

# Oregon State Police

## Fish and Wildlife Division



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### Commercial Skipper Charge with Theft, Criminal Mischief, and Waste of Crab

A Newport Bayfront commercial skipper called Sr. Tpr. Carla Urbigkeit (Newport) to report some of his commercial crab pots were being offloaded from a different vessel bringing in pots at the close of the ocean commercial Dungeness crab season. Approximately seven more pots had not been offloaded yet. Upon interviewing the suspect skipper, he stated in substance he has never taken anyone's pots and was not a thief. He said maybe his crew picked them up while they were retrieving gear. The next day, Urbigkeit received a call from the complainant. He said the suspect called and told him he took 30 of his pots about a year and a half ago right from the port where they were stacked. The suspect asked him what he could do to make it right. The complainant told the suspect the issue was in OSP's hands and he should talk to Urbigkeit. The suspect called Urbigkeit and asked if they could meet. When they did, he confessed he had stolen 30 Trilogy commercial crab pots from the complainant. Urbigkeit asked if he had any more pots belonging to the other fishermen and he said "no." Urbigkeit asked if she could look through all of his pots and he consented. The suspect also said he had a tote full of crab from the load of pots he just brought in. He knew he had to get them off his vessel and was planning to sell them either that evening or the next day.



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Urbigkeit went to the suspect's residence the following day where he said some of his pots were stored. Urbigkeit discovered about 50 more pots similar to the ones the suspect admitted stealing a year and a half ago. Urbigkeit attempted to call the suspect, but he did not return her calls. She called the on-call DA who advised her to write a search warrant for the fishing vessel, his residence, and his shop. Before the warrant was executed, the suspect called Urbigkeit. She met with him and asked if he had anything to add to his story and he replied "no." Urbigkeit took him into custody for **Theft 1** and lodged him in the Lincoln County Jail. Urbigkeit was also informed the commercially caught crab were still on his vessel. The warrant was executed on the fishing vessel first. The Dungeness crab, still being pumped with water, were dead. The 610 pounds of crab were a total loss. The pots from the fishing vessel were offloaded while skippers on scene were identifying their pots. About 120 seized pots were transported to the Newport OSP office. The troopers then executed a search warrant on the two shops and residence. About 50 pots were seized and most were identified as the initial complainant's pots. The evidence revealed the suspect had stolen pots from several fishing vessels in the Newport area. Near a grinding wheel, they found where the victims' branded buoy numbers were ground away, then re-painted with the suspect's buoy colors. They also found 146 crab pot tags with 36 different vessel names in two large trash barrels, along with 54 buoy tags. Some of the tags bore the original tag colors from the 2006-2007 season, the green replacement tag color, or the new tag colors for the 2007-2008 season. None of the pot or buoy tags found displayed the suspect's name or crab permit number. They seized hundreds of feet of line and lead



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shot, as well as buoys belonging to other vessels. While searching for evidence, a line coiler, reported stolen three months prior from a Newport fishing vessel, was discovered under coils of stolen line in the shop. That skipper identified the coiler and stated the value was about \$2,500.

The suspect is being charged with multiple counts of **Theft 1, Aggravated Theft, Criminal Mischief**, multiple counts of **Theft 3, Waste of Food Fish—Dungeness Crab**, and **Failure to Retrieve Commercial Crab Gear from the Pacific Ocean**. Thus far, troopers have recovered 176 pots. Troopers will identify owners of the unclaimed pots and interview victims. Washington officers will assist in locating about 100 more of the complainant's pots. Sgt. Todd Thompson, Sr. Tpr. Doug Canfield, Sr. Tpr. Greg Torland, Sr. Tpr. Mark Hathaway, Tpr. Ryan Kehr, Tpr. Heather VanMeter (Newport), and Lt. Steve Lane (NW Region) have been involved in the follow-up. If you have any information regarding this case or commercial crab pots off shore, please contact Sr. Tpr. Carla Urbigkeit at the Newport office at (541) 270-4817.

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# Wildlife / Hunting

## Tip Uncovered Unlawful Take

Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria) received an anonymous tip stating an individual shot and killed a five-point bull elk near Gearhart. According to the source, this individual did not have a valid bow tag. Schwartz contacted the suspect at his residence and observed a five-point bull elk which had been tagged by a second party. The suspect said he had accompanied his friend while the bull was harvested and let the friend borrow his bow. Schwartz contacted the friend who tagged the bull. Investigation revealed the friend had not shot the bull but was contacted by the initial suspect to borrow his (the friend's) bow elk tag. Schwartz re-contacted the suspect and confirmed the friend's accounting of the taking of the elk. Schwartz seized a Matthews bow and the five-point bull as evidence and cited the suspect for **Unlawful Taking and Borrowing a Big Game Tag** and the friend for **Loaning a Big Game Tag**. Sr. Tpr. Robin May (St. Helens) assisted in the investigation.



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## Exceeded the Limit

A bighorn sheep tag holder for the Snake River Unit called Tpr. Brian Miller (Enterprise) to advise he exceeded the bag limit. He shot nine times at a ram and ran out of ammunition. He borrowed his partner's rifle and continued shooting. He lost sight of the ram. Upon seeing a ram, he started shooting again. He found he killed two rams. Miller cited the subject for **Exceeding the Bag Limit—Bighorn Sheep**.

Sr. Tpr. Craig Gunderson (The Dalles) followed up on a report about late evening shooting during bow season. He contacted the witness and learned a neighbor had damage tags. Through interviews, Gunderson revealed two elk were killed and the ranch did have two damage tags, but one tag holder was not there the day the elk were killed. He learned one subject shot three elk. He cited the shooter for **Exceeding the Bag Limit—Elk (x 2)** and two others for **Loaning a Big Game Tag**.

