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Division Honored Trooper and Team with Yearly Recognition Award

On August 31, Capt. Jeff Samuels (Division Director) and Sgt. David Pond (Bend) presented Sr. Tpr. James Hayes (Bend) with the 2009 Fish and Wildlife Division Officer of the Year award at the OSP Bend office. This is the fourth annual presentation of the award that is based on professionalism, work ethic, and dedication to citizens and natural resources of our State.



Capt. Samuels congratulating Sr. Tpr. Hayes. Photo credit: File

Hayes joined OSP in 1999 and was assigned to the Patrol Services Division in Gilchrist. In 2005, he transferred to the Fish and Wildlife Division in Bend. Pond indicated that Hayes is one of the most diligent troopers he has ever met in locating and apprehending criminals. Pond also noted that Hayes' work is an example of his well-rounded approach to keeping an eye out for people committing any type of crime or traffic offense. During 2009, Hayes investigated and successfully concluded a variety of cases including:

- A lengthy investigation into fish and wildlife crimes in Oregon and Idaho uncovered video tapes featuring at least four suspects involved in illegal taking of wildlife and the seizure of taxidermy mounts of bear, deer, cougar, and moose. The suspects were charged with multiple crimes in Oregon and Idaho.
- While patrolling a highway east of Bend using Patrol Division overtime grant funds, Hayes stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and noted blood on the passenger door and an odor of fresh meat. The subsequent investigation revealed the two occupants had three antelope and a deer. Each faced charges for Illegal Possession of Antelope and Illegal Possession of Deer.
- Receiving a report from USFS employees of two subjects putting deer meat into a vehicle, Hayes responded from over 100 miles away to investigate and asked two deputies to contact the subject until he could arrive. Using the meat's temperature obtained with a thermometer, Hayes determined the two bucks were killed at separate locations and were not road struck deer as had been first claimed. The suspects were charged with numerous fish and wildlife offenses.

Also on August 31 at the presentation in Bend, Capt. Jeff Samuels recognized the exceptional work of troopers from the Central Oregon Team and announced they were the recipients of the 2009 Fish and Wildlife Division Team of the Year award. This is the fourth presentation of the award since the Division implemented a new program celebrating and recognizing Division troopers for their outstanding teamwork in protecting Oregon's natural resources.



Central Oregon Team (left to right): Sr. Tpr. Mark Prodzinski, Sr. Tpr. Chuck Lindberg, Sr. Tpr. James Hayes, Sgt. David Pond, Tpr. Ring, Sr. Tpr. Greg Love, Tpr. Rich Young, and Sr. Tpr. Andrew Menlow. Not pictured: Sr. Tpr. Amos Madison. Photo credit: File

Supervised by Sgt. David Pond (Bend), the nine-member Team is comprised of one sergeant and eight troopers assigned to offices in Bend, Madras, and Prineville. Challenged by diverse natural resource enforcement issues in this fast growing area of the state, the Team members work closely with neighboring Division teams and are very involved in their communities with local user groups and the media. Team members maintain a cooperative working relationship with the Warm Springs Tribe, USFS, BLM, and ODFW and are very active with the local OHA chapters, giving presentations on enforcement and protection efforts.

Ranging from five to 28 years of OSP service, the Team members have a total of 129 years of law enforcement experience. In making the surprise announcement to Team members at the OSP Bend office, Samuels said that "this award reflects your teamwork, leadership, work ethic, commitment, and overall professionalism." For the complete press release, including some of the year's highlights, please visit www.oregon.gov/OSP/NEWSRL/news/08_31_2010_fw2009_team_of_year.shtml.

Recognition

Trooper Received Department Lifesaving Award for Rescuing 90-Year-Old Man from John Day River

On August 4, former Superintendent Timothy McLain recognized the May 20, 2010, lifesaving effort of Tpr. Marv Ritter (John Day) during a presentation of the Department's Harold R. Berg Lifesaving Award. Joining McLain and numerous local officials during the special event at the John Day office was Milton Pearlman, the 90-year-old man who was pulled from his partially submerged car in the John Day River, and many others who participated in his rescue.

On May 20, 2010, Ritter, assisted by an OSP sergeant, Grant County deputies, and numerous others, saved Pearlman from the John Day River as he was quickly succumbing to hypothermia while clinging to his submerged car in the middle of the river. Pearlman had reportedly been in the water for over 30 minutes after failing to negotiate a curve and driving off the road into the river.

Putting himself at significant risk in the swollen river water, Ritter donned a life jacket, tied a line to him, and entered the river several hundred feet above the car to perform a swift water rescue. Swimming into the middle of the river and getting carried downstream, Ritter was able to grab onto the car and Pearlman. After placing a life jacket onto Pearlman, they were pulled back to shore by assisting emergency responders. Ritter's lifesaving effort was helped by other officers, volunteer ambulance and fire personnel from Dayville, ODOT, and numerous citizens who stopped at the scene.

Immediately upon returning to shore, Pearlman was treated by medical responders and quickly rushed to the John Day Hospital for treatment of hypothermia. He was held overnight and released the next day to his son. More information about the May 20 incident and links to photographs is available on our website at http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/NEWSRL/news/05_20_2010_ritter_pearlman_rescue.shtml.

