

# The Field Review

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## *Archaeological Artifacts Seized in Klamath County*

On February 19, 2015, the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division in Klamath Falls, concluded a seven month long investigation into the unlawful take, possession, and sale of archaeological artifacts. The suspect was served with a search warrant on his residence in Klamath Falls. The warrant was resulted in the recovery of numerous archaeological objects including funerary items and items of cultural patrimony.



Tprs. also located methamphetamine, scales, pack aging materials, and other drug paraphernalia items. According to Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) an extended drought in the region has exposed many archaeological areas normally concealed by water. Oregon Law says a person may not remove any archaeological object located on public or private lands unless that activity is authorized by permit. This case is being forwarded to the Klamath County District Attorney's Office for prosecution. The Oregon State Police was assisted by the Klamath Tribe, the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Oregon State Police and its partners are committed to working together to protect the natural resources of our state. To report archaeological crimes call 1-800-452-7888. Sgt. Hand can be contacted at (541) 851-4911.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## WILDLIFE / HUNTING

### Deer Antlers Locked Together

Sr. Tpr. Ring, Tpr. Sogge (Bend) and Tpr. Vaughn (Prineville) along with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Biologist from Prineville responded to a residential area on the east side of Bend on a report of two large buck deer with their antlers locked together. Upon arrival Tprs. found the deer with their antlers locked together, tangled in a volleyball net. ODFW Biologist successfully darted both bucks and the netting was cut free. Both bucks were ear tagged and after the sedation wore off, both deer walked away.



Photo Credit: www.fws.gov taken by Robert M. Griffith

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		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
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		DSL	Department of State Lands	PFD	Personal Flotation Device	UTL	Unable to Locate
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		FTA/FTP	Failure to Appear/Pay	Sgt.	Sergeant	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy
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## Wildlife / Hunting

### *Unlawful Take of the Antlers*

Sr. Tpr. Jewett (Hermiston) received information of a Heppner resident that had took the antlers off of a dead mule deer buck that he'd found dead on his parents property. It's believed that the cause of death was most likely from being hit by a vehicle. Sr. Tpr. Jewett seized the antlers from the subject and warned him for Unlawful Possession.

### *Multiple Agencies Performed a Night Flight*

Central Oregon Fish and Wildlife Troopers along with United State Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Law Enforcement conducted a night flight operation in the Prineville area utilizing Oregon State Police Airplane. A large group was contacted Northeast of Prineville at a bonfire by Sr. Tpr. Ring (Bend) and USFS. USFS and Sr. Tpr. Ring contacted a subject operating a vehicle and the driver was found in possession of prescription pills and marijuana. A report will be forwarded to the District Attorneys Office for consideration of charges.



OSP Airplane Fish & Wildlife Division

### *Unlawful Hunting of Canada Goose*

Tpr. Michaels (Klamath Falls) received a complaint that two men were shooting at Canada Geese near the town of Bonanza. Upon contact the two subjects admitted to hunting during the late season for snows and white-fronted geese. The son presented his 2015 hunting license but the father admitted he had not purchased his 2015 hunting license. Tpr. Michaels spoke with the father and he admitted that he had killed a single Canadian Goose. Canada Goose are not in season at this time and the subject was cited for **Take of a Game Bird - Closed Season**. The subject was also warned for several other minor offenses.



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### *Cougar Carcass Mistaken as Wolf*

Tpr. Tague (Lakeview) responded to a report of a wolf being found shot and skinned out. Upon arrival, Tpr. Tague determined the "wolf" to actually be a cougar. The cougar was taken to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) where its identity was confirmed. Further investigation revealed the animal had been legally harvested and tagged.

## Angling / Shellfish

### ANGLING

#### *Zodiac Used to Patrol Columbia River*

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) and Tpr. Petersen (St. Helens) used the department's 24 foot Zodiac for a boat patrol on the Columbia River from Westport to Rainier to patrol a seven hour commercial smelt season. Three vessels were observed participating; all of which had smelt on board. Two warnings were issued for No Personal Commercial Fishing License in Possession. One boat with two recreational steelhead anglers was checked. Both anglers were using barbed hooks, and one citation and one warning were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method Barbed Hooks**.



