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OSP FISH AND WILDLIFE PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Guardian Patrol Finds Landing Rules Violated

The Patrol Vessel Guardian was on patrol in the Pacific Ocean near Newport with two F&W Marine Fisheries Team Senior Troopers and a F&W Sergeant on board. The Troopers found commercial crab gear belonging to a fishing vessel that had sunk at the Port of Newport in early February. At the same time OSP was pulling the gear, a new fishing vessel that had gotten a transferred permit to work the gear, was pulling the pots. ODFW records show the boat had not made a landing since the end of January and it was now mid-April. The captain of the boat that sunk had been contacted by OSP on two previous

occasions, at which time he was informed that he needed to make sure the gear was removed and was given information as to how he could get an exemption to have someone else pull the gear. The captain was later contacted and he admitted the gear had been fishing in the ocean since his original boat had sunk. He stated, the day we saw him pulling gear, was the first day he had pulled them. The captain was cited for **Leaving Gear Set More Than 14 Days Without Landing**. The Troopers discovered two different vessels in violation of the 14 day landing rule. This rule was put into place in part, to keep the trapped crab from cannibalizing themselves.

FEATURE STORY

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES



Quagga Mussel Photo Credit: ODFW

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Background

In 2001, to respond to the growing threat of invasive species to the state, the Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) was created by the Oregon State Legislature. The OISC recommended that ODFW, OSMB, Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), and Portland State University (PSU) jointly lead the development of a state plan to address the growing threat of quagga mussels, which were discovered in Lake Mead, Nevada in 2007. As a result, the 2009 Oregon Legislature approved an AIS Prevention Program. A new user fee (AIS Prevention Permit) on most watercraft was established to implement the AIS Prevention Program. Funds generated from the AIS Prevention Permit are used for: ODFW and OSMB

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permanent staff; watercraft inspectors and supplies, outreach and education and other AIS related activities. Watercraft inspections began in spring of 2010 and in 2011, with the passage of House Bill 3399, roadside watercraft inspections became mandatory. For more AIS Prevention Program information refer to: www.odfw.com or www.oregon.gov/OSMB.

History

In 2009, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 2220 which created an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program and established a new user fee to boaters which is paid by the purchase of an "Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit." The AIS Prevention Program is co-managed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB). The primary objective is to keep Oregon's waters free of new aquatic invasive species.

During 2015, ODFW stationed five Watercraft Inspection Teams (WIT) along the highways in Ashland, Brookings, Lakeview, Midland and Ontario. The five WITs combined conducted 12,672 watercraft inspections and 281 watercraft decontaminations, including 12 for quagga or zebra mussels (*Dreissena rostriformis bugensis*, *D. polymorpha*). Overall, 72% of vehicles with watercraft stopped at the inspection stations, an increase of 3% from 2014.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and OSMB also participated in public events and sponsored 37 trainings or presentations for fishing groups, agency staff, concerned citizens and school groups. Since 2009, over 1,000 Oregonians have attended watercraft inspection training classes.



Watercraft Inspection Site Photo Credit: ODFW

Quagga and zebra mussels, along with hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*) and Asian carp (bighead and silver) (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis* and *H. molitrix*) are among the top species of concern to keep out of Oregon. Quagga and zebra mussels and aquatic vegetation can be easily translocated by trailered watercraft. Quagga and zebra mussel populations have spread rapidly in United States (Figure 1) due their adaptability and lack of natural predators. Species like Eurasian 2 watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) and New Zealand mudsnails (*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*) already contaminate some Oregon waterbodies. For more information about these and other aquatic invasive species please visit: USGS Non-Indigenous Aquatic Species.

Program Goal

The goal of the AIS Prevention Program is: "To protect Oregon against the introduction of new AIS and limit the spread of existing AIS." One way this is accomplished is through watercraft inspection stations and working closely with educational institutions, private citizens and law enforcement to curtail unlawful introductions of invasive species.

The Role of OSP Fish and Wildlife Division

In partnership with ODFW and OSMB, OSP Fish and Wildlife Troopers provide rigorous enforcement actions to protect Oregon waterways from the spread of AIS Species of all kinds.

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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 | Senior | 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 Influence Intoxicants/Drugs | ODFW | Department of Fish and Wildlife | Trooper | 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 | Sergeant | Sergeant | WED | Wildlife Enforcement Decoy |

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Boat Permits Purchasing Instructions

When boating on Oregon waterways, all non-motorized boats that are 10 feet in length or longer and all out-of-state motorized boats are required to purchase and carry onboard an AIS permit. Motorized boats registered in Oregon pay their AIS permit fee when renewing their boat registration through the Oregon State Marine Board.

Permit category fees:

- 1 year Non-Motorized Boat = \$5
- 2 year Non-Motorized Boat = \$10
- 1 year Out-of-State Motorized Boat = \$20

Permits are valid during the calendar year they are issued and expire on December 31st. Two year permits expire on December 31st of the following year. Starting November 1st of each year, OSMB will fulfill permit orders with the next calendar year's permits. Permits can be purchased on-line at <http://www.oregon.gov/osmb/Pages/index.aspx>.

2016 Watercraft Inspection Sites

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| I-5 | Ashland (Central Point) | 3/01/16 - 5/8/16 | *5 days a week Thurs-Mon | |
| | POE | 5/8/16 - 10/27/16 | 7 Days /Week | 7:00am,-7:00pm |
| Hwy 395 | Lakeview/State Line | 5/8/16 - 9/15/16 | *5 days a week Thurs-Mon | |
| Hwy 101 | Gold Beach POE | 5/8/16 - 10/27/16 | *5 days a week Thurs-Mon | |
| Hwy 97 | Klamath Falls | 5/8/16 - 9/15/16 | *5 days a week Thurs-Mon | |
| | Midland Rest Area | 3/01/16—5/8/16 | *5 days a week Thurs-Mon | |
| I-84 | Ontario | 5/8/16 - 10/27/16 | *5 days a week Thurs-Mon | |
| | Ontario Rest Area | 5/8/16 - 10/27/16 | 7 Days /Week | 7:00am,-7:00pm |
| * Days and times of operation are subject to change. Typical open hours are 11-6 | | | | |

OSMB

Zebra Mussels Found on Veneta, Oregon Boat



Trumpeter swan. Photo credit: Wikipedia by Sasata

A F&W Trooper from Springfield was contacted by a California Game Warden regarding a vessel that was inspected in California and found to have 17 Zebra Mussels attached to the outdrive. The owner of the vessel was traveling from Lake Mead in Nevada to Veneta, Oregon. The Warden advised that the vessel had been cleaned by a hot water pressure washer but was not authorized to be put into any body of water in California. The Warden wanted confirmation that the vessel was no longer in California. The owner of the boat was contacted in Veneta. He stated that the vessel would not be put into any body of water until it was cleared to do so. He was fully aware of the affect the invasive species could have on Oregon water ways. He agreed to contact ODFW first thing the following Monday morning and was willing to take any and all steps to make sure his vessel was made free of any aquatic invasive species.