Ritter, age 57, has worked for the OSP for five years. He had previous law enforcement experience before joining OSP. The Harold R. Berg Lifesaving Award is named after Lieutenant Harold R. Berg who died on May 10, 1975. Berg, while off duty, was contacted by a citizen who informed him that a boy scout was missing at Cape Lookout State Park. While attempting to search a cave near the water's edge, he was washed out to sea. The award is given to State Police employees who distinguish themselves by performing or reacting to a situation in a positive and professional manner which saves or reduces the risk of loss of life of another person; and, where a strong possibility existed that if such action was not taken, loss of life or serious injury would have resulted.

Trooper Ritter (above) and award presentation (below). Photo credits: File



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

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Commercial Fish / Sport Shellfish / Marine Board

Commercial and Crab Violations Noted

Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) checked limited sellers in Charleston and Winchester Bay. As a result of the investigation, Bowen issued four warnings for federal violations, two warnings for Failure to Complete Reports Properly, and one citation for **Unlawfully Rendering Tuna Prior to Sale**.

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) received a report of suspects cooking undersized Dungeness crab at the Embarcadero cooker. The witness and an Embarcadero employee located the backs of the cooked crab immediately after the suspects cleaned and picked out the crab, recovering 18 undersized crab backs as evidence. After the investigation, Urbigkeit cited a member of the suspected group for the crime of **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**.

Off-duty Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) observed a recreational boat with a single male occupant on the Alsea Bay crabbing using between five to six rings with no one else on board (the limit is three rings, pots, or lines per person). She gave the vessel description to Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport). After surveillance of the vessel, and once the vessel came to the boat ramp, Urbigkeit subsequently cited the crabber for **Crabbing with More than 3 Rings and Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Crab**.



Trooper on an ocean patrol. Photo credit: File

Various Marine Board-Related Checks, Investigations, and Assists

While Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) and Sr. Tpr. Coggins (Enterprise) were crabbing in Netarts Bay off duty, they noted two men in a canoe arrive and start pulling crab pots. While trying to pull one of the pots, the men capsized and started to drift to the ocean. Hoodenpyl and Coggins immediately boated over to the men, pulled them from the water, and took them to shore. The men were not injured, and the canoe was also recovered.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) and a recruit patrolled the Rogue River with the Department jet boat. They checked 21 angling licenses and six salmon. They gave out two warnings for No Juvenile Angling License and Aiding in a Game Violation (No Juvenile Angling License). They also checked numerous boats and conducted nine boat exams with three boat warnings and one citation for **Insufficient Number of PFDs** to an outfitter/guide.

Portland Division troopers located a 1975 jet boat beached on an island with a male subject attempting to dig the boat out in hopes the tide would float the boat. This same boat was displaying California numbers but also displaying an expired Oregon registration sticker. The male was accompanied by two females who stated they all camped on the island the night before, and the boat became beached during the tide change. The troopers developed probable cause for a boat exam. During the exam, troopers learned the male was on felony parole for dangerous drugs. A consent search located a substantial user amount of methamphetamine in his shorts pocket, as well as a female in possession of marijuana. The troopers arrested the male for **UPCS—Methamphetamine**, notified the male's probation officer for a detainer warrant, and cited the female for **UPCS—Marijuana**. The troopers transported the male by boat to the nearest boat ramp where West Linn PD assisted in transporting him to the Clackamas County Jail where he was lodged on the felony drug charge and issued two Marine Board citations for **Failing to Have Boater Education Card** and **Failing to Register the Boat in the State of Oregon**. The troopers towed the boat off the island and released it to the two females.

Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen and Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) conducted a boat patrol on the Pacific Ocean from the Port of Brookings. They contacted 20 boats, checked few fish, and conducted random checks of fishing gear. They only noted one violation for No AIS Permit.

Sgt. Allori, Sr. Tpr. Moore, and Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) conducted a saturation on the lower Clackamas River. In about 3 1/2 hours, the troopers issued 21 citations for **No PFD** and one for **MIP—Alcoholic Beverage**. Clackamas County made a **BUII** arrest.

Over a weekend, Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) conducted high lakes and wilderness patrols in the Waldo Lake area east of Oakridge, conducting both boat and foot patrols. They made several contacts and gave out a few warnings. Overall, they noted compliance was good, including the noncombustible motor regulation on Waldo Lake and the AIS permit program.

Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) and Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) conducted a float trip from Macks Canyon to the mouth of the Deschutes River, covering approximately 24 miles of river. They checked 30 boats and scenic boater passes, contacted 38 anglers, and issued three **Fail to Validate Harvest Card—Steelhead** and two **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait** citations and five boating and six angling warnings.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) noticed a violation at Leaburg Lake. He directed the subjects to shore and contacted them near the dock. Prior to that boat coming in, Boyd contacted another boat with expired tags. Boyd cited the occupants of the second boat for **No 2010 Nonresident Angling License** and **Expired Registration**. The first boater arrived, and Boyd collected the violators' information. One subject gave Boyd a false name, date of birth, and country of residence. At the conclusion of the contact, Boyd issued one citation for **Giving False Information to Police**, three for **Angling Prohibited Area**, one for **No 2010 Angling License**, and one for **No Child Personal Floatation Device**; a cite and release warrant out of Salem for **FTA/DUII**; and multiple warnings.

Sport Angling

ODFW Aided Enforcement Efforts

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) cited two subjects for **Illegal Possession of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon** after ODFW fish checkers contacted them at the Hammond Marina and discovered the illegal fish.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) collected an undersized lingcod landed at the Port of Gold Beach. Stinnett located the violator and after verifying she simply “did not measure the fish,” he cited her for **Taking an Undersized Lingcod (20.5 Inches)**.