Fish & Wildlife Division Zodiac Boat

#### *Golfer Mark O'Meara Visits Oregon*

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson and Tpr. Jubitz (The Dalles) were checking anglers on the North Fork of the John Day River near Monument. One of the anglers they checked was all-pro PGA golfer Mark O'Meara. O'Meara and his friend, a Park City, Utah Police Officer were in Oregon fishing several of the State's Rivers.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson & Tpr. Jubith with  
Pro-Golfer Mike O'meara



### SHELLFISH

#### *Unlawful Clam Digging on Clatsop Beach*

Sgt. Warwick and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) contacted a clam digger returning to his vehicle on Clatsop Beach. The man had gotten his limit of 15 clams and presented the Tprs. with a handwritten shellfish license. An Outdoor Central records check indicated that the suspect's shellfish license was suspended from a prior ticket which he had not paid. The subject was cited for **Digging Clams While Suspended** and 15 clams were seized and donated to the local food bank.

**GENERAL LAW**

***Reckless Driver Cited***

Tpr. Borchers (Portland) just arrived at the Portland Patrol Office when Deputy Superintendent Ashmore asked dispatch for assistance in stopping a road rage driver. Tpr. Borchers was able to intercept the offending driver and Deputy Superintendent Ashmore stopped behind them. The driver was subsequently issued a criminal citation for **Reckless Driving**.

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

***No Littering Allowed***

Tpr. Shimer (St. Helens) watched six subjects angling at the Gilbert River Boat Ramp. During a 30 min observation, Tpr. Shimer witnessed three subjects throw cigarettes in the river and one throw a beer bottle in the river. Upon contact, the subjects stated they “didn’t know” throwing garbage in the river was illegal. All four subjects were cited for **Day Use Violations on Oregon Department of Wildlife Land and Fail to Pack out Garbage**.



**INTERAGENCY COOPERATION**

***Search and Rescue Mission was a Success***

Sr. Tpr. McDowell (La Grande) assisted Patrol Division with a search and rescue mission after a patrol member received a phone call of a friend stuck in the mud with his pickup and did not know where he was. The vehicle and subject were located. The subject was cold but otherwise ok. The vehicle was later removed by a tow truck.

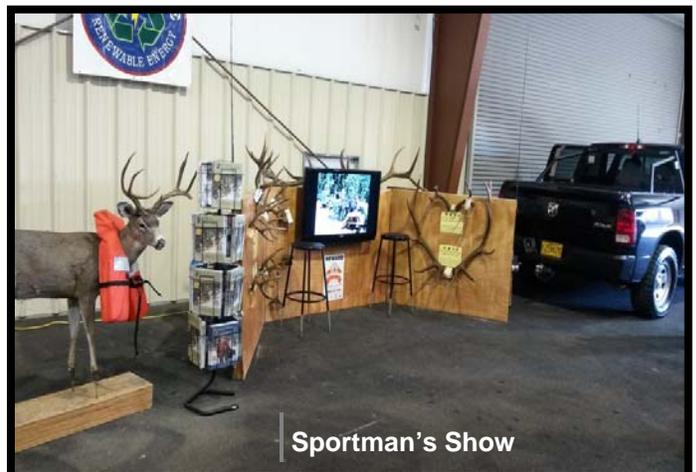
**PUBLIC RELATIONS**

***Pacific Northwest Sportsmen’s Show***

Fish and Wildlife Troopers manned the Fish & Wildlife booth at the Northwest Oregon Sportsman’s Show at the Portland Expo Center. Fish and Wildlife Troopers represented the agency well by answering numerous questions.