OSMB / Angling

Boat Patrols

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Hermiston office and a F&W Sergeant from Pendleton did a joint boat patrol with a Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Officer on the Columbia River below McNary Dam. The focus of the patrol was Spring Chinook anglers. They contacted the following:

- 23-Boats
- 68-Anglers
- 4-Guide Boats
- 7-Legal fish caught and 1 wild fish.
- 2-Warnings for No License on Person
- 1-Warning for No Non-Resident License

A F&W Trooper from the Ontario office, and a F&W Trooper and Sergeant from the Baker City office conducted a three day raft patrol on the Owyhee River from Rome to Birch Creek, a fifty mile section. They contacted the following:

- 57-Boats
- 84-Anglers
- 3- Guides on trips
- 3-Citations for **No AIS Permit**
- 1-Citation for a river permit violation, **Not Using a Toilet System.**

Warnings were issued for not filling out river permit and for firewood violations.

OSP and Deschutes County SO Conduct Boat Inspections

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Prineville office assisted Deschutes County Sheriff's Office with the annual Marine Board Boat Inspection Day at Sportsman Warehouse in Bend. Many boats were inspected and boating questions answered.

Troopers Assist Distressed Boater

A F&W Senior Trooper and a F&W Trooper from Pendleton contacted an older gentleman who appeared to be in distress on his boat. The motor sounded like it was dying, but he was able to get it to shore. The Troopers stood by while the man acquired a new battery, but after he got back out in the water the boat died again. The man again made it back to shore where the Troopers helped him carry his boat and other equipment up the bank and helped him put it all on his trailer.

Speeding Boats Crash Into One Another



Rufus Oregon. Photo credit: Wikipedia by Sasata

Two F&W Senior Troopers and Patrol Services Division Troopers out of The Dalles responded to a report of two boats crashing into each other on the Columbia River near Rufus. According to witnesses, prior to the crash, the operators of both boats were operating at high speeds and cutting across each other's wakes in close proximity. One boat started a maneuver to do a fast spin in front of the other boat and was struck broadside at high speed by the closely trailing boat. The boat that initiated the crash, a 21' North River jet boat, went up onto the front of the other boat, a 22' Duckworth jet boat, smashing the windshield frame and injuring several people on the boat that was struck. There were a total of 13 people on the boat that was struck, including six young children. There were four adults on the other boat. It was determined that most of the adults on board both boats had been consuming alcohol prior to the crash, including the two operators. The operator on the boat that was struck, voluntarily provided a blood sample while being treated for injuries at the hospital. The operator of the boat that initiated the crash had gone home and was contacted there. He declined to voluntarily provide a blood sample and a warrant was obtained. A blood sample was obtained with the warrant. That man was cited and released for **Reckless Boat Operation.**

ANGLING

Two Over-Sized Trout Revived and Released

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Madras office checked anglers on the Lower Deschutes River. One subject was found in possession of two oversized trout on a stringer. The subject was issued a citation for **Unlawful Take / Possession of Oversized Trout.** This section of the Deschutes has a bag limit of two trout per day and only trout 10 to 13 inches



Trout. Photo Credit: Stock Photo

Angling

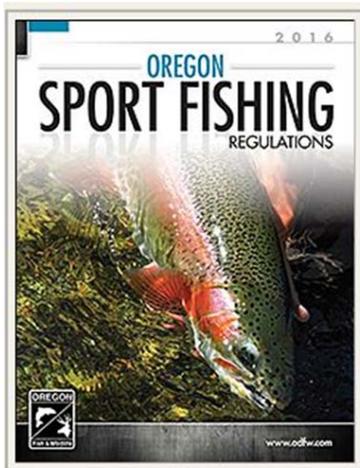
may be retained. Two 16 inch trout were revived and released back into the river.

Citations and Warnings Issued for Illegal Use of Bait

F&W Senior Troopers from The Dalles office checked several anglers along the Deschutes River that were unlawfully using bait. Three citations and multiple warnings were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method; Bait.**

River Patrols Result in Multiple Citations Issued for Angling License Violations

A F&W Senior Trooper from the La Grande office conducted an angling patrol on local lakes in the La Grande area. During the patrol he issued four citations for **No Angling License.**



Regulations Book. Photo credit: OSP File

While checking anglers at the local reservoirs and rivers a F&W Senior Trooper and a F&W Sergeant from Baker City issued several warnings and cited two anglers for **No Resident Angling License.**

A F&W Senior Trooper out of the Salem office conducted angling

checks on the North Santiam River, Detroit Dam and Breitenbush River, which resulted in approximately 35 anglers being checked. Several written warnings and citations were issued including: **Angling Closed Season, No Resident Angling License and Failure to Carry an Angling License.**

After a brief period of observation, a F&W Marine Fisheries Team Recruit from the Tillamook office contacted three anglers from Washington who were fishing the Wilson River. The father of two youths tried to deny that he was angling stating that it was only his two boys. The father admitted that he had no Oregon angling license at all. The trio also stated that they were primarily fishing for trout, which is not yet open in streams, but that they were also willing to take Steelhead and Salmon. The father was cited for **No Non-resident Angling License** and warned for **Angling Closed Season.**

A F&W Trooper from the Albany office patrolled Linn County area rivers and ponds and made multiple angling contacts; issuing two citations for **No Angling License**, three citations for **Angling Closed Stream**, and one citation for **Aid/Counsel in Angling Violation.** He also issued warnings for Angling Closed Stream, No Angling License, No Aquatic Invasive Species Permit, Fail to Register Boat, No Boater Education Card, and Insufficient PFDs.

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Pendleton office was checking anglers at McKay Reservoir and contacted an angler using two poles without the required two pole permit. The Senior Trooper issued a warning for No Two Pole Permit.



