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Division's Mission to Protect and Enhance Oregon's Fish and Wildlife Starts with Education



The Fish and Wildlife Division partnered again this year with Oregon State University (OSU) by donating time to teach a course to Fisheries and Wildlife students. Capt. Markee is in charge of facilitating the two-credit hour course Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement (FW 341), where students are introduced to the “philosophy, purposes, and methods of enforcing natural resource laws, with an emphasis on fish and wildlife laws” (OSU). The [Department of Fisheries and Wildlife](#) (DFW), part of OSU's [College of Agricultural Sciences](#), educates students to evaluate and solve problems using critical



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thinking gained from a solid background in “basic and applied science, fundamental ecological principles, and consideration of social influences on conservation” and “a rich program of field and laboratory coursework and personal advising” (OSU). DFW offers Bachelor of Science, Master, and PhD degrees in Fisheries or Wildlife. In addition to “traditional” faculty and associates, DFW maintains relationships with state and federal agencies and has 38 “courtesy” faculty members (OSU). “This dynamic and internationally recognized group of scientific professionals provides a rich environment for students who seek a degree that is both scientifically rigorous and relevant to today’s natural resource issues” (OSU). The Fish and Wildlife Division is one of the State’s agencies who contribute personnel to educating DFW students about the field from experienced professionals.

This year the course objectives, per OSU, were: 1) Present the philosophy and concept of fish and wildlife law enforcement; 2) Illustrate the need for fish and wildlife law enforcement to complement fish and wildlife management goals and objectives; 3) Blend the ideals of fish and wildlife science with management and enforcement actions and illustrate the comprehensive interaction of all three schools; 4) Introduce the complexity of law, citizen rights and how both must be regarded before police action can be taken in order to complement management goals and objectives; and 5) Fish and wildlife management is truly the management of people and the enforcement officer is the ultimate people manager. The course content covered “fish and wildlife enforcement purposes and principles, the relationship of enforcement and management, evolution of regulations, law of arrest, search and seizure, law of evidence, fish and wildlife forensics, field skills, real life scenarios, and people management” (OSU).



In the past, Fish and Wildlife troopers instructed weekly classes. This year, the Division tried a different approach and administered the course over three days (Friday through Sunday). During the first two days, troopers taught on the OSU campus and, on the third day, they took a field trip by bus to E.E. Wilson Wildlife Management Area near Corvallis to participate in hands-on learning and engage in enforcement scenarios. Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) taught the wildlife investigation field skills and Marine Board enforcement classes. Capt. Markee (Division Director), Lt. Lane (NW Region), Sgt. Heider (Salem), Sgt. Chambers (Salem), Tpr. Stone (Roseburg), Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem), Tpr. Olsen (Salem), and Tpr. Young (Salem) also assisted during the field day scenario training at E.E. Wilson.

Scenarios and education presented included locating a bullet in a deer, identifying where a bear’s gall bladder is, contacting a hunter with an illegal deer and issuing a citation, illustrating several illegal waterfowl hunting violations, dealing with an angler who had an illegal sturgeon (in one of the Division’s North River boats), exhibiting trapping equipment and information, and displaying a WED. The troopers also taught a section on wildlife identification. The real wildlife used for the presentations were from road-kills. About 40 students participated in the class. On the last day, the students had to take a final exam. For more information on OSU’s DFW, please visit [their website](#).

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Wildlife / Hunting

Tillamook Man Injured after Unattended Shotgun Discharges in Boat

A Tillamook-area man was injured Saturday morning when his shotgun discharged, after it may have been contacted by his dog, and struck him in the leg as he was outside his boat. According to Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook), the subject was duck hunting with his brother on Tillamook Bay near Bay City using an 11-foot open aluminum boat to go from the land to their decoys. The men were accompanied by their male yellow Labrador. While both hunters were outside of the boat, the dog and the subject's loaded 12-gauge shotgun were inside the boat when the shotgun discharged. The shotgun round put a hole in the left side of the boat and struck the subject's leg. His brother immediately transported him in the boat to the bank where medical attention was provided by Tillamook Ambulance. The injured hunter was transported to Tillamook County General Hospital and eventually transferred to Emanuel Hospital for further treatment. Hoodenpyl noticed while securing the shotgun that the safety was in the off position, something which is an important reminder to anyone transporting or carrying a loaded weapon. "Hunting accidents can be prevented by following safety guidelines. This includes always keeping the firearm's safety on when not using the firearm," said Hoodenpyl.



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Quick Response Caught Poacher

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) responded to a complaint of a bow hunter shooting a trophy buck deer from a roadway in Eugene near multiple homes. Boyd picked up his pace when the complainant called and told him the suspect had just loaded the buck and was preparing to leave the scene. Boyd located the vehicle as it traveled towards the suspect's home in Eugene. The suspect saw Boyd, as he activated his lights to make a traffic stop on the suspect. After a short pursuit, the suspect stopped, quickly exited his vehicle, and attempted to validate and tag the large buck. The suspect was charged with **Attempt to Elude Police in a Motor Vehicle, Unlawful Take of Buck Deer—Shooting From a Public Roadway, and Fail to Immediately Validate Bow Deer Tag**. The buck was seized, and the carcass was donated to the Eugene Mission. The buck head and the suspect's bow were also seized and placed into evidence. At the OSP office, Sgt. Phillips recognized the buck and pulled up a picture he had of it on his cell phone.



