

# The Field Review



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## Preserve Oregon's Environment and Native Species – Now and for Future Generations

Although the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) created and executed an effective communication plan regarding the new Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program (AISPP) OSMB and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) implemented on January 1, under the direction of the Oregon State Legislature; Division troopers are discovering a low compliance rate in various areas around the state. Many Oregon and most out-of-state boaters lack awareness of the new law, with many not understanding that permit revenue generated is dedicated to protect Oregon's waterways and native environment via education, prevention, and detection and not a tax.

During routine boat inspections at local waterways and temporary invasive species boat check stations; Division troopers statewide have been working hard to educate people during contacts, primarily utilizing discussion and warnings as the objective to attempt to gain compliance through understanding.



Boat found contaminated with invasive species. Photo credit: File

Conservation is AISPP's primary focus. Preventing the spread of invasive species protects Oregon's waterways, native species, and habitats from a considerable threat. Along with the "Clean Launch" law ([ORS 830.560](#)), the goals of the AISPP law ([ORS 830.565-830.585](#) and [OAR 250-010-0650](#)) are to prevent releasing aquatic invasive plants, shellfish, or other species into Oregon's waterways, including the coastal shoreline to three miles out to sea, and prohibit launching boats contaminated with invasive species on the hull, motor, trailer, related equipment, or inside the vessel. AISPP applies not just to quagga and zebra mussel prevention, but containing other nuisance aquatic species, like New Zealand mud snails, already present and spread via water-based recreation.

When boating on Oregon's waters, the AISPP law requires owners of all motorized boats and sail boats 12 feet or more in length to obtain a AISPP permit and boaters age 14 and older operating non-motorized paddle craft (canoe, kayak, drift boat, raft, etc.) 10 feet or more in length and sailboats between 10 and 12 feet to purchase and carry an AISPP permit for each craft. AISPP revenue goes directly into a dedicated fund to purchase and maintain mobile boat decontamination equipment, hire and train inspectors, produce signage and educational materials, and support the permit infrastructure.

For resident registered boats, the permits are \$5, added to registration fees, valid for two calendar years, and non-transferable. The validation decal is proof of purchase. For nonresident operators of all motorized boats and sail boats 12 feet of more in length, the annual permit is \$22 (\$20 + \$2 agent fee). For paddle craft operators, the annual permit is \$7 (\$5 + \$2 agent fee). Both nonresident and paddle craft operator permits are transferable to other out-of-state and manually powered boats and/or boat operators and are available through ODFW's online license sales and point-of-sale agents. Exceptions and details about multi-jurisdictional waters can be found on [OSMB's website](#). OSMB will work with boat dealers, tackle shops, and other vendors interested in re-selling permits.

Federal agencies, such as U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Department of Commerce/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); national organizations, such as Nature Conservancy and Izaak Walton League; and academic institutions support initiatives to preserve and protect native species and waterways from invasive species. Oregon is also not the only state to implement invasive species laws. [Click to learn what other states are doing.](#)

OSMB urges operators to *Clean, Drain, and Dry* boats; the federal government suggests citizens *Prepare. Prevent. Protect*. Invasive species harm entire communities. They not only displace game and commercial fish and other native species and destroy the natural beauty of ocean beaches and inland waterways; they can damage boats and motors, prevent recreation, raise taxes and fees for management and clean-up, and threaten the economy. Preventing contamination of and controlling invasive organisms and restoring native habitat and species requires all community members to understand the problem's considerable significance and willfully and proactively work together to protect Oregon's waterways, native fish and wildlife species and habitats, people, and communities.

Although the objective was to issue warnings for the first few months following implementation, officers are beginning to enforce the new AISPP law, a Class D violation with a \$142 fine. Violating the "Clean Launch" law is a Class B violation with a \$287 fine. For more information, click the following links: [Oregon Clean Marina Program](#), [Aquatic Nuisance Species](#) (video), [AISPP](#) (main page), [AISPP FAQs](#) (video), [ODFW](#), [Oregon Invasive Species Council](#), [USFWS](#), [NOAA](#), [National Invasive Species Council](#), [National Invasive Species Information Center](#), and [Nature Conservancy](#).

— AIS Information from OSMB and various agencies

# Recognition

## Oregon Governor's Fund for the Environment Awards Division Grant for Water Testing Equipment

On May 6, in Salem, Governor Ted Kulongoski awarded \$564,000 in 14 grants to aid farmers, vintners, students, local governments, and landowners for their environmental stewardship. The grants are funded by the Governor's Fund for the Environment and supported by pollution penalties. Since its inception in 2005, polluters have been ordered to pay more than \$4.5 million to the fund.

Thanks to the notable efforts of the Division's former SIU detective, Sr. Tpr. Ball, the Division was among the award recipients. The \$38,236 grant award will increase the Division's ability to investigate environmental and wildlife protection crimes by providing troopers the necessary water testing equipment. Environmental crime investigations, streambed protection, littering/dumping enforcement, and water pollution investigations are important parts of the Division's effort to improve and protect Oregon's wildlife and natural resources. Equipment is needed to test turbidity, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH, and temperature of a waterway while in the field in order to improve the quality and quantity of evidence and increase the likelihood of a successful prosecution. Grant funds will purchase equipment needed to increase the number of Division water pollution investigations and successful prosecution of polluters, ultimately increasing habitat protection for fish and wildlife and providing a deterrent to others who may consider violating Oregon's environmental laws.



Governor presents OSP with grant award. Photo credit: NFWF

—Information from the multi-agency press release ([click to read the full version](#))

## New Fish and Wildlife Division Director



Captain Jeff Samuels is the Division's new Director. Photo credit: File

Note: This important promotion was announced prior to publishing June's newsletter.

On July 30, Superintendent Timothy McLain announced a veteran OSP lieutenant as the next Division Director. Effective August 1, Jeff Samuels, age 44, was promoted to Captain of the Fish and Wildlife Division; directing the enforcement efforts of fish, wildlife, and commercial fishing laws and the protection of natural resources. With an authorized staffing of 117 troopers, sergeants, and lieutenants; the men and women of the Fish and Wildlife Division also enforce traffic, criminal, boating, livestock, and environmental protection laws, in addition to responding to emergency situations. "Jeff's broad base of experiences and knowledge will help the Fish and Wildlife Division move forward, providing professional and outstanding public safety services throughout our state," said McLain.

Samuels started with OSP as a seasonal cadet before being hired as a full-time recruit trooper in 1989. He worked Patrol Division assignments at Corvallis, Gold Beach, and Salem. In 1998, he transferred into the Fish and Wildlife Division's Special Investigations Unit in Salem, working as a trooper and later as the unit's sergeant, supervising the special team between 2004 and 2006. He was promoted into a Division lieutenant's position overseeing the Fisheries Section.

ODFW Deputy Director Curt Melcher praised the choice of Samuels as the new Division Director. "Jeff is an outstanding choice as the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division Captain. His experience working with the agency has been invaluable when it comes to protecting fish and wildlife," said Melcher.