Two Rods. Photo credit: NWSportsmanMag

A F&W Sergeant from the Astoria office contacted two subjects angling for Spring Chinook off a private dock in the Columbia River despite the closure. Both subjects were from Washington and did not have a license or tag. Additionally, each was using two poles, barbed hooks, and one initially gave false information about his identity because he thought he had a warrant. Both subjects were cited for **No Non-Resident Angling License** and **Angling Closed Season.** Each was warned for Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks for Salmon/Steelhead and Angling with More than One Line/Rod. The subject who thought he had a warrant was warned for Giving False Information to a Police Officer.

Use of Barbed Hooks Earns Citations for Four

A F&W Marine Fisheries Team Trooper and a F&W Recruit from the Astoria office along with a Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Officer conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River in Columbia County. The troopers issued four citations for **Angling Prohibited Method – Barbed Hooks for Salmon.**



Barbed vs Barbless Hook. Photo Credit: driverlayer.com

Angling

Despite Vow to Avoid it, Repeat Offender Continues to Get Caught



No Fishing. Photo Credit: Victory Stock

Two F&W Troopers from St. Helens conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River on a day Salmon and Steelhead angling was closed. While patrolling, the Troopers observed a subject angling for Salmon. This subject has been cited numerous times over several years. Most recently he was cited and released by a F&W Sergeant in Astoria for multiple angling violations. At the conclusion of that contact

he told the Sergeant that he was going to continue to break the law, but he was going to do a better job of not getting caught. He repeated the assertion at the end of this contact. The subject was cited and released for **Angling Closed Season**.

Linn County Waterways Patrol Results in Multiple Citations and Warnings

A F&W Trooper from the Albany office worked Linn County waterways one weekend in April, contacting multiple anglers and issuing the following citations/warnings: **Angling Closed Season** – nine citations; **No Resident Angling License** – three citations; **No Columbia Basin Endorsement** – one citation; **Illegal Camping** – one citation; **ODFW Property Use Violation** – one citation; **Driving While Suspended-Violation** – three citations; **Aiding/Counseling in an Angling Violation** – two warnings; **Angling Closed Season** – seven warnings; **No Resident Angling License on Person** – three Warnings; **No Resident Angling License** – three warnings; **ODFW Day Use Restrictions** – two warnings.

Citations for Angling Closed Stream Issued Out of Florence

Over a two-day period, a F&W Trooper from the Florence office contacted five trout anglers along the Siuslaw River near Wildcat Creek. Two adults were issued citations for **Angling Closed Stream** and three juveniles were warned for Angling Closed Stream. Later in the week the Trooper contacted two trout anglers further upstream near Whittaker Creek. They were also

issued citations for **Angling Closed Stream**.

Reports of Unlawful Take Bull Trout Initiates Overnight Patrol

Due to numerous reports of prohibited method and unlawful take of Bull Trout in a hike-in only area on an Eastern Oregon river, F&W Senior Troopers from Prineville, Madras and Bend conducted an overnight angling patrol. The plan was to hike downriver and establish a base camp, then patrol up and down the river in plain clothes posing as fly anglers. During the patrol, a total of 33 pack-in anglers were observed and/or contacted. On the second day, troopers observed two anglers from the basecamp who were traveling down river on mountain bikes. Troopers followed the bike tracks of the two anglers until contact was made approximately two hours later and seven miles downriver. During the brief contact, one of the subjects admitted to using worms as bait and told plain clothed troopers, "don't tell anybody". The second angler was later identified through vehicle registration from his truck parked at the trailhead and had no 2016 angling license. Due to unique circumstances, the two subjects were not issued citations on site; however, follow up will be conducted and citations will be issued for **Angling Prohibited Method** and **No Angling License**.



Bull Trout Photo credit: Wikipedia

Illegal Sturgeon Take Near Gladstone

A F&W Sergeant from Portland responded to a report of two people in a boat on the Willamette River near Gladstone, Oregon who had caught and retrained two undersize Sturgeon. Sturgeon retention on the lower Willamette River is prohibited. The boat was located and eventually contacted after it motored to a nearby boat launch. The anglers were in possession of two Sturgeon (one undersize and one legal size had the season been open). The smaller Sturgeon was released into the Willamette River and the second Sturgeon was donated to charity. Both men were issued citations for **Take/Possession of Sturgeon**.

Commercial Fisheries

COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

187 Pounds of Undersized Crab Seized



Fish and Wildlife Officer Measuring Crab Photo credit: OSP File

A F&W Marine Fisheries Team Trooper and a F&W Recruit from the Astoria office contacted a commercial fishing vessel after it delivered 825 pounds of Dungeness crab. After noticing many short crab, the Troopers measured the entire delivery. The vessel had

delivered a total of 187 pounds of undersized crab, 22.6% of the landing. The undersized crab were seized and the captain was cited and released for **Unlawful Taking Undersized Commercial Dungeness Crab.**

13,200 Pounds of Pink Shrimp Seized

A F&W Marine Fisheries Team Senior Trooper in Astoria received a call from an Astoria wholesale fish dealer reporting a commercial fishing vessel had delivered a load of shrimp suspected of being undersized. Pink shrimp are legally undersized if sampling procedures show an excess of 160 shrimp per pound. ODFW had taken samples prior to the Senior Trooper's arrival which indicated a 213 count per pound. The Senior Trooper arrived and took 20 samples, which were then brought back to the office and counted. The average count per pound was 195.

The difference between the two samples was likely due to the fact the shrimp had been soaking in an ice water solution for some time before the Senior Trooper had taken samples.



Pink Shrimp. Photo credit: OSP File

As a result the shrimp had time to absorb water, which accounted for some of the weight during the sampling. The Senior Trooper contacted the vessel captain who stated he made four tows and didn't suspect anything was wrong until the last tow which was when he believed he got into the small shrimp. The captain was confronted with the

fact the sampling is done in a systematic manner that reflects the shrimp size over the entire load. The captain maintained that he didn't know there was a problem until the last tow. The captain admitted that his procedures for weighing the shrimp at sea were flawed. The captain was cited for **Exceeding Shrimp Count Per Pound.** The load of 13,200 lbs. of Pink Shrimp was seized.