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Abbreviations and Acronyms

ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service	SIU	Special Investigations Unit
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Sr.	Senior
BER	Boat Examination Report			SO	Sheriff's Office
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants	ODF	Oregon Department of Forestry	TIP	Turn in Poachers
Capt.	Captain	ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	Tpr.	Trooper
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	ODOT	Oregon Department of Transportation	UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USCG	United States Coast Guard
DA	District Attorney	OSP	Oregon State Police	USFS	United States Forest Service
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Lt.	Lieutenant	Ret.	Recruit	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
		Sgt.	Sergeant	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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Wildlife / Hunting

Several Hunters Unlawfully Took Elk, Several Citations Issued and Elk Seized

Sgt. Hulett (Springfield) was called out to assist with a group of hunters who had found a wounded elk in the Wendling Tree Farm (east of Marcola). The elk had been wounded by an arrow during the September archery hunt and had gradually deteriorated. The bull was so emaciated it could not be salvaged. The massive 8 x 9 antlers were record class and will be retained for display and education.

Sgt. Cyr (Coos Bay) investigated an elk that was killed under the ODFW damage program. During the investigation, it was determined that the damage tags for the property had previously been filled and the hunter that killed this particular elk did not have a valid elk tag. The suspect was cited for **Unlawful Taking Big Game Mammal—Elk**, and the meat was seized for evidence.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) received information from a father and son who mistakenly shot a forked horn bull elk near the Tidewater area in the Saddle Mountain Unit (a three-point or better controlled hunt area). Klepp arrived and, with the help of the hunters, was able to retrieve the animal with a cable. The son was cited for **Taking Forked Bull Elk Closed Season** (violation) and the elk was seized.

Sr. Tpr. May (St. Helens), Tpr. Schwartz, and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) responded to an illegal hunting complaint in the Saddle Mountain Unit off Hwy 47 near Mist. Two spike elk were found shot and killed. Two subjects were cited criminally for **Taking Spike Elk Closed Season—Saddle Mountain Three-Point or Better Unit** as they were found to have put the kill shots into the elk and then tagged the elk. At least three other hunters were cited for **No Saddle Mountain Unit 1st Season Elk Tag**, after the investigation revealed they were shooting into the herd of elk as well.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) received information from an eye witness who had just watched two elk get shot as he was viewing them spar with his binoculars and digital camera. The witness shot two pictures just before and after the elk were put down, and he was confident a single shooter shot both elk within seconds of each other. Klepp arrived at the scene 30 minutes later and was able to contact the hunting party who were essentially shooting from their backyard. By this time, each elk had been tagged. The hunters stated the 5 x 5 bull was shot and put down and the 4 x 4 bull remained near the 5 x 5 for approximately 20 minutes (long enough supposedly for the shooters son to call his friend with a valid tag). The friend allegedly showed up and shot and tagged the 4 x 4, which was supposedly still sitting next to the dead 5 x 5. These statements conflicted with the witness information. Despite being confronted with the fact there was a witness to the shooting, the hunters refused to admit both bulls were shot within seconds of each other. Evidence was gathered at the scene and one hunter was cited for **Exceeding the Bag Limit—Roosevelt Elk**. The 4 x 4 bull elk was seized and salvaged.



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Ret. Barden (Gold Beach) responded to a complaint on the North Bank of the Rogue River. It was reported that a landowner shot and killed a bull elk without a tag. Barden responded to the property, and the landowner was more than happy to let him look around the property. Barden checked all the shops and outbuildings and found nothing. Being thorough, he checked the bed of a dump truck that was on the property and located a freshly killed 5 x 5 bull elk. The landowner put it in there with his tractor. He cited the subject criminally for **Unlawful Taking Big Game Mammal—Elk**.

Tpr. Carothers (Fossil/Condon) received information that a group of hunters had taken several elk on a neighboring ranch that was outside their hunt unit. Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) assisted Carothers, and they contacted some of the hunters at the ranch near Spray. Carothers determined the hunters took the elk outside their unit and one hunter shot two elk and had his son tag the extra elk. They seized two elk and contacted another group of hunters on the phone that were heading for Portland with three elk. The hunters agreed to stop at The Dalles OSP office. Sgt. Katzenstein (The Dalles) met them at the office and determined one elk was legal but two were illegally taken. Citations were issued for **Taking Elk without a Valid Tag** (three counts), **Loaning and Borrowing Elk Tags**, and **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Elk**. Numerous warnings were given for Aiding in a Wildlife Violation.

Wildlife / Hunting

Hunters Took Deer Closed Season, Deer and Weapons Seized

Sr. Tpr. Menlow (Bend) was patrolling the Metolius Unit and observed a subject field dressing a small buck. He contacted the subject and discovered the subject took a buck with a rifle (closed season) and had a Western Oregon deer tag that he planned on using as that season was still open. The subject was issued a citation for **Taking Deer Closed Season**. His rifle and deer were seized.

