

The Field Review



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Baker City Man Cited Following Division Investigation into Moving Live Fish to Private Pond

An Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division investigation into the unlawful transportation and release of live fish from the Highway 203 Pond in Baker County into a private pond led to the Division citing a Baker City man on two misdemeanor charges in early May. The purpose of the law related to the investigation is to keep people from establishing fish populations in streams and lakes that may adversely affect existing fish populations and to keep invasive species out of Oregon waterways.

In April, when Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) checked anglers at the Highway 203 Pond—a popular angling location just north of Baker City, as Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) stocks the pond with hatchery-raised rainbow trout; he contacted a subject preparing to leave who claimed to have engaged only in the catch and release of trout. When Cyr contacted other anglers, they relayed to Cyr the subject just contacted had actually retained several trout. Cyr quickly recontacted the subject at his residence south of Baker City. Cyr's investigation discovered the subject had transported live trout in an aerated cooler and released them in his private pond. The pond was determined to be a diversion of Sutton Creek. The subject had specially built the cooler himself for the purpose of transporting live fish.

Lt. Scorby (East Region) and ODFW Fish Biologists Tim Bailey and Nadine Craft responded to assist. Bailey and Craft deployed a seine net and recovered 29 hatchery rainbow trout from the pond. The fish were then transported back to the Highway 203 Pond and released. The trout all appeared to have survived their journey.

Initially, charges were pending Cyr's continued investigation. He determined over the course of several weeks, the subject had transported numerous rainbow trout to stock his private pond. Cyr cited the subject criminally for **Unlawful Transportation of Live Fish and Denying Peace Officer to Inspect Catch**. Cyr also identified other suspects as assisting with the take of trout for release into the private pond. Those names were referred to the Baker County District Attorney's office for consideration of charges.

The transportation and release of live fish into a different water body from where they were caught is a Class C felony if committed intentionally or knowingly. A Class C felony is punishable by a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$125,000 fine. ODFW may also institute suit for the recovery of damages for the control and eradication of illegally released fish.

— Pictured below: Removing fish from suspect's pond. *Photo credit: File*



Dispositions

Notable April Dispositions

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) cited a suspect for **Hunting on Enclosed Lands of Another**. This suspect pled guilty in Grant County and was sentenced to \$646.25 fines/fees, two years hunting license suspension, 40 hours community service, and two years probation.

A suspect Tpr. Ritter (John Day) cited for **Taking Branch Antlered Bull Elk Closed Season** pled guilty in Grant County and was sentenced to \$2,425.76 fines/fees/restitution, two years hunting license suspension, 40 hours community service, and two years probation.

Sgt. Meyer, Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point), and Rct. Nugent (Patrol) ran a WED operation in the Prospect area in March. One man shot the WED. He was hunting with his wife, the tag holder. Troopers cited the man for **Unlawful Take of Elk—No Tag** and the wife for **Loaning a Tag**. Both pled guilty. The court sentenced the man to a \$299 fine and a three-year hunting license suspension and the wife to a \$224 fine.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) cited two suspects with multiple wildlife crimes. The first suspect pled guilty to **Animal Abuse in the First Degree, Wasting Wildlife, and Taking Deer Closed Season** in Grant County and was sentenced to \$2,069.50 fines/fees/restitution; two years hunting license suspension, 120 hours community service, and two years probation. The second suspect pled guilty to **Taking Buck Deer Closed Season** in Grant County (Wasting Wildlife dismissed) and was sentenced to \$1,560 fines/fees/restitution, two years hunting license suspension, 40 hours community service, and two years probation.

In December 2009, Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) cited a duck hunter on the Denman Wildlife Area for **False Application for a Resident Hunting License**. The suspect had a California driver and hunting licenses and California license plates, all with the same California address. He even had his California address on his resident Oregon hunting license. The defense attorney argued the suspect split his time between Oregon and California and is entitled to the resident hunting license. [OAR 635-010-0015\(2\)\(a\)](#) states that temporary absences cannot be for the purpose of establishing residency outside Oregon. The judge found the suspect guilty. The defense attorney argued a three-year hunting license suspension was too harsh, so no suspension was ordered. However, the judge sentenced the subject to a \$720 fine.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) cited a suspect for **Taking Cougar without a Valid License/Tag**. The suspect pled guilty in Grant County and was sentenced to \$800 fines/fees/restitution.

In Wallowa County, a suspect Sr. Tpr. Knapp (Enterprise) cited for **Borrowing an Elk Tag and Hunting on Enclosed Lands of Another** pled guilty and was sentenced to three years hunting license suspension, \$1,800 fines, 80 hours community service, and two years probation.

Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) attended a trial in Coos County. A suspect was found guilty of **Exceeding the Limit of Bull Elk** in the Tioga Unit and sentenced to pay \$400 fines and \$1,500 restitution to ODFW and forfeit all meat and antlers seized in the case.

In October 2009, Tpr. Fromme (Portland) investigated a subject who illegally took a trophy blacktail buck on private property. In Clackamas County, the subject pled guilty to **Criminal Trespass with a Firearm** and was sentenced to \$2,268 in fines, \$800 restitution to ODFW, one year hunting license suspension, 40 hours community service, two years probation, and forfeit Browning .300 rifle (weapon to be destroyed).

In November 2009, Sgt. Schwartz (formerly North Plains) and Sgt. Shugart (formerly McMinnville) investigated a cow elk critically wounded and concealed under brush off Hwy 26 in Clatsop County and cited a suspect for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Take of a Cow Elk, and Waste of Wildlife**. In March, Clatsop County sentenced the suspect to 17 days in jail, \$958 fines, two years hunting and angling licenses suspension, \$250 to TIP fund, \$500 restitution to ODFW, \$470 court attorney, six years probation, and forfeit weapons.

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) and Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) attended a trial in Coos County where a subject was convicted of unlawfully killing a spike bull elk with his girlfriend's tag in 2009. Hayes discovered the rack during a search at the subject's residence in Springfield this year. The subject was convicted and sentenced to \$2,000 fines/restitution, a two-year license suspension to run consecutively with other suspensions, and to complete a hunter education course. The investigation revealed cases in Lake, Lane, and Coos Counties. Lane County also convicted the subject. The Lake County trial is pending.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	Sr.	Senior Sheriff's Office
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	SO	Turn in Poachers
BER	Boat Examination Report	Lt.	Lieutenant	TIP	Travel Management Area
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	TMA	Trooper
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants	ODF	Department of Forestry	Tpr.	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
Capt.	Captain	ODFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife	UPCS	U.S. Coast Guard
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	ODOT	Department of Transportation	USCG	U.S. Forest Service
CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DA	District Attorney	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	UUMV	Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	Rct.	Recruit	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
DSL	Department of State Lands	Sgt.	Sergeant	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy
DWS	Driving While Suspended	SIU	Special Investigations Unit		

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Commercial Fish / Shellfish

Clam and Crab Patrols Picking Up

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) worked crabbers in the Charleston area. During the patrol, of the numerous subjects contacted, Harris discovered one subject who was in possession of both undersized and female crab. Harris cited the subject for **Taking Undersized Dungeness Crab** and warned him for Taking Female Dungeness Crab.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) received a tip from a commercial razor clam harvester of recreational diggers who were repeatedly exceeding the daily bag limit and digging clams for another in the Seaside area. The next day, Klepp arrived early in the tide. During the patrol, he issued five subjects each a citation for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** and issued one subject a warning for Digging Clams for Another. Klepp seized 23 razor clams and donated them to charity.