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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.	Captain	ODOT	Department of Transportation	UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
DA	District Attorney	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	PFD	Personal Flotation Device	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
DSL	Department of State Lands			WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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# Commercial Fish / Shellfish

## Commercial Harvester Cited

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) worked recreational and commercial razor clam harvesters on the Clatsop Beach in Seaside. After he contacted numerous recreational harvesters and issued four citations for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** and seized 13 clams; he contacted two commercial harvesters after they left the digging area in a vehicle. He noted one man was attempting to fill out his commercial logbook. Klepp discovered the harvester did not dye his 30 pounds of clams and did not have proper commercial licenses to harvest razor clams for bait. Klepp cited this subject for **No Commercial Shellfish Harvest Permit, Failure to Dye Commercially Harvested Razor Clams, and Failure to Maintain Commercial Shellfish Logbook**. This was the subject's second logbook citation in three weeks.

## Numerous Patrols Worked to Protect Delicate Resources

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) worked the minus tides series over a weekend with the assistance of Volunteers Kelly and Buchanan. Klepp issued citations for **Failure to Retain First 15 Razor Clams Dug and Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams (x 3)**.

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) worked clambers at Netarts Bay near Whiskey Creek. One subject dumped clams onto the sand and began to sort them. Galusha counted 51 clams, 31 over the limit. He cited the subject for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Bay Clams**.

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) assisted with a razor clam patrol. Martin Maher cited one subject who concealed 17 clams under his jacket for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams**. Marshall Maher issued citations for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** and **No Separate Clam Container**.

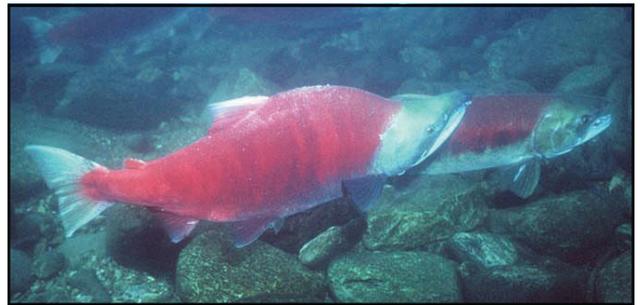
Sgt. Hoodenpyl, Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook), Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles), Sr. Tpr. Torland (Newport), Tpr. Olsen (Salem), and Volunteers Buchanan and Kelly worked bay clam patrols in Tillamook and Netarts. Troopers issued numerous citations for **Exceeding the Bag Limit** and **Failure to Retain Broken Gaper Clams** and seized 230+ clams.

On Alsea Bay, Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) noticed a clammer empty his sack and put clams back in as if he were counting them. The clammer left the area and put the visibly heavy sack in his pickup. As Van Meter walked toward him, he noticed she was a trooper and yelled he was high-grading. Upon contact, she counted 30 cockle clams over his limit and noted most were large. The subject pleaded to allow him to high-grade. Van Meter cited the subject for **Exceeding Daily Limit of Shellfish—Clams**, and the clams were returned to the bay.

Nine troopers and five volunteers conducted a razor clam saturation patrol on Clatsop County beaches from Seaside to the Columbia River. Rct. Herman (Astoria) observed two diggers put two full jugs of clams in their truck then return to the beach with empty jugs and continued to dig. After the subjects returned to their truck a second time with full jugs, Herman contacted them. One subject had 22 clams in his jug, and the other had 16. After asking for a consent to search the truck, both subjects admitted to having another limit. In the truck, Herman found 52 clams. The diggers said they were going to have a party, so they wanted enough clams for everyone. Herman cited each subject criminally for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit—Razor Clams**. During the patrol, troopers seized 60 clams and donated them to the food bank. Herman cited another subject for **Taking Part of Another's Bag Limit of Razor Clams**.

## Fisherman "Paid" with Commercially Caught Sockeye

Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) conducted a routine gill net compliance patrol, near Clatskanie. After inspecting several vessels, Schwartz began checking sport anglers in the area, issuing citations for **Angling Prohibited Method — Two Rods**. While contacting several individuals camped near Mayger Beach/ Columbia River, Schwartz observed a cooler in the bed of one vehicle. The cooler was partially opened, revealing the snout of what appeared to be a salmon. Schwartz gained consent to search the cooler and located 20 sockeye salmon. The vehicle's owner admitted to working on a gillnet boat the night before and accepted the sockeye as payment. Subsequently, Schwartz cited the individual for **Unlawful Possession of Commercially Caught Sockeye Salmon**. Schwartz seized the 20 sockeye salmon as evidence. He contacted the vessel's owner the following day, citing him for **Unlawful Taking of Commercial Sockeye Salmon Closed Season**.



Sockeye generally raise their fry in lakes. Photo credit: WDFW/NOAA

## Unlawful Crabbers Detected

Sgt. Lea and Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) patrolled Coos Bay in the sled. One crabber denied catching any crab. A consent search revealed two female Dungeness crab. The crabber was cited for **Unlawful Take of Female Dungeness Crab**.

While checking boats in Garibaldi, Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) contacted a subject with many short crab in a bucket. The subject said he knew the legal requirements for measuring Dungeness crab, but he did not measure them and put them in the bucket. Galusha cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**.

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) noted an angler secreting something in the jetty rocks as he approached. Harris discovered the subject caught several Dungeness crab and threw them into an inaccessible hole in the rocks. Harris cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Dungeness Crab** and warned him for No Shellfish License and Waste of Shellfish.

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) checked two crabbers with five undersized Dungeness crab. He cited one subject for **No Shellfish License**. After allowing the second subject to retrieve his license from his vehicle, he returned some time later with a clearly altered shellfish license. The subject went and purchased a license and altered it to appear he bought it 10 days prior. Harris cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Undersized Dungeness Crab**, warned him for No Shellfish License and Possession of an Altered Shellfish License, and contacted his probation officer.

# Sport Angling

## Coastal Angling Issues Discovered

Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) contacted an angler at Garrison Lake in Port Orford. The suspect appeared nervous, but he denied catching any fish—three separate times. After inspecting the suspect's license and returning it to him, Lea asked to look inside a cooler located in the suspect's pickup. Lea located a fresh 24-inch trout inside the cooler. Lea cited the suspect for **Fail to Allow Inspection of Catch by Law Enforcement**.

June 17-19 was an all-depth halibut weekend for anglers fishing off the central Oregon coast. Newport troopers recently received more complaints than usual about anglers fishing inside the Stonewall Banks Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area (YRCA) closure, located 15 miles out of the Port of Newport. On Friday and Saturday, Sgt. Thompson, Tpr. Van Meter, and USCG Officer Thacker (Station Yaquina Bay) patrolled the closure for potential violations. On the two-day ocean patrol, they contacted 18 boats with 57 anglers either near or within the closure area. Troopers issued 11 boat operators citations for **Angling Closed Area—Stonewall Banks YRCA** and 31 individuals warnings for the same violation. In addition, they cited two anglers for **Fail to Validate Harvest Tag**. One of these anglers was cited earlier in the week by the same trooper for **Exceeding Daily Shellfish Possession Limit**. The officers also gave four additional warnings for **Fail to Validate Angling Harvest Tag** and **Failure to Allow Inspection of Gear**.

