

# The Field Review

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## *Unlawful Hunting near Silver Lake*

Sr. Tpr. Bean (La Pine) was patrolling the Winter Range near Silver Lake when he heard a distant single high powered gun shot. Sr. Tpr. Bean investigated and located a subject parked on a small road. The subject told Sr. Tpr. Bean that he had just stopped to take a bathroom break and he was alone. Sr. Tpr. Bean noticed something suspicious and after a short conversation, the subject admitted to poaching a large 5X4 buck the previous



Sr. Tpr. Bean with three Buck Deer

day. Sr. Tpr. Bean located evidence that indicated that the subject was not alone. Later, Sr. Tpr. Bean was able to convince two nearby subjects (a grandfather and his 15 year old grandson) to come out of the woods. The subjects admitted to shooting at a large 4X5 buck but stated that they had missed it. A follow up investigation later that evening in Bonanza with the assistance of Tpr. Michaels, (Klamath Falls) revealed that two large bucks had been killed two days prior to the incident. One buck had been killed near Silver Lake and the other one had been killed near Willow Valley Reservoir near the California Border. The next day a large 4X5 buck deer, coolers, and deer meat were located near where the original contact was made. The meat, rifle, and 3 trophy deer heads were seized as evidence. One suspect was cited for two counts of **Taking Buck Deer Closed Season**, 1 Count of **Aiding in a Game Violation-Deer Closed Season**. Second suspect was cited for 1 count of **Taking Buck Deer Closed Season**, two counts of **Aiding in a Game Violation-Deer Closed Season**. The report will be sent to Lake and Klamath County District Attorneys Offices.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## WILDLIFE / HUNTING

### Unlawful Hunting of Tundra Swans

Sr. Tpr. Bean (La Pine) received a complaint from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife staff at Summer Lake Wildlife Area regarding two Tundra Swans that had been shot and killed. The group of waterfowl hunters was contacted at their camp at the wildlife area. The subjects stated that they thought the swans were geese when they shot them. The swans were seized and three subjects were cited for **Hunting Closed Season-Tundra Swans**.



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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 / Angling

### *Unlawful Hunting of Bull Elk*

Tpr. Brandon (John Day) responded to a report of a hunter who self-reported he had killed a 5 point bull elk by mistake while shooting at a cow elk in the Desolation Unit. Based on statements made by the hunter and other hunters in the area, the subject was issued a violation citation for the offense. The bull elk was recovered and salvaged.

### *Unlawful Trapping of Bobcats*

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) contacted a trapper as he was setting a leghold trap for bobcat. Sr. Tpr. Caldwell had observed him checking traps set for bobcat for several miles. The trapper was not using traps with a brand displayed on them, none of the traps he had in the pickup were branded. The trapper had a landowner furtaker license, which is only valid on land you own and reside upon. The traps were on United States Forest Service property and private range land belonging to other people. The trapper was cited for **Trapping Prohibited Method-Unbranded Traps** and warned for no valid fur taker license. All of his traps that had been set were removed.



*Photo by National Geographic*

### **SPORT ANGLING**

#### ***Suspect Waded into Hood River***

On Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> while off duty, Tpr. Frazier (The Dalles) recognized a man angling in the Hood River he knew to have a suspended angling license. Tpr. Frazier kept the man under surveillance until Sr. Tpr. Routson (The Dalles) arrived. When Sr. Tpr. Routson tried to obtain identification for a citation, the subject refused. He was told he was under arrest and after a brief conversation about his options; he waded into the river and fled. With the assistance of the suspect's father, the suspect turned himself in to Sr. Tpr. Routson on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. He was arrested and lodged in jail. He was charged with **Angling While Suspended** and **Escape**.

#### ***Guide Cited on Columbia River***

On Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Sr. Tpr. Gunderson and Tpr. Frazier conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River. They contacted 8 boats and checked 16 anglers. A guide who was guiding kayak anglers was cited for **Aiding in a Game Violation – Barbed Hooks**. two of his clients were angling for salmon with barbed hooks. The clients were warned.

### **COMMERCIAL**

#### ***Unlawful Take of Undersized Crabs***

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) contacted a fishing vessel delivering crab to a Warrenton fish dealer. Upon measuring the crab, about 90 pounds of the total 4,000 pounds were undersized. The undersized crab were seized and the Captain was issued a citation for **Take/Possession of Undersized Commercial Crab**.