## Hunter Caught Taking Elk inside City Limits

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) stopped to buy a cup of coffee. While waiting in line, Klepp was contacted by a man who said, "You should do something about the guy who wasted the meat on a deer and elk in Warrenton." Apparently, the suspect left both hides on the animals for an excessive amount of time, resulting in possible spoilage. Klepp contacted the suspect an hour later and inspected both animals but determined the meat was still marginally edible. The suspect had shot both animals near Gearhart. The next day, Klepp received information from another person that ravens were flying close to the suspect's residence (inside Warrenton city limits over the town's water treatment facility). Klepp returned to the area and followed the birds to a recent gut pile. Klepp discovered drag marks from the gut pile to a fence near the suspect's residence. Klepp contacted the suspect that evening and determined the suspect killed a doe deer and cow elk on Labor Day at the water treatment plant and used an ATV to haul the carcasses out before daylight. Klepp cited the suspect for **Illegal Taking/Hunting Deer/Elk inside City Limits of Warrenton (x 2)**. He seized and disposed of the questionably consumable meat.

## Bear Retained Under Damage OAR

Tpr. Lowell Lea (Florence) received a complaint on a Sunday from a Dunes City resident who had 10 chickens the Friday before and was down to two. Each morning, a bear broke into the chicken coop and ate her chickens. The bear was not afraid of humans and attempted to approach when she went outside to scare it off. She made noise and even shot off a gun to no avail. Lea told her she was within her rights to shoot the bear. He forwarded the report to Doug Cottem (ODFW) who was to respond the next day. Before Cottem could respond, the bear returned and the lady shot it. She retained the bear under the damage OAR. One chicken survived.

## Trespasser Unlawfully Possessed Elk

Tpr. Justin Frazier (Hood River) and Sr. Tpr. Les Kipper (The Dalles) located a subject behind a locked gate with a vehicle on private timber property. The subject was not hunting but said he was with an elk hunter. Frazier knew the hunter and heard he already killed a bull this season. While waiting for the hunter, Frazier made several calls and located a subject who observed an elk rack in the back of the hunter's vehicle the week prior. When the hunter returned, Frazier learned the hunter did kill an elk but did not tag it because it took several days to find it and the animal went to waste. Frazier also discovered the hunter went through one of the locked gates by manipulating a locking pin. He cited the hunter for **Criminal Trespass II** and **Unlawful Possession of Elk** and seized the 5 x 6 bull rack.

### Abbreviations and Acronyms

ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	Lt.	Lieutenant	Sgt.	Sergeant
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service	SIU	Special Investigations Unit
BER	Boat Examination Report	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Sr.	Senior
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants	ODF	Oregon Department of Forestry	SO	Sheriff's Office
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
DA	District Attorney	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USCG	United States Coast Guard
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	OSP	Oregon State Police	USFS	United States Forest Service
JACTMA	Jackson Area Cooperative Travel Management Area	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
		Ret.	Recruit	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
				WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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# Wildlife / Hunting

## Over 1,000 Illegal Turtles Seized

Tpr. Aaron Dietz (Pendleton) and Greg Rimbach (ODFW) contacted a Hermiston resident after receiving a report about a subject attempting to sell red-eared slider turtles at the Muddy-Frogwater Festival in Milton-Freewater. Upon contact, they observed numerous turtles in the living room. They seized 728 illegal turtles and cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of a Prohibited Species**. Dietz was then contacted by another subject who advised he also had some turtles, and the troopers seized 316 red-eared sliders from him. Dietz discovered this subject purchased the turtles in the Los Angeles area and brought them back to Oregon. A citation is pending. As a result of the media's interest in this investigation, several calls have been received from people who purchased these turtles. Pendleton troopers are attempting to recover those sold and Washington residents are being referred to their local WDFW office. [The red-eared slider (*Trachemys scripta elegans*), along with other species, are illegal for a person to possess in Oregon, per [OAR 635-056-0050](#).]



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## Unlawful Takers of Wildlife Cited

Sr. Tpr. Jeff Allison (Central Point) responded to a taking turkey closed season complaint just in time to see a subject set something in the bed of the truck, look at him, and then start walking away. Upon contact, the subject admitted he shot the turkey, which was in the bed of the truck, because it was in his garden and he wanted something to eat. He was cited for **Taking Turkey Closed Season**.

Sr. Tpr. Joe Smith (Patrol, Gilchrist) stopped a subject for running a stop sign. The driver had blood on his pants and Smith could smell deer meat. The passenger said she had a High Cascade deer tag and had shot a deer. Smith doubted the deer was shot in the wilderness. Smith, Sr. Tpr. Don Bertram, and Tpr. Brent Sitowski (Klamath Falls) determined the deer was shot three miles outside of the hunt boundary. They cited the hunter for **Taking Deer Closed Season**, seized the trophy four-point, and donated the meat to charity.

Sr. Tpr. Swede Pearson (The Dalles) contacted a hunting camp in the White River Unit and located a doe deer killed a couple of days prior, well inside the boundary of private property without permission. The person who took the deer was not aware of the regulations and the person who assisted was not aware of where the boundary for the unit was and had told the inexperienced hunter to shoot the deer. The shooter was cited for **Taking Antlerless Deer Prohibited Area** and the person who aided the hunter and transported the un-gutted deer from the kill site in the back of his car to their camp was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**. They were warned for trespassing.

Tpr. Jim Collom (Central Point) received a call from a landowner about someone shooting a bunch of rounds off on their property on the road in front of their house. The landowner got a license plate. Collom followed up the next day and did not find a dead deer but found seven .223 empty shells. Collom did not find the suspect at home until later that week. While doing surveillance, he observed the vehicle in question and a man standing outside of it. He drove to the residence and before talking to the man, Collom noticed a .223 clip on the front seat. Initially, the man (the boyfriend of the woman who owned the truck) denied being in the area on that evening. After a short discussion, he realized it was best to be honest and remorsefully told Collom everything. He said his buddies had been getting big deer with their bows, so he decided to try and get a big one using his AR-15 rifle. Collom seized the rifle and cited him for **Hunting Deer Closed Season** and **Shooting from or across the Roadway**.