Crewman Cited for Improper Measuring of Crab

A F&W Marine Fisheries Team Senior Trooper in Coos Bay checked five commercial crab offloads in Charleston. On one vessel, three undersize Dungeness crab were located. The crew and skipper were warned. On a second vessel, one undersize Dungeness crab was located and the crew



Measuring Crab. Photo credit: ODFW

and skipper were warned. On a third vessel, the skipper was not in possession of his logbook as required. He had all the information recorded and was warned for failing to maintain a logbook. No violations were noted on the fourth vessel. On the fifth vessel, 25 pounds of undersize Dungeness crab were located along with 119 pounds of legal sized Dungeness crab, which resulted in 21% undersized. The crew member responsible for measuring crab was cited for **Take/Possession of Commercial Undersized Dungeness Crab.** The skipper was warned for aiding in a commercial fish offense. The crab were released alive, back into Coos Bay.

Unlawful Possession of Commercially Caught Tuna at Port of Brookings

A F&W Marine Fisheries Team Senior Trooper inspected the Port of Brookings cold storage facility and found approximately 2,600 pounds of frozen whole tuna. The Senior Trooper determined from port records that 3,300 pounds of tuna had been put into the facility in October of 2013. Over the years, tuna had been removed and only the 2,600 pounds remained. The Senior Trooper contacted the owner of the tuna who told her he had gotten the tuna from an unknown commercial fisherman three years ago. He stated he ate some of the fish and used some of it as bait. He told the Trooper the tuna had come from an Alaska fisherman who was passing through and no one would buy the fish so it was left sitting on the docks in Brookings. He told the Trooper

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the tuna was just left sitting on the dock to rot and a friend had told the dock workers to save it for him. The man was unable to provide any person or boat names associated with the tuna. The Trooper



Brookings Oregon. Photo credit: Spokesman.com

was unable to determine through ODFW fish records where the tuna had come from. The man was contacted a second time about the tuna

and stated a now deceased commercial fisherman in Port Orford was the only one who could provide information on where the tuna had come from. All the man could say was that he agreed to take it and someone brought up the fish in a pickup truck and he unloaded it into the cold storage. The man was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Commercially Caught Tuna**. The 2,600 pounds of tuna was seized.

SHELLFISH

Numerous Clammers Struggle With Inability To Count – Cited and Warned for Exceeding Limits



Razor Clam Photo credit: OSP File

A F&W Marine Fisheries Team Trooper and a F&W Recruit from the Astoria office were conducting Razor Clam surveillance on Clatsop beach in an unmarked vehicle. The Troopers watched as a subject placed a bag full of Razor Clams into the passenger side of his vehicle. The subject then left his waders on and drove away down the beach. The Troopers took note of the vehicle and clothes the subject was wearing and continued to observe clam diggers throughout the morning. Over an hour later, the Troopers watched as the same vehicle drove past them, nearly eight miles south of the original location. The

Troopers watched as the vehicle stopped, the same subject got out with an empty clam bag and proceeded to dig another limit of clams. After contacting the subject, subsequent investigation revealed one garbage bag of Razor Clams behind his seat and a second bag of Razors Clams inside of his golf bag. A total of 61 Razor Clams were found. The subject was cited and released criminally for **Exceeding The Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams**. 46 Razor Clams were seized.

A F&W Marine Fisheries Team Trooper and a F&W Recruit from the Astoria office worked on Clatsop beach during a series of low tides and contacted numerous clam diggers. Multiple warnings were given and four citations were issued for **Exceeding The Daily Bag Limit of Razors Clams**.



Bay Clams. Photo credit: ODFW

A F&W Sergeant from Tillamook and a F&W Marine Fisheries Team Recruit also from Tillamook contacted approximately 34 clammers in Tillamook Bay. Two subjects were contacted at their vehicle and had 60 Bay Clams in their possession, exceeding their combined daily limit by 20 clams. Both subjects claimed this was their first time clamming, but license records displayed multiple years of purchased shellfish licenses. One subject was cited for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Clams**. During the patrol one additional warning was issued for **Fail to Use Own Container for Clams**.

A F&W Marine Fisheries Team Senior Trooper recognized two subjects digging clams on Coos Bay as commercial fishermen from Washington. Upon contact one subject did not possess a 2016 shellfish license. The subjects stated they were digging clams to use as commercial crab bait. The subjects were in possession of 47 Gaper Clams and 18 other assorted Bay Clams. This put them 23 Gaper Clams and two Bay Clams over the daily limit. 11 Gaper Clams and two Bay Clams were returned to the bay while 12 broken Gaper Clams were seized and put into evidence. One subject was cited for **Exceeding Limit of Gaper Clams** and warned for No 2016 Non-Resident Shellfish License. The other subject was warned for Exceeding Limit of Bay Clams.

A F&W Sergeant and two F&W Troopers, all from the Tillamook office, were working on Netarts Bay when one of the Troopers watched four subjects in the parking lot acting like they were waiting for someone. These four subjects did

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not appear like they were clamming or that they had been clamming. The Troopers then saw a subject walking back from the clamming area carrying two large bags full of clams. As the subject got close to the parking lot, the four subjects waiting there started walking towards the subject with the two bags. The Troopers contacted the subjects and investigation found that the subject with the bags had more than his daily limit and one of the subjects standing in the parking lot tried to claim the extra clams as theirs. The Troopers learned of another subject that had helped dig the extra clams and this subject was later contacted. At the end of the contact one subject was cited for **Exceeding Daily Limit Bay Clams** and one subject was cited for **Digging Another's Clams**.



Clam Seizure Photo credit: OSP File

A F&W Senior Trooper from Astoria issued six citations and several warnings while working recreational Razor Clam diggers near Seaside. He witnessed one subject stop to count his 15 clams. Afterward, the man (with eight extra clams) took a few steps toward the surf and tossed them up in the air and into the ocean. He claimed what he did under the circumstances." He was issued one citation for: **Exceeding the Daily**

Bag Limit of Razor Clams and warned for: Waste of Shellfish. Another male subject was also cited for: **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** after he counted 15 clams from his sack, and then placed four additional clams in his coat pocket before walking up the beach. Upon contact the man admitted to having only two extra. A subsequent search revealed the other two still in his pocket. Also, two female subjects were issued criminal citations for: **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** after both made multiple trips back to their vehicle with limits of clams. Upon contact, the two women acknowledged they had returned to their vehicle for "A food and water break" but denied there were any extra clams in the vehicle. A subsequent search revealed 42 extra Razor Clams the women had hidden under the spare tire compartment of their SUV. All seized clams were later donated to Loaves and Fishes in Astoria.