A fly fisherman contacted Sgt. Pond (Bend) reporting a large pool of blood on a trail leading to the middle Deschutes River. The blood and some hair were located and determined to be from a mule deer. The investigation revealed a subject from a nearby residence shot the buck mule deer with an arrow. Pond cited the subject for **Taking Deer Closed Season** and seized the deer and the subject's bow.

Sr. Tpr. Merritt and Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) were en route to work a WED in the Tiller area when they observed a vehicle associated with prior poaching complaints. They were in an unmarked vehicle and quickly went further down the road and set up the decoy. The suspect arrived just after the WED was deployed and shot twice with a .22 rifle. The only open season at the time was a late archery season for deer. When contacted, the suspect was also observed to have fresh grouse feathers on his boots. Further investigation revealed the suspect had shot and breasted out a grouse. He was cited for **Taking Deer Closed Season** and **Unlawful Possession of Grouse**.

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) stopped a pickup truck westbound on Bear Flat Road for a minor traffic infraction. The subject was from California and had been visiting his brother in Christmas Valley. The subject consented to a search of his vehicle. He had fresh deer meat in a large white cooler in the back of the truck. He also had two trophy buck heads and capes hidden under a tarp. The fresh bucks were tagged with 2008 Silver Lake deer tags. In addition, a shoulder mount trophy deer was observed in the rear of the cab. The story the subject gave was not consistent with the fresh meat in the cooler. The brother was contacted and, after an interview, admitted that he had killed one of the bucks. He advised that the bucks were killed in the Wagontire Unit and he and his wife used their Silver Lake tags in an attempt to cover the violation. The sister-in-law advised she also killed a forked horn buck in the Wagontire Unit, but gave her Silver Lake tag to her brother-in-law to cover the deer he killed the day before. The brother advised that the trophy mount in the vehicle was killed on the last day of the 2007 elk season by his brother in Silver Lake Unit. His brother had taken it to California and had it mounted. The two buck's heads and capes in the vehicle were being taken to California to be mounted. The suspect from California was cited for two counts of **Taking Buck Deer Closed Season** and one count of **Borrowing a Big Game Tag**. The suspect's brother was cited for three counts of **Aiding in a Game Violation, Taking Buck Deer Without a Valid Tag, and Lending a Big Game Tag**. The sister-in-law was cited for **Taking a Buck Deer without a Valid Tag and Lending a Big Game Tag**. The two fresh heads and capes along with the mount were seized as evidence, along with three rifles and some deer meat.



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Hunter Imported Intact Deer from Montana

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) was eastbound on Hwy 140 when he observed deer antlers affixed to the top of a westbound vehicle. As the vehicles met and passed, Hand observed the intact heads. No deer seasons in the area were active at the time and it was suspected the deer came from out of state. Hand stopped the vehicle and found the deer came from Montana, a chronic wasting disease (CWD) state. In addition to the two heads, two fully intact carcasses were also being transported. The heads were then taken to ODFW for sample collection. The heads and spinal columns were seized. Citations will be issued for **Unlawful Importation of Cervid Parts**. For more information on CWD, please visit [ODFW](http://odfw.gov).

Suspended Hunter Illegally Took 5 x 5 Buck

Sr. Tpr. Collom and Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) responded to a report of a large 5 x 5 buck that was shot with a rifle near a ranch off Hwy 140. The unit had an open late archery deer season at the time, but not a rifle season. The witness took video of two hunters from a distance away as they walked to their vehicle and put their rifles in the cab. They then went back to the buck and dragged it down the hill to a convenient spot to pick it up later. They did not field dress the deer. Collom field dressed the deer and salvaged the meat, which was donated to charity. Collom and Meyer staked out the area for several hours and the suspects never returned. Collom obtained information as to who the hunters were and spent several days trying to locate the shooter. When Collom caught up with him, the shooter told Collom he and his friend were bear hunting. The shooter's hunting privileges had been suspended for a conviction in early 2008 for False Application for a Resident Hunting License. The shooter shot the buck and then he and his friend left. His friend did not want to have anything to do with the poaching. Collom arrested the shooter and lodged him in the Jackson County jail on several charges including **Unlawfully Taking Deer, Purchasing a Hunting License while Suspended, Waste of Wildlife, and Hunting while Suspended**.

Wildlife / Hunting

Trapper Cited for Using Unbranded Traps

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) received a complaint from a landowner of a subject illegally trespassing and trapping on his property. Turnbo investigated the incident and Rct. Burkholder (Albany) and Turnbo located the trapper and warned him for Trespassing and cited him for **Trapping with Unbranded Traps**.

Hunter Shot Bear Cub

A hunter had called in to ODFW at the check station and based on the description of the bear, ODFW voiced their concern about the size of the bear. The subject then called OSP and spoke with Sgt. Scroup (Astoria). Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) went to the residence and examined the bear. The carcass (including head and hide) minus the entrails only weighed 20 pounds. O'Connor cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Black Bear Cub** and seized the bear.