Sr. Tpr. Greg Love (Bend) observed a subject parked in the Upper Deschutes Unit. During contact, the subject advised he accidentally shot a cow elk. While telling his story, another hunter walked up and advised he watched the subject "poach the elk." The subject was cited for **Taking Cow Elk Closed Season**.

Tpr. Brad Bennett (Grants Pass) followed up on a tip of a subject who shot an illegal 5 x 5 bull elk in the Glendale area. Bennett located the subject in the Grants Pass area. The subject had the 5 x 5 bull he admitted to shooting with his bow. Unfortunately, the subject shot the bull in the Powers Unit, a "spike only" hunt. Bennett seized the elk and cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Elk**.

Sr. Tpr. James Halsey (Albany) followed up on an incident involving a deer killed near Lebanon. Halsey learned a subject shot a deer while sitting in his pickup on a paved road. Neighbors found the wounded deer dragging its hindquarters. A neighbor dispatched the deer before OSP arrived. Halsey located the suspect and cited him for **Unlawfully Taking Big Game Animal and Hunting from a Public Roadway**. A 30-06 rifle was seized. The deer could not be salvaged.

Tpr. Michael Mayer (Heppner) received a report from a subject claiming he and another juvenile killed five deer and an antelope in the Heppner Area. The subject said he was responsible for the deer killings mentioned in our recent press release. Upon interviewing the subject and locating carcasses and rifle casings, Mayer determined the deer killed by this subject and his friend were different from the deer case in the release. The other subject involved in this case turned over his firearms. Since both are juveniles, a report on this incident was forwarded to the Juvenile Department for **Taking Deer Closed Season**, **Taking Antelope Closed Season**, and **Waste of Wildlife**.

Sr. Tpr. Robin May (St. Helens), Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria), and Retired Sr. Tpr. Lenard Olsen (A&H, Astoria) conducted a WED near Scappoose and used bear and buck deer decoys to target after-hours hunting. Just after set up, a vehicle stopped. The driver got out with a spotlight and retrieved his bow. The passenger got out with his bow and shot at the decoy while the driver shined the light. The passenger was cited for **Unlawful Take of Black Bear—No Bear Tag** and **Unlawful Take of Black Bear—Prohibited Hours**, his bow was seized for evidence, and the driver was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense—Unlawful Taking of Black Bear Prohibited Hours**.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Hunting with Unlawful Methods and in Prohibited Areas

Sr. Tpr. Craig Gunderson (The Dalles) and Tpr. Sean Carothers (Fossil/Condon) worked the Clarno area for the dove season opener. They issued citations for **Hunting Doves Prohibited Method—Shotgun Capable of Holding More than Three Rounds and No Hunting License**. They issued numerous warnings for Operating an ATV with a Loaded Firearm, No HIP Validation, and Operating a Motor Vehicle in Violation of Posted Restrictions.

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Tpr. Mike Mayer (Heppner) responded to a complaint via Morrow County SO of two subjects trespassing on a private ranch out of Heppner. The suspects spotted a buck from the roadway and killed it on the posted private property. Mayer seized the deer. The suspects will be charged with **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**.

Sr. Tpr. Don Frerichs (Roseburg) assisted Douglas County SO with a trespass. While driving in a residential area outside city limits, three subjects saw a 2 x 3 buck in front of a house. One suspect shot the deer with an arrow. Residents blocked the suspects in so they could not leave. Frerichs located the deer still alive in a gully below the houses and dispatched it. He cited the shooter for **Hunting on Lands of Another** and his two friends for **Aiding**. The deer was salvaged.

Tpr. Marvin Ritter (John Day) investigated a complaint from a rancher that an archery hunter killed a 1 x 6 bull elk on ranch property without permission. When Ritter contacted the suspect via phone, he said he initially shot the elk on adjoining BLM property and trailed it onto the ranch, where he shot it again and killed it. He did not contact the landowner or manager prior to entering upon the ranch property. The elk was seized. The suspect will be cited for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**.

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) worked the Canada Goose season opener and received many complaints. He contacted a landowner who said three goose hunters trespassed on her property, set up goose decoys, and shot at geese. After contacting the hunters, Maher found numerous violations, in addition to the trespass. He issued citations for **No Federal Waterfowl Stamp (x 3)**, **Hunting Waterfowl (Geese) with Toxic Shot Lead**, **Hunting Waterfowl with a Shotgun Capable of Holding More than Three Shells**, and **No 2008-2009 HIP Migratory Bird Validation**. The landowner was satisfied with the enforcement action and chose not to pursue the trespass charge.

Sr. Tpr. Larry Johnson (John Day) contacted a subject about a buck taken within city limits of Canyon City. Since the report had merit, he referred the case to Sr. Tpr. Steve Schuette (John Day). The suspect lived in Gold Hill, so Sr. Tpr. Jeff Allison (Central Point) was given the suspect's information. After many attempts, Allison made contact with the suspect's wife who confirmed the suspect killed a deer, but she did not know about the boundary. The suspect was working out of town and Allison contacted him upon return. The suspect told the same story. After determining the crime occurred within city limits, they seized the head, cited the suspect for **Taking Deer Prohibited Area—Within City Limits**, and seized the meat from a butcher shop.

A local landowner contacted an archery hunter trespassing on his ranch and obtained the subject's information. He contacted Sr. Tpr. Daren Chandler (La Grande) requesting charges be filed. Chandler cited the subject for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**.

Sr. Tpr. Chris Culp (Salem pilot) notified Tpr. Casey Thomas (Tillamook) of a spotlights seen from the air. Thomas located the subject spotlighting and possessing a firearm. Thomas cited him for **Casting Artificial Light while Armed**. While issuing the citation, the subject informed Thomas of another spotlights. That night, Culp spotted another offender and notified Thomas who located the suspect vehicle, identified as the vehicle reported by the first subject. Thomas cited both subjects in this vehicle with **Casting Light while Armed**.