Clam Gun. Photo Credit:

A F&W Sergeant from Astoria contacted a clam digger with a clam gun, but no bag, returning to his vehicle. Upon contact, the subject said that he did not have a bag so he put his clams in his jacket pockets. The man counted the clams out of his pockets into a cooler and declared his pockets empty. A consent search turned up two more clams hidden in the pocket. The subject was cited for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams**.

A F&W Trooper and a F&W Recruit from the Tillamook office were checking clambers on Netarts Bay when they contacted five subjects clamming. Upon inspection, it was found that they were 34 clams over their daily bag limit combined. One subject took responsibility for the violation and was cited for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit Bay Clams**.

Red Rock Crab Returned to Bay

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Newport office responded to a crabbing complaint at South Beach. There he contacted five subjects who initially had slightly over their limit of Red Rock crab. Consent searches of the subjects vehicles lead to the discovery of several more buckets of crab; totaling 150 Red Rock crab over their daily limit. All of the subjects were subsequently cited for **Exceeding Daily Limit Red Rock Crab**, and the extra crab were returned to the bay.



Red Rock Crab. Photo credit: Wikipedia

WILDLIFE / HUNTING

Big Horn Sheep Poached Near Biggs Junction

In early April, OSP Troopers received a report of suspicious activity alongside the interstate east of Biggs Junction. The reporting party stated it appeared a subject was gutting a big game animal and was concerned it was a Bighorn Sheep. OSP



Poached Big Horn Sheep Photo Credit: OSP File

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Patrol Services Division Troopers from The Dalles and F&W Troopers from The Dalles and Pendleton offices, responded. The Troopers located a vehicle in the area occupied by a male subject. While troopers were speaking with the subject, passing motorists stopped and advised



Poached Big Horn Sheep Photo Credit: OSP File

there was a male hiding in the brush just west of their location. While Troopers were searching for the male, they discovered two severed Bighorn Sheep heads. Additional OSP troopers responded to assist with the search. The other male was found hiding along railroad tracks two miles to the east of the scene. An investigation revealed that the two subjects had worked together to shoot and remove the heads of the Bighorn Sheep. Both Bighorn Sheep were recovered but were not able to be salvaged. The first subject was arrested and lodged at Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facility in The Dalles for **Taking/Possession of Bighorn Sheep, Wasting of a Game Animal and Hunting on Another's Cultivated or Enclosed Land**. The second subject was arrested for **Aiding in A Game Violation** and lodged at Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facility in The Dalles.

Later in the month, two F&W Troopers out of The Dalles office responded to an area off of I-84 for a report of a dead Bighorn Sheep. Troopers located a young ram that appeared to have died within the prior day or two. The sheep was taken to the ODFW office in The Dalles, where a large caliber bullet was recovered from the neck. It is unknown if this incident is related to the killing of two Bighorn Sheep previously reported.

F&W Troopers Join Turkey Hunters Out in Force Across the State



ODFW Turkey Hunters Photo Credit: OSP File

A F&W Trooper from the John Day office was patrolling during the Youth Turkey Hunt weekend in Northside and had five contacts. One of those contacts occurred when The Trooper heard hunters calling to a tom

turkey. Over the course of the next twenty minutes the back and forth calling continued until it ended with a gunshot. The Trooper made contact with the hunters and found that it was an ODFW fish biologist with his daughter and another ODFW employee with his family. The biologist's daughter successfully bagged a mature tom turkey with a single shot.

On opening day of turkey season in Benton County, a F&W Trooper from Albany responded to a complaint of two subjects involved in the unlawful take of a tom turkey. The Trooper responded to the location and with the assistance of Benton County Sheriff's deputies the vehicle was located. Through the course of the investigation, many inconsistencies were noted in the story provided by the two subjects. Subsequent to the investigation, it was determined that, after trespassing on private property, one of the subjects killed a turkey that was flying over a public roadway. The subject was aided by the second subject in the retrieval of the turkey and then the two continued hunting without validating the tag. The Trooper seized the turkey, the 2016 Turkey Tag, and the primary subject's shotgun. One subject was cited in lieu of custody for **Unlawful Take Turkey to Wit - Hunting Prohibited Area: Public Roadway and Fail to Immediately Validate Turkey Tag**. The second subject was cited in lieu of custody for **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Violation**.



Wild Turkey. Photo Credit: ODFW

A F&W Senior Trooper from Prineville did a weekend patrol that included the Ochoco Unit during the Youth Turkey Hunt. The weekend activities included Five hunter checks, Three angler checks, Five ATV checks, Three camps checked, One vehicle contacted and warning issued for equipment violation, Four ATV warnings issued, Two warnings for Offensive Littering, One warning for Unattended Fire, and One Warning for No Hunting License.

Wildlife / Hunting

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Pendleton office set up early Saturday morning on a possible turkey bait site in the Milton-Freewater area. No hunters or violations were observed in the area that morning. He did contact the father of one youth hunter on Upper Dry Creek, whom he watched for a long time before making contact. The youth hunter was unsuccessful. While in the same area, The Senior Trooper was contacted by a landowner, who had information about potential future reoccurring trespass issues.

A F&W Senior Trooper from Baker City patrolled for turkey hunters near Ebell Creek, within the Sumpter Wildlife Management Unit. The Senior Trooper contacted an individual who had been turkey hunting and harvested a turkey. The hunter had an outstanding cite and release warrant for a probation violation out of Baker County. The hunter was cited and released.



Wild Turkey. Photo credit: PGC—Hal Korber

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Prineville office received information from a Wheeler County Deputy of a traffic stop made during the Youth Turkey Hunt. The deputy called to report an individual returning from Grant County who was contacted in Wheeler County for a speed violation. The deputy observed the camouflage clothing the driver and youth (daughter) were wearing and asked if they had been hunting. The driver said they had been youth hunting turkey on private property, and his daughter had shot one. The deputy asked to see it and noted the turkey was in a bag in the backseat; the turkey tag was tossed in the bag - not affixed and not validated. The deputy took photos of the tag and turkey and called the Senior Trooper at his house. The photo taken showed the tag not validated was the father's upcoming general season turkey tag. The Senior Trooper made a follow-up phone contact with the subject, who resides in Redmond, regarding the hunt. The subject explained his daughter was on a mentor youth hunt with him, and he must have

forgotten to validate the tag. A meeting at the residence, while the daughter was away at school, was agreed on for the following day. The Senior Trooper, with the assistance of a F&W Senior Trooper from the Bend office, met the subject and explained the tag violations; using his tag during Youth Turkey Hunt, Failure to Attach Tag and Failure to Validate Tag. A Facebook search revealed the father, who is a prolific turkey hunter based on his photos. also works for an outfitter as a hunting guide for a large ranch in Grant County. The subject was charged with **Criminal Aiding-Counseling in a Wildlife Violation** and warned for hunting without a valid tag. The turkey was seized. The subject was advised he could easily purchase another tag and take his daughter out again, and legally take a turkey, to include validating the tag properly. During the contact the subject admitted, as a guide, he should have known better.