Subjects Hunted with Wrong Type of Rifle

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) contacted six individuals in the Drift Creek area, which is a shotgun only area. Four of the subjects were hunting, all with centerfire rifles. The investigation revealed that one hunter had brought all of the hunters to the area, and advised them they could use rifles. The four hunters were warned for Hunting Prohibited Method—Rifle in Shotgun Area and the subject who gave the bad advice was cited for **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Violation—Hunting Prohibited Method, Rifles in Shotgun Area**.

Picture Posted in Market Uncovered Multiple Crimes

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) conducted an investigation after he observed a picture of some local Oakridge area residents that had been posted with at a local market. The picture (dated October 22) showed the individuals with a black bear. Maher contacted ODFW to see if the bear had been checked in within ten days as required and ODFW said the bear was never checked in. Maher contacted the subject who killed the bear who admitted not checking in the bear. During the investigation, Maher also discovered the bear meat had spoiled while it was hanging in the subject's garage and he threw it out. The subject took Maher to where he had dumped the carcass and to where he had dumped the head, hide, and paws. The carcass was not in a condition to save for evidence, but the head, hide, and paws were still in tact and collected. The subject was cited for **Fail to Check in Black Bear Skull within 10 Days of Kill** and for **Waste of a Big Game Mammal—Black Bear**. While interviewing the subject, Maher also learned about a cow elk that had been killed during the Cascade bull elk rifle season. Several packages of elk meat were also seized from the subject and he took Maher to the kill site and other evidence was collected. Information regarding the suspect that had allegedly shot the cow elk was also obtained. A follow-up was conducted regarding the information obtained. The suspect who allegedly shot the cow elk was contacted in the Springfield area. Based on the interview, the subject was cited for **Unlawful Taking of Cow Elk**. Maher will be contacting addition subjects to conclude the investigation.

Hunter Mistook Dowitchers for Snipe

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) worked a patrol at the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area. A waterfowl hunter was contacted in the Fisher Butte Unit and stated he was shooting snipe. He had fifteen birds all of which were identified as dowitchers. Even if they would have been snipe, he would have exceeded the bag limit by 7 birds. The hunter was issued a citation for **Unlawful Taking of Protected Non-Game Bird—Dowitcher** (x 15). The birds were seized as evidence.



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Suspect Caught Hunting in Wildlife Refuge

Tpr. Carothers (Fossil/Condon) and Sgt. Katzenstein (The Dalles) drifted the John Day River from Cottonwood to Starvation Lane. They cited one subject for **Hunting Goose Prohibited Area** and **No Federal Waterfowl Stamp**, after the troopers located seven goose decoys on an island in the wildlife refuge. They also checked 15 anglers and warned six for not having their steelhead tags with them.

Hunter Did Not Notify OSP of Lost Elk

Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Sr. Tpr. Hathaway (Newport) seized a spike bull elk from a hunter who shot it late in the day on the final day of the first Coast Bull Elk season. The hunter was not able to find the elk prior to the close of the season nor did he make an effort to locate it. He did not contact OSP to notify them of the lost elk until after it was found the next afternoon. The bull was not tagged and in the hunter's possession. Under direction of Lt. Lane (NW Region) and Sgt. Thompson (Newport), the elk was seized. No citations were issued.

Hummingbird Unlawfully Held

Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) contacted a subject about her reportedly unlawfully holding a hummingbird without a permit. ODFW obtained the information from a rehabilitator in Connecticut who reported receiving a call from the suspect requesting advice. Randall contacted the suspect who stated the bird had been in the area about six weeks after normal migration. The suspect was warned for No Wildlife Holding Permit. The suspect and a local organization were placed in contact for transfer of the bird. The organization contacted Randall stating the bird is in a better situation where it is and they will attempt to add the suspect to their volunteer list. They indicated the suspect has spent over \$1,000 for a habitat and on food, for the suspect just wants to keep the bird alive until Spring, not make it a pet. Randall told them to contact ODFW and the federal government and if holding the bird was okay with them, then it would be okay with OSP, but subject to overruling. The organization will keep Randall informed.

Commercial Fish / Sport Angling and Marine

Cited for Overage and Exceeding the Limit

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) cited the skipper of a fishing vessel for a 40% overage of darkblotched and slope rockfish. The two-month trip limit for the vessel was 1,500 pounds.

Tpr. Thomas and Rct. Galusha (Tillamook) contacted three subjects returning from clamming along Netarts Bay. An inspection of their catch revealed all three to be 16 bay clams over the daily limit. All three were cited for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Bay Clams** and the extra clams were returned to the bay.

Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) received information about an angler who caught and retained a wild Chinook while in a drift boat on the Trask River. This angler then pulled the boat to the bank and gave the fish to a local landowner who the angler knows, then went back to fishing. When Thomas contacted the angler at the boat take-out, the angler had retained a second wild Chinook and only validated the second fish on his harvest card. On the Trask River, it is unlawful to retain two wild Chinook in one day. Thomas cited the angler for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit Chinook Salmon** and seized the salmon.