Tpr. Erich Timko (Patrol, John Day) was patrolling a gravel road near Seneca and noticed numerous spinout marks. He caught up with the suspect and his adult and 13-year-old passengers, all from Burns. Timko saw a buck in the back of the truck and was suspicious when he saw a .22 rifle partially covered on the seat. He found the suspect shot the deer with a rifle, then a bow. Sr. Tpr. Steve Schuette (John Day) assisted and cited the driver and adult passenger for **Hunting Prohibited Method—Firearm and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

Sr. Tpr. Greg Love and Sr. Tpr. Andrew Menlow (Bend) conducted a WED on opening day of archery season in the Metolius unit. A subject who shot at the decoy with his bow from the pickup bed was cited for **Hunting from a Motor Vehicle**. Shortly after, another vehicle stopped and two subjects bailed out of the vehicle. One subject aimed an open-sighted .22 at the decoy, while the other examined it with binoculars. They determined it to be a decoy and left at a high rate of speed. They were stopped and found in possession of an archery tag but no archery equipment. The rifle owner was cited for **Hunting Prohibited Method—Rifle during Archery Season**.

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) worked the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area and checked nine fee pheasant hunters. In the West Coyote Unit, one hunter did not have a valid upland bird validation, failed to check into the hunt area, and was not carrying his hunt permit. Maher warned the hunter for No Upland Game Bird Validation and cited him for **Fail to Check In and Carry Hunt Permit as Required**. On another patrol at the wildlife area, he and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) checked 36 pheasant hunters and issued three citations for **Fail To Validate Fee Pheasant Tag, Hunting Upland Game Bird—Pheasant—With a Shotgun Capable of Holding More Than Three Shells**, and **No Valid Upland Game Bird Validation**.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Hunting with Improper Tags

Sr. Tpr. James Hayes (Bend) contacted a subject near Redmond bow hunting. During contact, he noted blood on the subject's tag. Hayes determined the subject killed a spike elk and failed to validate his tag. He cited the subject for **Failure to Immediately Validate Elk Tag**.

Tpr. Marc Boyd (Springfield) contacted a bear hunter who purchased a bear tag late in the evening on the same day the hunter harvested a bear. Investigation revealed the bear had actually been harvested prior to the tag being purchased. The suspect was cited for **Unlawful Take of Fall Black Bear**, and the rifle, bear parts, and tag were seized.

A subject with a landowner preference (LOP) tag for antelope contacted ODFW to complain that the tag was only valid for a doe. Sr. Tpr. Randy Caldwell (Burns) spoke to the subject and learned he had received the tag three times previously. In addition, the subject did not own property within the area he received a tag for. Caldwell cited him for **False Application Landowner Preference Tag**.

Sr. Tpr. Gar Oriet (Patrol, Banks) learned subjects from Timber harvested a five-point bull elk on Longview Fibre property and used an ATV to get the elk out. Retired Sr. Tpr. Greg Oriet (A&H, McMinnville) located the kill site. Sr. Tpr. Gar Oriet and Tpr. Luke Schwartz (Banks) responded to the suspect's residence where they located the elk with an unvalidated tag attached. The individual was cited for **Failure to Immediately Validate Bow Elk Tag**.

## Unlawful to Trade Wildlife Parts

Sr. Tpr. Swede Pearson (The Dalles) received a report from a landowner about a man who killed a buck on her property near Dufur without permission two days before. She knew the man's identity, as he called after the fact asking permission to retrieve the two-point buck. She consented, so the deer would not go to waste, and then called OSP to follow up and charge the man for trespass. Pearson and Sr. Tpr. Craig Gunderson (The Dalles) located the deer hanging at a meat processor with the suspect's wife's improperly validated tag attached. They contacted this woman who said her husband did not have an archery deer tag and she shot the deer (actually, a large 3 x 4 buck) with an arrow, as it was standing in the road. Her story was not consistent with evidence, but she stuck to her story that she, and not her husband, shot the deer. The husband arrived and gave a somewhat different account but also said she killed the deer. While at the residence, the troopers noticed a six-point bull elk rack attached to the skull leaning against the house on the ground. The man traded two loads of gravel to another man for the rack and did not have a tag or written record of transfer. They contacted the man who traded the rack who said he obtained it from a man, now deceased, and did not know if that man had a tag for it. The troopers cited the man who traded the rack for **Sale of Wildlife Parts**, the man who possessed the rack for **Unlawful Possession of Wildlife Parts**, and the female for **Hunting Prohibited Area—Public Roadway** and for **Failure to Properly Validate Deer Tag**. They seized both the deer and the rack. An interesting side note was that the man claimed to have taken the rack to be mounted but was told he needed a tag, so he bought a 2008 bow elk tag to use at the taxidermist.

## Deer Saved

Sgt. Randall Hand (Klamath Falls) responded to a complaint of an arrow-shot deer inside the city limits of Klamath Falls. Hand located the deer and found that indeed an arrow was sticking out of its right side. The wound appeared to be non-lethal. He also found that the



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city limits line gerrymanders about in this area. The deer could actually have been shot in a "legal" area. Because the deer was going to continue to attract attention, the case was turned over to ODFW. Later, Hand went back out with ODFW and assisted with darting/immobilizing the deer and removing the arrow. The wound was superficial. Antibiotics were applied and the deer was released.

## Poacher Caught

Sr. Tpr. Doug Canfield (Newport) responded to a poaching complaint on Five Rivers about two subjects who killed a cow elk with a rifle and put a bow tag on it. Canfield gathered evidence at the kill site and interviewed the suspect. He collected samples from the meat in the suspect's possession for DNA and lead analysis. The samples may be submitted for comparison. The suspect claimed no ownership of the elk carcass, but did not recall where the elk he killed was located. The suspect cooperated and DNA analysis may not be required.