During an extremely low clam tide, the Mid-Coast Fish and Wildlife Team, with the assistance of SIU, targeted bay clams on both Tillamook and Netarts Bays. During the patrols, troopers contacted numerous clambers and found many violators. They issued two citations for **No Shellfish License**, one citation for **Unlawful Possession Bay Clams**, nine citations for **Exceeding the Bag Limit Bay Clams**, and one citation for **Fail to Retain Gaper Clams**. The troopers seized over 160 bay clams during the patrols and donated them to charity.



Trooper checking and counting clams. Photo credit: File

Commercial Activities Enforced

Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) contacted four commercial vessel operators concerning overages. These contacts resulted in three warnings and one citation for **Exceeding Weekly Limit of Commercial Caught Sablefish by 10%**.

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) cited a deckhand off of a commercial crab vessel for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Commercial Dungeness Crab**. The deckhand took responsibility for the undersized crab on the vessel since he did the majority of the measuring.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) was notified that ODFW commercial fish samplers discovered five nonadipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon at a wholesale commercial fish dealer. A commercial fisherman from the previous evening's tangle-net fishery in the Columbia River caught the salmon and initially delivered them to three separate buying facilities along the river. Klepp cited the wholesale dealer for **Receiving/Illegal Possession of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Chinook Salmon**.

Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) received information a commercial crab vessel landed at least one pot in the Port of Charleston that belonged to another vessel but was marked with the suspect vessel's buoys and buoy tag. Lea and Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) responded to the port and inspected the suspect vessel's gear. As a result of their investigation, they located 12 pots mixed amongst the suspect's gear that belonged to other vessels. Lea and Harris seized the stolen gear; and, with the help of Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay), have been returning the gear to the rightful owners. Lea's investigation also determined the skipper of the suspect vessel only completed two logbook entries for the entire 2009-10 Dungeness crab season. After interviewing the suspect at the Coos County Jail, where he was lodged on unrelated charges, Lea cited him for **Theft II** and **Fail to Complete Accurate Logbook Entries**. Lea will be referring additional charges to the DA for consideration.

Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) contacted a commercial fishing vessel in the Port of Charleston after it completed a Dungeness crab offload. A search of the boat revealed a crewmember kept several Dungeness crab for dinner. Lea's investigation resulted in arresting the crewmember on outstanding warrants and citing him for **Unlawful Possession of Commercial Caught Dungeness Crab**.

Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) worked a commercial crab case involving a vessel who was witness by another vessel working a third vessel's crab gear. Bowen's investigation confirmed the report, as well as learning the captain could not produce logbooks for the entire crab fishing year. Consequently, Bowen cited the captain criminally for **Unlawful Possession of Another Vessel's Crab Gear** and as a violation for **Failure to Fill Out or Turn In Commercial Crab Logbooks**. In addition, he cited two deckhands on the suspect vessel criminally for **No Commercial Fishing License**. Bowen also referred charges for **Criminal Mischief Third Degree** and **Aiding in the Commission of a Commercial Fishing Crime** to the Curry County DA for consideration.

Coos Bay, Gold Beach, and Central Point troopers served simultaneous search warrants on a commercial fishing vessel out of Charleston and the skipper's residence after receiving information the skipper was allegedly involved in the theft of commercial crab pots and crab. At the residence, troopers located numerous crab pots and identification tags belonging to other vessels. When the vessel was contacted for the search warrant, the skipper was in the process of preparing to set a string of pots that did not possess the required crab pot ownership tags. The skipper also had not been filling out a commercial crab log for a number of years. The captain was cited for **Fail to Maintain Dungeness Crab Logbook** and **Unlawful Possession of Crab Pots without Ownership Tags** and charges for **Theft I** and **Criminal Mischief I** were referred to the Curry County DA for consideration.

Sport Angling

Numerous Sturgeon Violations Discovered on the Columbia

Sgt. Allori, Sr. Tpr. Hanson, and Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) all worked sturgeon anglers on the Columbia River at Rooster Rock State Park. They issued three citations for **Fail to Validate Sturgeon Harvest Card**, one for **Exceeding Annual Limit of Sturgeon**, six for **Angling Prohibited Hours**, one for **Unlawful Possession of Sturgeon**, and one for **No Nonresident Angling License**. The troopers seized two sturgeon and returned them alive back into the Columbia River.



Two seized sturgeon. Photo credit: File

On another occasion at the park, Allori and Hanson contacted numerous sturgeon anglers. While checking licenses, Allori noticed an angler on Sand Island catch and retain a large sturgeon. Allori watched a second subject tag the sturgeon on his harvest card. He then watched the first subject catch and retain another sturgeon. Due to low water, Allori and Hanson were able to hike out to Sand Island and contact the group of three anglers. They cited the first subject for **Borrowing a Harvest Card (x 2)**, **Exceeding Bag Limit Sturgeon**, and **Fail to Validate Harvest Card** and the other two subjects were each cited for **Loaning a Harvest Card**. The second sturgeon was released back into the Columbia River.

To continue to monitor sturgeon angling violations at the park, Division troopers from St. Helens, Portland, The Dalles, Hermiston, and Heppner conducted an undercover saturation effort. Anglers have been targeting a large school of sturgeon that gathered in a shallow water channel on the Columbia River near the park. The water level rose and the fish dispersed, and effort dropped considerably from what it had been a few days before. In addition to marijuana-related citations, troopers cited an angler for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods**. Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) checked an angler leaving the area who appeared to be trying to conceal something in his backpack. An otherwise legal sturgeon was found in the backpack the angler had not tagged. In looking at the tag, troopers noticed he was near his yearly limit. The man was trying to sneak the fish out and not tag it. He was cited for **Failure to Validate Harvest Tag**.

Oregonian Outdoor Sports Reporter Bill Monroe spent one morning with Hanson and Schoenborn conducting surveillance of sturgeon anglers on the Columbia River near Bridal Veil. The troopers located two anglers who had three sturgeon alive on a stringer and were continuing to angle. Anglers can continue to catch-and-release for sturgeon after retaining a keeper, but anglers can only retain one fish. These subjects were going to “high grade” their catch at the end of the day (keep the largest and release the smaller ones), and one subject promoted the other subject’s illegal activities. The troopers cited one subject for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit** and the other subject for **Aiding in a Game Violation**. The third sturgeon (54 inches) was released back into the river. [Click here for Monroe’s eloquently written article.](#)

Unlawful Take and Possession Detected, Several Fish Seized

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) received a complaint of someone exceeding the limit of trout at a local lake. Bean responded and located a husband and wife team and obtained consent to search coolers. The search revealed a total of 32 trout (limit is five each). Bean cited both suspects for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Trout** and seized 22 trout.

An ODFW fish checker from the Port of Brookings/Harbor contacted Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) in regards to a subject who retained a canary rockfish. Van Prooyen contacted the subject. As a result of his investigation, Van Prooyen seized the fish and cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Canary Rockfish—Closed Season**.

Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) observed two steelhead anglers on the upper Clackamas River. One subject landed two hatchery steelhead, and his partner tagged one. The subject then landed a third hatchery fish he kept for himself. Schoenborn cited the subject for **Loaning an Angling Harvest Tag** and **Exceeding Daily Catch Limit—Steelhead** and his partner for **Borrowing an Angling Harvest Tag**.

Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) was called out to a complaint of subjects catching and retaining trout below Foster Dam on the South Santiam River in Sweet Home. Halsey arrived and contacted two subjects who were and had been angling and retaining steelhead smolts. A search of their cooler revealed 17 steelhead smolts. Halsey cited the two anglers for angling violations and seized the steelhead smolts.