Darkblotched rockfish nestled in the branches of a gorgonian soft coral. Photo credit: NOAA.

Anglers Caught without Tags, in Closed Areas, and Retaining Illegal Sizes of Fish

While conducting crab hull inspections, Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) located several bags of rockfish and halibut fillets. The skipper admitted to keeping the fish on their last dragging trip. Davis cited the skipper for **Fail to Offload Groundfish** and seized the fillets.

Tpr. Thomas and Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) watched two anglers while they attempted to snag Chinook salmon on the Wilson River. After witnessing the subjects fight and lose a foul-hooked salmon, the troopers contacted the anglers. Both subjects were cited for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging**.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl and Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) contacted two subjects who were angling for Chinook on the Nestucca River. Upon contact, one of the subjects had a wild Chinook validated on his harvest card. Inspection of this fish found that it was a wild coho, which is unlawful to retain. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession Wild Coho Salmon** and the coho was seized.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) was checking several anglers on the Social Security Bar on the Chetco River when one of the anglers approached and asked what he was checking for. Another angler told him licenses and tags. He said, "Tags?" and walked away. One of the anglers pointed the suspect out to Stinnett, as he was getting in his vehicle and driving away, and stated the suspect had been angling for over an hour. Stinnett stopped the suspect and asked for his license and tags. As he searched, he said something to the effect, "It's a good thing I didn't start fishing yet because I don't have a tag." When Stinnett told him the other anglers already reported he was fishing, he admitted he was fishing for about an hour and mentioned he also fished the day before. The subject was cited for **No Harvest Tag** and warned for not having his license on his person while angling.

Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) contacted a boat in Garibaldi as it returned from crabbing in Tillamook Bay. When Howell checked the Dungeness crab onboard, he found 12 out of 16 were undersized. Howell cited the boat's captain for **Unlawful Possession Undersized Dungeness Crab**. The crab were released back into the bay.

While conducting angling license checks on Eagle Creek at the Cascade Fish Hatchery (Columbia Gorge), Rct. Fromme (Portland) witnessed a subject angling for coho in Eagle Creek, which is closed to angling. Fromme contacted the angler who was found to be a Washington resident with a valid Washington angling license and tag, but did not have an Oregon angling license or harvest tag. The angler was cited for **Angling Closed Area**.

While returning from the Mt. Hood National Forest after completing hunting license and tag checks, Rct. Fromme (Portland) contacted a group of salmon/steelhead anglers on the Clackamas River, about 10 miles east of Estacada. This area is closed to salmon/steelhead angling all year and is currently closed to all other angling at this time of year. Fromme issued four citations for **Angling Closed Season** and one warning for the use of lead shot while hunting waterfowl.

While observing salmon anglers on the Elk River, Rct. Barden (Gold Beach) was contacted by a local resident who said a fisherman up the river was trying to snag salmon. Barden observed the fisherman attempting to snag salmon with a heavy pole and large weighted treble hooks. Barden also observed the fisherman snag a Chinook salmon in the side and carry it and another salmon to his pickup. The fisherman was contacted and admitted to snagging the salmon. Both Chinook salmon and the snagging gear were seized and the fisherman was cited for **Taking Salmon Prohibited Method—Snagging**.

Environment / Habitat

Dead Fish Found, Cause Unknown

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) is working with ODFW and DSL on a fish kill on Sucker Creek. An ODFW fish screen crew found dead fish in a screening facility where water diverted from the creek for irrigation. There were about 200 fish, including coho fry and juvenile trout. The cause is still being investigated.

Suspect Cited for Dredging



Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) received a complaint of a man dredging for gold in Sucker Creek in an area outside the in-water work period for essential salmonid streams. Thompson made several attempts to find the subject working the dredge, but nobody was around in this remote area. He and Sgt. Meyer (Central

Point) finally caught the man actively working the dredge in the stream and he was cited for **Water Pollution 2**.



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Essential salmonid habitat is defined as the habitat necessary to prevent the depletion of native salmon species (chum, sockeye, Chinook and coho salmon, and steelhead and cutthroat trout) during their life history stages of spawning and rearing. The designation applies only to those species that have been listed as "Sensitive, Threatened or Endangered" by a state or federal authority.

[Click for more information from DSL.](#)

Subjects Cited for Forest Products Violations

During the week of November 17 – 23, Sr. Tpr. Chichester (A&H Willamette Private Lands Contract) continued the investigation of theft of vine maple from Longview Fibre's property in the Abiqua area. Through interviews, Sr. Tpr. Chichester recovered 184 vine maple plants. The second subject was cited for **Criminal Mischief 1st Degree, Unlawful Harvest of Special Forest Products (Vine Maple), Theft I, and Criminal Trespass II**.