## Problems with Squirrels?

Sr. Tpr. Jeff Thompson and Lt. David Gifford (Central Point), responded to a complaint in the Ashland area of a subject who had been live-trapping and transporting ground squirrels. The subject advised they are overwhelmed with squirrels this year and they have been eating a lot of the birdseed she puts out. She started trapping the squirrels and taking them down towards the irrigation canal so the squirrels would have water and berries. She was warned for Transporting Wildlife without a Permit and advised to contact ODFW.

## Cougar Tried to Kill Housecat

Sr. Tpr. Kyle Elmenhurst (Springfield) was called out to respond to a residence east of Springfield where a landowner shot a small cougar that was trying to kill his cat in the garage. The cougar was picked up by ODFW the next day. The cougar is thought to be one of a set of triplets seen in the Thurston Road area (east of Springfield) this past summer. The cougar was emaciated and its leg appeared to be a dislocated or broken. ODFW Biologist Brian Wolfer said, "This is the third juvenile cougar mortality within a one-mile distance since late July. One of the earlier cougars (road-killed) was examined and found to be recovering from enteritis ... It is only 3/4 of a mile between those earlier cougars and this one ... The person who shot it reported that it came within five feet of him and within 20 feet of his neighbor. This was after the cougar was scared out of the garage. The cougar didn't really act aggressive toward him but seemed to be trying to get past him back into the garage where his house cat was hiding."

# Commercial / Shellfish

## Fourth Commercial Plant Cited for Failure to Use Round Weight

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) cited a commercial fish plant in Astoria for **Failure to Weigh Commercial Sardines Based on Actual Round Weights**. The plant obtained sophisticated scale equipment and had the ability to capture round weights, but they chose to use an estimate method. The total delivered sardine weight by each vessel was determined by simply multiplying the number of frozen boxes by a set weight of 22 pounds. OARs require the round weight method. This is the fourth plant in the Astoria area cited for this offense in the past two years.



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## Unlawfully Taken Halibut

Rct. Cliff Barden (Gold Beach) contacted a fishing vessel at the Port of Port Orford. He found Pacific halibut hidden in the vessel's cabin. He cited the skipper for **Unlawful Take of Commercial Halibut**.

## Crabbing Requires a License

Sr. Tpr. Dan Stinnett (Gold Beach) observed a subject with a crab ring in his hands standing by the Rogue River near the USCG station. When he contacted the crabber and asked to see his shellfish license, the crabber said he thought you could catch 25 crabs without a license. He explained the law and cited the subject for **No Shellfish License**.

## Dealer and Captain Cited

Tpr. Ryan Howell (Tillamook) completed an investigation on a Garibaldi fish dealer. Howell learned that a commercial fisherman landed 27 salmon in Garibaldi while the trip limit was only 25. The fish dealer purchased the two additional salmon knowing the two fish were illegal. This fish dealer was cited for **Purchasing Unlawfully Caught Salmon over Trip Limit**. Howell cited the vessel's captain for **Exceeding Bag Limit Commercial Salmon—Over Trip Limit**.

## Charter Vessels Required to Have EPIRB

Sr. Tpr. Dan Stinnett (Gold Beach) received information of a charter boat trolling for salmon just off the South Jetty in Brookings that caught and released a large salmon. Stinnett was in the area and went to the boat basin where he could see the boat trolling in less than 20 feet of water just off the breakers. Stinnett recognized the boat as a charter he was looking for to do a follow-up charter inspection. When the boat headed in to the port, Stinnett met them at the dock. Two people were on board (not a charter trip) and they were trolling for California halibut. The owner said they did hook into a salmon but released it. He said they were fishing in very shallow water to try and avoid salmon. Stinnett inspected four small California halibut. During the contact, he completed the follow-up inspection. During the first inspection, the owner was missing first aid items and did not believe he was required to have an EPIRB (emergency position indicating radiobeacons—for more information, visit [ABA](#), [BoatSafe](#), and [USCG](#)). Stinnett made copies of the OARs ([250-015-0023](#)) and the new regulations showing an EPIRB is required. Upon re-inspection, the first aid items were on board but still no EPIRB. He said he was in contact with someone and was waiting on more information from him. Stinnett warned the owner that if he went on another booked charter without an EPIRB, he would be cited.

## Surveillance Revealed No Violations

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp and Retired Sr. Tpr. Mike Stanton (Astoria) conducted surveillance of the Tongue Point Select Area gill net fleet. The 12-hour (7 p.m. to 7 a.m.) night fishery has produced boundary violations in the past. No violations were detected that night. Klepp worked the area again the next night and again observed no violations.

## Skippers Cited for Unattended Nets

In the skiff, Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp and Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria) patrolled the commercial gill net Blind Slough Select Area to respond to a complaint of unattended nets. Upon entering the slough, they discovered two unattended nets. They checked five vessels; issued two citations for **Fishing Salmon Prohibited Method—Unattended Net**, one for **Fishing Salmon Prohibited Method—Gill Net Attached to Shore**, and three for **No Personal Commercial Fishing License**; and warned two skippers for several marine board violations.

## Closed Season

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) contacted two subjects digging razor clams on Clatsop Beach near Gearhart. He cited both for **Taking Razor Clams Closed Season**. He donated the seized clams to charity.

Rct. Cliff Barden (Gold Beach) responded to an ODFW complaint of a boat crabbing outside of the Rogue River Jetty. The boat's skipper was contacted at his residence and admitted the offense. Barden cited the skipper for **Crabbing Closed Season—Ocean**.

## Cited for Undersized Crab

Tpr. Casey Thomas and Sgt. Todd Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) conducted a boat patrol on Tillamook Bay. They contacted two crabbers near Crab Harbor. Inspection of their catch revealed undersized Dungeness crab. One subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession Undersized Crab** and the other was warned for the same violation.

