

# The Field Review

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## **COVER STORY**

### ***Unlawful Take of Sturgeon***

Sgt. Allori and Sr. Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) responded to a complaint of an angler catching and retaining a sturgeon on the Willamette River in Portland. (Retention of sturgeon on the Lower Willamette River is prohibited.) The Tprs. contacted the angler and his friend who were packing up their gear to leave. The suspects denied keeping a sturgeon, but Sgt. Allori located a 51-inch sturgeon hidden a short distance away. One subject was cited for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Sturgeon**. The sturgeon was revived and returned to the Willamette River.



Sgt. Allori with Sturgeon

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Wildlife / Hunting

### Trespassing in Linn County

Tpr. Andrews (Albany) conducted follow up on a trespass complaint in Linn County. During the investigation, Tpr. Andrews contacted a female with a confirmed warrant. The female was issued a criminal citation for the warrant so the investigation regarding the trespass could be continued. The subsequent investigation resulted in one subject being charged with: **Trespass While in Possession of a Firearm (x2), Take/Possession Buck Deer, and Fail to Immediately Validate Big Game Tag**. Two rifles and a set of 3x4 buck deer antlers were seized. A second subject was cited criminally for **Trespass While in Possession of a Firearm** and his shotgun was seized. A third subject was also cited for **Criminal Trespass II**.



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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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# Wildlife / Hunting

## WILDLIFE

### GAME VIOLATIONS IN LINCOLN COUNTY

Tpr. VanMeter (Newport) located an active bear bait site near Logsdan. The suspect was contacted as he was entering the bait site on foot. The suspect was in possession of a rifle, compound bow, and a gallon bag of grain and tallow. He was also in possession of a SW Oregon Spring Bear Tag. Suspect was cooperative and was cited and released criminally for **Unlawful Hunting Bear with the Aid of Bait** and **Spring Bear Hunting Outside Unit Boundary**. A compound bow, trail camera, rifle and tree stand were seized as evidence. Also seized were a 55 gallon plastic barrel and a 5 gallon can full of bait material.

Using bait to attract black bear is illegal in Oregon, as is the use of dogs to locate and tree black bear. The public is asked to notify the Oregon State Police if a bear baiting site is located by calling the Turn in Poachers (TIP) hotline at 1-800-452-7888. The TIP hotline can be used to report all wildlife violations.



## Wildlife / Hunting

### **WILDLIFE / HUNTING**

#### ***Unlawful Take of a Turkey***

Sgt. Brown (Pendleton) was contacted by Dispatch in regards to a Umatilla County Deputy responding to a game complaint up the Walla Walla River out of Milton-Freewater. The Deputy had the suspect vehicle stopped at the city limits of Milton-Freewater. The incident involved four college students and the taking of a turkey on private property by one of the students without a tag. The landowner had contacted the individuals and obtained their information to turn over to the police. Sgt. Brown seized the turkey and cited one individual for **Taking Turkey-No Tag**.

#### ***Eagle Located***

While on ground patrol Tpr. Jennings (Klamath Falls) picked up an injured eagle and delivered it to a Wildlife Rehabilitation Facility. It is unknown what cause the injury. Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) assisted and demonstrated a safe raptor capture and handling techniques. The talons are likely the most dangerous part of an eagle. The jacket provided something for the eagle to hold rather than Troopers arm or thigh.



#### ***Boa in Oregon*** **by** ***Lt. Carl Rhodes (East Region)***

We have garter snakes here in the coastal Pacific Northwest, but boa constrictors? Yep, it's true! When I first read about the Rubber Boa on the Northwest Herps page, I was sure it was a prank. Rubber Boa, sure, you just bought it from a bin alongside rubber spiders and rubber ants, right? But no, it turns out that the Rubber Boa is a real thing, and surprisingly common in the West. Its range extends west all the way to the Pacific, and north all the way to southern British Columbia. The Rubber Boa was once thought to be rare, but researchers now believe that it is actually quite common, although rarely spotted by humans. Rubber Boas inhabit a wide variety of territory, including meadows and conifer forests, all the way to "high alpine settings" according to Wikipedia. Rubber Boas cannot tolerate high temperatures, and prefer temperatures that are too cool for most other cold blooded animals. They are nocturnal, and hibernate through the winter months. Should you find a Rubber Boa, take a photograph, and let it be! Remember that it is illegal to take and keep them as pets.