## Central Point Experienced More Salmon Issues

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) received a report of some men in a drift boat snagging salmon on the Rogue River above Shady Cove and had two salmon. Cushman picked up Sgt. Meyer (Central Point), and they drove up a dirt road along the river and located the suspects. They saw the men make a few casts and then pull anchor to head downstream. As the boat approached Meyer and Cushman, the troopers stepped out in the open and ordered the operator to pull to shore. The operator did not comply and worked the boat downstream as Meyer and Cushman jogged alongside on the bank. Meyer ran back to the truck as Cushman continued to jog downstream to watch the boat. After going over a quarter of a mile to an area where the trees and brush along the bank were too thick for Cushman to keep them in sight, the suspects pulled to shore. They were out of sight long enough to dump any illegal fish or other contraband overboard. Meyer arrived in the truck as Cushman obtained their angling licenses. The troopers did not locate any fish; however, two of the three leaders were cut off the rods, and Cushman saw one suspect cut his leader. The cut-off portion was retrieved; and, along with what remained, the leader measured 10 feet long. The rod with the intact leader also had over the allowed six-foot length. The troopers could not determine the third leader's length. They cited the operator for **Fleeing/ Attempting to Elude** and **Angling Prohibited Method—Leader over 6 Feet in Length** and a passenger for **Angling Prohibited Method—Leader over 6 Feet in Length**.

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) received an angling complaint from ODFW that two subjects retained two short lingcod while fishing in Tillamook Bay. Upon contact, Galusha located the fish and issued a citation to the captain of the boat for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Lingcod**.

While checking anglers at the Port of Charleston, Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay)

recovered a yelloweye rockfish from ODFW and issued the suspect a citation for **Unlawful Taking Yelloweye Rockfish**. Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) also checked anglers in Charleston and located a yelloweye rockfish amongst the catch. Lea seized the fish and issued the angler responsible a citation for **Unlawful Taking Yelloweye Rockfish**. Lea educated the anglers on proper rockfish identification.

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) was checking anglers along the North Jetty on Tillamook Bay when he observed two subjects leaving the rocks in a hurry. One subject left a bucket, fishing rod, and a tackle box along the rocks. Witnesses gave Galusha a description of both subjects. Galusha located both subjects a short time later and discovered one subject did not have a license. He issued a citation for **No 2010 Angling License**.



Lingcod amongst the rocks. Photo credit: M. Kjaergaard/CC

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) checked an angler who tagged his fish in a very peculiar way. The angler put a check mark for the month and wrote the month and day for the day. The angler explained he thought "month" said "mouth" and the check meant that "yes, the fish was hooked in the mouth." However, the subject had a hard time explaining how in some of the "mouth" boxes, he did not have a check mark but a number, suggesting the fish were hooked other than in the mouth. Cushman warned the subject for **Fail to Properly Validate Tag**.

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) watched a subject cast near the deadline at the hatchery; flick his wrist, allowing the hook and weight to drift past the deadline; and then violently jerk his rod many times. Upon contact, Cushman cited the subject for **Casting above Deadline** and warned him for **Attempting to Snag**. His wife stated it was the subject's birthday and made a profane comment about the ticket. Collom pointed out the subject's leader length was also a foot over the legal length and he was also warned for that. She then became very cordial.

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) worked anglers at Casey State Park near the end of legal angling time, and most of the 20 anglers noted left. After about a half hour, in complete darkness, Meyer watched a subject hook and play a salmon for a long time, while another waited to net it. Meyer worked his way right up behind them. The netter had a headlamp on, and Meyer could easily see the hook in the fish's tail in the light cast on the fish. The angler appeared to be ready to keep the fish. Meyer told him the fish was hooked in the tail, and the man argued the fish was a "biter" and a "keeper." Meyer took a step closer. The netter turned and looked at Meyer; and, in doing so, shined his headlamp on a uniformed trooper. The men realized a trooper had been standing near them. Meyer pointed out the hook was still in the tail, and the fish was also a wild salmon. The angler released the fish.

# Sport Angling

## Angling Issues Detected in Various Areas around the State

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) contacted two subjects observed behind a locked and posted chain link gate on federal property salmon fishing on the Powder River from the Mason Dam. Duncan cited the first subject for **Criminal Trespass II** and the second for **Angling in Violation of Criminal Trespass II** and seized one Chinook salmon as evidence.

Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) received a complaint from an ODFW creel checker regarding two subjects who already caught and retained their daily bag limit and were continuing to angle. The checker discussed the bag limits with the anglers. The anglers left, but they returned later in the day. This time, Randall contacted them, citing each one for **Attempting to Exceed the Daily Bag Limit of Trout**.

At the Devils Canyon Campground along the Deschutes access road just before dark, when Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) asked an angler to allow inspection of his gear, the subject dropped the rod into the river. The subject appeared to try to snag the hook on the bottom in the process; however, this did not work. The rod was retrieved, and Pearson found the subject was using a worm for bait below the corkie the man stated he had been using. Pearson cited the subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**.

Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) contacted several anglers on the Clackamas River at the River Mill Dam. After observing the anglers for a couple of hours, Schoenborn contacted them well after legal angling hours had expired. Subsequently, he issued three citations for **Angling Prohibited Hours—Salmon** and two citations for **Fail to Immediately Validate 2010 Tag—Salmon**. Schoenborn also warned several anglers for **Continuing to Angle after Retaining Daily Limit—Salmon**.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) and Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) contacted a father and daughter angling along the Columbia River between Hood River and Cascade Locks. The father displayed an angling license, and the daughter and father both said that the daughter was too young to have an angling license, both stating she was 14 years of age. She had no identification. After continued questioning, the troopers determined she was actually 17 years of age. The troopers cited the father was cited for **Aiding in a Violation of Wildlife Law—No Juvenile Angling License**.

Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) checked several anglers at the Alton Baker Pond right after ODFW stocked it with trout. He observed two anglers catch and retain their limit and continue to fish. Imholt contacted the anglers, informing them once they had their limit of five fish, they must stop fishing. Imholt contacted 25 anglers and issued several citations for **No 2010 Angling License, No Written Record of Transfer for Trout**, and **Continuing to Angle after Retaining Limit**. Imholt found one angler cited also had a warrant for **Strangulation**. He lodged this subject into the Lane County Jail.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) received a call from an ODFW creel checker that subjects left their lines in the water unattended off Agency Lake in Chiloquin. Niehus warned these subjects about unattended lines several weeks prior. Niehus attempted a contact, but no one answered the door. At 4:30 p.m., he photographed everything, then he reeled in the four rods with worms. He photographed the worms and left everything with a business card telling the subjects to call him. At 6:30 p.m., after receiving a phone message from one of the subjects, Niehus contacted the three subjects in person. They stated they were “sleeping” and could not hear him pounding on the door. Niehus checked their licenses and discovered not only did the subjects purchase their nonresident licenses at 5:22 p.m. and no one had a two-rod license, they even asked the point-of-sale agent what “attended line” meant. Niehus issued all three subjects citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Unattended Line** and warnings for **No Angling License** and warned one subject for **Angling with Two Rods**.