ODFW seized a nonadipose fin-clipped coho salmon from a sport vessel as it returned to the Port of Charleston. Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) placed the fish into evidence and cited the angler for **Unlawful Take—Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**.

Tpr. O’Connor (Astoria) responded to two ODFW complaints of unlawful salmon at the Warrenton boat ramp. O’Connor issued citations for **Unlawful Possession of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon** and **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Chinook Salmon**.

While checking anglers at the Port of Brookings, Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) and Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) contacted boat anglers who landed a cabezon. ODFW fish checkers posted easily visible signs at the top of each boat ramp advising the season had closed. Stinnett confiscated the fish and cited the angler for **Taking Cabezon Closed Season**. Stinnett collected four other cabezon illegally retained during the weekend prior to ODFW posting the warning signs. When Stinnett contacted the four anglers, he issued warnings for the illegal landings.

An ODFW fish sampler contacted Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) at the Port of Brookings about two canary rockfish seized from an angler. When Stinnett arrived, he verified they were canary rockfish, a prohibited species. The sampler gave the location where the anglers were camping. Stinnett contacted the anglers who advised two young children in the boat caught the fish. Their father and another angler on board admitted they looked at the pictures in the regulations and identified the fish as canary rockfish, but they did not read the regulations to learn the fish were prohibited. Stinnett cited the father for **Taking Canary Rockfish Closed Season**.

Troopers Still Experiencing Enforcement Issues at Big Creek

Astoria troopers monitored Big Creek over several days at various times. On one patrol, between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m., Tpr. O’Connor and Rct. Warwick contacted several anglers carrying large nets, a pitchfork, and rods rigged up with gear commonly used for snagging fish. They issued **seven** criminal citations for **Angling Prohibited Hours for Salmon** and **Angling Prohibited Method—Weight within 18 Inches of Hook**. When Sr. Tpr. Klepp worked the area, he watched a man retain a very large Chinook hooked in the side. When contacted, Klepp found the man in possession of four Chinook. The suspect’s story changed multiple times. Klepp issued the suspect citations for **Retention of Foul-Hooked Chinook Salmon** and **Illegal Possession of Chinook Salmon—No Transportation Receipt** and warnings for **Continuing to Angle after Obtaining a Daily Bag Limit**. On another patrol, Rct. Herman and Klepp watched two anglers use bare hooks and land several foul-hooked salmon, retaining two Chinook and one coho. As they approached to make contact, one angler attempted to hide the salmon, while the other cut off their tackle. The anglers eventually admitted to snagging and keeping the salmon. They said they retained the Chinook only for their eggs and were going to get rid of them. The troopers cited one angler criminally for **Unlawful Taking Foul-Hooked Chinook Salmon, Continuing to Angle after Retaining Daily Limit, and Failure to Immediately Validate Angling Harvest Card** and the other criminally for **Unlawful Taking Foul-Hooked Coho Salmon, Aiding in a Wildlife Violation, and Failure to Immediately Validate Angling Harvest Card**.

Salmon Gaffed and Thrown into River

Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) investigated a report of a subject who had foul-hooked a Chinook salmon, gaffed the salmon in the side, retained it for several minutes, and then threw it back into the South Santiam River below Foster Dam. The reporting person attempted to revive the salmon but was not able to. The suspect admitted these allegations were true. Consequently, Halsey cited the male subject for **Wasting Game Fish—Chinook Salmon**.

Illegal Marine Fish Discovered

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) worked night anglers on Tillamook Bay on the North Jetty. When he contacted two rockfish anglers, he found one subject had 13 rockfish over legal limit. He cited the angler for **Exceeding the Bag Limit Rockfish**.



Cabezon. Photo credit: CDFG

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) contacted two brothers who landed a large canary rockfish and an undersized lingcod. After a lengthy conversation on fish identification and fish aging, Stinnett cited the local brother for **Taking Canary Rockfish Closed Season** and warned the brother visiting from Washington for taking an undersized lingcod.

At the Ghost Hole on Tillamook Bay, when Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) contacted two anglers who appeared nervous as they advised they had not caught any fish. Galusha checked the area and found a short, mutilated cabezon laying near the subjects hidden in some brush. One subject admitted to catching the fish then cutting parts off of it for bait. Galusha cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of a Mutilated Game Fish**.

Sport Angling

Illegal Angling Yielded Seven Fish Seized

Sr. Tpr. Pearson and Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) received an early morning complaint of a gillnet in the Deschutes sanctuary. While en route, they received a call of a subject who began fishing at 1:30 a.m. under the Deschutes River Bridge and retained hatchery steelhead. An angler who showed up to save a rock until legal fishing time told the subject to cease and desist. Another person called OSP. Upon contact, the subject was still fishing (with his nine-year-old son) and possessed eight steelhead. Based on the fish's condition, the troopers determined the subject kept four steelhead between 1:30 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. Some fish were back-dated on his and his son's tag for the day before. The troopers cited the subject criminally for **Taking Steelhead Prohibited Hours** and **Borrowing a Harvest Tag** and seized six steelhead and his gear. The troopers then received a report from the caller on the gillnet complaint who advised that suspect was pulling a net in the sanctuary. The troopers arrived as that suspect was pulling the net into the boat. Numerous sturgeon were released, and the troopers seized one salmon and the net. They cited two subjects for **Fishing Closed Area—Gillnet** and **No Tribal Identification Card** and warned a juvenile subject.