Sr. Tpr. Vaughn gladly holding a Boa

# Angling

## ANGLING

### *Patrol on Brownlee Reservoir*

Sr. Tpr. McNeil (Baker City) and Tpr. Spencer (Ontario) conducted a boat patrol on Brownlee Reservoir. During the patrol 24 anglers were contacted, 5 citations were issued (**2 Unattended Line, 2 Angling with More than 1 Rod, 1 No angling License**). 6 warnings were given (3 No Angling License in Possession, 2 unattended lines, 1 Illegal take catfish).

### *Unlawful Take of Cabezon*

Tpr. Smithers (Gold Beach) responded to the Port of Brookings for a call from ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife). ODFW had contacted 2 separate boats that were both in possession of Cabezon. The Cabezon were seized and the subjects were cited for **Unlawful Take of Cabezon Closed Season**.

Cabezon: Photo by flyfish253.wordpress.com



### *Improper Validation*

Sr. Tpr. Jewett (Hermiston) checked a salmon angler below McNary dam who had caught his fish approximately 5 hours earlier. The subject failed to validate his tag by leaving the date blank. Sr. Tpr. Jewett issued the angler a citation for **Improper Validation**.



McNary Dam: Photo by www.shutterstock.com

### *Failing to Use Navigation Lights*

Sr. Tpr. Routson (The Dalles) contacted a boat for no navigation lights when returning to the boat ramp over ½ hour after sunset. The subject was cited for **Fail to Use Navigation Lights when Required**.

### *Boat Patrol of the McKenzie River*

Tpr. Mathews and Tpr. Bachmeier (Springfield) conducted a drift boat patrol of the McKenzie River. During the float they contacted 25 anglers and completed 1 BER. Two anglers were cited for **No Resident Angling License**, (two warnings were given for no Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS ) permit, and one warning was given for no sound producing device, a whistle was provided to correct the issue.)

# Angling

## ***Patrol on Gold Lake***

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) worked the trout opener at Gold Lake in the Cascades east of Oakridge. Gold Lake is a popular non-motorized, fly angling only lake that is rarely fully accessible on its opener due to its elevation and normal snowfall. This year the area was snow free and the campground and boat ramp were fully accessible. Sr. Tpr. Maher conducted a patrol of the lake using a department cataraft. During the patrol he checked 27 fly anglers and inspected 13 non-motorized boats. During the angling contacts three citations were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method–Barbed Hook**. Angling regulations at Gold Lake require the use of only fly angling gear such as a fly rod and reel (no spin gear) and barbless hooks.

## ***Boat Patrol on Odell Lake***

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) conducted a boat patrol on Odell Lake. During the 6.5 hour patrol 18 boats were inspected (BER) and 76 anglers were checked. Two citations were issued for **No Angling License** (four Kokanee seized) and one citation was issued for **Insufficient PFD's**.



## ***Drift Boat Patrol on Willamette River***

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) spent three days conducting drift boat patrols on the Middle Fork Willamette River from Dexter Dam to Clearwater Landing in Springfield. Each float covered about 13 river miles and lasted between 5 to 6 hours. On the first patrol 12 anglers were checked, one boat was inspected (BER), and two citations were issued for **No Columbia River Basin Endorsement**. On the second patrol, 40 anglers were checked, 8 boats were inspected (BER), and five citations were issued (one for **Fail To Immediately Validate Combined Angling Tag**, one for **No Angling License In Possession**, one for **No Columbia Basin Endorsement**, two for **Angling Prohibited Method-Two Lines**, and one for **Allow Operation of Improperly Equipped Boat**). On the third patrol 46 anglers were checked, 12 boats were inspected (BER) and one citation was issued for **No Combined Angling tag in Possession**.