Sgt. Todd Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) was checking boats at the Garibaldi Marina, when he contacted two subjects with 20 Dungeness crab. When Hoodenpyl measured the crab, he found 13 undersized. He cited one subject for **Unlawful Possession Undersized Crab** and warned the other for the same violation. Hoodenpyl also contacted two crabbers on the pier. He found one subject did not have a shellfish license and possessed two female Dungeness crab. He cited this subject for **No Shellfish License** and warned for the female crab.

# Fish / Angling

## Unlawful Waste of Fish

Sr. Tpr. Craig Gunderson (The Dalles) located a hoop net containing wasted fish off a tribal scaffold in the Columbia River near Giles French State Park just below John Day Dam. Although hoop nets are legal to use during tribal fisheries, subsistence fishing gear must be tended to at all times and the waste of game fish is unlawful. The fish appeared to have been in the net for approximately one week and were beyond salvage (except one catfish). Gunderson, with the assistance of Columbia River Intertribal Fisheries Enforcement (CRITFE) Officer Mendoza, removed one catfish (released alive), one walleye, one Chinook, one coho, one steelhead, and four suckers. The owner of the hoop net is unknown. CRITFE received the original report and they are following up on it. The Fish and Wildlife Division is seeking the public's help in locating the person(s) responsible. Anyone with information can contact Gunderson at 541-296-9646 or the TIP line at 1-800-452-7888.



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## Unlawful Methods

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) received a complaint regarding an angler illegally using bait on the Middle Fork of the Willamette River near Oakridge. The angler was contacted and cited for **Angling With Bait Where Prohibited**.

Sr. Tpr. Doug Shugart (McMinnville) contacted two subjects at Barney Reservoir who retained seven trout and were using bait, both prohibited on this water body. Shugart cited one subject for **Unlawful Possession of Trout** and the other was warned.

Tpr. Larry Bowen and Tpr. Kristopher Davis (Coos Bay) conducted a boat patrol on the Coquille River. One subject was cited for **Unlawful Take Chinook Salmon—No Valid Tag** after the subject was contacted with two Chinook. The subject admitted to not having purchased a license or tag. The two salmon were seized.

Tpr. Mike Buck and Rct. Mathew Fromme (Portland) witnessed an angler on Eagle Creek angling for coho with the use of prohibited equipment. The angler was contacted and found to be using a large treble hook with weight located directly above it. The angler was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method—Attempting to Snag**.

Sr. Tpr. Jeff Thompson (Central Point) received complaints on salmon snaggers on the Rogue River near Gold Hill. He has checked several locations at various times of the day and night. He and Sr. Tpr. Brad Bennett (Grants Pass) did a boat patrol on the Rogue River from Gold Hill down through the City of Rogue River. They checked 26 anglers, several guide boats, conducted eight BERs, and issued one warning for an altered harvest tag and one for a boating violation.

The Newport team conducted an evening saturation patrol on the Salmon River and contacted many bank and boat anglers. The team issued one citation for **Angling Prohibited Method—Weight Not 18 Inches From Hook**, one for **Fail to Validate Salmon Tag**, one for **No Angling License/Tag**, and five for **Angling Prohibited Hours**. They issued six warnings for license/tag issues, one for Angling Prohibited Hours, and three for No Navigation Light. The next day, Tpr. Ryan Kehr cited four subjects for **Angling Prohibited Hours**.

## Anglers are Required to Display Catch

Rct. Cliff Barden (Gold Beach) responded to an ODFW fish checker complaint of an angler who refused to turn over an illegal yellow eye rockfish and threw the fish off the dock. He cited the angler for **Failing to Display Catch**.

## Angled Closed Area

Sr. Tpr. Wayne Merritt (Roseburg) observed five subjects angling in the South Umpqua River, currently closed to angling. As he approached, two of the subjects decided it was time to quit fishing. Upon contact, the subjects denied knowing the river was closed and the two who quit angling denied they were even fishing. They did not have angling licenses. All subjects were cited for **Angling Closed Stream** and two were warned for No Angling License.

Sr. Tpr. Mike Hanson (Portland) responded to a complaint of subjects angling in Dog Creek (Clackamas River tributary and closed to angling). Hanson found one subject still angling in the closed creek upon arrival. Nearby witnesses pointed out the other angler who was also angling in the creek. One angler was cited for **Angling Closed Area** and the other angler was cited for **Angling Closed Stream and No Angling License**. While citing these two anglers, one of them pointed out another fisherman who, he reported, had kept a foul-hooked steelhead. Hanson contacted this person and found he had kept an illegal fish. The angler was cited for **Keeping Foul-Hooked Steelhead**, and the fish was seized and donated to charity.

Tpr. Mike Buck, Tpr. Mark Schoenborn, and Rct. Mathew Fromme (Portland) responded to an angling complaint on Eagle Creek (Clackamas River tributary). Upon arrival, they witnessed two subjects angling from the entry of a fish ladder and throwing empty beer cans into the brush before packing up and leaving the area. Upon approach, one angler emerged from the brush and then re-entered when he noticed Buck. When the subject re-emerged, Buck noticed he no longer was carrying his fishing pole. The two anglers were interviewed separately about the violations. The first male, who ditched his pole in the brush, was visibly nervous and the investigation revealed that his angling and hunting licenses were suspended. This angler was cited for **Angling While Suspended**, and all gear was seized. The second angler was cited for **Angling Closed Area**.

# Fish / Angling

## Subject Caught Harassing Salmon

Tpr. Ryan Kehr (Newport) was watching anglers at the upper deadline of the salmon weir on the Salmon River. One of the anglers told two kids swimming in the area to swim right above the weir because "about 500 salmon" were in the deeper water. This was in the area closed to angling. When the kids did not listen, the subject walked through the area containing the salmon and began slapping the water with his hand, trying to scare all the salmon up the river out of the closed area by the weir. As he circled around for a second pass, Kehr stepped out of the brush and called him over. The subject was cited for **Harassing Wildlife—Salmon**.