Sr. Tpr. Torland (Newport) was working steelhead anglers on the Siletz River and contacted two subjects who, when seeing Torland, dropped their rods and started running down the riverbank. Torland asked them to stop, which they did. Just then, another subject came running down to the river from a trail. He was yelling there was a State Police pickup parked on the road and was telling the other two subjects to hide his wild fish. Torland caught the subject’s attention by telling him it was his pickup and asked to see his wild fish. Torland cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Steelhead** and another subject for **No 2010 Harvest Card**.

On his last day in the field before transferring, Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) noticed a local problem angler anchored in his boat on the lower Rogue River. Barden covertly observed the subjects hook and net a large Chinook. After noticing the subjects looking around very nervously before keeping the salmon, Barden stepped out of the bushes and waved the subjects to shore. Upon inspecting the catch, Barden identified the salmon was not adipose fin-clipped. Barden cited the subject who landed the salmon for **Unlawful Take of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Chinook Salmon** and the netting angler for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** and seized the Chinook as evidence.

Sport Angling

No License Is No Excuse

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) checked two fly fishermen above Sand Bottom hole wading barefoot in 43-degree water trout fishing in closed season. One subject had a 2009 license believed to be good for a full year after purchase. Collom cited the subject for **No Angling License** and warned both for Angling Closed Season. Collom later learned someone stole their shoes as they were running around barefoot trying to find them. At Lost Creek Lake, Collom observed a couple angling. The wife caught two trout while her daughter netted both fish. Upon contact, she instantly handed the rod to her daughter, claiming she was only helping. Collom cited the mother for **No Angling License**. During the contact, he noticed a boat with two men observed angling earlier pull in their anchor and immediately head in. Collom completed the citation, then he drove to the boat ramp and contacted the men. Both also lacked angling licenses. Collom cited both men for **No Angling License**.

Repeat Offenders Lodged in Jail

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) responded to a report of a man fishing in a closed area on the Columbia River near The Dalles Dam. He contacted two men who are both repeat fish and wildlife violators, as troopers have previously cited and arrested them numerous times. One man was fishing with four rods and unlawfully retained a spring Chinook. The other man claimed he was not fishing. Both men had misdemeanor warrants for their arrest. Gunderson took both men into custody and lodged them in jail. The man fishing with four rods was cited for the crimes of **Angling while Suspended, Angling with More than One Rod, Unlawful Retention of Salmon in a Closed Area, and Angling Closed Area**. Gunderson seized the fish and all four rods.

Sr. Tpr. McNerney (Hood River) and Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) received a report of unlawful hunting activity during the 2009 fall elk season in the White River Unit. The investigation revealed that one group member had been cited numerous times for angling violations over the past 10 years in multiple counties. This subject had a suspended angling license and was continuing to angle. The subject made multiple postings on Facebook regarding his fishing trips and catch over the past several years during the time he was suspended. McNerney and Gunderson teamed up with Sgt. Allori and Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland). The suspect was located and cited while he was fishing for salmon near Oregon City. An arrest warrant was obtained for the subject, and Allori and Schoenborn contacted and arrested the suspect on the warrant for **Angling while Suspended** and lodged him in the Clackamas County Jail. McNerney and Gunderson's continued investigation regarding the subject's angling activities was corroborated by another person, as well as postings and photos on Facebook. McNerney and Gunderson additionally cited the suspect criminally for five counts of **Angling while Suspended** in four different counties, and one count each of **Unlawful Possession of Surgeon, Trout, Steelhead, and Rockfish**.

Prohibited Methods and Area

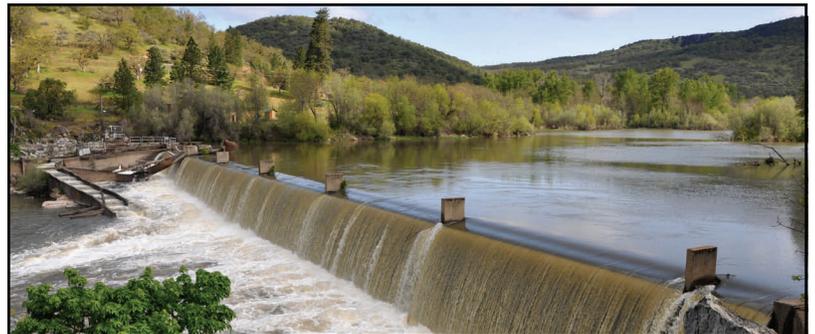
Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) was patrolling for unlawful ATV activity when he located two subjects angling on the Klamath River. Upon making a check, Randall discovered both subjects were using worms in an artificial flies- and lures-only area. Randall cited both subjects for **Angling Prohibited Method**.

Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) contacted a subject angling with two rods at a local reservoir. The subject told Baimbridge he did not have a two-rod license, but he was not really fishing yet; he just had different baits on each hook to see what they were biting on, and then he was just going to use the one rod. Baimbridge cited the subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods**.

Tpr. Howell and Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) conducted a foot patrol of Hagg and Hebo Lakes, resulting in numerous angler contacts. They issued nine citations: two for **Angling Prohibited Method—Using Two Poles without a Two-Rod License**, five for **No Angling License**, and two drug-related. Two adults cited for No Angling License were attending an ODFW-sponsored youth event.

Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) contacted two females on the South Umpqua River. One female was angling with a rod she claimed belonged to "John" who left to get beer with an unknown friend. After waiting 30 minutes, Merritt cited her for **Angling Closed Stream** and warned her for No Angling License. He also seized the rods and gear for safe keeping awaiting "John's" arrival at the OSP office.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett and Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) responded to a report of two subjects angling on the Applegate River during closed season. Upon arrival, they located the suspect vehicle and contacted three subjects near the river with rods in hand. All three admitted to angling there and downriver, as well as indicating another person told them not to fish, because the river was closed. They also advised they did not see any other anglers, which they thought was weird. The troopers issued all three citations for **Angling Closed River**.



Gold Ray Dam to be removed Summer 2010 ([click here for fact sheet](#)). Photo credit: Finetooth/CC/Wikipedia

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) received a call from dispatch at home about a man attempting to snag salmon below Gold Ray Dam. The witness said a man was casting above the deadline with his hook tied above the sinker and provided the suspect and vehicle description. As no Division troopers were on duty, Meyer responded and located the suspect. Covertly, he observed the suspect, but he was not actively angling. After watching for about a half hour, the suspect picked up his rod and started casting above the deadline. Meyer could see the suspect's hook tied just above a sinker. The suspect would cast and then jerk his rod after letting the sinker drop. Not wanting to reveal his location, Meyer called a Patrol trooper to assist. Tpr. Quirke drove up as the suspect was preparing to cast. Quirke stopped the suspect. Quirke cited the suspect for **Angling Prohibited Method—Hook above the Sinker** and **Angling Closed Area—Above the Deadline** and warned him for Attempting to Snag Salmon, seizing his rod and illegal gear.

Marine Board

Invasive Species Plan Worked

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) worked an invasive species patrol on northbound I-5, concentrating on boats coming in from out of state. The patrol was part of Sr. Tpr. Collom's Invasive Species Action Plan. Allison checked five boats, which included two Oregon registered boats that had been bass fishing on California's Clear Lake. All boats checked were free of invasive species.