## ***Anglers on Topsy Reservoir***

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath) checked 34 anglers on Topsy Reservoir and issued one citation for **No Resident Angling License**, 10 various angling warnings and 2 boating warnings..



Topsy Reservoir: Photo by data.oregon.gov

# Angling / Commercial / Shellfish

## ANGLING

### *Angling in a Prohibited Area*

Tpr. Andrews (Albany) observed a subject angling in a prohibited area on the South Santiam River. Tpr. Andrews contacted the angler who admitted to the violation and subsequently cited the subject criminally for **Angling Prohibited Area**.

### *Unlawful Take of a Salmon*

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) watched a group of 3 salmon anglers on Gnat Creek as they repeatedly attempted to snag salmon. One of the anglers was eventually able to snag a salmon in the back, and reeled it in towards the bank. The second helped bring the salmon onto the bank, and the third angler clubbed the salmon. Trooper Herman watched as the third angler validated the salmon on her tag. Upon contact, the third angler claimed that she had caught the salmon, and that she had hooked it in the mouth. The first angler was cited and released for **Unlawful Taking - Snagged Salmon**, and the second and third anglers were cited and released for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**. The salmon was seized.



## COMMERCIAL

### *Unlawful Take of Chinook Salmon*

Tpr. Fough (Tillamook) and Tpr. Butcher (Tillamook-Patrol) responded to Garibaldi Marina where Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) had reported that a commercial fishing vessel had just landed a load of chinook salmon and several fish were undersized and unlawful. Upon contact with the vessel it was found that 13 of the chinook salmon were undersized and the vessel's measuring device had been marked incorrectly. The fish were subsequently seized and the captain of the vessel was cited for **Unlawful Take/ Possession Undersized Commercially Caught Chinook Salmon**.

## SHELLFISH

### *Exceeding Daily Bag Limits of Bay Clams*

Sgt. Hoodenpyl and Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) were working a plain clothes patrol on Netarts Bay when they saw a subject that was stomping on clams and throwing them to the seagulls. Upon contact with the subject and his friend, it was found that the subjects were digging Gaper clams and removing only the necks, leaving the rest of the clam in the ground or being fed to the gulls. A consent search of a bag in a backpack resulted in the Troopers finding 33 freshly removed Gaper necks. Both subjects were cited for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit Bay Clams and Fail to Retain Broken Clam**. These subjects were also warned for Waste and Fail to Have Individual Container.

# Shellfish/ General Law / Environment

## **SHELLFISH**

### ***Unlawful Harvest of a Cockle Clams***

Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) and Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport–Patrol) responded to a shellfish complaint in Yaquina Bay. Two subjects were found commercially harvesting cockle clams for bait. When contacted, the subjects had 3 five gallon buckets of clams. One of the subjects was properly licensed and permitted. The second subject, a juvenile, had no license or permit. The adult took responsibility for involving the juvenile in the harvest, and was cited for **Aiding in a Commercial Fish Offense**. The juvenile was warned for the licensing violation. Both were also warned for failing to properly dye the clams prior to leaving the harvest area.



Cockle Clams: Photo by dfw.state.or.us

### ***Daily Bag Limited Exceeded***

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) worked recreational and commercial razor clam diggers near the Sunset Beach access. He issued one citation for: **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** and seized 9 clams

## ***Domoic Acid***

Sgt. Warwick (Astoria) worked Clatsop Beach in response to the recent razor clam closure due to high levels of domoic acid.