A F&W Trooper from the John Day office patrolled the Flat Creek area on the opening day in the Phillip Schneider Wildlife Refuge. The Trooper contacted six turkey hunters and two horn hunters and observed many additional vehicles in the area. He also patrolled the Northside Unit for turkey hunters and made 14 contacts. A few days later the Trooper patrolled the Murderers Creek Unit for turkey hunters. The Trooper contacted one non-hunter inside the fire closure and advised the subject of the closure status. The Trooper also patrolled the Northside Unit for bear hunters and made eight contacts.



Murderers Creek Hunt Unit. Photo credit: OSP File

A F&W Trooper from the John Day office patrolled the Murderers Creek Unit for the turkey opener. He made ten contacts with no violations observed. He noted most hunters complained of not being able to find any turkeys and more hunters than normal. One hunter said there had been an article in a hunting magazine about turkey hunting the Murderers Creek area. He attributed that to the increase in hunters.

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Prineville office handled a self-reported complaint regarding a juvenile subject who had inadvertently taken a hen turkey rather than a tom. The father, who had accompanied the juvenile on the hunting trip, was warned for Aiding in a Game Violation.

Wildlife / Hunting

A F&W Senior Trooper from The Dalles received a call from a local hunter who wanted to report that he had taken his son hunting that morning, after the weekend of Youth Turkey Hunt and harvested a second turkey. The dad stated he did not read the regulations until after the turkey was killed. He stated he did not know that it was a one bird bag limit and that the season was only two days. The bird was seized and the son received a warning for taking turkey closed season. Dad was issued a citation for **Aiding in a Game Violation**.

Beaver Road Kill Investigation Leads to Felony Warrant Arrest



Beaver. Photo Cred: Wikipedia

A F&W Trooper from Springfield received an anonymous tip about a subject showing off a beaver that had recently been killed. The subject was contacted and admitted to skinning the

beaver. He advised that his friend had found the beaver dead in the roadway. The friend was contacted and confirmed that he had picked up the road kill. Both subjects stated that they didn't want the beaver to go to waste and didn't know they were not allowed to possess it. The beaver pelt was seized and the subjects were warned for the unlawful possession of furbearer (beaver.) Shortly after leaving the location the Trooper discovered the second subject had given a false name. After a little research the subject was identified and found to have a felony warrant out of Jackson County on a weapons offense. The subject was observed walking along Hwy 99 and was taken into custody without incident. He was lodged at the Lane County Jail.

Possible Elk Herding Activity in Wildlife Area

While collecting information on the vehicles that entered a wildlife area, a F&W Senior Trooper from the Pendleton office and an ODFW employee noticed the elk were running from the west toward the east. They observed several individuals on horseback following the Elk. It appeared they were herding the animals. Several bulls were seen, still with attached antlers. Another F&W Senior Trooper from the Hermiston office was able to

contact the individuals back at their vehicle. The Pendleton Senior Trooper will be following up on the case.

Juvenile Shed Hunters Receive Warning



Antler Shed. Photo Credit: outdoorhub.com

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Oakridge office was patrolling near the Packard Creek drainage south of Oakridge when he came upon two juveniles who were out shed antler hunting and had become separated from the rest of their group. The Senior Trooper assisted them in finding the other half of their party, further up the drainage. During the contact the Senior Trooper discovered that one of the individuals in the group had collected a deer skull with spike antlers. The Senior Trooper seized the skull with attached antlers and warned the subject for Unlawful Possession of Deer Parts. The group was educated on the rules and was advised it is lawful to collect naturally shed antlers only.

Investigation Leads to Multiple Charges



F&W Troopers from the Mid-Valley Team investigated several individuals regarding multiple incidents of poaching. Two Troopers interviewed a Toledo man, while two Troopers stayed in the valley and interviewed two Albany area males. Through the course of the investigation it was

determined multiple turkeys were killed unlawfully, one large 4x4 Blacktail was unlawfully killed in 2015, and another large buck did not have the proper tag associated with it. One shotgun, two bows, a cell phone, a harvest tag, multiple turkeys, and two shoulder mounts were seized. Additional investigation is pending; however, one male was charged with **Take Buck Deer, Exceeding Big Game, Take Turkey (x2), and Fail to Immediately Validate**. One male was charged with **Take Turkey and Fail to Immediately Validate and Aiding/Counseling in Wildlife Offense**.

Environment / ATV

ENVIRONMENT

Two Offensive Littering Cases Out of Central Point Office - One With Repeat Offenders

A F&W Recruit from the Central Point office located a large, illegally used, littered campsite on ODFW property, east of Gold Hill. It was found to be well within 100 yards of the Rogue River. Spilled oil, electronics, clothing, food, and large amounts of personal items were found. Also recovered were multiple pieces of mail identifying two suspects. This mail was sent from the Jackson County District Attorney's office referencing a current case against both individuals for **Offensive Littering**. The previous case was worked by an A&H F&W Senior Trooper back in October. Both suspects had misdemeanor warrants for Failure To Appear on the Offensive Littering charges. Evidence was collected and further charges under ORS 164.775-**Deposit Trash Within 100 yards of Waters** will be filed with the county attorney.



Offensive Littering. Photo Credit: OSP File

A F&W Lieutenant and an A&H F&W Senior Trooper located a trash dump on BLM property in a remote location. Several items were located with the address for a business in Medford. The owner was contacted and denied any involvement, claiming that mail gets stolen out of the business' mail box all of the time. The owner's son was also at the business and denied dumping the trash, but he was familiar with the map he was shown of the location. A citation for **Offensive Littering** was issued to the business owner with the understanding that it wouldn't be filed if the site was cleaned up. A check a few days later showed that the site was cleaned up properly.

ATV

ATV Focused Patrol

F&W Senior Troopers from Pendleton and Hermiston worked a joint patrol between the Hoppner and Fossil Units for the turkey opener, checking Bull Prairie Reservoir, and Willow Creek Reservoir focusing on ATV's, anglers and turkey hunters. No violators were found.