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) worked the opening day on Howard Prairie Reservoir, teaming up with ODFW personnel. The patrol was part of Collom's Invasive Species Action Plan/Cooperative Enforcement Planning, with the main focus to check anglers and ensure they were not using live bait other than worms. Allison and ODFW contacted over 67 anglers and conducted 23 boat inspections. All anglers were in compliance, but Allison did issue three boat warnings.

For more information on boats and invasive species, [click here to visit OSMB's website.](#)

Various Violations Discovered during Boat Patrols

Tpr. McClay (Burns) worked the season opener at Krumbo Reservoir. McClay checked 51 anglers, performed five BERs, and issued two citations for **Expired Boat Registration**.

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) and Sr. Tpr. Wilson (Ontario) floated the Owyhee River from Rome to Birch Creek. During the patrol, the troopers contacted two outfitters with their clients and a couple of private parties. They did not detect any violations. During the float, they completed a white water training course hosted by BLM.

Tpr. Schwartz and Tpr. Vogel (St. Helens) conducted several boat patrols on the Columbia River and Multnomah Channel over a one-week period. They contacted more than 100 anglers resulting in numerous citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Poles, Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks for Sturgeon, Failure to Immediately Validate, No 2010 Angling Harvest Card, No 2010 Angling License, and No Certificate of Number**. They completed several compliance checks and 24 BERs and issued many warnings.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) patrolled Lake Selmac just before dark checking anglers. He observed a boat pulling into the dock without lights. He contacted a male operator and a female who advised they were angling and had each caught one fish. During the contact, with his keen eye, Bennett observed the motorboat had expired tags. While Bennett was citing the female for **No Angling License** and the male boat operator for **Expired Boat Registration**, he observed a boat speeding across the 10 mph-only lake at a high rate of speed and turning its running lights on and off as it made two passes across the lake. Bennett tracked down the boat to a campsite and contacted the operator who admitted knowing the speed limit on the lake and the light requirements. He stated he goes out at night because he is the only one on the lake. He figured he was going about 25 mph. He added that last weekend, he was out at the lake and observed an "idiot" speeding across the lake and had said then there is never a cop around when you need one. Bennett issued the boat operator a citation for **Boat Speeding** and a warning for the lighting issue.

Boat Checks and Interview Conducted at Rodeo

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) conducted a boat safety patrol at the first annual McKenzie River Guides Association boat rodeo at Hendricks Park on the McKenzie River. Boyd conducted 25 boat inspections, 28 invasive species checks, one HIN inspection, 11 guide and six angler checks, and two visual inspections, and gave two warnings for Angling with Bait. Several boaters purchased invasive species permits from the association. At the event, KVAL 13 News interviewed Boyd, and the interview was aired that evening ([click here for the story](#)).



Boyd giving interview. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Randall and Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) conducted a boat patrol of Upper Klamath and Agency Lakes. They contacted seven anglers and issued one warning to a minor. They also assisted with one boater who ran his boat out of gas. They towed the boat to a local ramp. During the patrol, they also completed two BERs.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett and Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) patrolled the Rogue River with the use of the jet boat during the trout closure to protect the downstream migration of salmon and steelhead smolts. Of the 38 anglers checked, 12 were angling for trout, three for squawfish, and one for carp. The troopers issued one citation and 11 warnings for **Angling Closed Season**. In addition, they contacted one raft with two adults and one child. The boat had one PFD on the child. They issued a citation for **Insufficient Number of PFDs**.

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) was checking anglers at Fish Lake and noted a small craft out on the lake that looked like a short piece of a dock with two lawn chairs tied down to it and powered by an electric motor. Meyer waited for the "craft" to come in and contacted two young men on board who had been angling. They did not have any life jackets and one did not have an angling license. Meyer cited the operator for **No Life Jackets on Boat** and the other subject for **No Angling License** and issued them both warnings for several boating violations.

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) checked boaters on the McKenzie River. One drift boat operator advised he observed an overturned drift boat about a mile downstream from the Bellinger boat landing. He checked with local agencies and neither reported responding to an overturned boat. Later in the day, Marshall Maher and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) conducted a jet boat patrol and located the overturned drift boat. No fresh debris was noticed below the boat which was hung up overturned in a side channel. They contacted some river guides. One said he noticed the boat about four days prior, and another he had seen it the previous week. They notified Lane County SO in case they get any calls. During the patrol, they checked eight anglers, citing one angler for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**.

Wildlife / Hunting

Subjects Violated Wildlife Crimes

Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) contacted two individuals in the Shively Creek drainage with hounds running at large in the area. Merritt cited the owner of the hounds for **Permitting Dogs to Run at Large in Game Bird Nesting Habitat**.

Tpr. Stone and Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) contacted a subject as he checked his bear bait barrel and trail camera in north Douglas County, following several months of observation in the area. The man was reportedly using the bait, consisting primarily of elk meat, to lure bears and take pictures using his new trail camera. The troopers cited the subject for **Using Bait to Attract Bears**. The subject had obtained photographs of several bears using the bait barrel.

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) received a report forwarded from Oakridge from an anonymous complainant concerning a subject who had apparently killed three blacktail bucks during the late archery season near Prospect. Bean and Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) contacted the subject at his La Pine residence. The subject produced two sets of blacktail buck antlers. He claimed his girlfriend killed one and he killed the other, but he could not produce the tag for his buck. Bean located the tag when the subject mistakenly dug through a basket when Bean was talking to him and saw the tag. It was not validated. Hayes located another set of fresh blacktail antlers hidden in the garage. The subject claimed they were from a "winter kill." The subject was cited for two counts of **Illegal Possession of Deer Antlers** and one count of **Fail to Validate in Jackson County**.



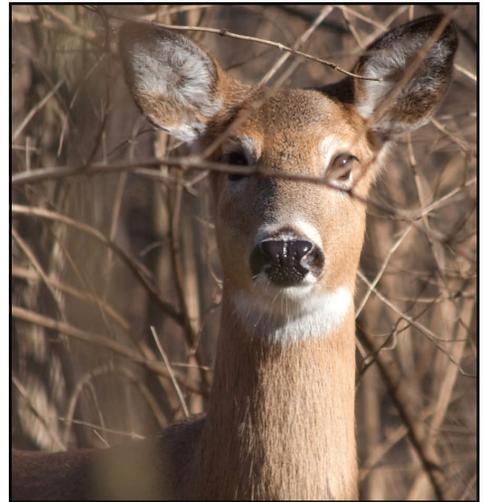
Troopers recovered 39 stolen antlers. Photo credit: File

Register Change of Address as a Sex Offender. Ritter learned the three occupants were en route to La Grande to sell the antlers. Suspicious the antlers had some characteristics that they were from a cervid ranching operation, Ritter checked to determine if there was a recent reported theft of antlers. This initial check revealed none; but two days later, Ritter learned DCSO Detective Tim Hernandez received a reported burglary and theft from an elk ranch in Sisters. Division troopers from Baker City and La Grande determined who the antlers were sold to and recovered 39 antler halves and 80 buttons from a La Grande residence. On February 25, officers served a search warrant at a Sisters' residence where they seized additional evidence and recovered stolen property from the Sisters' ranch burglary. As a result of the joint investigation, three suspects were arraigned on the following crimes: **Suspect 1: Aggravated Theft First Degree, Theft in the First Degree (x 2), and Burglary in the Second Degree (x 5); Suspect 2: Aggravated Theft First Degree, Theft in the First Degree (x 2), and Burglary in the Second Degree (x 4); and Suspect 3: Aggravated Theft First Degree, Theft in the First Degree (x 2), and Burglary in the Second Degree (x 2).**

Subject Issued 10 Wildlife Citations

Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) completed a lengthy investigation into the illegal killing of nine deer in the Banks area. Early in September, information was obtained by Sgt. Schwartz (previously assigned to Banks) about a group of hunters who were going out at night and shooting deer with .22 rifles then leaving the animals to waste. Howell issued 10 citations on this case which included charges of **Waste of Wildlife, Unlawful Taking of Black Deer, and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

Whitetail deer. Photo credit: Dori/CC/Wiki



Taxidermists Found in Violation

Sr. Tpr. Culp and Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) conducted a taxidermy check on an Oregon taxidermist. They discovered the taxidermist conducted business for the past two years without a license. The troopers issued two criminal citations for **No Taxidermy License 2009** and **No Taxidermy License 2010**.