## Unlawful Salmon Angling Observed on the Middle Fork of the Willamette River

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) worked the Middle Fork Willamette River below Dexter Dam to monitor salmon angling activities. Over three days, the troopers checked 42 anglers. In one contact, Martin Maher located a nonadipose fin-clipped Chinook tied to a rope near the river’s edge. He cited the angler who took the illegal fish for **Unlawful Taking of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Chinook Salmon** and seized the salmon as evidence. A female angler who just landed a Chinook admitted to not having a tag and her friend tagging it. Martin Maher cited the angler for **Unlawful Take of Chinook Salmon—No Combined Angling Harvest Tag**, and Marshall Maher cited her friend for **Loaning a Combined Angling Harvest Tag**. They seized this salmon as evidence. The troopers another subject for **No Combined Angling Harvest Tag in Possession**.



Middle Fork of Willamette River at Dexter Dam. Photo credit: USACE

During an evening patrol, they observed one angler using a treble hook above the 400-foot marker on the south shore of the river, a prohibited area. Marshall Maher made his way around to the location and contacted the angler, issuing him a citation for **Angling Prohibited Method—Multiple Point Hook above the 400-Foot Deadline—Dexter Dam**. Martin Maher continued watching other anglers and observed two subjects land and retain an adult Chinook salmon. Marshall Maher contacted the two anglers and found the angler who landed the salmon did not have a valid combined angling harvest tag and another angler validated the salmon on his tag. Marshall Maher cited the subject who landed the salmon for **Unlawful Taking of Salmon—No Combined Angling Tag** and the subject who tagged the fish for **Loaning a Combined Angling Harvest Tag** and seized the salmon as evidence. Marshall Maher checked seven other anglers during the patrol. Sgt. Martin (Springfield) also worked the area part of the evening.

# Sport Angling

## Repeat Angling Law Violators Found on the Rogue River

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) and Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) worked the Hatchery Hole. Cushman saw a subject cast under the rope, trying to snag salmon 10 feet or so above the deadline where the fish swim into the hatchery. Cushman sneaked closer and watched the subject continue his illegal activities. When Cushman stepped out, the subject walked off. Knowing which vehicle was the subject's, Cushman had Meyer meet him there. While Meyer waited, Cushman checked the area, but he could not find the subject. Cushman checked a nearby bathroom, but nobody appeared to be in the bathroom. He peered below the stall doors and did not see any feet on the floor. When Cushman pushed the unlocked stall door open, he found the subject standing on the toilet. Cushman and Meyer contacted the subject when he exited the bathroom. When Cushman began writing a citation for **Angling Prohibited Area—Above the Deadline**, the subject became very cantankerous, cursing and throwing his wallet down, for Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) cited him for the same offense at the same location a few weeks prior.

At the Chief Hole, Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) contacted a salmon angler observed using a very long leader preparing to leave. The leader measured almost 10 feet long. When Meyer began to issue the citation for **Angling Prohibited Method—Leader over 6 Feet in Length**, the man became very upset and belligerent, saying he just received a citation for the same offense. After checking, Meyer found Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) cited him less than three weeks prior for the same violation.

## Astoria and St. Helens Troopers Worked Patrols to Monitor Angling and Boating Laws

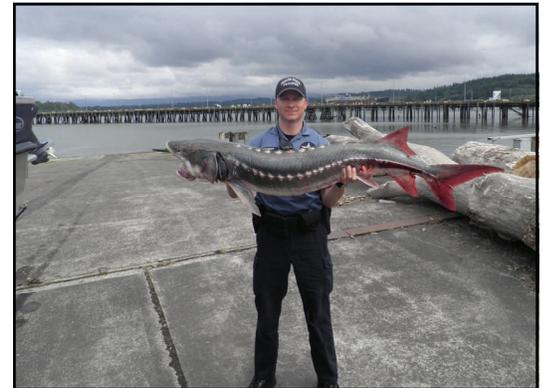
ODFW contacted Rct. Herman (Astoria) about two anglers coming in from the Pacific Ocean who retained three coho salmon. Herman contacted the subjects and cited each angler for **Unlawful Taking Closed Season—Coho** and seized three coho.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) and Rct. Warwick (Astoria) contacted a group of four anglers at the Gnat Creek Fish Hatchery. The anglers had five salmon, but not all were validated. The troopers issued two citations for **Failure to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**.



Troopers conducting boat patrol on Columbia River. Photo credit: File

Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) and Rct. Herman (Astoria) conducted a Pacific Ocean halibut patrol out of Garibaldi. They contacted 62 halibut and eight salmon anglers and one commercial troll vessel, resulting in eight citations for **Failure to Immediately Validate Angling Harvest Card** and one citation for **Borrowing an Angling Harvest Card**. They also issued 15 verbal warnings for various violations and completed five BERs.



Sturgeon seized during patrol. Photo credit: File

Rct. Herman (Astoria) and Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) conducted a Columbia River boat patrol out of Astoria. They contacted 32 sturgeon and 22 steelhead anglers, resulting in citations for **No Angling Harvest Card (x 2)**, **Unlawful Taking of Sturgeon—No Angling Harvest Card**, **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks for Sturgeon**, and

**UPCS Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**. They seized one sturgeon as evidence. Herman and Schwartz conducted another Columbia River patrol near Rainier. While approaching one angler, the troopers observed this subject cast in a second line directly in front of the patrol vessel. Upon contact, the subject admitted to angling with two rods, as well as forgetting his harvest card at home. The subject was also in possession of a steelhead and had a warrant for his arrest. The troopers cited the subject for **No Angling Harvest Card** and lodged him on the outstanding warrant.

Tpr. Vogel and Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) conducted a Columbia River boat patrol. During one contact, the troopers observed three lines in the water, and only two subjects had licenses and tags. One subject admitted to angling with two rods. The troopers issued a citation for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods for Sturgeon**. On another patrol Vogel and Schwartz conducted, Schwartz noted one angler validated a steelhead for the following day. Upon questioning, a consent search subsequently located two Chinook salmon. The troopers cited one angler for **Unlawful Possession of Chinook Salmon Closed Season** and the other for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** and seized two Chinook. On a separate contact on the same patrol, troopers cited a subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods**.

Tpr. Schwartz, Tpr. Vogel (St. Helens), and Rct. Herman (Astoria) conducted a Columbia River boat patrol out of St. Helens. The troopers contacted several subjects camping/angling near Goat Island. After inspecting tags/gear, Schwartz gained consent to search a cooler and located four fresh sturgeon fillets. The owner initially stated he caught the sturgeon a month prior and just brought it for dinner. After questioning, the owner admitted to catching and retaining two sturgeon and discarding the remains. The troopers cited the angler for **Unlawful Possession of Mutilated Sturgeon** and seized the sturgeon fillets as evidence. During the patrol, the troopers issued five citations for **No Angling Harvest Card**, one for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods**, two for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks for Sturgeon**, and one for **Failure to Attend Rod/Line**.

# Marine Board / Invasive Species

## Boat Patrols Yielded Various Violations

Sr. Tpr. Coggins and Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) conducted an overnight boat patrol on Brownlee Reservoir. They contacted numerous boaters and issued four citations for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Bass**.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) conducted numerous boat checks on kayaks over 10 feet looking for required equipment and AIS permits. Only four subjects had the permits, and only two were available. Stinnett issued warnings and provided information on how and where to obtain the required permits.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles), Tpr. Frazier (Hood River), and Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) conducted a float patrol on the John Day River over a weekend from Spray to the Priest Hole. They contacted 16 citizens; checked 54 anglers and 27 boats; and issued six citations for **No Angling License**, one citation for **No PFD**, and 14 various warnings.