Retired Sr. Tpr. Dougherty (Salem) was working TMA in Stott Wildlife Unit. He found two subjects with 72 pounds of mushrooms on Forest Capital property. They had a BLM permit, but were at least 5 miles from BLM property. Dougherty cited the two for **Driving in a Travel Management Area and Removing Forest Products from Private Property without a Permit**. Dougherty attempted to sell the mushrooms; however, the buyer advised she would not buy them, as they were not good quality mushrooms, for they were saturated with water (rain) and the mushrooms would just rot.

Subjects Cited for TMA Regulations

Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) contacted a subject who backed his pickup up to a Hancock Timber gate. The subject then used portable ATV ramps to go over the gate and unloaded a four-wheeler. This subject then hunted elk on a closed Travel Management Area (TMA) roadway from his ATV. Howell cited this subject for **Violation of North Coast TMA Road Closure—Operation of ATV Behind Gate**.

Sr. Tpr. Kehr and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) contacted a hunter walking into a signed and locked TMA area. Shortly after the contact, the hunter observed two dirt bikes operation behind the gate. The hunter contacted OSP to report the violation. The troopers were still in the area and responded to the location. They observed the bikes still operating behind the locked gate. The operators were contacted and each cited for of **Operation of a Vehicle in Violation of TMA**. On another occasion, Kehr observed four Class I ATVs operating behind a locked TMA gate. Kehr contacted the operators and cited all for **Operation of a Vehicle in Violation of TMA**.

General Law / Other

Crash Subject Cited for Angling License Violation

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) was assisting Sr. Tpr. Ayres (Patrol, Florence) with a crash on Hwy 101 near MP 176. Salisbury was interviewing one of the involved parties (who was driving a Canada plated car) and noticed an angling license in his wallet. The suspect had an Oregon resident license, salmon tag, and shellfish license, but was determined to be a resident of Canada. He had an arrest warrant out of Douglas County for Fail to Appear with a bail of \$500. He was cited for **Possession of Falsely Applied for Resident License**.

Angler Found to Have Warrant with \$40,000 Bail

Tpr. Thomas and Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) were working salmon anglers on the Trask River when they contacted a subject who did not have a Combined Angling Tag. The subject thought he only needed an license if he planned to catch and release. A check of LEDS/NCIC revealed the subject had a felony warrant out of Clackamas County for **Manufacture/Distribution of a Controlled Substance—Marijuana**, with a bail of \$40,000. The subject knew about the warrant and was trying to get one last fishing trip in before he went to jail.

Hunters and Anglers Cited for Trespassing and Firearm Violations

Retired Sr. Tpr. Hathaway and Tpr. Kehr (Newport) investigated a trespass complaint in the Kernville area. Witnesses observed a subject shoot a four-point bull elk on private property behind two no trespassing signs, then come back a short time later in a different vehicle and retrieve the elk. The troopers contacted the suspect, seized the elk, and cited him for **Criminal Trespass With a Firearm**.

Rct. Galusha and Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) contacted an elk hunter carrying a 30-30 rifle on Hembree Ridge Road. The troopers checked this subject's criminal history and found that he was a convicted felon and had been convicted of DWS-Revoked (Felony) in 1999. The subject was cited for **Felon In Possession Of A Firearm** and the rifle was seized.

Rct. Galusha and Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) observed two hunters on ATVs traveling through a clear-cut with rifles slung over their shoulders. The hunters would stand up on their ATVs while going down the road, looking for elk. Upon contact, the hunters provided 2nd season Coast Elk tags and, upon inspection of their rifles, they discovered they were fully loaded. Both subjects were cited for **Operating an ATV While Carrying a Loaded Firearm**.

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) contacted a family elk hunting near the Elkhorn Wildlife Area Headquarters. One brother had a felony warrant out of Deschutes County for narcotics, and both brothers were convicted felons. The first brother was lodged on the Deschutes County warrant and cited for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. The other brother was cited for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. Duncan seized a .270 Savage and a .300 Browning.

Sgt. Hulett and Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) tracked down a spotlighthouse working the Mohawk/Oshkosh divide near Marcola on Weyerhaeuser property. They worked their way within 1/4 mile of the spotlighthouse when the vehicle they were tracking unexpectedly drove up behind them. The driver of the vehicle appeared to panic and threw the truck into park while it was still moving. He then threw a custom-made, expensive scoped rifle and spotlight out the window. The driver and passenger of the truck were taken into custody and lodged at the Lane County Jail. The driver was charged with **Criminal Trespass with a Firearm** and **Hunting with the Aid of a Light**. The passenger was charged with **Aiding in a Game Violation** and **Criminal Trespass**.