Sr. Tpr. Love and Tpr. Ring (Bend) contacted a subject while attempting to locate a suspect involved in a wildlife violation. During the contact, the subject was actively working on taxidermy mounts and was known to be a licensed taxidermist. A check of the subject records showed he had not renewed his taxidermy license for the last two years and his records were very incomplete. The subject was issued a citation for **No Taxidermy License**.

Three Suspects Arraigned on Felony Wildlife and Criminal Charges

Three Sisters-area residents were arraigned on April 19 in Deschutes County Circuit Court on felony charges following a joint OSP and Deschutes County SO (DCSO) investigation into a burglary and antler theft from a Sisters-area ranch. The investigation began following a February 21 traffic stop by Tpr. Ritter (John Day) on Hwy 26 in Grant County when Ritter discovered the trailer towed by the stopped vehicle was full of elk antlers and buttons (the base of the antler commonly used to make belt buckles and other handcrafted items), with additional found inside the vehicle. During the stop, the passenger was arrested for **Failure to**



Troopers seized over 80 buttons. Photo credit: File

Wildlife / Hunting

New Robo Turkey Aided in Catching Turkey Poachers

The Dalles Team troopers and Volunteer Dave Wallen conducted several robotic turkey WED operations in the Wamic and Mosier areas to address criminal trespass problems. Wallen, a Vietnam F-4 pilot and retired Boeing engineer, built the robotic decoy; and Tim McLagan of McLagan's Taxidermy in Bend mounted the turkey. During one operation on private land near a paved USFS road, several subjects nearly shot the decoy; but they did not due to several factors, including one person having an unloaded shotgun and a passenger convinced another not to shoot due to the No Trespassing signs in front of the decoy. A subject who did not observe the decoy drove past the set a short distance, stopped, and shot a squirrel with a pistol from the vehicle. He was cited for **Hunting from a Motor Vehicle**. Troopers observed another driver drinking beer and stopped the vehicle. The occupants tried to conceal two open beer bottles. When asked where the open containers were, a small child in a car seat in the back seat innocently pointed out where one bottle was concealed. The other bottle was located spilled under the passenger seat. Both subjects were cited for **Open Container of Alcohol in a Motor Vehicle**.



Robo turkey decoy successful in discovering violators. Photo credit: File

On another occasion, a man drove up and shot the decoy while sitting in the driver's seat of his vehicle from the roadway. He was cited for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass and Hunting from a Public Roadway**. Another man drove through the set, jumped out of his vehicle with his shotgun, crossed the fence, and approached the decoy at the "high ready position." After quickly closing the gap to less than 20 yards, the man shot the decoy with a 12-gauge load, with most of the pellets hitting the decoy's head, knocking the head off and the turkey over. The man ran down to claim his prize and quickly discovered his turkey had a remote control car base with wheels. The man dropped his shotgun and raised his arms in surrender. He was cited for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass** and for **Open Container of Alcohol**.

On the following afternoon, troopers and Wallen conducted another operation on well-posted private property near a paved USFS road. A second head had been provided, and the repaired decoy was placed directly behind a No Trespassing sign. A vehicle stopped at the decoy, and a man got out, walked off the road with a shotgun, and stalked the decoy. Troopers stopped the man before he shot and cited him for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass**. During this contact, troopers heard shooting nearby. They located four subjects shooting ground squirrels from the paved road. Troopers cited two subjects for **Shooting from a Public Roadway** and one subject for **No Hunting License**. Later in the operation, a vehicle approached the set, quickly stopped, and two men got out; the driver with a shotgun and the passenger with a .223 scoped rifle. From the paved road and 30 yards, the passenger shot the decoy past the No Trespassing sign with a hollow point round, creating a fist-sized hole in the decoy. Troopers issued the passenger citations for **Taking Turkey Prohibited Weapon, No Turkey Tag, and Open Container of Alcohol** and warnings for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass and Shooting from a Public Roadway** and the driver a citation for **Open Container of Alcohol**. During the operation, a live hen turkey responded to the electronic calls and walked in the road near the gobbler decoy, vastly adding realism to the set.

Unlawful Turkey Hunting Discovered

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) received a call from a man reporting he was with his son on a youth turkey hunt and his son killed two turkeys. Apparently, the youth shot at a turkey with his shotgun and killed the one he shot at along with a second turkey behind it. Thompson warned the youth for Exceeding the Bag Limit on Turkeys and reminded he and his father to be aware of their target and what is beyond it. Thompson seized one turkey.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) received a complaint of an adult male who just shot a turkey in his backyard near Veneta. Boyd arrived and found the subject in his yard plucking the tom turkey. The subject thought shooting the turkey was legal since the bird was on the property he is renting. Boyd cited him for **Unlawful Take of Turkey Closed Season**.

When Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) attempted to contact two men observed angling at Cooper Creek Reservoir, the angler's partner was not around. Stone heard turkeys gobbling on the hill above and determined the men were turkey hunters. Suspicious the partner was hunting within a county park, Stone concealed himself in the brush. Two hours later, he heard two shotgun blasts. After 15 minutes, the suspect climbed over a barbed wire fence and walked down the hill inside the park with a shotgun and two dead tom turkeys. Stone took photos then called out. The suspect took off into the woods. Additional troopers responded. The suspect eventually emerged to retrieve his hidden shotgun and turkeys. When contacted, he admitted to climbing over the fences, not knowing whose property he was on, and not being able to find his tag. He intended to fill his partner's tag with the extra bird. Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) contacted the landowner who signed a complaint. The suspect was criminally cited for **Hunting Prohibited Area (County Park), Hunting Enclosed Land of Another, and Exceeding Daily Bag Limit Turkey**. The shotgun and turkeys were seized.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) responded to a trespass complaint. While preparing a construction bid, the suspect spotted a tom and a hen turkey on the neighbor's property. The suspect was unfamiliar with the neighborhood or its occupants—human or bird. He took advantage of the situation and shot both turkeys across the fence, then he crossed the fence and retrieved them. The suspect likely felt he shot a record-sized turkey—that is until a neighbor who witnessed the event scorned him about shooting their neighbor's pet domestic turkeys. The suspect left with his game. The witness copied the suspect's license plate and called the owner. When contacted, Cushman found the suspect validated his turkey tag. He informed the suspect he killed two domestic turkeys; and, since the season was only open for male or bearded turkeys, he had no excuse for shooting the hen. Cushman cited the suspect for **Hunting on Enclosed Land of Another** and returned the seized birds to the owner. The tom weighed 47 pounds.