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) worked 14 hours over a weekend in conjunction with ODFW on the invasive species action plan. He worked I-5 and various lakes around Jackson County. Collom conducted 11 boat exams and detected 14 violations, including Exceeding the Limit of Trout, No Aquatic Invasive Species Permit, No PFD, No Sound Producing Device, and No Angling License.

Sr. Tpr. Duncan and Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) conducted a boat patrol on Brownlee Reservoir and contacted 74 anglers. They issued six citations and numerous warnings. Citation charges included **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods (No Two-Rod License)**, **No Nonresident Angling License**, **Angling Prohibited Method—Unattended Line**, and **Unlawfully Taking Undersized Bass**.

Sgt. Perske, Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg), and Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) did a boat patrol at Diamond Lake in conjunction with the Blackbird Trout Fishing Derby. They conducted numerous BERs and checked several anglers. Angler success varied, but almost everyone had a few fish, with some having their limit. Troopers also checked some large fish. Anglers seemed to be taking advantage of the two-rod license, as troopers checked many. Although the troopers did not detect any angling violations, they did issue several Marine Board warnings.

The Roseburg team conducted four separate boat patrols (three at Diamond Lake and one at Lemolo Lake), resulting in about 30 BERs and 20 visuals. They observed numerous boating warnings and issued citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—More than One Line** and **Failure to Register a Motorboat**. The team also assisted Sr. Tpr. Smith (Patrol) with a boat crash at Diamond Lake involving a jet boat that struck an adult female on the dock, resulting in the female sustaining serious injuries. Emergency personnel airlifted her to a Bend hospital. The suspect fled the scene, but officers later located and apprehended the suspect later that evening, charging him with **Recklessly Endangering Another Person**.

## Angling Prohibited Method Spotted on Boat Patrol

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) worked a boat patrol at Howard Prairie Lake. He checked several anglers and 10 boats and completed five boat safety exams. While parked, he used his spotting scope to check for violations out on the lake. He observed a man on a patio boat anchored across the lake using two rods. A records check of the boat registration number confirmed the owner had a two-rod license; however, while Meyer watched, he observed the man throwing handfuls of cheese chunks into the lake where his lines were out. Meyer borrowed a rental boat from the marina at the boat ramp. He motored across the lake and contacted the man on the patio boat. The man had four nice trout, two of which he caught while Meyer was talking to him about chumming. Meyer cited the man for **Angling Prohibited Method—Chumming**.

## No PFD Is a Class B Violation = \$287 Base Fine

Troopers identified many boaters not possessing or wearing personal floatation devices (PFD), including children, a Class B violation with a base fine of \$287. In addition to other equipment, all boats, including rafts, canoes, and kayaks, must carry a USGS-approved, serviceable, and readily available PFD for each person on board and being towed. A USGS-approved, serviceable, and properly secured PFD must be worn when a person is 1) 12-years-old or younger, 2) operating or a passenger in a boat on rivers Class III or greater, and 3) on board personal watercraft. Inflatable PFDs are not approved for children or high-impact sports, such personal watercraft. [Click here for boating laws](#).



Life jackets save lives. Photo credit: File

Tpr. Stone and Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) worked a boat patrol on Galesville Reservoir. They conducted seven BERs and issued one subject a citation for **No PFDs** and warnings for Angling with More than One Rod and Failure to Register a Motorboat. Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) received a trespass complaint of two pontoon boats on the upper Nestucca River. Galusha located and contacted the subjects who admitted they had some rough water they walked their pontoons around but tried to stay on public ground. Only one subject had a PFD. Galusha issued a citation for **No PFD** and warnings for Trespass II. Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) observed a boat underway with a child passenger in the front not wearing a PFD. Upon contact, he cited the boater for **No Boater Education Card** and **No PFD on Child while Underway**. Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) did a joint boat patrol on the Rogue River with the Josephine County SO. Of the numerous boaters contacted, Bennett issued **10** citations for **No PFD**.

Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) patrolled the McKenzie River and located two anglers in pontoon boats. As he could not observe any PFDs, Imholt called the subjects over to the bank and asked to see their life jackets, which neither had. Imholt cited both for **No PFDs**. Sr. Tpr. Connell (Hermiston) observed a small row boat at McNary Ponds with two adults and two children wearing no life jackets. When Connell called to them to come into the bank, they rowed to the opposite side of the pond and dropped off one of the adults and the two children. The other adult rowed back to the other side and contacted Connell. Tpr. Dietz (Pendleton) had responded to the area by this time and contacted the adult who had been dropped off. That adult was found to have seven warrants for his arrest (three felony and four misdemeanor warrants for Burglary, Possession of Narcotics, Assault, etc.). Dietz arrested the adult and lodged him in the Umatilla County Jail. Connell cited the boat operator for **No PFDs**.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Living with Raccoons

Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) followed up on a complaint of a person reportedly shooting raccoons in his yard. Imholt contacted the suspect who said the raccoons were eating his cat food. Imholt issued the suspect a citation for **Taking Raccoons without a Permit.**

Sgt. Allori (Portland) received a complaint from ODFW concerning an unlicensed nuisance trapper who reportedly was illegally trapping raccoons and squirrels and dumping them around Portland. Posing as a homeowner with a raccoon problem, Allori contacted the trapper who advised he could take care of the issue for a fee. Allori and Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) contacted the trapper at this residence this same day. As a result of their investigation, they cited the subject for **Attempt to Trap Wildlife (Raccoons) without a Permit.** [Click here for tips on how to learn to live with raccoons.](#)

## Bears Caused Problems

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) responded to a report of a bear doing damage at a residence. When he arrived, the bear was still there, ripping apart the garbage cans. Stone had to put the large bear down due to safety concerns. He salvaged the bear. Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) received a call from a landowner in Applegate who had a bear kill a sheep and had video. Collom advised the landowner what he could legally do. On another evening, the bear came back, and he shot the bear and called OSP. Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) was called out to a report of an aggressive bear in Loeb State Park on the Chetco River. Upon arrival, he observed a yearling bear in the campground. Van Prooyen and a damage control officer and his dog chased the bear from the campground. Van Prooyen notified ODFW.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) was called out at 11:00 p.m. to a report of a Cottage Grove landowner who shot an adult female bear that damaged garbage cans and tore plywood off a water tank structure about 30 feet from his house. The bear made repeated visits to the property. The landowner removed food sources, but the bear came back. When the bear showed again, the landowner tried to scare it off, but the bear advanced toward him, and he shot it. Maher took the bear to ODFW. On another evening, Maher responded to a residence in the Battle Creek area near Crow. He found a dead bear near a coop and piles of chicken feathers nearby. The bear had frequented the property over the prior two weeks and destroyed bee hives. The bear came back at about 4:00 p.m. that day and entered the coop and killed a chicken. The landowner chased the bear away. At about 5:30 p.m., while the family was eating dinner, they heard commotion outside. After seeing the bear in the coop again, the landowner shot the bear. Maher took the bear to ODFW. [Click here to learn more about bears.](#)

## Leave Young Wildlife in the Wild

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) assisted ODFW Biologist Kinyoun seize a fawn that had been picked up by a citizen who thought it was in distress. The fawn ("Almond") was returned to the location it was found. Harris warned the suspect for Unlawful Holding of Wildlife—Fawn. In an unrelated incident, a citizen reported finding and "rescuing" a distressed "wildcat" kitten. Harris responded and determined the "wildcat" was a feral house cat kitten. When the citizen found out the kitten was a feral cat, they decided they did not want it anymore, especially when they learned the kitten was flea infested. No action was taken.