*Domoic Acid is a kainic acid analog neurotoxin that causes amnesic shellfish poisoning. It is produced by algae and accumulates in shellfish, sardines, and anchovies. In humans, it can cause short-term memory loss, brain damage, and death.* Wikipedia

## **GENERAL LAW**

### ***Unlawful Harvesting of Morel Mushrooms***

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (La Pine) contacted several subjects picking morel mushrooms without permits. One subject walked away into the brush and was later located fleeing in a vehicle at a high rate of speed. The subject was stopped and found to have an outstanding warrant for parole violation. A search of the vehicle revealed drug packaging material, digital scales, and mushrooms. The subject was lodged at the Deschutes County Jail. USFS law enforcement cited the subject for no mushroom permit.



Morel Mushroom: Photo by wildfoodism.com

# Interagency

## **INTERAGENCY COOPERATION**

### ***Oregon State Marine Board Academy***

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield), along with other Fish and Wildlife Troopers from around the state, taught boat handling skills at the OSMB (Oregon State Marine Board) law enforcement academy held at Lake Billy Chinook. New Marine Deputies and Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Troopers attended the two week academy sponsored by the OSMB to familiarize themselves with state marine laws and learn basic skills of power boat operation.



### ***Human Remains Given to the Tribes***

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) met with a representative of the Klamath Tribes to repatriate two sets of ancient human remains. Both sets of remains were determined to have originated from the Lost River area of Oregon. This location falls within the historic range of the Modoc Tribe. The treaty with the Klamath Tribe includes the Modoc Tribe.

### ***Two Inmates Escaped from Shutter Creek Correctional Institution***

Sgt. Withers (Roseburg) was assisting the Coos Bay Area Command with covering Coos County calls for service when two inmates escaped from the Shutter Creek Correctional Institution on foot. Sgt. Withers responded to take the initial report. Several outside agencies assisted at the scene including the Douglas County Sheriff's Office who supplied a tracking dog and three Deputies. Officers from the North Bend and Coos Bay Police Department also assisted. The Fish and Wildlife Department airplane from Klamath Falls also responded. Both suspects were apprehended on foot the next day near Lakeside without incident.

OSP Fish and Wildlife Aircraft: Tpr. Jennings



### ***Patrol Day***

Sr. Tpr. Vaughn (Prineville) took part in all patrol day and conducted traffic activities that included one motorist assist change of tire for elderly couple, one warning for fail to yield to emergency vehicle, one warning for dangerous right turn, one citation for **Use of Mobile Communication Device** and one citation for **Driving While Suspended**.

# Public Relations

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

### ***Troopers Received Award***

Tpr. Hayes and Tpr. Bean (La Pine) attended the Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society Annual Awards banquet where they received an award for outstanding efforts in wildlife conservation related to law enforcement efforts regarding Mule Deer protection.

Tpr. Hayes & Tpr. Bean with Autumn Larkins, ODFW-Burns



### ***Law Enforcement Appreciation Week***

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) gave several presentations to Central Point Elementary School kids about the functions of the State Police as this was Law Enforcement Appreciation Week. The kids gave Sr. Tpr. Collom a stack of thank you letters which were then handed out to all the Troopers in the Central Point Command Center.



### ***Thank you for being Heroes***

Sophia Sachet, from Girl Scout Troop 10058, dropped in at Salem Area Command to say, "Thank you for being heroes," in recognition of National First Responder Day. Present to accept the smiley-face cake were Sgt. Halsey (Salem), Lt. Tim Fox (Salem-Patrol), and Lt. Thomas (NWR-Salem)



### ***Reconnecting to Outdoor Activities***

Lt. Thomas (Salem-NWR) and Sr. Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) met with a social community group at Smith and Bybee Lakes. The group is known as Outdoor Afro and reconnects African-Americans with recreational activities such as camping, hiking, biking, birding, fishing and more. Lt. Thomas and Tpr. Schoenborn hiked with the group while observing wildlife, and spoke about local angling opportunities.