Snagging a Persistent Problem on the Rogue

Dispatch received a call of two men snagging salmon below Gold Ray Dam. As no Division troopers were on duty, Sr. Tpr. Freeman (Patrol) responded. He arrived in his marked Patrol car and saw one man snag a salmon in the side. The man landed the salmon, but he quickly released it after seeing Freeman watching him. Upon contact, Freeman found the man had another salmon on the bank. The fish had hook marks in its side and not in its mouth. The man admitted the fish was foul-hooked. Freeman seized the fish and cited the man for **Keeping Foul-Hooked Salmon**.

On the Rogue River, Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) observed a man hook a salmon and play it for several minutes. A second man grabbed a net; and, as he was running downstream to assist, he fell into the river. Meyer noted the fish was snagged in the back, and he watched the "angler" pull it in sideways. After the second man crawled back up onto the shore and eventually netted the flopping fish; he pulled the hook out, but the hook got stuck in his leg. After removing the hook, he grabbed the fish and carried it up the bank to the "angler" who wiped the blood off its back and tossed it in the grass. Upon contact, the netter said he knew the salmon was foul-hooked, but he did not release it, because he did not want the "angler" to hurt him. The "angler" first denied snagging the fish, and he even stuck a hook in the fish's cheek to show where he hooked it. He eventually changed his story, and Meyer cited him for **Keeping Foul-Hooked Salmon**. While Meyer was citing the second man for **No Angling License**, he saw the first man walk up to the road with the fish. He completed the citation, then he walked up the hill and advised he was seizing the fish. The man opened his car trunk, and Meyer saw another salmon. He admitted the fish was his and to not tagging either fish. He was going to tag the second one, but Meyer contacted him before he could. He did not tag the first, because it was a wild salmon; and he thought he could only keep five wild salmon per year, and he already tagged four. After advising he is to tag a salmon immediately after catching it, Meyer cited him for **Fail to Validate Salmon Tag**.

Over 60 Citations Issued in Four Patrols

Sr. Tpr. Klepp and Rct. Herman (Astoria) conducted several boat patrols on the Pacific Ocean and Columbia River. In stats reported on just four patrols, they checked over 60 boats and 130 anglers, resulting in 61 citations: 45 for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks for Salmon**, nine for **Angling Closed Area—Columbia River Control Zone**, three for **Failure to Immediately Validate Harvest Card—Salmon**, three for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods**, and one for **Offensive Littering**.



Wild coho. Photo credit: USFWS

Illegal Sturgeon and Wild Coho Taken

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted two boat anglers at Hammond. A consent search revealed two hatchery coho, two wild coho, and one large (gutted) sturgeon. Retention of sturgeon in the Columbia River closed two weeks prior. The men said they had no idea they could not take adipose finned coho. As for the sturgeon, they claimed they "picked up" the sturgeon as it was floundering on the surface of the water but still alive. They thought the season was open and decided to retain and tag it. Klepp cited one subject for **Illegal Possession of Sturgeon—Closed Season/Taking Prohibited Method** and **Illegal Possession of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**.

Numerous Violations Discovered in One Patrol

Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens), Rct. Herman, and Rct. Warwick (Astoria) conducted a boat patrol on the Pacific Ocean. As they approached a boat with two anglers 12 miles offshore, they noticed an angler trying to hide something. Herman boarded the boat. While he was talking with the angler, Warwick noticed a salmon hidden under a tarp. Herman's consent search located a nonadipose fin-clipped coho under the tarp and a second hidden in a rear compartment. The angler was also using two rods, barbed hooks on all lines, and treble hooks on one line. The troopers cited the angler criminally for **Unlawful Taking of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon (x 2)**, **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks for Salmon (x 2)**, **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Barbed Hooks for Salmon**, and **Angling Prohibited Method—Treble Hooks for Salmon** and seized both coho. During the same patrol, the troopers contacted a boat with three anglers. Herman boarded the boat and discovered all three were using barbed hooks, one had not validated two salmon, and another did not have an angling license or tag. A consent search found one angler was in possession of methamphetamine and had an arrest warrant. The troopers transported the angler by boat to Hammond, where he was taken to and lodged in the Clatsop County Jail on the warrant and cited criminally for **UPCS—Methamphetamine** and as a violation for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks for Salmon** and **Failure to Immediately Validate Angling Harvest Card—Salmon**. The troopers cited the other two anglers for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks for Salmon** and **No Valid Combined Angling Harvest Card**. Also during the patrol, the troopers issued three other citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks for Salmon**.

Wildlife / Hunting

Bears Taken with Bait

Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) set up to observe subjects baiting bear. When the subjects arrived, Baimbridge videoed the baiting. After the subjects baited the barrel, they climbed up into their tree stands. Baimbridge hiked a mile down to their stands, but the subjects saw him coming and took off. The subjects had driven in behind a locked gate that they had installed a personal lock on. Three deputies who Baimbridge had set up at the gate met the subjects when they tried to flee the area. Baimbridge cited the subjects for **Hunting Bear with the Aid of Bait** and other crimes. He seized their rifles, game cameras, bait barrel, and other evidence. One subject admitted to using bait to take a trophy 400-pound plus bear.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo and Tpr. Olsen (Salem) responded to a complaint in the Gates area regarding an alleged bear bait station on private property. The troopers located scent wicks hanging from trees, a jelly-like substance poured on stumps and small trees, and dried blood on the ground. They followed tire tracks found down an ATV trail and into to a sub-development. Turnbo recognized a residence where he seized a poached deer previously. The troopers approached this residence and noted blood in the driveway and in the back of a vehicle. After conducting interviews at the residence, the troopers determined two subjects baited bear with doughnuts and a bottle of bear bait, one subject shot a 400+-pound black bear without a tag, and the subject's hunting partner tagged it. The troopers cited the shooter for **Taking Bear with Bait, Taking Bear without a 2010 Bear Tag, Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree, and Borrowing a 2010 Bear Tag** and his partner for **Hunting Bear with Bait, Aiding in a Wildlife Crime, Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree, and Loaning a 2010 Bear Tag**. They also seized the bear and two rifles.