Fawn released near location found. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Moore (Portland) responded to the Wilsonville area regarding a couple who called OSP to report they picked up a blacktail deer fawn, because they saw it was having trouble crossing the road. Moore met the couple; and, after ascertaining the fawn was not injured, he had them drive back to the area where they had picked up the fawn and followed them. Moore placed the fawn back in a safe wooded area near the spot where the couple took it from. Moore warned the couple for Removing and Transporting Wildlife. Moore contacted the landowner who told him she had seen a doe wandering the area within the last hour. The deer were likely reunited shortly after everyone left. For more information on young wildlife, [click here.](#)

## Wildlife Severely Injured

Tpr. Baimbridge and Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) were called to an injured deer in Roseburg in a tight neighborhood and right behind the Roseburg High School stadium where graduation was being held. The deer had a broken jaw and was starving to death. The troopers herded the deer out of the neighborhood and to the river where they had to euthanize it.

Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) responded to a west Eugene residence to address a young adult male 70-pound cougar that impaled itself on a wrought iron fence as it attempted to jump over it. As Imholt arrived, he saw numerous people standing around—including the media. He learned the reporting party called several friends and the media prior to calling OSP. After consulting with ODFW biologists and tactfully requesting the bystanders and media to go inside, Imholt euthanized the cougar due to its injuries and the human safety concern.

## Cougar Spotted in State Park

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) received a call in the evening from a woman who spotted a cougar in Touvelle State Park near the Denman Wildlife Area. The woman was walking the trail with her kids when she heard a cougar growl. She looked around and saw the cougar in a nearby tree. The cougar stood up on a limb and growled again. The woman said she knew not to run, so she took her kids and walked away. She called OSP after leaving the area. Meyer had a Patrol trooper check Touvelle State Park to warn visitors, and Meyer drove into the Denman Wildlife Area to warn hikers. Meyer returned to the park and hiked the trail first thing the next morning to warn anyone who may be in the area. Neither trooper could confirm the cougar sighting. Meyer notified ODFW to post warning signs. For information on cougars, [click here.](#)

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Suspect Charged with Animal Abuse and Other Criminal Charges

Following a nearly three-year investigation by Tpr. Ritter (John Day) into the shooting of a steer in Grant County, an Irrigon man was arrested in Kennewick, Washington, after a Grant County Circuit Court judge issued three felony arrest warrants. In July 2007, Ritter began investigating the case of a steer shot and killed on the North of Fork of the John Day River near Monument. The steer's owners reported the incident after finding the dead steer. Ritter collected DNA evidence at the scene and submitted it to the OSP Forensic Services Division for analysis and possible identification of a suspect. The forensic analysis identified a 22-year-old convicted felon from Irrigon as a suspect. Ritter's continuing investigation led to a search warrant being served on June 11 at the suspect's residence. During the search warrant execution, the officers arrested the suspect for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. Information and evidence collected over the three-year investigation resulted in the Grant County Circuit Court judge signing three felony warrants for the suspect's arrest charging **Aggravated Animal Abuse in the First Degree, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and Criminal Mischief in the First Degree**. On June 27, Ritter and Sr. Tpr. Connell (Hermiston) assisted WDFW officers with locating the suspect at a Kennewick, Washington, apartment. WDFW Officer Fulton arrested the suspect as a **Fugitive from Justice** and lodged him in the Benton County, Washington, jail pending extradition to Grant County, Oregon, for an appearance on the three felony charges. Questions should be directed to the Grant County DA at 541-575-0146.



Steer shot in Grant County. Photo credit: File

## Suspects Thought Road-Killed Animal Legal

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) received a report of a subject unlawfully possessing a cougar. Klepp's investigation revealed a suspect took a cougar from the side of the road on Hwy 26, then he obtained a cougar tag at a nearby grocery store. The suspect later, with the aid of two men, dressed and transported the cougar's carcass, hide, and skull. Klepp retrieved the hide from the taxidermist and the skull and carcass from another person. All the suspects involved stated they thought they could legally take the road-killed animal provided the season was open and they had a tag. Klepp cited the suspect for **Illegal Possession of Road-Struck Cougar**.

## Burglary Investigation Revealed Poaching

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell and Tpr. McClay (Burns) investigated four mule deer killed in Harney County. The troopers received information from one suspect on the poaching incident when Harney County SO detectives interviewed the subject regarding a robbery. Detectives contacted OSP who subsequently interviewed the subject about the wildlife offenses. The suspect admitted to poaching four deer and named another suspect involved. The troopers went to the scene and collected evidence. They also located evidence of littering near a waterway. Caldwell and McClay contacted the second suspect and interviewed him. As a result of their meticulous investigation, Caldwell and McClay issued citations to the first suspect for **Unlawful Taking Deer Closed Season, Waste of a Game Mammal, Offensive Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway, and Aiding in a Wildlife Offense** and the second suspect for **Unlawful Taking Deer Closed Season, Waste of a Game Mammal, Offensive Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway, and Shooting from the Roadway**.

## Two Suspects Cited for Using Bait to Hunt Bears

Albany and Salem Division troopers executed a search warrant at a Brownsville address following a two-month investigation involving hunting bears over bait. As a result of their comprehensive investigation, troopers cited two male suspects for **Use of Bait to Attract or Take Bears, Criminal Trespass II, and Hunt outside Unit Boundaries**. Additionally, the troopers charged one of the suspects with **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**.

## Deer Taken Closed Season

Tpr. Olsen (Salem) responded to a call of three individuals who Yamhill County SO deputies stopped in Sheridan and discovered a recently shot deer in the bed of their truck during the stop. After conducting several interviews, the three suspects explained to Olsen they shot the yearling doe only after wounding a buck they were unable to find. Olsen cited the shooter for **Taking Deer Closed Season and Hunting Deer Closed Season** and the other two suspects each for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime—Taking Deer Closed Season**. Olsen seized the deer and two rifles as evidence. He donated the deer to the Union Gospel Mission.

## Bear Not Harvested and Went to Waste

Tpr. Young (Prineville) received a report from a subject who witnessed the illegal take of a bear near Big Summit Prairie. After interviewing the complainant, Young located the suspect. When contacted, the suspect advised he saw a bear near the road he was driving down, stopped, and shot the bear numerous times with a .22 caliber rifle, killing it. The suspect did not harvest the bear and let it go to waste on the hillside. Young examined the bear and recovered two .22 caliber bullets. He seized the suspect's rifle and removed and gave the bear's head to ODFW for testing. Young issued the suspect citations for **Taking Bear Closed Season and Waste of a Game Mammal**.

