

# The Field Review

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## 2015 Fishing Derby Was a Great Success

The Umpqua Enhancement Fishing Derby concluded this past weekend. On January 28<sup>th</sup>, Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) assisted at the Rock Creek Fish Hatchery teaching a wildlife class to approximately 15 Glide High School Students. The students also learned about the life cycle of a hatchery Steelhead. On January 29<sup>th</sup>, Lt. Gifford (SW Region), Sgt. Withers, Tpr. Baimbridge, Tpr. Stone and Tpr. Willis (Roseburg) assisted with Kids Day at the Cooper Creek Reservoir. 72 fifth grade students from Eastwood Elementary School (Roseburg) fished with guides for trout.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife also assisted in releasing approximately 1000 legal sized trout for the kids to catch. The students received jet boat rides and lunch was provided. The Fishing Derby raised approximately \$60,000.00 which will be used for local fish enhancement.



Cooper Creek Reservoir

# Wildlife / Hunting

## WILDLIFE / HUNTING

### Carcasses Dumped in Pendleton

Sr. Tpr. Gardner (Pendleton) and Sr. Tpr. Connell (Hermiston) met with Tribal Fish and Wildlife Officer Jim Curry and identified some individuals responsible for dumping carcasses at the top of Lee Street Grade just north of the city limits of Pendleton. Sr. Tpr. Mayer (Pendleton) and Sr. Tpr. Sherman (Hermiston) have also been working on the case to identify subjects responsible for the large amounts of trash dumped in the area. The investigation is continuing.



Dump Site North of Pendleton

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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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## Hunting / Wildlife / Angling

### *Unlawful Kill of Bull Elk*

On Saturday Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> Sr. Tpr. Gunderson and Tpr. Frazier (The Dalles) investigated a report of a Bull Elk being shot during a cow only season. The reporting person took the Tprs. to the kill site where they confirmed a Bull Elk had been killed. Tpr. Gunderson and Tpr. Frazier checked a list of tag holders for the season. They located a man who admitted to shooting an elk the day before. After five minutes of the interview the suspect admitted killing the Bull Elk. The man was cited and released for **Taking Bull Elk Closed Season**. The elk and the rifle were seized.



Rocky Mountain Bull Elk



Photo by oregonlive.com

### *Protected Bird Was Killed*

Sr. Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) responded to a complaint about a hawk being buried outside an abandoned residence in Canyonville. A deputy responded to the initial call and located a raptor body with no wings or tail attached. The suspect was contacted and admitted burying the bird after allegedly his girlfriend picked it up and took the wings and tail off for Native American art, however neither are tribal members. The man was cited for **Unlawful Possession Protected Bird** and the parts were seized as evidence.



Photo by Oregon Zoo

### **ANGLING**

### *Unlawful Fishing on Hunter Creek*

Tpr. Smithers (Gold Beach) stopped a vehicle with four subjects who were seen angling in a closed area on Hunter Creek. While approaching the vehicle Tpr. Smithers noticed a salmon in the bed and a cooler. Subsequent checks revealed a steelhead in the cooler. The salmon and steelhead had been caught earlier on the Pistol River. Neither the steelhead or salmon were on his harvest cards. Two of the four subjects were cited for **Failure to Validate Harvest Card**. All subjects were warned for angling in a closed area.

## Shellfish / ATV / General Law

### SHELLFISH

#### *236 Pounds of Crab Were Donated*

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) checked a wholesale fish dealer in Warrenton and learned 3,453 pounds of crab had been delivered the previous day. Upon sorting through the load, a total of 236 pounds of undersized crab were located and seized. The Captain of the vessel was contacted and issued a citation for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Undersized Commercial Dungeness Crab**. The 236 pounds of crab were donated to the Clatsop County Food Bank.

#### *Unlawful Take of Razor Clams*

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) was watching a subject dig razor clams on Clatsop Beach. The subject dug multiple clams, and then went back to his vehicle without counting to see how many razor clams he had dug. Tpr. Herman contacted the subject at his vehicle as he was preparing to leave the beach and discovered he had 24 razor clams (limit is 15), and did not have a 2015 shellfish license. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Taking Razor Clams - No Shellfish License**, and for **Exceed the Bag Limit of Razor Clams**. All 24 razor clams were seized.



Razor Clams: Photos by landedgently.com

### ATV

#### *Unlawful ATV Operation*

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (McMinnville) responded to a cold trespass by an ATV. While checking the area, he found the trespassers had built a road around a Stimson timber company gate and were still behind it. Sr. Tpr. Niehus contacted the subjects who were in a Jeep and on an ATV as they tried to leave. One subject was cited and released for **Criminal Trespass II**. Another was warned for **Criminal Trespass II and Operating a Class I ATV without driving privileges**.

### GENERAL LAW

#### *Night Flight Leads to Citations*

Sr. Tpr. McNeil, Sr. Tpr. Guerra, and Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) worked a night flight in Baker County. During the flight two subjects were cited for **Hunting prohibited method- spotlight**, three MIP's were issued, and one furnishing alcohol to minors was issued. This all stemmed from one stop, the pilot observed their vehicle spotlighting on Hwy 203 and the vehicle was later stopped as it entered Baker City. Patrol Division members assisted during the contact.

*OSP Fish & Wildlife Airplane*



## Interagency / Public Relations

### **INTERAGENCY COOPERATION**

#### ***Female Escaped from Custody***

Sgt. Ashenfelter (Springfield) was patrolling the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area when he observed a parked vehicle blocking a gate. He contacted the occupants of the vehicle and while checking on the status on the vehicle, the female passenger ran off. Tpr. Cutsforth (Florence) arrived on scene and began to look for the female. While she was running she disrobed and left her clothing in various places in the wildlife area. She was caught about one half mile from where she started. It was discovered that she had escaped from Junction City Police Department (JCPD) earlier in the week. She was returned to JCPD.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

#### ***Exposing Children to Outdoors***

Tpr. Michaels (Klamath Falls) assisted Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Biologists with an annual event held at the Klamath Falls Fairgrounds, called the PLAY event. The event promotes exposing kids to the outdoors and teaching them about our natural resources. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year for the event and over 1200 kids attended.

ODFW provided live fish for children to catch



Photos by HeraldNews

#### ***Job Opportunities with Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division***

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) met with approximately 20 students at Powers High School to present information about job opportunities with the Oregon State Police.

Oregon State Police Troopers provide a wide variety of public safety services. The mission of the Oregon State Police is to enhance livability and safety by protecting the people, property and natural resources of the state. The purpose of the Fish and Wildlife Division is to ensure compliance with the laws and regulations that protect and enhance the long term health and equitable utilization of Oregon's fish and wildlife resources and the habitats upon which they depend. Oregon's geographic diversity calls for a wide variety of duty assignments. Troopers may find themselves conducting enforcement patrols by airplane, pickup, ATV, snowmobile, horseback, an assortment of watercraft from white water rafts to ocean going craft.



OSP Patrol Truck on the beach

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