Olsen and Turnbo with seized bear and other evidence. Photo credit: File

Multiple Subjects Cited for Illegal Taking of Deer

Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) conducted follow-up on a deer complaint from a Friday night. He contacted the subject on Saturday and revealed the subject shot a doe in his front yard with a bow. Marchand seized the bow and the deer, citing the subject for **Taking Deer Closed Season**.

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski (Madras) was watching the local news and noted a subject he was investigating had been arrested and lodged in jail for a probation violation. Prodzinski immediately contacted the subject's wife for an interview. He obtained statements and evidence. As a result of the investigation, Prodzinski issued the suspect citations in jail for **Unlawful Taking of Deer** and **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**.

Tpr. Hutchison (John Day) and Sr. Tpr. Johnson (Patrol) located deer remains in the Northside Unit alongside a roadway. They tracked a blood trail back into the woods and located a camp with a deer. A woman at the camp initially stated she killed the deer with two shots from her bow; but after some discussion, Hutchison confirmed her husband killed the deer. They cited the husband for **Borrowing a Big Game Tag**.

Troopers Gave New Hunter Helpful Information about Area



15-year-old shoots first big game animal. Photo credit: File

a tag. Gifford provided information about a nice buck seen in the area, and the young man harvested it the next morning. That buck was 14 1/2 inches, had nice ivory tips, and good mass. The hunter was very excited and thankful for the tip.

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) and Lt. Gifford (SW Region) patrolled the Warner Unit for the second pronghorn season. The hunting pressure was light and distributed; however, those hunters checked were finding good success. One party contacted by Gifford had a 15-year-old young man who had never killed a big game animal, but he was lucky enough to draw

Bear Taken with Shotgun in Driveway

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) received a complaint of a subject who possibly shot a bear without a tag. Van Meter responded to a south Lincoln County residence and interviewed the suspect who admitted to shooting a bear two nights before. The suspect saw the bear in his driveway and shot it twice with a shotgun. He did not have his hunting license or bear tag when he shot the bear. The next morning, he attempted to purchase his license and tag, but the ODFW licensing system would not allow the sale because of unpaid taxes and child support. Van Meter found the entire carcass hanging in a tree wrapped in a sheet and the hide and head draped over a fence in the backyard. She issued the suspect citations for **Hunting without a 2010 Oregon Hunting License and Fall Bear Tag** and **Unlawful Take of Black Bear** and seized the carcass and hide. The meat was spoiled and unfit for human consumption.

Wildlife / Hunting

Bobcat Complaint Received

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) and Tpr. Farrar (Patrol) responded to a call of a bobcat that would not leave a private residence. Upon arrival, the troopers discovered a small bobcat kitten sitting on the downspout attached to the house. They captured the kitten and turned it over to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of the North Coast.



Bobcat complained turned out to be kitten. Photo credit: File

Subject Trapped Wildlife

Sr. Tpr. Hanson (Portland) responded to a report of a subject illegally trapping songbirds and squirrels. The suspect had six bird cage traps set up in his backyard with strings running to the back door of the house. When a bird or squirrel ate the bird seed or corn under the trap, the suspect would untie the string and let the trap capture the animal. The suspect had five sparrows, three jays, and a squirrel in cages. The birds and squirrel were released. Hanson cited the suspect for **Unlawfully Holding Wildlife without an ODFW Permit**.



Strings tied to several traps to catch wildlife. Photo credit: File



One of the birds found in a trap. Photo credit: File

Deer Poached near Drain

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) investigated a possible poaching incident near Drain where a shot was heard on a Sunday evening, and a neighbor located a gut pile on Tuesday. On Thursday, Stone obtained consent from the landowner, who lives across the country, to investigate the incident. Stone located fresh deer legs, a hide, and ribcage at the same location where the gut pile was located. Tire impressions from the carcass led to and turned up a driveway with only one house on it. With Sr. Tpr. Bowersox (Patrol) assisting, Stone contacted the suspect's residence. The troopers observed a truck with similar tire tread and design parked near the shop and fresh deer hair, blood smears, and fatty tissue in plain view inside the bed. When the suspect eventually returned home, Stone interviewed the suspect and obtained a confession. The troopers seized a 30.06 rifle with a spent shell casing in the chamber along with packaged and unprocessed deer meat. The suspect's wife hid the large three-point buck head in the shop's attic, but it was located and seized. Troopers cited the suspect for **Taking Deer Closed Season** and the wife for **Aiding in a Game Violation**.

Subject Shot at an Osprey with Sling Shot

Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) received a report that a subject was shooting at an osprey with a wrist rocket sling shot in The Dalles Marina. Kipper found the subject fishing in the marina and made contact, locating the slingshot and the projectiles (marbles). Kipper cited the subject for **Harassing Wildlife**. The osprey was not hit or injured.