Wildlife / Hunting



Eagle recovering from shooting. Photo credit: File

Injured Eagle Found near Rainier

Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) and Tpr. Meyer (Patrol) received a report from two horseback riders who found an injured bald eagle on Dibblee Beach located on the Columbia River near Rainier. The troopers located and eventually captured the eagle, following a brief struggle. The large adult female bald eagle was released to the Wildlife Center of the North Coast (WCNC). WCNC Director Sharnelle Fee said digital radiographs conducted at Bayshore Animal Hospital revealed the eagle was shot. The x-rays discovered nearly three dozen shotgun BBs in the eagle's head, neck, body, and both wings. Seven BBs were found just in the eagle's head, with one near the eye. Fee believes the eagle probably would not have been able to travel very far with its sustained injuries. The next week, the eagle was flying and landing on the highest perch of their outside conditioning flight pen. The eagle was taken to a veterinarian eye specialist in Portland who determined the trauma caused loss of vision in the eagle's left eye, and the damage cannot be surgically repaired and most likely will not improve. Fee said the eagle is otherwise healthy. They will give her additional time in their flight cage to see how she adjusts to her vision impairment. Questions? Sharnelle Fee, WCNC: (503) 338-0331. Liz Bergstrom, HSUS: (240) 751-0659. Anyone with information to help in this investigation is asked to contact Tpr. Schwartz at (503) 397-0325 ext. 42.

Unknown Subject Shot Goose with Arrow



Goose injured by arrow. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) responded to Alton Baker Park in Eugene after receiving a complaint of an injured feral goose. At the park, a large goose was found to have an arrow stuck through its wing. With the assistance of Willamette Valley Rehabilitation Center, the goose was eventually caught and the arrow removed. The goose had minor injuries to one of its wings and was released back in the park. The troopers do not know when or where the goose was shot and have not developed any suspects.

Road-Struck Beaver Returned to Wetland

Sr. Tpr. Hanson (Portland) and an Audubon Society of Portland veterinarian responded to an injured road-struck beaver off of Scholls Ferry Road in Beaverton. The beaver had minor cuts and was trying to gain access to a covered storm drain (as pictured in file photo below). They captured the beaver and returned it to its wetland habitat nearby.



140-Pound Cougar Killed Farmer's Goat



Extremely large cougar paws. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Allison had Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) riding with him when they received a complaint of a pickup truck headed southbound on I-5 from Gold Hill with a dead cougar in the back. Allison and Meyer contacted the reporting party then located the truck as it was still headed south on the freeway. The truck did not have a tailgate, and a large cougar was visible in the bed of the truck. They stopped the vehicle at the Central Point exit for a traffic violation and contacted the driver. The driver said the cougar killed his goat a couple of days prior then returned the next night to finish the goat. The man hired a houndsman to track the cougar



Incident documented in notebook. Photo credit: File

down. The cougar was located on the man's property not too far from the carcass. The troopers followed the man to the ODFW Central Point office where he was en route to check in the cougar. The male cougar weighed over 140 pounds and was over 84 inches in length from nose to tail. [Click here for information on living with nuisance wildlife.](#)

Environment / Habitat

Historic Archaeological Site Discovered

In April, Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) finished research for an archeological investigation in the Mohawk Valley. Boyd called on the expertise of professors from the University of Oregon Anthropology Department to assist with dating a site he found three subjects excavating in November 2009 on Weyerhaeuser property. The professors established the site originated in the late 1800s to early 1900s and applied for and received a Smithsonian number for the site within four days of the site visit. Boyd and Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) interviewed three suspects and learned this was not the only site they had been excavating in the area. In addition, during the investigation, the troopers seized a set of 6 x 7 trophy blacktail antlers determined to have been unlawfully purchased and obtained from a friend. They cited all three suspects for **Unlawful Digging and Removal of Archeological/Historical Materials** and **Criminal Trespass II** and one suspect additionally for **Unlawful Possession of Blacktail Deer Parts**. The troopers seized a large amount of historical items from two residences as evidence.

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Several Dumping Sites Discovered

In the Elliot State Forest, Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) investigated a trash pile and developed a suspect. Harris had cited this same suspect several years prior for **Offensive Littering**. Further investigation revealed the suspect's son had been paid to take the trash to the dump but went the wrong way. Harris cited the adult son for **Offensive Littering**.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) investigated an illegal dumping of sewage and other trash from an RV near the town of Rogue River. He located an associated vehicle with the RV. This associated vehicle's owner, a relative of the RV's owner, eventually led to the suspect who admitted he had dumped his tank off the shoulder of the road. Cushman cited the suspect for **Offensive Littering**.

Areas around Klamath Falls have been experiencing problems suspects unlawfully dumping trash on forestlands. Retired Sr. Tpr. Bertram (Klamath Falls) investigated several cases where subjects unlawfully dumped trash on the lands of another. He cited several subjects in April for **Offensive Littering**. Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) also conducted dumping-related investigations. The camera at the JWTR gate caught one of the suspects on film. Niehus contacted and cited the suspect for **Offensive Littering**.

Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) received a call of a boat and trailer abandoned in front of a timber company gate outside Sodaville. Burkholder found a possible address of the owner and contacted a female and her boyfriend at the address. Both claimed to know nothing about the boat or where it came from. Burkholder observed a location where it appeared a boat trailer had been parked at the residence, so he re-interviewed the boyfriend who confessed to taking the boat up there and leaving it. He said that he just wanted to get rid of it. The boyfriend was cited for **Offensive Littering** and then went up and retrieved the boat and took it back to the residence.

Environmental Issues Investigated

Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) responded to the beach near Cape Mears for an environmental complaint. The complainant said that he located a 55-gallon barrel of unknown substance on the beach that apparently had washed ashore. Oregon State Parks and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality were contacted and the substance was identified as hydrochloric acid mixed with oil. The barrel was removed and turned over to DEQ for disposal.

Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) contacted a subject on Thompson Creek, a tributary stream of Olalla Creek. The subject was mining for gold and operating a sluice box without a permit. Merritt warned the subject for No DEQ Permit and Conducting Work in Violation of the In-Stream Work Period. Merritt contacted two additional subjects, Washington State residents, mining for gold with a high-bank sluice dredge. He warned them both for No DEQ Permit. Merritt also contacted two gold miners at Doe Creek with a sluice box. He issued both of those subjects warnings as well for No DSL or DEQ Permit.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) received information of a backhoe that, several days previous, was partially submerged into a creek east of Seaside. The creek is a valuable salmonid stream and adjacent to a large nature conservancy. Klepp contacted the operator of the backhoe and obtained information regarding the incident. In addition to Violation of the In-Stream Work Period, he also saw two possible violations of the riparian buffer zone on the suspect's property in where a small amount of vegetation had been scraped from the surface and a portion of a large tree/root wad had been partially removed. Klepp gathered all the information and forwarded it onto DSL, NMFS, Clatsop County Land Use Planning Department, Clatsop County SO, USCG, and DEQ.

ATV / General Law

Various Driving-Related Violations Discovered

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) testified before the grand jury in Coquille on a Camas Valley subject who trespassed on Weyerhaeuser property as a convicted felon in possession of a rifle. While driving back to Roseburg, he observed the same subject operating a motor vehicle on Hwy 42 near Camas Valley. Frerichs stopped and arrested the subject for **Driving While Revoked**, lodging the subject in the Douglas County Jail.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) responded to assist Retired Sr. Tpr. Floyd (Central Point) in the JACTMA road closure near Shady Cove. They located and stopped an ATV rider. At Cushman's request, the subject performed and failed standardized field sobriety tests. After confirming the subject's BAC was 0.11, Cushman cited the subject for **DUII** and additionally warned him for **Illegal Motorized Travel in the Road Closure**.