# ATV / Environment / General Law

## ATV Violations Observed

While on State Parks patrol in the Port Orford, Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) area contacted a disabled female riding an ATV on the beach. Van Prooyen warned her for Unlawful Operation of an ATV and provided her information about the process on how to obtain a State Parks disability permit.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) patrolled area lakes and reservoirs, resulting in numerous angling license checks and minor warnings issued. While at a rock quarry pond, a 19-year-old female rode up on an ATV with two passengers. As a result of the investigation, Niehus issued her a citation for **No ATV Operator License** and warnings for Endangering a Child Passenger and No ATV Decal.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) drove up on a known subject and three of his friends rock climbing with an oversized off-road vehicle off the 100 Road near Spencer Creek. Niehus was able to start videotaping them before they saw him and took photos after the contact as well. The suspect was rolling over a rock face while winching himself up, scarring the bark of a large tree and creating several ruts in the dirt, destroying native grasses in the area. Niehus cited the suspect for **Committing Unlawful Damage with a Class 2 ATV**. He notified one of the Division's contacts at JWTR and will forward her the details for pursuing "treble damages" as listed in the statute.

## General and Criminal Laws Enforced

The Pendleton Team, along with Patrol members, served a search warrant at an Irrigon residence to obtain firearms and evidence against a convicted felon. The suspect came to the scene; and, following a subsequent interview, was taken into custody for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm** and lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) observed anglers using bait in a prohibited area of the Deschutes River. Hayes determined three subjects were not licensed and two were using bait. He also learned one subject was a gang member from California and another had been previously deported from the U.S. Hayes lodged these two subjects in jail for **No Resident Angling License** and **Providing False Information to a Police Officer** and cited the last subject for **No Resident Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) and Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) responded to a complaint along the Deschutes River at Davidson Flat. One person in a group of intoxicated subjects became upset and slashed another person's cataraft and punctured a tube, then he punched another man and cut his forehead open. The suspect rowed off downriver and was not seen again. As a result of the investigation, Pearson cited the suspect through his attorney for **Criminal Mischief I, Disorderly Conduct Second Degree, and Assault IV**.

Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) responded to a complaint on the south Santiam River near Sweet Home. He observed two male subjects angling from a drift boat downstream of the Pleasant Valley bridge for several hours. He contacted the subjects when they took their boat out. Neither had tags, but they possessed three steelhead. Halsey lodged the subject in jail on warrants for **Assault IV, Contempt, and Possession of Methamphetamine** and for **Giving False Information to a Police Officer** and additionally cited him for **No Angling License, Unlawful Take of Steelhead, and Fail to Have Harvest Card in Possession**. Halsey cited the second subject for **Fail to Have Harvest Card in Possession** and **Fail to Immediately Validate Tag (x 2)**.

## Environmental Issues Discovered

Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) responded to a fish kill in a small private ornamental pond. This pond is fed by a seasonal stream that meanders through a heavily developed neighborhood in Brookings. Van Prooyen attempted to locate the point source of any contamination that would have led to the die off. He could not locate the source and contacted ODFW regarding the stream. ODFW advised the stream held no native fish species. This is the second time in 10 years Van Prooyen has responded to this location regarding a similar fish kill.

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) received a complaint of someone dumping garbage near Hayes Falls. While horseback riding, the complainant watched a subject driving a small pickup with remodeling-type stuff, including an old bathtub, sheetrock, and bags of grout, in the bed. The complainant jotted down the license plate as the subject entered the area. The complainant also observed the subject leave and noticed nothing in the back of the pickup. Collom contacted the registered owner of the pickup who admitted to dumping the remodeling debris. Collom cited the owner for **Offensive Littering**.

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) contacted an angler at Mayfield Pond. During the contact, a subject got out of a car and staggered over to Hayes and belligerently asked if he wanted to see his angling license. After the contact, Hayes observed the subject operating his vehicle. He stopped the subject and subsequently arrested him for **DUII, BAC .13**.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) responded to SR126 after receiving driving complaints about a suspect driving a vehicle recklessly. He attempted to overtake the suspect; and before he caught up to the suspect, the vehicle crashed and flipped end over end three times. Life Flight transported the operator to River Bend Hospital in Springfield. The suspect was later charged with **DUII Controlled Substance, Reckless Driving, and Reckless Endangering**.

While Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) was preparing to leave a boat ramp, a subject on a motorcycle passed through at a high rate of speed. Hand tried to catch the subject as it entered Klamath Falls. Traffic prevented him from doing so, but the traffic also slowed the subject. When the subject took the on ramp to Hwy 97, Hand followed to see what the subject would do. Soon after, the subject took off at speeds estimated at over 100 miles an hour before taking another exit. Hand caught him at the exit and made a traffic stop and cited him for **Speeding**.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) responded to a two-vehicle crash on Hwy 101. Prior to arrival, Stinnett was informed one driver fled when he saw the ODOT truck. The SO stopped the subject several miles from the crash scene. Stinnett took over the investigation. He determined the driver was under the influence of drugs and alcohol and took the subject to the Curry County Jail where he cited the driver for **DUID**. Officers also located 20 Valium pills in the subject's vehicle. Stinnett's follow-up resulted in citing the subject also for **Reckless Driving, Driving without Prescribed Glasses, No Operator's License, and Having Controlled Substances without a Prescription**. Stinnett will also cite the victim driver for Driving Uninsured and Driving while Suspended.

# Interagency Cooperation

## Operation Dry Water Yielded Numerous Checks and Enforcement Action

Troopers conducted joint boat patrols during the Operation Dry Water weekend. Tpr. Burkholder, Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany), and Tpr. Olsen (Salem) patrolled with Linn County SO. Burkholder worked Foster and Freeway Lakes by shore, and Halsey and Olsen conducted a boat patrol on Green Peter Reservoir. They checked numerous boats and issued several boat warnings. Halsey and Tpr. Clement (Albany) worked a boat patrol on Green Peter Reservoir and issued several boat warnings. Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) assisted Marion County SO with a saturation on Detroit Reservoir. Turnbo and Sr. Deputy Wilkinson worked one boat while the SO had two others on the water. Officers contacted 52 anglers and 37 citizens; discontinued three voyages for safety violations; issued five citations for **No PFDs** and one each for **No Boater Education Card**, **No 2010 Angling License**, **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Trout**, and **Operating a Vessel with a Wake within 200 Feet of Shore**; and gave out numerous warnings. Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) worked a boat patrol on Fall Creek Reservoir. The patrol generated 23 BERs and one citation for **Insufficient PFDs** and one for **No Boater Education Card**. On the McKenzie River, Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) responded to a complaint Lane County SO gave him. He located the boat, a 12-foot raft occupied by seven people, on the water near Ben and Kay Doris Park. The operator and other occupants showed signs of impairment, and the operator failed SFSTs. Boyd transported the operator to the Springfield jail. He cited the operator for **BUII**, BAC .09 an hour-and-a-half later. Tpr. Berland (Patrol) cited a female who had been a passenger in the raft for **DUII** after later observing her driving a vehicle and towing the boat through Vida, BAC .11.



