering**.

Camper Fell off Jacks

Sgt. Hand was patrolling west of Keno when he saw a camper that had fallen off its jacks and a pickup truck parked in front of it. Sgt. Hand drove over to see if everyone was all right and

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instead found that the two subjects behind the camper did not own it and were actually about to dismantle it for its metal. The subjects were identified and allowed to leave as they had not actually committed a crime at the point of contact. Sgt. Hand looked through the camper for identifying information and a few leads were located and turned over to Sr. Tpr. Bertram for further investigation.

Suspended Driver had Warrant

Sgt. Thompson stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The driver was suspended and had an outstanding warrant out of Marion County for **Assault IV**. The subject was taken into custody and lodged in the Lincoln County Jail. In addition to the warrant, the female passenger of the vehicle was a protected person in the suspect's release agreement for no contact. A report will be forwarded to Marion County for Contempt of Court.



Fiddleheads. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by New Brunswick Tourism

Fiddlehead Harvester Cited

Sr. Tpr. Harris contacted a fiddlehead harvester in the Elliott State Forest. The subject was cited and released for **DWS - Misdemeanor**.

DWS and DUII, Taken to Jail

Tpr. Ring received a DUII complaint on a green Dodge truck. Within minutes of the complaint, he observed the vehicle as it turned west onto Highway 20 east from 27th Street. Tpr. Ring turned on the vehicle and followed it to the Mini Mart at the intersection of Reed Market Rd. and 15th Street where he stopped it for failing to maintain a single lane of travel. Upon contact with

the driver, the trooper observed multiple indicators of possible DUII. The driver initially agreed to SFST's but ultimately refused to co-operate or complete the tests. He was arrested for **DUII - Alcohol** and transported to Deschutes County Jail where he refused to submit to a breath test and was lodged for **DUII - Alcohol, DWS - Misdemeanor** and refusal to take a breath test.

Unconscious Man Flown to Bend Hospital

Sr. Tpr. Bean was patrolling the high lakes area when a call came in of a burglary in progress at South Twin Lakes Resort. The resort is closed and vacant for the winter. Sr. Tpr. Bean arrived with a Forest Service LEO and located a window broken out in the restaurant. Inside the restaurant, lying in the middle of the floor, Sr. Tpr. Bean located an unconscious male subject. Sr. Tpr. Bean entered through the broken window and tried to wake the subject. Since he was unresponsive, an ambulance was called. After he threw up and urinated on himself, he had to be rolled onto his side to keep him from drowning in his vomit. The ambulance transported the subject a short distance where he was then flown by Air Life to St. Charles in Bend. Sr. Tpr. Bean then secured the subject's belongings and met with the restaurant owner to secure the building. The following day, hospital staff contacted Sr. Tpr. Bean and made arrangements for the subject to retrieve his belongings after being released from care. When the subject arrived to pick up his belongings, he told Sr. Tpr. Bean that he had been drinking hard liquor with a stranger when he blacked out from apparent alcohol poisoning. He woke up in the hospital. He was cited for **Criminal Trespass 1** and **Criminal Mischief 2**.

DWS & Uninsured Driver gets Citations

Tpr. Imholt and Tpr. Cutsforth stopped a car for fail to drive within a lane and found the driver was suspended and had no insurance. The driver had tossed a meth pipe down at his feet and claimed he did not know anything about it. He was cited and released for **UPCS Meth** and cited for **DWS, Driving Uninsured, and Fail to Drive within Lane**. Residue in the pipe tested positive for meth.

Subject Running Across I-5, Twice

Sgt. Thomas responded to a welfare check on a subject walking on Interstate 5. Sgt. Thomas attempted to contact the subject, who ran across all six lanes of Interstate 5, two different times. Tpr. Glaser and Sr. Tpr. Hagen (Salem - Patrol) responded to assist and Tpr. Glaser deployed a taser to take the subject into custody. The subject was lodged at the Marion County Jail on a detainer warrant and issued a criminal citation for **Disorderly Conduct**.

Interagency Cooperation

INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

Drugs and 77 Guns Seized, Tillamook

Sgt. Hoodenpyl and Tpr. Galusha assisted the Tillamook Narcotic Team (TNT) on a search warrant of a Tillamook area residence. During the search, methamphetamine and heroin were located and the officers seized over 77 guns to include one that was a vehicle mounted 32 MM rifle. Both subjects that resided at the residence were taken into custody by the Tillamook Narcotic Team and charged with multiple drug related charges.

Endangering Highway Worker

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs received information about a semi-truck driver that intentionally crossed over the double yellow lines on Highway 42 near Bridge, endangering an ODOT Highway flagger at the location. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs encountered the semi-truck near Winston and conducted an interview with the driver regarding the incident. The driver was cited criminally for **Endangering a Highway Worker**.

Avalanche Claims Snowmobiler's Life

Sr. Tpr. Hayes assisted Deschutes County Sheriff's Office and the US Forest Service with a reported avalanche in the Paulina Peak area. Sr. Tpr. Hayes responded to the area by snowmobile to assist in searching for a snowmobile and rider that were reportedly buried by the avalanche. The snowmobile operator was found deceased.

Joint Patrol on Columbia River

Tpr. Herman conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River with the Clatsop County SO and the US Coast Guard. Multiple boats were contacted and two citations were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method - Barbed Hooks for Salmon**.

Attempted Murder Suspect Located

Sgt. Hand assisted Patrol Services and Klamath Falls Police Department with locating an attempted murder suspect in Klamath Falls. The suspect allegedly stabbed the victim an unknown number of times in the head and face. After several hours of searching, Tpr. Nork (Patrol) located the suspect hiding in some very heavy brush just across the street from a local elementary school.