A hidden camera at the new JWTR gate near Klamath Falls captured a subject driving cross-country to go around the gate; however, the photo did not provide full license plate information. The owner was finally located and interviewed. He said the truck was new to him, and he wanted to test its four-wheel drive capabilities. The owner was cited **criminally** for **Trespass with a Motor Vehicle**. A second camera at a gate on Bryant Mountain captured a subject bypassing a gate to get some firewood. He was tracked down and cited for **Traveling in Violation of Posted Restrictions**.

Wanted and Dangerous People Encountered

Sr. Tpr. Connell (Hermiston) worked salmon anglers on the bank below McNary Dam and on the Umatilla River. He checked 117 salmon anglers on Columbia and Umatilla Rivers and overall discovered a high compliance rate. However, Connell issued arrests for **Fail to Appear—UPCS** and **Fail to Register as a Sex Offender** and warnings for **Offensive Littering** and **Fail to Closely Attend Rod while Angling (x 3)**.

Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) checked an angler on Foster Lake. A records check revealed a felony warrant for **Assault I** and **Assault II** with a bail of \$100,000. Burkholder lodged the subject in the Linn County Jail. Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) checked a steelhead angler on the Wilson River. A records check revealed felony warrants for **ID Theft** and **Assault**. Guerra lodged the subject in the Tillamook County Jail.

When Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) checked a group of turkey hunters in Grant County who killed a turkey, he found one subject did not have a license or tag. The subject initially hid his shotgun, but Caldwell found the shotgun shortly after making contact. A records check revealed the subject had an outstanding felony warrant and was a convicted felon. Caldwell arrested the subject on the warrant and charged him with **Felon in Possession of a Firearm, No Hunting License, and No Turkey Tag**. He lodged the subject in the Grant County Jail.

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) and Tpr. Peterson (Patrol) responded to a disturbance in Garibaldi. When Peterson arrived, he asked to speak with the extremely intoxicated male who had blood on his face. The subject then fled on foot and trespassed through a locked local fish plant and eventually jumped into Tillamook Bay. The subject swam around the bay trying to escape but all of the docks had officers on them. The subject eventually gave up and swam to shore where he was taken into custody. The subject was subsequently lodged in the Tillamook County Jail on charges of **Trespass II** and **Escape**.



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A Few of April's Several Drug Cases

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) arrived at a Eugene residence to issue a hunting-related citation at Sr. Tpr. Carter's (Pendleton) request. When the suspect answered the front door, Boyd instantly detected the strong odor of marijuana. Boyd issued the suspect the citation for **Possession of Falsely Applied for Hunting License and Tags**, as well as **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Tpr. Ring (Bend) was patrolling Coyote Butte and observed a parked vehicle. Upon contact, he noted a mother with two young daughters inside, and the mother appeared to be shaking and nervous. Ring's investigation revealed the mother had methamphetamine in the vehicle. The father responded to take custody of the children, and Ring arrested and lodged the mother in jail for **UPCS—Methamphetamine**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) responded to a call from Douglas County SO about two trespassers shooting on private timberland. He located one suspect returning to his car. He learned the second suspect was at a nearby residence and was a convicted felon and on probation. As a result of the interview, Frerichs arrested and lodged the suspect in jail for **UPCS—Methamphetamine, Delivery of Methamphetamine, Offensive Littering, Felon in Possession of Restricted Weapon, Criminal Trespass with a Firearm, and Felon in Possession of Firearm**. He seized a 12-gauge shotgun, ammunition, suspected drugs, scales, packaging material, and other paraphernalia as evidence.

While patrolling the Clackamas River at North Fork Reservoir, Tpr. Fromme (Portland) observed two adults and one child angling in a closed area. One angler began to smoke from a pipe when Fromme made contact. After making contact, the subject threw the pipe into a shallow section of the river. Further investigation revealed the subject had a felony warrant with multiple cautions as an absconded offender from the Oregon State Parole Board. A consent search of the subject's bags revealed methamphetamine, methamphetamine pipes, morphine, diazepam, and a scale. The pipe was also retrieved from the water. Fromme arrested and lodged the subject in the Clackamas County Jail for the parole violation warrant, **UPCS—Methamphetamine, UPCS—Schedule II Drugs, and UPCS—Schedule IV Drugs**, and additionally warned the subject for **Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway**.

Interagency Cooperation



Illegal off-road vehicle use destroyed forest roads. Photo credit: File

ATV Riders Cited for Environmental and Criminal Offenses

Members of the South Coast Team worked in conjunction with the Lincoln County SO woods deputy and the USFS LEO to target illegal off-road vehicle use on the 1000 line east of Toledo. Sr. Tpr. Torland and Sr. Tpr. Canfield assisted the LCSO with numerous contacts. A private industrial timber company owns the target area on the 1000 line, and the area has turned into a large mud bog. Officers issued multiple citations for **Criminal Mischief**, **Water Pollution II**, **Inadequate Fenders/Mud Flaps**, and **Unlawful Transport of Minor Forest Products**. At one point, law enforcement officers contacted eight vehicles (Class II ATVs) at the same time at the location. In conjunction with the above operation, Torland worked another area he has been receiving complaints of illegal vehicle use and trespass on timberlands. On one day, Torland issued two citations for **Criminal Trespass II**. The subjects drove by two No Trespassing signs prior to contact. The next day, Torland was in the same area. He contacted a subject who had driven by the same No Trespassing sign. Torland cited this subject also for **Criminal Trespass II**.

Interagency Investigations

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) responded to assist Tillamook County SO with a complaint about a male subject who was slumped over the wheel in Bay City. Upon arrival, Galusha found an intoxicated subject sleeping in his vehicle which was parked very unusually in a grassy area along a city street. With the assistance of medical personnel, Galusha woke up the subject. The subject was determined to be intoxicated. The investigation revealed the subject drank alcohol and smoked marijuana and then decided to take a nap after driving to the location where he was found. Galusha arrested the subject for **DUII** and lodged the subject in the Tillamook County Jail.

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) interviewed a subject for Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks concerning a False Application for Resident Licenses in Montana. After a lengthy interview, the subject admitted to Bean he was in fact not a resident of Montana in 2007 and 2008. A report was forwarded to Montana for their action.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) assisted USFS LEO Regan Eivers with trespassers on USFS property near Cougar Reservoir. In the three-hour operation, the officers contacted numerous subjects. They issued eight citations for **Violating Night Closure**, one for **UPCS—Marijuana**, and two for vehicle-related violations and multiple warnings.

Interagency Boat Patrols

Sr. Tpr. Knapp, Tpr. Miller (Enterprise), IDFG Officer Cooper, and South Dakota Officer Waite (their Fish and Wildlife Officer of the Year visiting on an exchange) conducted a three-day boat patrol on the Snake River in Hells Canyon. The officers contacted several anglers and hunters in the canyon and issued two angling citations. After the patrol, Sgt. Hawkins (La Grande) and Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) hosted Waite for the remainder of his exchange time in Baker City.