Trooper patrolling a Willamette Valley river. Photo credit: File

## Other Interagency Patrols and Investigations



Cougar staring. Photo credit: Art G./CC-Wikipedia

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles), The Dalles PD, and ODFW Biologist Thompson responded to a report of a cougar in a tree in a backyard of a residence in The Dalles city limits in Pearson's neighborhood. Upon arrival, officers could see the cougar lying on a play structure in a tree with the homeowners observing the cougar from their deck. The officers had to dispatch the two-year-old male and very thin cougar due to human safety concerns. The cougar was taken to ODFW for examination. Several cougars have been sighted in The Dalles city limits over the past several months.

Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) assisted Morrow County SO with locating a lost mushroom picker. An elderly female with a health condition had been missing since around 10:00 a.m. on a Saturday and her last known location was on Arbuckle Mountain in the Heppner Unit. A search and rescue volunteer with the aid of his tracking dog located the female at 3:15 a.m. on Sunday.

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) assisted a USFS LEO in locating a wanted subject who eluded a USFS officer. A plan was made which worked to perfection, and officers took the man into custody without further incident. During a consent search of his backpack, officers located green marijuana. The subject was lodged at the Douglas County Jail and cited for **Unlawful Possession of Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) and Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) assisted ODFW on their annual bass sampling float on the John Day River. They conducted five BERs and 14 visuals and issued seven warnings for No Aquatic Invasive Species Permit and two warnings for No Sound Producing Device. They did not contact any anglers due to the very high, muddy water. On the third day, due to serious flooding with whole trees and loads of debris in the river, they traveled 27 miles in four hours with very strong winds blowing upriver. They also noted a collared mountain goat.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) and a USFS LEO investigated a complaint received from two subjects who were bear hunting on USFS land behind a locked gate in mid-May and heard hounds then observed the dogs and suspect vehicle past the locked gate. The hunters felt the suspect was poaching bears. Bennett and the LEO contacted the suspect at his residence who admitted to hunting with another subject in the area and running coyotes with his four dogs, but he denied going behind any gate. The suspect then reworded his first statement and said he was just chasing coyotes, not hunting, and he does not carry a weapon with him when he does this. The suspect denied knowing of game bird nesting season, but stated he has seen turkey in the area. USFS cited the suspect for **Operating a Motor Vehicle in a Closed Area**, and Bennett cited the suspect for **No Hunting License** and **Allowing Dogs to Run at Large during Game Bird Nesting Season**. The suspect then told the officers to go out and catch some real criminals.

Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) assisted Tpr. Routson (Patrol) and a Klickitat County (WA) deputy on a traffic stop on the Oregon side of the Hwy 197 bridge. They located a doe deer and several firearms. Officers determined the passenger killed the doe in Washington and did not have a certain permit. Officers arrested the passenger for **Unlawful Possession of Deer** and **Felon in Possession of a Firearm** and cited the driver for **Unlawful Possession of Deer**.

# Public Relations

## Meetings, Presentations, and Events

Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) attended a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Law Enforcement information panel for their rangers and answered questions related to officer safety and what information is needed to follow up on investigations.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) taught a Hunter Education course for about 25 Florence-area youth. Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) and Sgt. Martin (Springfield) assisted in various aspects of teaching the class. Salisbury is the only certified Hunter Education instructor in the Florence area and is heavily relied upon by the local community for this program.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) conducted two public presentations to the Yamhill County Sportsman Association in McMinnville and the Northwest Steelheaders Association in Tillamook. He answered hunting and fishing questions and showed them a PowerPoint presentation about the many roles of the Division.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) and Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) each gave separate Hunter Education class presentations. The information in both classes was well received. Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) spoke at a Hunter Education class to 38 new hunters and their parents. He received several questions regarding criminal trespass and spoke on the topic at great lengths due to the complaint level in the Heppner area.

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) and Volunteer Buchanan attended a Department of Human Services Free Fishing Weekend event at Henry Hagg Lake. Galusha took the new Tillamook boat to the event and answered questions regarding boating safety. Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) worked a Free Fishing Weekend clinic at Honeyman State Park and assisted ODFW, USFS, and State Park personnel with the clinic. About 200 kids attended. Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) assisted ODFW with a Free Fishing Weekend event at the Salmon River Hatchery. About 100 kids participated. Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) assisted with the Free Fishing Weekend event at Big Creek Reservoir hosted by the Northwest Steelheaders. About 100 kids attended.

Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) attended the Sweet Home Public Safety Fair with the Trailer of Shame. He answered many questions, and the trailer was well received.



Trailer of Shame on display. Photo credit: File

Tpr. Clement and Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) attended the E. E. Wilson Kids Day. More

than 800 kids plus parents attended the event that included archery and shotgun shoots, fishing, decoy painting, bird house building, trapping displays, dog trials for the kids to watch, fly casting, and much more. Clement and Burkholder took a Division boat and the Trailer of Shame for display. The troopers spoke to numerous kids and parents and answered many questions. The Trailer of Shame was well received, and many positive comments were made.

Newport troopers and the USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 54 offered boating safety exams at five locations in Lincoln County. The locations were advertised to the public and offered in conjunction with the beginning of National Boating and Fishing Week. Boaters received inspections for both state and federal safety equipment and boating safety packets with boating related literature, safety whistles, and free ice cream coupons for the kids. The weather on the coast was wet for the inspection times, but several area boaters took advantage of opportunity. Officers completed 17 BERs and two hull inspections. Troopers and Flotilla 54 plan to work together on strategies in hopes to get more interest in these inspection sites in the future.

## Dispositions

On opening day of turkey season, Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) investigated a subject who reportedly trespassed to hunt on private property. While preparing a construction bid, the suspect spotted a tom and a hen turkey on the neighbor's property. The suspect was not familiar with the neighborhood occupants, human or bird. He shot both turkeys over the fence, then he crossed the fence and retrieved them. The suspect likely felt he shot a record-sized turkey; that is, until a witness scorned him about shooting the neighbor's pet turkeys. The suspect took both turkeys and left. The witness notified the turkeys' owner. Upon contact, Cushman noted the suspect validated his tag and advised not only were two domestic turkeys taken, but the season was open for bearded or male turkeys only. Cushman cited the suspect for **Hunting on the Enclosed Land of Another** and seized and returned the turkeys to the owner. The tom weighed 47 pounds. The DA charged the offense as a violation. The trial court convicted the suspect and ordered him to pay a \$345 fine and \$200 restitution for the turkeys.

Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) cited a suspect in January for **Unlawful Take of Antlerless Elk, Hunting Antlerless Elk without a Tag, and Borrowing an Elk Tag**. The suspect pled guilty and was sentenced to seven days in jail, 18 months probation, 36 months hunting license suspension, \$1,500 restitution to ODFW, 100 hours community service, and forfeit hunting rifle.

In November 2009, Lincoln County SO provided Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) with a potential suspect who possibly wasted two deer. Upon contact, she learned the suspect took two deer during the season and found two deer wrapped in sheets. The suspect hung the deer and covered them with sheets. When he checked the deer a day and a half later and after being rained on, they had mold on them. Van Meter cited the suspect for **Waste of Game Mammal—Black Tail Deer (x 2)** and issued warnings for multiple tagging violations. The suspect was found guilty and sentenced to three years probation and \$960 fines.

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