ATV Patrol. Photo credit: OSP File

- 14-Turkey hunters checked
- 2-ATV's checked
- 3-Anglers checked
- 5-Citizen contacts
- 1-Unfounded Game Complaint

Turkey Hunter on ATV Receives Violation for Unplugged Shotgun

A F&W Sergeant from the Central Point office was working opening weekend of turkey season behind Lost Creek Lake and observed a yellow ATV drive past him. The ATV had a shotgun in a back seat mount. The Sergeant followed the ATV and when the operator pulled over, the Sergeant stopped to talk with the hunter. When the hunter was asked if his firearm was loaded he said it was not. The Sergeant inspected the weapon and found that not only did the shotgun have one in the chamber but it also had four shells total. The operator also did not have his ATV operator's card. The hunter was cited for the **Unplugged Shotgun** and warned for the other two violations.

ATV Operator Cited and Warned for Multiple Violations



ATV Sticker. Photo Credit: atvcourse.com

A F&W Trooper from Lakeview observed a four wheeler with a minor passenger not wearing a helmet. The operator did not have a decal or operator safety card and was cited for **No Operating Permit** and **No ATV Safety Education Card** and warned for the passenger violation.

General Law

GENERAL LAW

Snapping Turtle Found Near Eagle Creek



Snapping Turtle. Photo credit: OSP File

A F&W Sergeant from the Portland office responded to a citizen report of a snapping turtle that was found along Highway 224 near Eagle Creek, Oregon. The reporting party collected the approximately 20 pound turtle and notified authorities. The Sergeant picked up the turtle

and it was later turned over to ODFW.

Trespasser Charged

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Astoria office filed charges with the Clatsop County D.A.'s Office on a Clatsop County resident for: **Trespass 2nd Degree** and **Criminal Mischief**. The case involved a subject (with several previous wildlife convictions) who was witnessed driving his pickup in the Saddle Mountain Unit, behind closed and locked gates. He was on Lewis & Clark Timberland Company forest lands, during deer season, in October and early November of 2015. Evidence in the case suggests that, on multiple occasions, the suspect used his own key to unlock the company's gate to gain entry. At other times he allegedly affixed his own lock while driving in the forest to hunt deer. The area is part of a Travel Management Agreement and was closed to all public motorized access at the time. Evidence of night time hunting, illegal kills, waste and vandalism to nearby locks and gates; all occurred during the same three week time frame in which the suspect was witnessed to be behind the gate. Upon interviewing the suspect; he admitted to being behind the gate "Only a few times when the gate was half-way closed."

Disorderly Camper With Rifle Subdued and Arrested

A F&W Sergeant out of Bend and F&W Senior Troopers from Bend and Prineville assisted a USFS LEO in the arrest of a disorderly camper at a campground on the Metolius River. Upon approach, the officers observed the passed out subject lying on the ground next to the picnic table. It was also observed, from a distance, that the male subject was cradling a scoped rifle. Officers were able to sneak up behind the subject and subdue him while he was still lying on the ground. After disarming and

detaining the subject, it was determined that the rifle was a .17 caliber scoped pellet rifle with a fluted barrel, making it look like a high caliber hunting rifle. The male subject was subsequently arrested and transported to the Jefferson County Jail for the crimes of **Disorderly Conduct** and **Menacing**.

Juniper Thief Receives Citation

As a F&W Senior Trooper from Madras and BLM Law Enforcement personnel were arriving at a local wood products business as part of an investigation into recent thefts of Juniper from BLM land in the Redmond area, a subject drove up to the wood products business with a freshly cut pickup truck load of Ornamental Juniper. The subject initially denied unlawfully cutting the wood on BLM land, but when pressed on the issue admitted he had cut the Juniper on BLM without a permit. The Ornamental Juniper was seized and the subject was cited for **Unlawful Cutting/Transport of Special Forest Products**. The subject was also cited for **DWS Violation and Driving Uninsured**. The seized wood was delivered to the BLM Prineville District Office and will be saved for evidence in the case. Records obtained from the wood products business indicated the same subject had been paid \$1,600 since February for prior deliveries of Ornamental Juniper. Investigators were later able to locate and photograph the location where the Juniper had been cut from live trees on BLM land. A copy of the report will be forwarded to the subject's

probation officer in addition to the District Attorney's Office.



Juniper Thief. Photo Credit: OSP File

F&W Troopers Assist With Attempted Murder Case

Two F&W Troopers from the John Day office, assisted the Criminal Investigation Division with a shooting/attempted murder case in John Day. The Troopers assisted with neighborhood canvas interviews, scene security, and attempt to locate weapon.

Interagency Cooperation / Public Relations

INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

Piranhas Seized From Salem Home



Red Belly Piranha. Photo Credit: Wikipedia

A F&W Trooper from the Salem office responded to assist a local police department with the seizure of prohibited species discovered during a search warrant service. The Trooper seized three Red Bellied

Piranhas and one Red Eared Slider Turtle. The Trooper turned the prohibited species over to an ODFW biologist in Salem. The occupants of the house were in custody for unrelated charges, and were subsequently warned for **Unlawful Possession of Prohibited Species**.

Attempted Murder Suspect Arrested

A F&W Trooper from the McMinnville office, along with Patrol Services Division Troopers from McMinnville and North Plains, assisted the Yamhill County Sheriffs' Office with their response to a call regarding a subject who strangled his girlfriend; then ran into his home when Deputies arrived. The Troopers assisted Yamhill SO in clearing the house and the subject was found hiding in a downstairs bedroom crawl space. The subject was taken into custody for several charges to include **Attempted Murder**. Another subject was located in the house and was taken into custody for an outstanding warrant.

F&W Trooper Assists with Statewide K-9 Training

A F&W Trooper from the Roseburg office assisted with statewide K-9 Training in Canyonville. The Trooper assisted by running K-9s and their handlers one mile up the South Umpqua River in a boat. At that point the K-9s were deployed into the water and to a subject on the bank. This was the first time most of the K-9s had been on, and deployed from, a boat. City and county K-9s from all over the state were present and the Trooper made about 40 trips up the river.