## Know your Salmon Species

[Click for the recent OSP press release regarding salmon angling](#)

[Click for an on-line salmon identification tutorial](#)

[Please also visit page 15 of the ODFW angling regulations.](#)

## Unlawful Take of Trout, Coho, and Chinook—Multiple Fish Seized

Tpr. Kristopher Davis (Coos Bay) contacted a boat at the Eastside boat ramp in Coos Bay, revealing a non-adipose fin-clipped coho. He cited the skipper for **Unlawful Take** and seized the salmon.

Sr. Tpr. Scott Salisbury (Florence) worked the sport docks around the Florence area. He issued two citations for **Unlawful Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho**.

Sr. Tpr. Scott Salisbury and Tpr. Lowell Lea (Florence) worked the Siuslaw River in the Florence area. They checked 17 anglers, issued two citations for **Unlawful of Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho**, and seized two coho.

Tpr. Ryan Howell (Tillamook) was checking anglers along the Nestucca River when he contacted a subject who retained a fish. Upon inspection, the fish was found to be a wild coho. This subject was subsequently cited for **Unlawful Possession of Coho Salmon**.

Sr. Tpr. Lalo Guerra (Tillamook) investigated a Tillamook subject who caught and retained a coho in the ocean during closed coho season. When the subject came into Garibaldi Marina with the fish, he was very uncooperative with the ODFW fish sampler who contacted him. Guerra cited him for **Unlawful Possession of Coho Salmon**.

Sr. Tpr. Scott Salisbury and Tpr. Lowell Lea (Florence) conducted a boat patrol on the Siuslaw River. They checked 70 boats, 100 anglers, and some crabbers. They issued several warnings for improper validation, other boat violations, and short crabs. They cited three anglers for **Unlawful Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-clipped Coho Salmon** and one angler for **Failure to Validate Salmon Tag**. They seized three coho.

Tpr. Mike Buck, Tpr. Mark Schoenborn, and Rct. Mathew Fromme (Portland) conducted angling license checks near the confluence of Cedar Creek and Sandy River. The officers conducted over 50 angling license checks and found 10 people in violation. They seized six coho when anglers were returning from the river. They issued one citation for **Unlawful Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**, one for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Tag**, two for **Unlawful Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**, and one for **Failing to Immediately Validate Harvest Tag**.

**Chinook Salmon (blackmouth or king):** Teeth emerge from a black gumline on lower jaw; circular black spots on the tail.



**Coho Salmon (silver):** Teeth emerge from a white gumline on lower jaw; spots are usually missing on the tail, but may be lightly spotted on the upper portion of tail.



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Rct. Cliff Barden (Gold Beach) contacted a boat at the Port of Gold Beach. A non-adipose fin-clipped coho was located and seized, and the angler was cited for **Unlawful Take of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**.

During the week of September 22, salmon angling pressure was heavy. The Newport Team conducted boat patrols on the Alsea and Yaquina Rivers. They issued citations for **Fail To Validate Salmon Tag**, boating violations, and **Unlawful Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho** (x 6).

Tpr. Kristopher Davis and Tpr. Levi Harris (Coos Bay) conducted a boat patrol on Coos Bay. Two anglers were contacted in one boat and found to have three non-adipose fin-clipped coho in their possession. They cited both anglers for **Unlawful Take of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon** and seized the three fish.

A convenience store employee saw a fully-finned Chinook being carried across their parking lot and put into a trunk of a vehicle. The suspect vehicle was reported to OSP and Sr. Tpr. Mike Hanson (Portland) responded to the incident. Hanson located the angler who was still in possession of the illegal fish. The angler was cited for **Unlawful Possession of a Non-Adipose Fin-clipped Chinook Salmon** and was warned for No Angling License.

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) checked seven anglers at the Bingham Bridge at the upper end of Hills Creek Reservoir. Two of the anglers were found to have non-adipose fin-clipped trout in possession. Both anglers stated they had caught the trout at the location. Trout taken at Hills Creek Reservoir are required to have a clipped adipose fin. Both anglers were issued a citation for **Unlawful Taking of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Trout**. Two additional anglers were observed angling at the Oakridge Industrial Park ponds (old Pope and Talbot Mill) and one of the anglers was issued a citation for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Lines**.

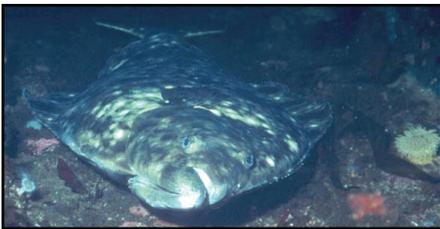


# Dispositions

As a result of a joint investigation between USFWS, CDFW, and OSP (Pendleton's Sgt. Tim Brown, former Sgt. Jeff Hagedorn, Sr. Tpr. Rick Carter, Sr. Tpr. Tim Gallaher; Hermiston's Sr. Tpr. John "Dain" Gardner; and Central Point's Tpr. Jim Collom) and the successful prosecution by Assistant U.S. Attorney Dwight C. Holton, Ronald Ray Jurin, of Redding, California, pled guilty to a felony wildlife charge before U.S. District Court Judge Ancer L. Haggerty, admitting he illegally killed a trophy bull elk in the Wenaha Unit near La Grande and took part in other illegal hunts. The subsequent interstate transport of the trophy to Jurin's home in California violated the federal Lacey Act, which prohibits the import, export, sale, or transport in interstate or foreign commerce when the wildlife was taken, possessed, transported, or sold in violation of any state or foreign law. Jurin admitted he did not have a valid tag for the Wenaha Unit, one of the most sought-after trophy bull elk hunting areas in Oregon, with less than one percent of the applicants receiving a tag. Law-abiding hunters wait as long as 13 years to earn enough points to draw a tag for the unit, or they can participate in a tag auction, costing up to \$25,000. In 2006, of the five tags auctioned statewide, only two were used in the Wenaha Unit. Jurin also confessed that he, in 2006, illegally hunted three bears closed season with bait; illegally killed a cow elk without a tag and then falsified a tag; and illegally killed a white-tailed deer using a cross bow and with the aid of an artificial light.