Illegal Take of Hawk and Deer Discovered

Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) completed the last interviews in an investigation into the illegal take of a red-tailed hawk and illegal take and waste of a deer. OSP received a photo of the primary suspect holding the dead red-tailed hawk. Schwartz interviewed two suspects and subsequently cited them for **Taking Protected Wildlife—Red-Tailed Hawk, Taking Blacktail Deer Closed Season, and Waste of Wildlife**.

Subject Sold Illegal Wildlife

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) received a complaint that a person was trying to sell an aquarium that contained a big turtle on the internet. Allison determined the turtle was an invasive species, a red-eared slider. Allison called the advertiser and was told the turtle had been given away. He then contacted the advertiser at his residence who agreed to show Allison where the turtle now lived. Allison contacted the new owner who turned over the turtle. Allison issued a warning for Possession of Invasive Species and took the seized turtle to ODFW.

WED Operations Worked

Sr. Tpr. Halsey and Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) conducted a deer WED operation on private timberland near Sweet Home. At about 10:45 p.m., a male subject shot at the WED. The troopers contacted the subject and cited and released him for **Taking Buck Deer Closed Season**. The troopers also seized a scoped rifle he had just been purchased three days prior to this incident.

Sr. Tpr. Collom and Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) worked a deer WED operation in the Rogue Unit the second day of archery season. About 16 vehicles drove by, with five of them observing the decoys. Four hunters got out of the vehicles with bows and aimed arrows at the decoys. The troopers stopped them prior to shooting and checked their tags. Fortunately, all the subjects had valid archery tags. The troopers warned them for Shooting from the Roadway.

For information on the WED program and 2009 statistics, please visit our website at www.oregon.gov/OSP/FW/f_w_decoy.

Interagency

Successful Recovery of Missing Boy

A father and son from Cottage Grove found a missing five-year-old boy on August 5 following nearly 18-hour search in the Carl G. Washburne Memorial State Park area. On the morning of August 5, Pete Barrell and his 14-year old son, Mason, noticed a newspaper story about Isaak Glenn who family friends reported missing on August 4 after he disappeared while playing near a campsite being prepared for two overnight stays.

Having previously lived in the Florence area and serving as Director of the Siuslaw Watershed, Barrell knew the area well and had many local friends, including a Fish and Wildlife Division trooper. Barrell and his son decided to drive to the area to see if they could help. After arriving at the campground, Barrell saw his OSP friend, Sr. Tpr. Scott Salisbury (Florence), and asked what they could do to help. Salisbury told him drive up Big Creek Road about 1/2 mile north of the campground, because they had not been able to check it yet. Barrell and his son took on the assignment and drove up to a point and stopped at a gate. They got out and walked down to Big Creek where they walked downstream and then upstream while calling the boy's name.

After a few calls, they heard what sounded like a boy's voice calling back. They looked across Big Creek and saw Glenn's red hair up a steep wooded embankment where he sat. They walked through the creek and up the hill to the boy. They assured the boy he was okay and that they would take him back to the campground. They arrived at the campground about 1:15 p.m.

to the shouts of excitement from everyone. His mother, Rebecca Glenn, ran to the pickup where Barrell and his son were. The boy was reunited with his parents who gave Barrell and his son a big hug and thank you. The boy quickly ate a sandwich and drank some water before medical personnel checked him. He had multiple scratches on his legs and arms and was a little dirty, but he did not have to go to the hospital.

"My husband and I thank everyone for your support including police, fire, search and rescue, State Parks employees, and people staying at the park," said an appreciative Rebecca Glenn. "You dropped everything to find our missing son, and we will always be thankful to those who found him and all the others who were looking." OSP, the FBI, Lane and Lincoln County Search and Rescue Teams and their volunteers, Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department, Siuslaw FD, USCG, and many unnamed citizens were jointly involved in the search.



A hiking trail through a forest. Photo credit: MS Office

Other Interagency Investigations and Cooperative Assistance

Sgt. Thompson and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) conducted an ocean patrol targeting recreational halibut anglers, accompanied by ODFW groundfish biologist Lynn Mattis. The troopers issued three boaters citations and eight boaters warnings for **Angling Prohibited Area—Stonewall Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area (YRCA)**.

Rct. Herman (Astoria) conducted a joint boat patrol on the Pacific Ocean and Columbia River with WDFW Officer Hopkins. The officers gave out multiple warnings. Herman issued citations during the patrol: seven for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks for Salmon**, seven for **Angling Closed Area—Columbia River Control Zone**, one for **Failure to Immediately Validate Harvest Card—Salmon**, and one for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods**.

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) assisted at the scene of a pursuit. OSP Patrol troopers and Jackson County SO deputies were in pursuit of a stolen pickup truck that ran from Rogue River, through Gold Hill, and was approaching Central Point. Deputies and Central Point PD officers deployed spike strips, and the vehicle was running on three flat tires when a deputy did a pit maneuver on the vehicle, spinning it out. Allison was at the scene when the vehicle was spun out. He used his game truck to pin the back of the stolen truck, as the driver was attempting to back away from the patrol car that had the front pinned. The driver was arrested after he came out of the vehicle and gave up.

Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) assisted the Douglas County SO during Dunes Fest. Baimbridge warned several people for ATV violations and assisted the SO on several cases. Baimbridge also arrested one subject for **DUIH on an ATV** and three other subjects for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) went out on the USCG Cuttyhunk for a day patrol to board commercial salmon trollers. NMFS Agent Atkins was also on board. During the patrol, Urbigkeit cited a recreational boater for **Fishing with More than One Rod** and a commercial salmon troller fisherman for **Unlawful Fishing with More than Four Spreads on each Line**. She warned a salmon troller fisherman for a gear violation.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) assisted the USFS with operations surrounding the Scott Creek wildfire. Boyd and USFS LEO Eivers swept the closure area to evacuate tourists. Boyd and Eivers also assisted with site security issues in the area of the McKenzie Bridge airstrip helicopter operations base. During the evacuation effort, Boyd discovered an angler fishing with worms on White Branch Creek and cited him for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**.

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) contacted a subject after receiving information from ODFW staff regarding their suspicions of a bear the subject checked in. The investigation revealed the suspect harvested the bear about one week prior to the purchase of a 2010 fall bear tag. Stone seized the bear hide and skull and cited the suspect for **Unlawfully Taking Bear No Tag**. Also a taxidermist, his records were not even close to complete or within compliance, so Stone warned him for these violations.

Public Relations

Troopers Assisted with Hunter Education Classes

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) assisted Hunter Education by teaching a blood-trailing course at their field located at the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) spoke at a Hunter Education class of about 50 students and parents. Sgt. Martin (Springfield) spoke at a Hunter Education class of about 25 students. Attendees at both classes asked several good questions and were very interested in the information presented.

Sr. Tpr. Moore (Portland) spoke at a Hunter Education class at the Canby Rod and Gun Club to 43 students and parents. The main subjects that generate questions are trespassing, party hunting, shooting from a roadway, and carrying a handgun while hunting. Moore answered many good questions, and his discussion was well received.

Training Taught and Meeting Attended

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass), Sgt. Perske (Roseburg), Tpr. Mayer (Hermiston), and Tpr. Ritter (John Day) all instructed at the OSMB-sponsored White Water Drift Boat School held on the Rogue River in Jackson and Josephine Counties for law enforcement personnel.

Lt. Wilson (NW Region) attended a Town Hall meeting hosted by Representative Springer at the Lebanon Public Library. The meeting focused on cougars and community fears regarding the increased predation on livestock and concerns about safety. Approximately 135 people attended the meeting, including representatives from ODFW and Wildlife Services.

Dispositions

A six-person jury convicted a commercial crabber from a 2008 case where Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) cited the skipper for **No Release Mechanism and Fail To Make a Landing within 14 Days**. Circuit Court Judge Thomas O. Branford sentenced the former skipper to five years probation, nearly \$3,000 in fines, and **90 days in jail**.

Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for **DUI** in July. The subject was sentenced to **lifetime suspension of Oregon driver license**, 60 months probation, 10 days jail, 240 hours community service, alcohol evaluation and treatment, have no alcohol or enter bars and taverns, and 30 days vehicle registration suspension.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman and Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) both caught a man salmon fishing on the Rogue River with a leader over six feet long, the maximum length on the Rogue River. Cushman caught him with a 12-foot leader and cited him. Meyer caught him using a 9 1/2-foot leader a week or two later and cited him again. The man claimed it was a “stupid law,” and he was trying to get a petition to change it. The man was convicted on Cushman’s citation and the judge reduced the fine to \$90. The man was again convicted on Meyer’s citation. The judge reluctantly required the whole base fine amount of \$120, and he declined to suspend the man’s angling license.

Environment

Habitat and Environmental Cases Worked



Bear grass. Photo credit: BLM

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) contacted a large van on USFS Quartz Creek Road. He recognized the subjects from a bear grass case he made last year in the area. Boyd asked the driver how much bear grass he had. The driver did not specifically answer but presented a USFS permit that covered 1,000 pounds of bear grass and was not filled out prior to transport. A consent search revealed about **10,000** pounds of bear grass. Boyd escorted the van to the USFS McKenzie Ranger District station where the bear grass was seized and stored for disposal by USFS. Boyd cited all four subjects for **Unlawful Cut and Transport of Special Forest Products—Bear Grass**, a Class B misdemeanor that carries a penalty of up to \$2,500 and six months in jail.

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) conducted foot patrols in the campgrounds within Segments 2 and 3 around Maupin over two nights. They contacted numerous recreationalists and issued **14** citations (four for **Smoking in Violation of Deschutes Scenic Waterway Rules**, one for **Offensive Littering**, six for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**, and three for **MIP—Alcohol**) and gave out several warnings.

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) was checking Doughton Falls on the Rogue River when he encountered two men mining with a motorized sluice box on the riverbank. The men had dug into the riverbank and beyond (high-banking) an estimated 35-40 square feet. The pair lacked the proper permits to work within the waterway and beyond. Allison talked to the pair, who were out-of-work professionals and novices at mining. They showed the Allison their gains for the week of work: less than 1/4 ounce of gold flake. Allison gave both verbal warnings for Unlawful Fill and Removal and No DSL Permit.

ATV / General Law

ATV and Vehicle-Related Violations Discovered

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) cited an ATV operator for **Criminal Trespass** and **Violation of Posted Fire Restrictions** on private timberland. Fire restrictions at that time were listed as a Level III.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) responded to a complaint about two subjects who trespassed on a tree farm and crashed a vehicle. Turnbo cited both subjects for **Criminal Trespass II**. Both subjects had minor injuries.

Sr. Tpr. Bertram (Klamath Falls) cited an ATV operator for **Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree** after observing he and his family cut numerous cookies, causing significant damage to the roadway.

Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) contacted two ATV operators in the posted no-ATV area at Lookout Point. Neither had permits, and one had a felony warrant for absconding from parole and accompanied Imholt to jail. Imholt cited both for **Operating an ATV without an Off-Road Permit** and **Operating ATV in a Posted Restricted Area**.

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) received a complaint alleging someone cut his fence in two places in order to drive around two locked gates. The license plate tore off when the suspect drove through the brush. Stone contacted the vehicle owner and learned an employee used his company truck to scout in the mountains. Stone contacted the employee who confessed to cutting the fences and trespassing. Stone cited him for **Criminal Mischief II** and **Criminal Trespass II**. Per the company owner, the employee also lost his take-home company truck.

The Mid-Coast Team, Sr. Tpr. Culp (Pilot, Salem), and Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) conducted a night flight patrol. From the air, Culp and Sr. Tpr. Guerra located subjects in two vehicles spotlighting behind locked gates on closed private property. Turnbo, Retired Sr. Tpr. Oriet, and Sgt. Hoodenpyl contacted the suspects. The troopers found the suspects possessed several handguns and a spotlight and learned the suspects entered from a pirate trail that led onto the private property and bypassed the locked gates. The troopers issued all four suspects citations for **Criminal Trespass II**. The next day, Oriet returned to the area with Retired Sr. Tpr. Poggi to examine the pirate trail. During their patrol, they located a vehicle that had been reported stolen by Yamhill County SO. The register owner will remove this vehicle.

Subject Attempted to Bury Evidence in Sand

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) observed two anglers near the Westport Ferry Landing. As he approached, one angler saw him and began burying something in the sand. O'Connor inquired as to what was being buried, and the subject denied burying anything, sat on the ground, and refused to move. When O'Connor told the subject he was under arrest for No Angling License, the angler picked up an object out of the ground and threw it in the river. O'Connor waded out in the river and retrieved a plastic container of methamphetamine. He re-contacted the subject who was walking away and took him into custody. He also retrieved a considerable amount of methamphetamine that fell onto the ground when the subject threw the container. A consent search located a digital scale, several hundred dollars in cash, and plastic bags. Tpr. Topinka (Patrol) transported and lodged the subject in the Clatsop County Jail for **Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, Tampering with Physical Evidence, Resisting Arrest, No Angling License, and No Angling Harvest Card**.

Suspect Arrested after Fleeting Traffic Stop

On Hwy 138E just east of Glide, Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) stopped a subject for traffic violations. During the contact, Frerichs noticed the passenger had an open container of alcohol in his possession. While speaking with passenger, the driver took off running with Frerichs pursuing him on foot. The suspect ran through several backyards and then back onto Hwy 138E where Frerichs took him into custody. A Patrol trooper transported the suspect to the Douglas County Jail where he was lodged for **Misdemeanor Attempt to Elude on Foot, Interfering with a Police Officer, and Escape in the Third Degree**, and additionally cited for **Failure to Wear Safety Belt** and **Possession of an Open Container of Alcohol in a Vehicle**.

Dangerous Suspects Encountered

Rct. King (Tillamook) and Tpr. Farrar (Patrol) responded to Sand Lake where a hunter complained he had been shot at with a firearm while bow hunting. The hunter stated they saw an elk running and heard shots from a firearm. Bullets flew past them and nearly hit his son. Troopers conducted a short search, resulting in locating the suspects near a Sand Lake store. They identified the suspect shooter via a Washington driver license and additionally discovered the shooter had Oregon hunting licenses and tags. The troopers lodged the suspect in the Tillamook County Jail on **False Application for Hunting License, Reckless Endangering, and Attempted Taking of Elk Prohibited Method**.

While Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) had Assistant DA Jay Hall with him for a ride-along, he stopped a subject in McKenzie Bridge for a traffic violation. The driver appeared impaired and initially refused to produce his driver license. The driver submitted to and failed SFSTs. The driver refused to follow police orders and resisted arrest, so Boyd took the subject into custody. Tpr. Wetzel (Florence) transported the subject to the Lane County Jail where he refused a breath test. The subject was lodged for **DUII, Resisting Arrest, Fail to Obey a Police Officer, Harassment, and Menacing** and was additionally cited for **UPCS—Less than an Ounce of Marijuana and Refusing a Breath Test**.

While Sr. Tpr. Harris and Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) worked anglers on Smith River, a 15-year-old boy reported he was assaulted at the falls. When the boy arrived to swim with friends, a 22-year-old confronted him. The suspect choked him, threatened to further physically harm him, ripped his necklace off and earrings out, and let him go. His injuries were consistent with the story. When contacted, the suspect, who is on probation for Robbery, refused to provide a full statement; however, the troopers located two independent witnesses. Lea arrested the suspect for **Robbery III, Assault IV, Strangulation, Menacing, Theft III, and Probation Violation**. Harris gave the boy a ride to meet his mother.

When Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) came across a crash on Pioneer Parkway, witnesses advised that the driver and passenger fled the scene and gave a direction of travel. Boyd caught them about 1/4 mile away and detained them without incident. Superintendent McLain, Tpr. McLain, Sgt. Brewster, Tpr. Pelkey, and Tpr. Ulch assisted. The driver was severely intoxicated and unable to communicate. Pelkey took the driver into custody for **DUII, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering**, and other violations and lodged the driver at the Lane County Jail, BAC .21%. During a consent search, Brewster noted a deer fawn lower leg hanging from the rearview mirror. Boyd additionally cited the driver for **Unlawful Possession of Deer Parts**.

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