# Environment / ATV/ General Law

## ENVIRONMENT

### Small Trees Cut On State Property

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted two late season archery hunters on the Northrup Creek Main Line near Jewell who had a freshly cut 7 foot fir tree in the back of the pick-up bed. The driver thought he could cut small trees down on state property, but could not recall who provided him that information. The driver was cited for **Unlawful Cut and Transport of Minor Forest Products**.



Photo by Trent Mueller's Photography

## ATV

### Unlawful Drivers Were Warned

On Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Sr. Tpr. Gunderson and Sr. Tpr. Routson (The Dalles) were patrolling in the White River unit. They contacted 1 adult and 3 juveniles riding ATV's. Only one of the ATVs had a permit and only one rider had his ATV operator's permit. Several warnings were issued and the adult was cited for **Operating in Violation of Posted Restrictions**.



## GENERAL LAW

### 49 Turtles Have Been Confiscated

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (McMinnville) followed up on a report of invasive species being sold via online sales sites. Sr. Tpr. Niehus contacted the person selling invasive turtles that were under 4 inches; a violation of State and Federal laws. The seller was cited and released for **Possession /Sale of Invasive Species**. With the assistance of Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) Invasive Coordinator Rick Boatner, 49 turtles have been recovered with many showing signs of sickness. Further investigation will be conducted into the shipper, who has been warned in the past by ODFW to stop shipping invasive species into Oregon, for possible State or Federal charges.

**Oregon Non-Native Turtles**

Snapping	Red-eared slider
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Native to eastern U.S.</li><li>• Can grow to 20 in. length</li><li>• Eats a variety of native fish and wildlife</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Native to eastern U.S.</li><li>• Competes with native turtles for food, basking and nest sites</li></ul>

It is illegal in Oregon to buy, sell, possess or release these invasive, non-native species.

Please report turtle sightings: [www.oregonturtles.com](http://www.oregonturtles.com)

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife,  
Oregon Zoo, Native Turtles of Oregon

Turn In Poachers  
1-800-452-7888  
TIP@state.or.us

## General Law / Disposition / Public Relations

### *Trespassing on a Private Property*

Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) investigated a report that elk hunters trespassed on private property in the Goose Creek area. While trespassing the hunters tore up one of the roads on the private property due to the wet conditions. Sgt. Cyr contacted one of the hunters in the party and he confirmed they had trespassed on the private lands. A civil compromise between the property owner and the offender was agreed upon, the property owner elected not to pursue criminal trespass charges.



### **DISPOSITIONS**

### *Subjects Found Guilty in Sherman County*

On Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Sgt. Katzenstein and Tpr. Jubitz (The Dalles) testified in Sherman County Circuit Court on a case involving subjects unlawfully Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another. The subjects were found guilty and they were ordered to pay \$1000.00 each in restitution to the landowner and the deer were forfeited.

### *Corporation Pleaded Guilty*

In August of this year Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) investigated a case where 10 deer had been shot and left to waste in a local orchard. After investigation the corporation that owned the orchard was charged for **Waste of the animals**. In a plea agreement the corporation pled guilty to one count of waste and agreed to pay restitution to ODFW in the amount of \$8,000.00.

### **INTERAGENCY COOPERATION**

### *Patrol and Fish & Wildlife Troopers Working Together*

During the last four weeks the Pendleton area has had several severe storms that completely wiped out the Patrol Division's ability to respond to crashes. It was noted by Lt. Turner (Pendleton Area Command) that the Pendleton and Hermiston Fish and Wildlife Team stepped up on all occasions and took care of business.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

### *Tis the Season for Caring and Sharing*

Sr. Tpr. Ring (Bend) assisted several dozen officers from all local agencies in the annual Shop with a Cop. The annual event was enjoyed by all and Sr. Tpr. Ring and numerous other officers received many thank yous and support from the community and public shoppers for taking part in the event.

### **TIP Reward Used**

On Dec. 6th Sr. Tpr. Gunderson gave a witness a \$500.00 TIP reward for information that led to the successful apprehension of a unlawfully killed elk out of season, criminal mischief, and a road closure violation.



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