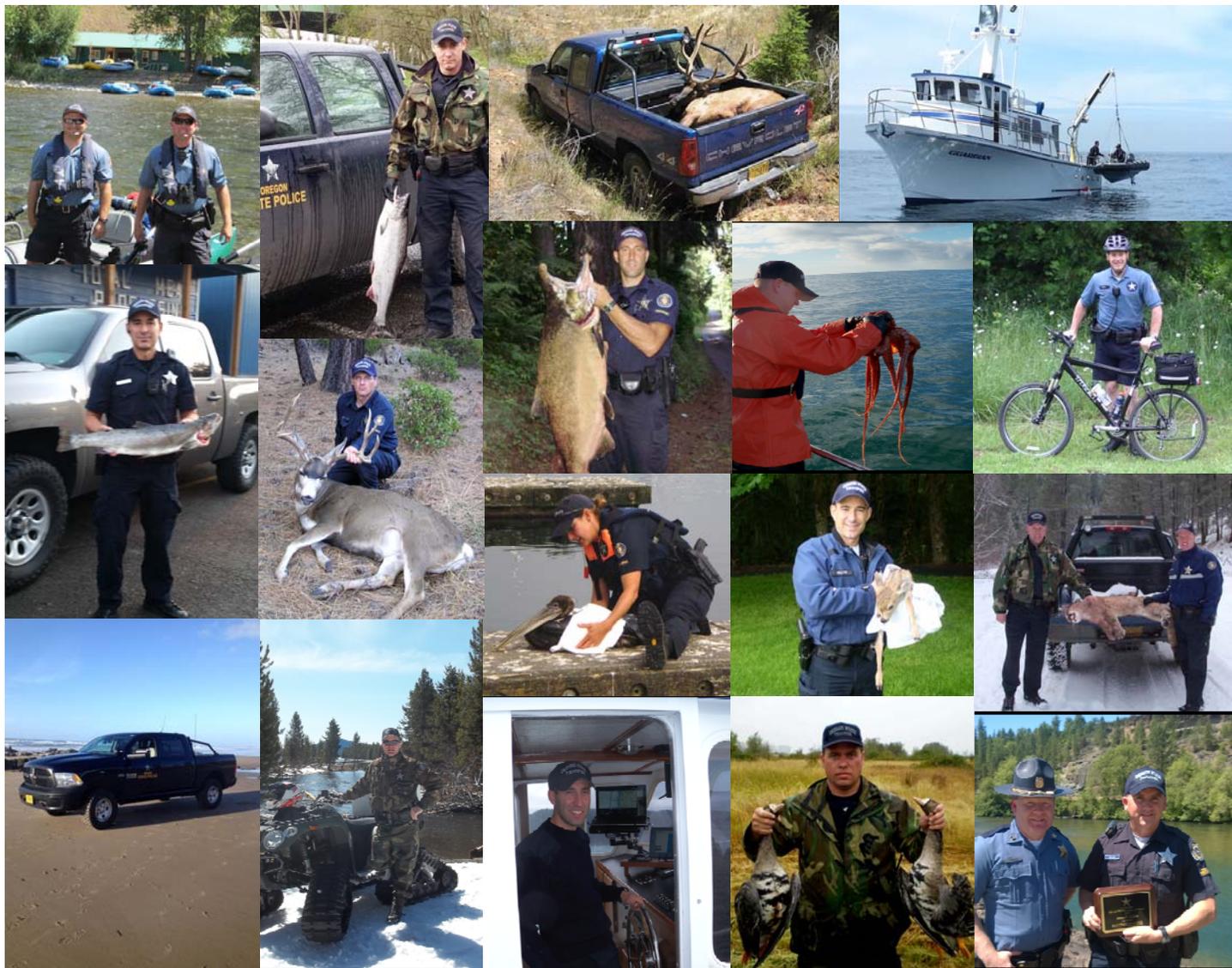
***Southern Oregon Sportman’s Show***

The Central Point and Grants Pass Fish & Wildlife (F&W) team manned a display at the Southern Oregon Sportsman’s Show over the weekend in Central Point. Tprs. displayed local poaching cases, including trophy elk and deer. There was a big screen TV that also displayed hundreds of F&W related photos and of course “Scruffy” a wildlife enforcement decoy was displayed and a newer F&W truck driven by one of the Tprs. The show was very well attended and many people spoke to Tprs. during the three day event.



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