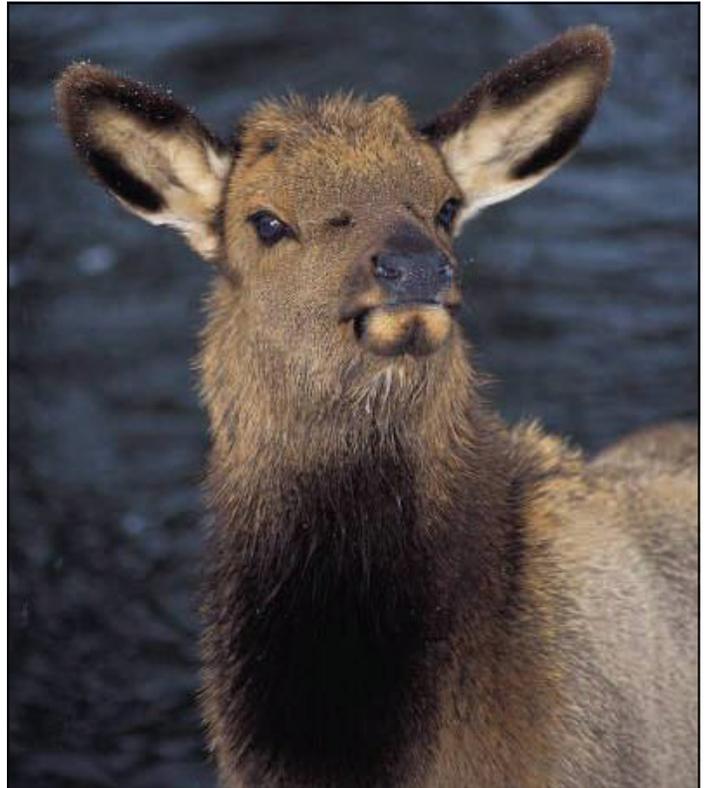


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Sr. Tpr. Gunderson, Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles), and Tpr. Ring (Arlington) were conducting a boat patrol on the lower John Day River from the mouth to the narrows. While on patrol, they received a report from a landowner of steelhead anglers trespassing on private property above Tumwater Falls. One of the anglers reportedly was verbally abusive towards the landowner. Ring and Pearson watched two anglers with a dog head up from the river above the high water mark up the east bank and then head upriver along an ATV track. The two anglers and the dog "made a bee-line" several miles upriver, where they were eventually tracked down. The men denied ever being above the high water mark and said they had been fishing their way upriver below the high water mark. They said that the officers must have been mistaken when confronted with the fact that the officers had observed them on private property. Both men were cited for **Criminal Trespass II**.

Interagency Cooperation

Multiple Subjects Cited for 20 Counts in Landowner Preference Tags Case

Sr. Tpr. Knapp (Enterprise) completed a lengthy investigation on an out-of-state landowner falsely applying for landowner preference (LOP) tags. In September 2007, Vic Coggins (ODFW biologist) contacted a landowner's agent and a hunter along a road in the Chesnimnus Unit. The agent provided Coggins with the name of a hunter who was bull elk archery hunting on a piece of property. Coggins reported the information to Knapp. The hunter had an LOP tag but was on the wrong piece of property. Because Coggins never personally saw the hunter on the property, no case was made. Knapp looked more closely into the LOP applications that the landowner (a Montana resident) had filled out. The landowner and his wife listed four hunters from California as family members and then sold the tags for \$500 each (this group also received buck tags). Knapp learned when the landowner had come to the office to fill out the LOP paperwork, he was accompanied by the agent and that the agent did all of the talking. Knapp called each hunter in California who each informed Knapp they did not know who the landowner and his wife were, but they knew the agent. They each purchased a tags for \$500. During the investigation, Knapp also looked into the agent's personal property LOP application and found he and his wife listed individuals as family members when they were not. Upon interviewing the landowner by phone, he stated he knew he checked the "Family Member" box knowing that he was not supposed to. He added he did not think that it was that big of a deal. Knapp cited the agent for 8 counts of **Aid in Game Violation—False Application for LOP Tags** and 2 counts of **False Application for LOP Tags** and the agent's wife for 2 counts of **False Application for LOP Tags**. The landowner was cited for 6 counts of **False Application for LOP Tags** and his wife for 2 counts of **False Application for LOP Tags**. Sgt. Steve Vinnedge (Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks) served the citations to the landowner and his wife in Lewistown, Montana for Knapp.



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Joint Patrols and Investigations

Sr. Tpr. McNerney (Hood River), Sgt. Short (Patrol), and ODFW White River Wildlife Area Manager Josh Moulton responded to a trespassing complaint near Friend. They determined a bull elk had been shot on private property and dragged under the nine-foot high game fence onto the wildlife area. The poachers used a vehicle to recover the elk in the road closure. Citations were issued for **Hunting on Enclosed Lands of Another, Violation of a Cooperative Road Closure, and Aiding in a Violation of Wildlife Law**.

ODFW Jewell Refuge manager Brian Swearingen had a subject jump over a bank and into the brush hiding from him. Sgt. Scroup, Sr. Tpr. Carver, and Retired Sr. Tpr. Wood (Astoria) assisted. They located a vehicle nearby and a subject walking back to the vehicle. The subject had a Coast Elk tag and realized he was in the Saddle Mountain Unit. His two companions both had Saddle Mountain tags. The subject eventually led Wood back to his hidden rifle. The subject was cited for **No Saddle Mountain Unit 1st Season Elk Tag**.