East Region Troopers and Idaho Fish & Game Conduct Joint Boat Patrol on the Snake

A F&W East Region Lieutenant, a F&W Sergeant from Pendleton and a F&W Senior Trooper from the Enterprise office worked with Idaho Fish & Game officers conducting a three day boat patrol on the Snake River. Activities included:

- 38-Angler checks
- 6-Bear hunter checks
- 6-Turkey hunter checks
- 3-Guide/Outfitter check/contacts
- 1-Boat assist/dead battery
- 3-Citations for **No Angling licenses**.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Subject Rescued from Wilson River



Wilson River. Photo Credit: Wikipedia

A F&W Trooper from Tillamook was working on the Wilson River when he saw a subject struggling in the water. An investigation revealed that three subjects were on the bank when they saw a dog floating down the river. All three subjects jumped in the cold water and the male subject was

swept down the river, unable to get out. The Trooper was able to grab his throw bag from his patrol truck and threw it to the subject, eventually getting him to the bank safely and uninjured. One other subject was rescued by another citizen and was treated for hypothermia.

Turkey Clinic Well Attended in The Dalles

A F&W Senior Trooper and a F&W Trooper, both from The Dalles, spent a day working and instructing youth and their parents at the Youth Turkey Clinic put on by ODFW at the White River Wildlife area. The turkey clinic was very well attended with approximately 100 kids and 100 parents or adult guardians were in attendance.



Students. Photo Credit: OSP File

Public Relations / Warrants / Dispositions

Enthusiastic Attendees for Hunter Ed Classes in The Dalles and Central Point

A F&W Sergeant from the Central Point office gave a presentation to a group of about 24 young, enthusiastic, future hunters at one of the local Hunter Ed classes.



Young Hunters.. Photo Credit: OSP File

A F&W Senior Trooper from The Dalles office spoke at a hunters' education class and assisted with the skills and range instruction.

Multiple Agencies Attend Meeting on Mining Issues

The entire F&W Central Point / Grants Pass team attended a meeting held at ODFW to discuss local mining issues and the current moratorium. Numerous other agencies also attended including; Josephine County Sheriffs' Office, Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife, Department of Geology & Mining Industries, Department of State Lands & the Department of Environmental Quality.

OHA Holds Monthly Meeting in Central Point and Bend

A F&W Senior Trooper from the Central Point office attended the monthly OHA meeting in Central Point and discussed some of the latest activities that the Central Point team had been doing. A F&W Senior Trooper from the Bend office attended the Bend OHA chapter monthly meeting with approximately 50 attendees. The Senior Trooper gave a monthly update on activities and answered questions.



Troopers From Around the State Participate in Bend ATV Workshop

Several members of the Bend F&W Team and four F&W Troopers from other regions around the state, attended a Law Enforcement ATV workshop in Bend. The LE presentation was followed by a fish and wildlife scenario designed to encourage non OSP members who come across a game violation, to recognize the violation and notify OSP as soon as possible. The scenario was well received and got great reviews. The workshop was attended by over 70 BLM officers and USFS officers.

WARRANTS

Female Arrested For Walla Walla Warrant

Three F&W Senior Troopers from Pendleton and Hermiston assisted the Patrol Services Division (PSD) with a suspicious vehicle west of Pendleton. A male and female were seen attempting to hide their vehicle under tumbleweeds and brush next to the freeway. Upon the arrival of the PSD Troopers, the two subjects walked out into the middle of a field and hid. After approximately one hour, the two were spotted again and they walked out on their own. The female was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Walla Walla WA.

Transient Camp Check Results in PO Warrant Arrest

A F&W Trooper from Roseburg, a BLM Agent, and a Douglas County Sheriffs' Office Deputy investigated a transient camp along the main Umpqua River near Umpqua. During the investigation, an adult male and female were contacted and advised their camp location was unlawful. The male was found to be an out of compliance sex offender and he was cited and released. The female was found to be wanted by her PO, she was taken into custody and lodged at the Douglas County Jail.

DISPOSITIONS

Trespassing Case Decided

A F&W Senior Trooper from La Grande received disposition on a trespassing case he worked during the

Dispositions / Spotlight

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2014 archery season. A F&W Sergeant out of La Grande received a trespassing complaint from a farmer in Baker County and dispatched the Senior Trooper. The trespassers had harvested a large 4-point mule deer buck in a crop field without permission from the landowner. The subjects then fled the area. The Senior Trooper found the suspect vehicle was registered to an address in Springfield. A F&W Senior Trooper in Springfield contacted the residence and learned the subjects were heading back from their hunting trip; traveling on I-84. A F&W Senior Trooper in The Dalles was contacted and was requested to attempt to locate the vehicle. The vehicle was located east of The Dalles. Two F&W Senior Troopers from The Dalles office conducted a traffic stop, seized the buck and issued citations to a father and son for **Hunting on the Cultivated Lands of Another**. Both subjects pled guilty to the misdemeanor charge and were sentenced to:

- \$7,500 restitution of ODFW
- Three year hunting license suspensions
- Forfeiture of their archery equipment.

Waste of Elk

The Mid Coast Fish and Wildlife Team conducted an investigation into a subject who, before the 2015 First Coast Bull Elk season began, shot and killed a branch bull and left the animal to waste. The subject pled guilty in the Tillamook County Circuit Court and were sentenced to:

- 10 days in jail
- \$1,700 dollar fine
- 36 months' probation
- 36 month hunting license suspension

Exceeding Limit of Clams

In February of 2016, A F&W Sergeant from Astoria and a F&W Trooper from St. Helens checked a group of razor clam diggers after a commercial digger reported that they were acting suspicious. Upon contact each man was found to have a bag of clams in the bed of the pickup. The owner of the pickup denied there were more clams and denied consent to search the vehicle. He eventually said that there were ten more clams in the cab that his four year old son had dug, and retrieved them from underneath the back seat. When confronted with the fact that they were hidden, he admitted there were more and retrieved five more clams. He then consented to a search and a large number of clams were found hidden under the rear seat. The owner of the pickup admitted to digging all of the extra clams and was found

to be 51 clams over the limit of 15. He was cited criminally for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** and 51 clams were seized and donated to the Scappoose Senior Center. The subject pled guilty and was sentenced to:

- 36 month shellfish license suspension
- \$2,550.00 restitution to ODFW

SPOTLIGHT APRIL 2016



Three Fish and Wildlife Recruits successfully graduated from the DPSST Academy in April. They will continue their training towards becoming full fledged Troopers at three different offices on the coast; Coos Bay, Astoria and Tillamook.

The Tillamook Recruit had the distinction of winning the Marksmanship Award in his class, shooting 99.5%.

Congratulations to these fine young men. We are proud to have you on the Fish and Wildlife Division Team.

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