

The Field Review

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Unlawful Taking of Cow Elk

A F&W Trooper responded to a complaint of two subjects that had killed 2 cow elk in the Saddle Mountain Unit and had fled the scene. The Trooper contacted the reporting party who was able to give the Trooper a description of the subjects and a description of the vehicle that they were driving. The two elk had been shot in western Clatsop County, and the subjects had been seen heading east. The Trooper located two dead cow elk in a clear cut



where the incident had occurred. A second F&W Trooper was in southeast Clatsop County, and was able to set up on Hwy 26 and wait for the suspect vehicle. Within minutes of setting up on Hwy 26, a vehicle meeting the description of the suspects' vehicle passed the Trooper heading east. The Trooper stopped the vehicle and interviewed its two occupants. The two occupants said that they were elk hunting in Saddle Mountain that day, but did not have any luck. After subsequent questioning, the subjects eventually admitted to killing the two cow elk. The subjects said that they had opened fire on a herd of elk that had a legal bull in it. They said that they fired approximately 15 times and had seen that they had killed two cows but had not killed the bull, so changed locations and started firing at the herd a second time. They said that they then left the scene because they had killed two cows, and they knew that they were not allowed to kill cow elk. Additionally, both of the subjects had general elk tags, and not Saddle Mountain elk tags (which is a controlled hunt). Both subjects were cited and released criminally for **Unlawful Taking Cow Elk and for Hunt with No 210X Elk Tag**. Their rifles were seized, and the two cow elk were able to be salvaged and donated to the Clatsop County Food Bank.

Wildlife / Hunting

Suspect Received Multiple Citations

F&W Troopers responded to a complaint in the Grand Ronde area where a witness observed a subject take a buck deer on private timber land while the subject was working and driving a log truck. The area is a walk-in only hunting area. Investigation revealed the subject had used his wife's tag to validate the deer and had shot the deer with a .22-magnum rim-fire rifle. The contractor was also aware of the timber company's policies prohibiting firearm possession and hunting while working. The subject was cited and released for **Criminal Trespass with a Firearm, Hunting Prohibited Method, and Lending/Borrowing a Big Game Tag**. The deer, his wife's tag, and the rifle were seized as evidence.



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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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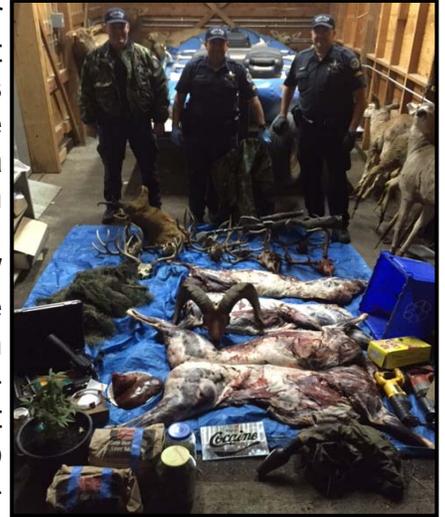
Unlawful Take of Bull Elk

F&W Troopers out of the Albany field office investigated a report of a subject who found an expired six point elk which died from a wound from another elk. The suspect validated his tag and retained the elk. The suspect and his hunting partner were interviewed at the same time by separate Troopers and they both admitted the bull elk was expired when they found it. The suspect was cited for **Take/Possession of bull elk**, and the hunting partner was cited for **Aiding in a wildlife offense**. The antlers were seized. The meat was reported by both subjects to not be fit for human consumption and was reportedly thrown out after it spoiled at the suspect's house shortly after being brought home.



Suspect Received Multiple Charges

A F&W Trooper received a report of a deer carcass hanging in the back yard of a residence in Wasco County. On 11/7/15 F&W Trooper was able to get permission from a neighboring property that allowed him to see the deer carcass. The Troopers



contacted the residence. The owner of the residence allowed the troopers into the backyard and located the deer carcass which was fresh. While in the backyard troopers could see into a shop and saw another fresh deer carcass hanging along with two buck deer heads. The owner of the property said she did not have access to the garage, only her son does. Her son, a subject well known to local law enforcement was not able to be located. The Trooper was granted a search warrant for the shop, a travel trailer and a car on the premises. The search warrant was executed. In addition to the deer carcasses, a big horn sheep horns, a .22 cal. rifle with a homemade suppressor, several sets of deer antlers, Antelope mount approximately 6.5 pounds of marijuana, methamphetamine and other paraphernalia was located and seized. The case will be sent to the Wasco County District Attorney for charges of **Felon in Possession of a Firearm, PCS, DCS, MCS, the Unlawful take and/or Possession of 11 Buck Deer, Big Horn Sheep, and Antelope**. The subject's hunting privileges have been suspended for life since 2007.

Wildlife / Hunting

Hunting on the Enclosed Lands

A F&W Trooper responded to a report of a man shooting at elk from the roadway in the Maupin unit. Investigation revealed the man was off the road when he shot, but the cow elk he shot was on private property that he did not have permission to be on. The man was cited and released for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**. The elk and rifle used were seized.