Rogue River Citation

Tpr. Smithers, Deputy Heath and Deputy Sherbarth conducted a jet boat patrol on the Rogue River from the port of Gold Beach to Agness. During the patrol, contacts with multiple bank and boat anglers were made and numerous license warnings were given. A subject contacted on the Canfield Bar by Tpr. Smithers

revealed he had not validated his harvest tag. The subject had already cast his line back into the river and had finished cleaning the steelhead. He was cited for **Failure to Immediately Validate Tag**.

Search Warrant Uncovers Drugs

Tpr. Galusha assisted the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office with a release agreement contact on a known fish and wildlife violator. The subject was on a release agreement with the Tillamook County Circuit Court and a deputy had information about the subject's involvement in another open case. Tpr. Galusha and the deputy obtained consent to search the subject's bedroom where they found methamphetamine and other controlled substances. During the search, a purse was located belonging to the suspect's girlfriend. Tpr. Galusha obtained a search warrant for the purse, which led him to finding more methamphetamine and other controlled substances. This case is being presented to the Tillamook County Grand Jury on charges of **PCS- Methamphetamine**.

Herd Composition Flights

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell of Burns spent some time with ODFW on herd composition flights over the Steens Unit with ODFW.

Reckless Driving Complaint OR/ID

OSP Fish and Wildlife troopers received an attempt to locate on a driving complaint traveling westbound into Oregon from the Idaho state line at milepost 378. The subject vehicle was located on I84 milepost 372 westbound and was being followed by the complainant's vehicle. Upon contacting and interviewing both driver's, it was determined that the alleged crime of reckless driving occurred in Idaho. Idaho State Police (ISP) was contacted and responded to the scene of the traffic stop. ISP cited and released the driver of the commercial vehicle for Reckless Driving. OSP assist only.

Powell Butte Suicide Subject



Barn on Powell Butte Road. Photo credit: Wikimedia Commons by Gary Halvorson

OSP Officers responded to an agency assist request from Crook County 911 Center on a report of a male subject making suicidal threats located at a residence in Powell Butte. When officers arrived on scene, the

subject was found to be intoxicated and armed with a rifle. After several failed negotiation attempts, the male subject confronted

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on scene officers with a rifle and retreated back into the residence. Sometime later, he was found passed out in the garage in possession of a shotgun and was taken into custody without incident. He was transported to St. Charles Medical Center in Bend for a medical evaluation with no life threatening injuries. Crook County Sheriff's Office is continuing the ongoing investigation.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR)

Hunter Education Class

Sr. Tpr. McNeil of the Baker City office spoke at the local Hunter's Education class. There were approximately 30-35 students and five instructors in attendance. Sr. Tpr. McNeil spoke about the duties and responsibilities of the OSP Fish and Wildlife Division throughout a calendar year. He also explained the origins of many of the game complaints that occur each season, and how most of them result from hunters making poor choices. He emphasized both safety and ethics in the presentation which lasted approximately 30 minutes, followed by answering student's questions for an additional 20 minutes.

Wildlife Forensic Exhibit at Museum

Lt. Wagner and Tpr. Ring attended the opening night of the Wildlife Forensic Exhibit at the High Desert Museum in Bend. The event was attended by 100-150 people and many questions were answered.



Display @ OHA Black Tail Classic

Tpr. Clement and Tpr. Glaser manned a display at the 2014 OHA Black Tail Classic banquet. The banquet had over 200 OHA members in attendance. The troopers were well received and were thanked by members of the hunting community for their service.

Hunter Safety Presentation

Tpr. Ring and Sr. Tpr. Love gave a presentation at a Hunter Safety Course. The presentation was well received by the 20+ people in attendance.

Lincoln County Sportsman Expo

The Newport Team participated in the first annual Lincoln County Sportsman Expo held in Newport. The team answered numerous questions and the show had over 2000 people attend during the three days.

Criminal Investigation Class Presentation

Lt. Gifford gave a presentation to a Criminal Investigation class at Rogue Community College regarding OSP and the Fish & Wildlife Division. Approximately 20 students were in attendance.

Trailer of Shame Visits Redmond

Members of the Bend Fish and Wildlife team, with assistance from Sr. Tpr. Pearson, manned the Trailer of Shame at the Central Oregon Sportsman Show in Redmond.

Trailer of Shame at Willamette Show

Tpr. Freitag, Tpr. Clement, and Tpr. Burkholder brought the Trailer of Shame to the Willamette Sportsman Show organized by the Jefferson Baptist Church and hosted at the Linn County Fairgrounds. Approximately 2,350 people attended and the troopers answered many fish and wildlife related questions.

Harney County Hunter Ed Class

Tpr. Geoff Smith gave a presentation to approximately 17 students of a Harney County hunter education class, and assisted at their range day. The students had some questions and the presentation was well received.

Trooper Assists Hunter Ed Instructor

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski assisted his local Hunter Education Instructor by providing four law enforcement presentations to a large group of students and parents. The students had been separated into four groups – each rotating through the indoor rifle range, outdoor field exercises, the OSP presentation, and completing their final tests. Hunter Ethics and Sportsmanship were the main topics discussed by Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski, along with the importance of choosing their hunting partners wisely. Parents and guardians were also encouraged to lead by good example.

Lakeview OHA Presentation

Sgt. Hand and Tpr. Tague gave a presentation to Oregon Hunters Association in Lakeview. Approximately 15 people were in attendance.

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