Sr. Tpr. Carter, Tpr. Dietz (Pendleton), Sr. Tpr. Connell (Hermiston), and Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) assisted WDFW with an operation focused on Chinook protection over a weekend below McNary Dam and above the Oregon/Washington state line to the Tri-Cities. During the patrol, officers worked anglers by bank and boat. They checked 116 anglers and inspected 49 boats with 12 BERs. They issued citations for **No Harvest Card**, **No Angling License**, **No PFD (Oregon)**, **No PFD (Washington)**, and warnings for No Boat Registration.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) and WDFW Sgt. Chadwick patrolled the Columbia River tangle net fishery. They observed multiple drift times and contacted several vessels, warning one for an Unlit Net Buoy after Dark. Just prior to the opener, Klepp noticed two sport anglers actively land a Chinook on the bank of White's Island (Washington). Both men quickly took the fish away from shore and placed it in a bag near their camp. Klepp positioned the boat so Chadwick could go ashore. Chadwick immediately noticed two additional Chinook near the water's edge. He inspected the fish and asked the men twice if they had additional salmon. Both men said they did not. A search of the bag revealed a third salmon. Chadwick cited the subject who landed the fish for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Chinook Salmon** and **Failure to Submit Catch for Inspection** and the other for **Aiding in Wildlife Violation—Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Chinook Salmon** and **Failure to Submit Catch for Inspection**.

Sr. Tpr. Connell (Hermiston) and Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) conducted a boat patrol with WDFW Officer Horn, focusing on boat and bank salmon anglers below McNary Dam. They checked 50 anglers and 12 boats (five BERs). Officers issued an arrest warrant for **Fail to Appear—Menacing** and **Fail to Pay Fines**. On another boat patrol, Horn, Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles), and Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) worked The Dalles Pool of the Columbia River. They checked numerous anglers and issued citations for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Tag**, **Using an Invalid License**, and **Unlawful Possession of Undersize Sturgeon** and several warnings for Taking Sturgeon with Prohibited Gear—Barbed Hooks.

Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles), Tpr. Frazier (Hood River), and WDFW Officer Bolton conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River in the Hood River area to check tribal fishers during the commercial spring Chinook opener. During the patrol, they checked 19 fishers, and five were out of compliance. The troopers issued citations for **Fishing Closed Season** (net out one hour before 6:00 a.m. opener), **Failure to Carry Tribal Identification (x 2)**, and **Insufficient Number of PFDs** and additional warnings for Failure to Carry Tribal Identification. The officers also assisted a larger boat due to the prop getting caught in a gill net. They helped pull in the net, and then they called Intertribal Enforcement who brought their larger patrol boat to tow the disabled boat to a marina. Bolton issued two citations to sport anglers on the Washington side for **Failure to Immediately Validate Salmon Tag**.

Interagency Cooperation / Public Relations

Special Service Provided

Sr. Tpr. Merritt, Tpr. Stone, and Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) all participated in a Special Olympics fundraiser. The troopers took drink orders, cleaned tables, and visited with customers at Red Robin in Roseburg. The troopers donated all their tips received to the local Special Olympics.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson, Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles), and Sr. Tpr. Mc Nerney (Hood River) held a boat inspection day at The Dalles Marina. The event was publicized on the local radio and in the newspaper. Troopers completed 37 BERs. This public service has become an annual event that is well received.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) patrolled the season opener on the upper McKenzie River. During the patrol, he attended the 5th annual McKenzie River Wooden Boat Festival and conducted several boat exams. Over 100 people attended the event, and Boyd visited with a majority of them about boating and angling regulations and answered numerous questions.

Sr. Tpr. Moore (Portland) and volunteer Catherine Albrecht attended the first Springbrook Middle School Safety Fair in the Bethany area. Agencies present included USCG, Washington County SO, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, and Oregon Search and Rescue K9s. The program gave the children free bicycle helmets and life vests. School personnel estimated about 500 parents and children attended the two-hour fair.

Lt. Gifford (SW Region) volunteered at a local program called "Sometimes Miracles Hide." The event allowed mothers, grandmothers, and caregivers of disabled children to take a break and enjoy a very nice luncheon. Each attendee was presented with a gift basket. The program provided the disabled children and their siblings with buddies for the day, sack lunches, and games and activities, including pony rides.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) found a small poodle/dachshund mix many miles up Laycock Road, wet, lost, scared, and without a collar. He placed the dog in his pickup and did an area search, but he was unable to locate the owner. Ritter took the dog to the veterinary clinic and contacted the local radio station, who agreed to run announcements periodically for the next couple of days to try and locate the owner. The dog was not claimed, so the dog was put up for adoption and found a new home already.

Participated in Meetings, Trainings, and Events

Several troopers attended trainings, meetings, and events. Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) staffed the Trailer of Shame at The Cherry Festival in The Dalles. The trailer was well received, and he answered numerous questions. Sr. Tpr. Halsey and Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) attended a timber landowners meeting in Sweet Home. Sr. Tpr. Kehr and Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) attended the annual OHA Lincoln County Chapter banquet. They set up a booth, displayed several illegally killed animals, and answered numerous questions. Sr. Tpr. Moore (Portland) displayed the Trailer of Shame at a Mule Deer Foundation fundraising event at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds. About 80 people attended. He answered many questions. The South Valley Team and ODFW Wildlife Biologists Wolfer and Yee attended a meeting with local timber company representatives, hosted by Weyerhaeuser, that discussed access policies and enforcement issues relating to hunters and others, wildlife management goals, and upcoming hunts. Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) instructed a class at the Lane County DA's office, with several ADAs attending. The two-hour class covered a Division trooper's duties and responsibilities and fish, wildlife, boating, environmental, ATV, archaeological, and other criminal law violations encountered in the field. BLM Special Agent Brenna gave a presentation about timber theft.



Trooper listening to public comments. Photo credit: File

Troopers Spoke to Class Groups

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) gave a presentation to a 4-H group regarding firearms and the law. Sr. Tpr. Carter (Pendleton) attended a Hunter Education (HE) class in Hermiston and fielded many questions. Sgt. Allori (Portland) gave a presentation to a HE class in Portland and answered many questions. Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) gave a presentation at a HE class in Toledo. She also assisted with Outdoor School in conjunction with Mid-Coast Watershed Council, instructing 60 students on firearms safety, water safety, species identification, and fish and wildlife laws. Sr. Tpr. Connell (Hermiston) spoke to and answered many questions at a Master HE class in Hermiston, with several hunters and instructors attending. Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) spoke to a very interested and engaged Boy Scout group led by Sr. Tpr. Hlebechuk (Patrol) about Division duties and wildlife species. Sr. Tpr. Gunderson and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) gave a presentation at an OHA-sponsored youth turkey clinic on the White River Wildlife Area near Tygh Valley and fielded numerous questions. About 250 people attended.

Interagency Meetings Attended

Sgt. Perske (Roseburg) and Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) taught at the Marine Board Academy at Cullaby Lake near Astoria as jet boat instructors. Lt. Gifford (SW Region) and local sergeants attended ODFW Town Hall meetings around the region. Gifford and Lt. Scorby (East Region) gave presentations on OSP's role in natural resource investigations to the Central Oregon Regional Management Team training in Bend. ODFW, DSL, OWRD, ODA, DEQ, and DOJ attorneys attended. Lt. Dingeman (Director), Lt. Heider (HQ), Lt. Scorby, Sgt. Pond (Bend), and Sgt. Hawkins (La Grande) attended ODFW Town Hall meetings in Bend and La Grande. Public members commented on the budget process. Sgt. Martin, Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield), Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge), and ODFW Biologists Wolfer and Yee attended a local meeting at Oakridge High School that discussed local elk management issues. About 70 people attended. Lt. Gifford and Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) attended an Access and Habitat board meeting. The board renewed the Jackson Access and Cooperative Travel Management Area (JACTMA) project for four years. Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) and Sgt. Meyer attended a meeting at DEQ headquarters in Portland that discussed proposed changes for the in-stream mining permit. The room was filled with many concerned miners. Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) attended an ODFW meeting in Newport regarding changes in logbook requirements for commercial fisheries.

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