Unlawful Take of a Decoy

F&W Troopers out of Astoria field office conducted a spike elk WED near Jewell (located in the Saddle Mountain Unit and a 3 point or better unit). Soon after legal shooting hours a pickup with two subjects stopped approximately 140 yards from the decoy. The driver, using binoculars, quickly announced to the passenger it was a "Legal" bull. The passenger exited the pickup and fired five times at the decoy. Upon contact, both subjects stated they knew they were in a "3 point or better" unit but "thought it was a legal bull." A .338 rifle was seized and the passenger was cited for: **Taking Spike Elk Closed Season.**

F&W Pilots flew several flights

F&W Pilots flew four flights in support of the mule deer winter range around Silver Lake. No violations were found during these flights. Another F&W Pilot flew two separate flights that involved the illegal take of a Bull Elk. The first was an attempt to locate the carcass of an elk in the La Grande area, the second flight was in search of a vehicle involved in the taking of an elk.

Deer was Mistaken

A F&W Trooper received a report from a hunter who mistakenly shot a spike buck blacktail deer. The deer was mistaken for a forked horn blacktail buck during general western Oregon deer season. The hunters did the right thing by self-reporting the violation and the deer was salvaged by the Trooper.

Cow Elk Donated to Local Charity

F&W Troopers were contacted by a youth hunter and his father regarding their belief they had accidentally shot a cow elk on opening morning. The animal was located as well as the location the youth hunter had shot from. Looking at the scene along with an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) employee's eyewitness observations when the animal was downed, the youth hunter was not believed to have been the person who downed the elk. There was another hunter in direct line with the animal who had shot into the same heard. A bullet was recovered from the carcass. The meat was donated to the Ukiah school district.



Photo credit: www.nps.gov

Angling

Unlawful Possession of Marine Fish

A F&W Trooper contacted a group of spear fishermen on the south jetty in Newport. While contacting three fishermen of the group, a fourth subject was observed 30 feet away getting out of the water in full scuba gear and having four fish on a stringer; including a copper rock fish. The subject saw the Trooper and began removing fish from his stringer down at the water. When the subject reached the rest of his party he did not have the copper rockfish in his possession. When asked where the fourth fish was, he said he must have dropped it. The Trooper located the copper rock fish on the trail the subject had used just below a grassy ledge. The subject was cited for **Take/Possession of Marine Fish-Closed Season**.



Angling in Closed Area

A F&W Trooper responded to Siltcoos River to check salmon anglers. While at the Siltcoos River he observed three anglers angling below the closure and near the dam. He contacted the Anglers and issued all 3 citations for **Angling Closed Area**. They were also warned for Angling within 200 feet of a fish way.

Unlawful Take of Coho Salmon

A F&W Trooper out of Tillamook observed a subject angling at the Dam Hole on the Trask River and cast above the deadline into the closure. When the Trooper contacted the subject, he found the subject had caught and retained a wild Coho and did not have it validated on his harvest card. The subject was cited for **Take/Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**.

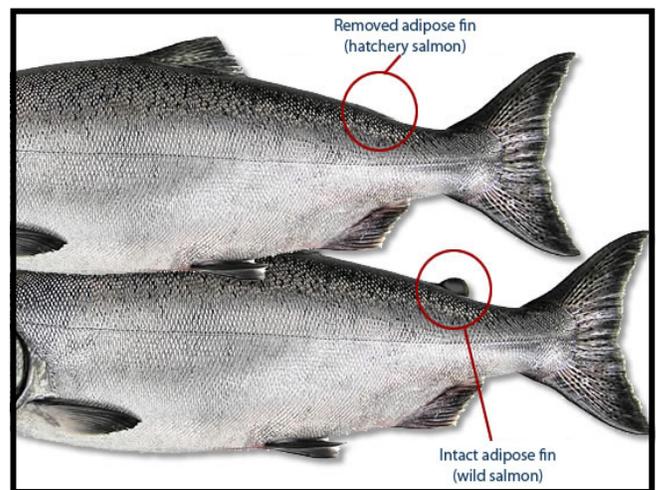


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No Resident Angling License

A F&W Trooper out of Salem area command contacted a subject along a roadway in Aumsville. The subject was observed putting fishing gear in the bed of a pickup truck. The subject admitted to fishing for trout in Mill Creek, which has been a closed season since October 31. In the bed of the pickup truck were 3 fishing poles strung with tackle. The subject did not have a valid 2015 Angling License. The suspect was cited for **No Resident Angling License/Misdemeanor**.