## 2014 Fish and Wildlife Trooper of the Year

### *Senior Trooper Martin Maher*

Oregon State Police (OSP) Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) was recognized Friday, May 29, 2015, for his dedication to protecting Oregon citizens and our natural resources when he received the OSP Fish and Wildlife Division's 2014 "Trooper of the Year" award. The award presentation was made by Captain Jeff Samuels, director of the OSP Fish and Wildlife Division, along the banks of the McKenzie River in front of his supervisors, peers and family. This is the Fish & Wildlife Division's ninth annual presentation of the award



honoring a trooper who among many traits embodies excellent efforts, teamwork, mentorship, outside-the-box thinking to address issues, commitment to duty and dedication to protecting Oregon's citizens and natural resources. Selection for this award is made after reviewing nominations submitted from the Division's field force said Captain Samuels. The nomination for Sr. Tpr. Maher was submitted by his Sgt. Chris Ashenfelter. This is not the first year that Sr. Tpr. Maher has been nominated for his dedication; and as one of the troopers on his team commented to Cpt. Samuels during the award presentation "Martin is the one I still call for answers to my questions and for advice." Sr. Tpr. Maher has been a member of the OSP for almost 16 years, having spent 6 years in the Patrol Division and just shy of the last 10 years assigned to the Fish and Wildlife Division. He is well respected by his fellow teammates (which includes his brother, Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher) and is a go to person for expertise in all areas of fish and wildlife enforcement. Sr. Tpr. Maher is responsible for southern Lane County and part of northern Douglas County, but routinely assists in other areas when needed. He diligently patrols his area and works closely with landowners, constituents and local Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) biologists. He is often relied upon by members of the Patrol and Criminal Divisions when calls for service are requested in some of the remote locations within his area of responsibility. Known for being a very well rounded trooper and passionate about Oregon's natural resources and marine safety, Sr. Tpr. Maher shares his knowledge and mentors both younger and more experienced members. He has helped coach Fish and Wildlife Troopers on his team and also actively participates in training new recruits and college students about fish and wildlife enforcement.

Three other fine Troopers were also nominated and received honorable mention Sr. Tpr. Kreg Coggins (Enterprise), Sr. Tpr. Chuck Lindberg (Madras) and Tpr. Jim O'Connor (Astoria.)

## Fish & Wildlife General Headquarter Staff

### ***Captain Jeff Samuels***

Captain Samuels oversees the natural resources law enforcement programs within the state.



### ***Lt. Tim Schwartz***

The Fisheries Section Lieutenant coordinates the enforcement of commercial fishery regulations, enforcement of sport angling regulations, and supervises the Division's Special Investigations Unit. He is OSP's law enforcement representative on the Enforcement Consultant Advisory body to the Pacific Fisheries Management Council and the representative at the Columbia Basin Law Enforcement Council (CBLEC), an organization of law enforcement agencies that enforce regulations pertaining to fisheries on the Columbia River system. Lieutenant Schwartz also oversees and supervises the Special Investigations Unit.



### ***Lt. Craig Heuberger***

The Wildlife Section Lieutenant coordinates the enforcement of wildlife and big game regulations, the Division's compliance reporting process, the seasonal enforcement contracts, and the Division's training programs. He is also the Program Manager of the Oregon State Marine Board contract and also oversees and supervises the Aircraft Unit.



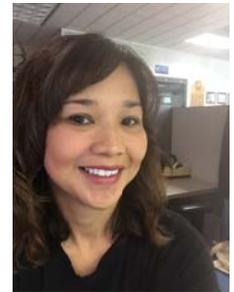
### ***GR Castillo***

The Program Analyst I supports the Division by developing systems for the collection and/or dissemination of a variety of information and statistical data, providing budgetary and accounting oversight and support and handling special projects such as statewide on-line training development. The Program Analyst I is responsible for preparing reports for specific state and federal contracts and Division activities



### ***Marilyn McClellan***

The Office Specialist II provides direct support to the three sworn members at General Headquarters and indirect support to the remaining sworn and non-sworn members by maintaining statistical databases, L.E.D.S inquires, publishing the monthly newsletter, monitoring the Fish and Wildlife inbox, purchasing supplies, mailings, and serving external customers by answering and/or routing questions about wildlife, law enforcement, and/or division issues.



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