Sr. Tpr. May and Retired Sr. Tpr. Olsen (St. Helens) received information from an off-duty Portland PD detective of a possible elk poaching. The detective took video footage of the area, suspect vehicles, and a camp and provided this and suspect descriptions to May. The troopers located the area and found a kill site and the empty campsite. They collected evidence from both sites. Follow-up took them to the Portland area where they contacted several residences. They identified four suspects and recovered most of the elk. All four were cited for **Taking Elk Closed Season** or **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Taking Elk Closed Season** and one subject was additionally cited for **Fail to Properly Validate Deer Tag**.

Douglas County SO responded to a shots fired call and turned it over to OSP for a subject shot a forked horn Blacktail buck in Days Creek. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) responded with Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass). The subject reported the buck came after him when he was feeding his neighbor's sheep in an enclosed pasture also occupied by several does. The subject shot the deer with his rifle and then attempted to call ODFW, who was closed for the holiday. Frerichs located the area where the buck had been scraping around in the dirt and, due to the fact the subject attempted to call ODFW, no action was taken. The deer was deemed non-salvageable and released to Wildlife Safari. The subject was instructed to call OSP in the future.

Retired Sr. Tpr. Mediger (Salem) received a complaint of a hunter who killed a deer on a neighbor's property. Linn County SO was on scene when Mediger arrived. Mediger determined the landowner was not happy about the hunter killing the deer on her property, but gave the hunter permission to retrieve the deer. The next day, the deputy who had been on scene, told the forest deputy of the incident. The forest deputy remembered Weyerhaeuser had given permission for this same hunter to retrieve a three-point deer on their property a couple of weeks prior. Mediger re-contacted the hunter. The investigation revealed the hunter had killed a three-point deer in October. Mediger cited the hunter for **Exceeding Bag Limit—Deer and Improper Validation of Deer Tag** and seized the second deer.

Tpr. Collom (Central Point) received a call from a sheriff's deputy asking for assistance at a residence where a person, who was skinning a deer, was a felon with a warrant. Upon arrival, they found a skinned hide and a 4 x 4 buck head. The subject who answered the door said a friend hit the deer with his truck. She drug the deer to her driveway and left it and did not know where it went from there. Collom happened to peer inside a crack in the shed and noticed the deer (obviously hit by a vehicle due to the massive trauma noticed), along with a second deer. The subject said the second deer (untagged) was shot by another. After several phone calls, the second subject arrived with his tag. Collom cited the first subject for **Unlawful Possession of Deer** and the second for **Fail to Attach Deer Tag**.

Dispositions

Suspect Found Guilty of Possessing Undersized Crab

On November 18, 2008, Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) had a jury trial with one individual regarding his citation for **Illegal Possession of Undersized (Sport) Dungeness Crab**. The incident involved the defendant and three of his companions from a November 2007 case in which four subjects were contacted at the Warrenton Boat Ramp with a total of 53 Dungeness crab, fourteen of which were undersized and five over their daily bag limit. In addition, three of the subjects failed to have shellfish licenses. The defendant was found guilty and fined \$516 with a two-year suspension of his angling and shellfish privileges.



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November Guilty Dispositions

In a given month, the Division may receive several hundred dispositions back from the court where the defendants were found guilty and ordered to pay a fine. In some cases, the defendants were sentenced to pay additional restitution, serve jail time, and/or their hunting and/or fishing licenses were suspended. Often, the meat, firearms, bows, and/or equipment seized may be forfeited. In November, the following are some of the guilty dispositions:

Unlawful Possession of Cougar

- \$800 restitution to ODFW and 24-month hunting license suspension

Hunting on Enclosed Lands of Another (7 defendants found guilty)

- Fine, 24-month hunting license suspension

Hunting Ducks Closed Season

- \$250 fine, 24-month hunting license suspension

Lending Big Game Tag and Hunting on the Cultivated Enclosed Lands of Another

- 24-month hunting license suspension

Unlawful Possession of Deer Parts (x 2) and Unlawful Take and Transport of Blacktail deer

- \$1,600 restitution/fine and 24-month hunting license suspension

Aiding in Wildlife Crime

- \$187 fine, \$150 restitution to ODFW, and 24-month hunting license suspension

Unlawful Take of Fall Black Bear

- \$224 fine, \$800 restitution to ODFW, and 24-month hunting license suspension

Aiding in a Wildlife Violation and Hunting on the Cultivated Enclosed Lands of Another

- 60-month hunting license suspension

Unlawful Possession of Blacktail Deer and Offensive Littering

- \$1,098 fines, \$1,000 restitution to ODFW, and 24-month hunting license suspension



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Taking Prohibited Wildlife—Pied Billed Griebe and Hunting Ducks Closed Season

- Fine, \$50 restitution to ODFW, 24-month hunting license suspension

Taking Buck Deer Closed Season, Hunting with No Valid Elk Tag, and Felon in Possession of Firearm

- \$850 fine, 100 days in jail for each wildlife crime, 13 months jail for the felony, and hunting license suspension

Unlawful Possession of Blacktail Deer—No Tag and Unlawful Possession of Wild Turkey—Closed Season

- \$250 donation to OHA TIP fund, \$900 restitution to ODFW, 24-month hunting license suspension



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