General Law / Interagency

General Law

A F&W Trooper out of the Albany field office concluded an investigation surrounding the theft and sale of 35 Hereford cows and 35 Hereford calves with an approximate value of \$56,000. The Trooper worked closely with the Oregon Department of Agriculture and was assisted by the Washington State Police during the case. The investigation revealed the cattle were stolen from Washington State, unlawfully re-branded in Oregon and then sold in Oregon. The Oregon suspect was lodged in the Marion County Jail for **Theft I, Aggravated Theft I, Racketeering, Theft by Receiving, Tampering with Physical Evidence, and Obliteration of a Brand.**

Criminal Trespass

A F&W Trooper was dispatched to a trespassing complaint in the Wendling area east of Marcola. A landowner agent reported seeing a vehicle parked near the property on Saturday and Sunday. He found fresh vehicle tracks around a gate which was clearly posted with No Trespassing signs. The landowner agent said no one had permission to hunt the property. The vehicle tracks led to a deer gut pile about a ¼ mile onto the property. The trooper identified the hunter and interviewed him regarding the incident and learned a spike buck had been killed on the property on Saturday. The hunter claimed to have permission in the past from a previous landowner and disregarded the clearly posted No Trespassing signs. The landowner requested the hunter be cited. A spike buck deer carcass, a bow, and a bow deer tag (which had not been validated) were seized and the hunter was cited for **Hunting While in Violation of Criminal Trespass.**

Interagency

Buck Deer Freed

A F&W Trooper was dispatched to a hatchery on the South Fork of the Klaskanine River for a report of a buck deer with its antlers entangled in a net. Upon arrival, the deer was struggling to get free from a large net covering the hatchery pools. One of the hatchery workers secured the deer's rear leg with rope while the Trooper used a long stick with a knife taped to the end to cut the net from the deer's antlers. Once free, the deer ran to the other end of the netted area and got stuck again. At this point, the deer had been struggling for hours and was too tired to move. The deer lay down and allowed the Trooper and the hatchery tech to remove the net. With help lifting him back on to his feet, the deer ran away back into the woods.



OSP FW & ODFW removed arrow and saved buck deer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVj7wcZAapM>



Interagency/Public Relations/Dispositions

Interagency

Patrolling Waldo Lake

A F&W Trooper worked the Waldo Lake area in the Cascades for marten trappers. The Trooper was accompanied by the new furbearer and carnivore biologist for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) out of Salem headquarters. During the patrol several marten sets were located and were found to be in compliance. Two trappers were contacted and checked. The trappers provided three marten carcasses for ODFW study purposes. While working the area two deer hunters were checked and one ATV check was completed.

Patrol During Rocky Mt. Elk Season

An Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) biologist, rode with a F&W Trooper in the Northside Unit opening day of second Rocky Mt. Elk Season. They checked 49 Hunters.



Public Relations

Classes held at Oregon State University

OSP F&W is continuing to teach a class at OSU, which is called "Fish and Wildlife Enforcement." The class



is two and half days long and is a two credit course. Participation includes a lot of people interested in Fish and Wildlife enforcement as well as students interested in becoming a biologist. A half-day is spent doing scenario training at E.E. Wilson. There is lots of positive feedback from the class and it's a good way to get OSP's message out, increase interactions between students and OSP staff, as well as getting to people that ultimately apply with OSP.

Dispositions

Suspect pleaded Guilty

In August, F&W Detectives developed information regarding a fish dealer in the Hebo area that was buying commercial tuna and selling it without completing fish tickets. The F&W detectives contacted the dealer, who admitted to buying tuna and failing to complete a fish ticket. The suspect was cited for **Failure to Complete Fish Receiving Ticket**.

In November, the suspect pled guilty in Tillamook County Circuit Court to **Failure To Keep Record of Fish Received as Class A Violation with fines totaling: \$2,312.00**.

Spotlight

OSP Seeks Public Assistance

The Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division is asking for the public's help in locating the persons responsible for the unlawful taking of a branch antlered bull elk outside of La Grande in the Starkey Unit located in Union County. The bull was shot and left to waste just west of Foothill Road in the Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area. The bull elk is believed to have been shot on approximately November 10th. The incident occurred during the general season Rocky Mountain elk season which is open to spike elk only. A reward is being offered by the Oregon Hunters Association through the Turn-in-Poachers (TIP) program for any information leading to an arrest and conviction in this or any other wildlife case. Callers can remain anonymous. The TIP program number is 1-800-452-7888.



An Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Trooper from the Grants Pass office responded to a report of a 3x4 buck deer found dead off Frankham Road near Cloverlawn Drive, in the southeast part of Grants Pass. The Trooper located the buck in a yard and determined it was killed with archery equipment.



The Trooper determined that this incident likely occurred on the previous day (Monday) in Unit 28 which currently has a muzzleloader deer season active at this time, but not an open archery season. The Oregon State Police is looking for information on who killed the buck. Information leading to the arrest of the person responsible could result in a reward. OSP is asking for the public help from anyone who may have information regarding this case. Individuals can call the Oregon TIP line at 1-800-452-7888 or the Oregon State Police dispatch at 541-776-6111.

Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Troopers from the Roseburg office responded to a report of a 6 point bull elk found dead in the Union Creek area off Cow Creek. Troopers located the bull and found it was killed by a rifle bullet and left. The bull appeared to have been dead for about two days. The Oregon State Police is looking for information on who killed this bull. Information leading to the arrest of the person responsible could result in a reward.



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