Last fall, Sr. Tpr. Kreg Coggins (Enterprise) cited a tribal member for shooting a cow elk on private property. Wallowa County found the suspect guilty of Taking Elk Closed Season and sentenced him to 24 months bench probation; 40 hours community service; obey all laws and keep the court informed of his current address; forfeit the elk; \$1,820 in fines, fees, and restitution; and pay court-appointed attorney's fees.

Jurin entered a plea with the U.S. Attorney's Office, calling for him to serve three years on federal probation, pay a **\$50,000** penalty, and agree to a **lifetime** ban on hunting and fishing in Oregon. "Ron Jurin thought he was above the law and flaunted Oregon hunting law over and over—now he's an admitted felon and will pay the price," stated U.S. Attorney Karin J. Immergut. "We hope this case sends a message that theft of the state's natural resources will not be tolerated," said Robert Romero, USFWS Resident Agent-in-Charge of Oregon. The lifetime ban will apply in 25 other states as well, for Oregon is a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact (a group of 26 states who have agreed to honor hunting restrictions imposed on hunters in member states, including Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Washington and Wyoming). In addition, the plea agreement calls for Jurin to pay \$4,700 in restitution to the State of Oregon and publish a public apology in Eastern Oregon newspapers and Oregon Hunter magazine. Jurin also forfeited the 7 x 7 rack and remains of the bull elk seized by agents and the compound bow he used to kill the elk. In 2001, Jurin was convicted of killing two buck deer during closed season at night with the aid of an artificial light in Lake County (U.S. Attorney's Office press release).



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during any halibut, salmon, or steelhead season, and not be along any stream where salmon or steelhead might be present. This includes sitting in a parked vehicle.

Circuit Court Judge Thomas O. Branford sentenced a subject who pled guilty to Exceeding the Daily Limit on Halibut to \$850 fine (including \$250 restitution), two years angling license suspension, and three years probation. While the defendant's angling license is suspended, he cannot be present on the Pacific Ocean or any navigable stream

Sr. Tpr. James Hayes (Bend) arrested a suspect during a search warrant in La Pine last winter. The suspect was charged with Taking Deer Closed Season (x 2) and Theft 1st Degree in Lake County and Felon in Possession of a Firearm in Deschutes County. The subject was sentenced in Lake County to 10 days in jail, \$1,600 restitution to ODFW, \$1,000 fines, and a five-year hunting license suspension. In Deschutes County, he was sentenced to six months in jail and forfeit the seized firearms (over 20 seized).

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) received a disposition from Clatsop County Circuit Court Judge Cindee Matyas who found a father and his two juvenile sons guilty of six counts (two each) of **False Application for a Commercial Fishing License**. In addition, she found both juveniles guilty of four (two each) prior gill net offenses from 2005, denied the defendants' Motion for Mistrial and Motion for an Extension to Present Oral Testimony, and fined each \$598. Fines for the gill net offenses were suspended. The case involved a two-year investigation by Klepp and WDFW officers where all three defendants obtained Oregon resident licenses for 2005 and 2006 listing a bed and breakfast address in Astoria. Surveillance of the youngest defendant's activity revealed they lived (and attended school) in Washington.

Tpr. Lowell Lea (Florence) had trial in Lane County Circuit Court from a 2007 case. Lea had received a complaint from Roseburg Resources of a transient camp on their property. He contacted the suspect and charged him with UPCS—Methamphetamine, Trespass II, Offensive Littering, and UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana. At trial, the suspect was found guilty of UPCS—Methamphetamine and he pled guilty to other charges. The suspect was sentenced to 20 days in jail, 24 months probation, court cost restitution, and restitution to victim.



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# General Law / Other

## Trespass and Violating Road Closures

While responding to a complaint from several bow hunters, Tpr. Kristopher Davis (Coos Bay) contacted a vehicle in the Millicoma Tree Farm of Weyerhaeuser. The tree farm was currently closed to motor vehicles and two hunters were cited for **Criminal Trespass II**.

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Tpr. Richard Olsen (Salem) received a complaint from Forest Capital of a transient trespassing on their property in the Valsetz area. The area is currently closed to any entry without permission, and Forest Capital asked the subject to leave and he did not. Olsen contacted the subject who said he was walking to Lincoln City. The subject had not eaten for about a week, only drinking water from the creeks. Olsen lodged the subject in Polk County Jail for **Trespass 2nd Degree**.

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Tpr. Kristopher Davis (Coos Bay) finished up a case where a subject intentionally drove a Cat through a timber gate. With the assistance of Tpr. Levi Harris (Coos Bay), they contacted two subjects. The suspects initially denied their involvement, but, after a 7-year-old child of one of the suspect's told the troopers the *real* story, the main suspect confessed. The subject was lodged in the Reedsport City Jail for **Criminal Mischief I** and **Criminal Trespass II**. Harris provided the 7-year-old with a junior trooper badge.

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While patrolling the Spring Butte closure, Sr. Tpr. Craig Johnson (Timbers Block, Klamath Falls) was on the MB-1 road near Hwy 31, when he spotted a vehicle backed off the road and two subjects outside. One subject immediately started to pick up empty rounds from his Taurus .45. The other subject just finished answering a "call of nature." Johnson noticed a closure sign with numerous .45 caliber holes in it. The father admitted he was the only shooter, as his son had a criminal history. Johnson cited the father to appear in Klamath Falls for **Criminal Mischief III**.

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Sr. Tpr. Don Frerichs (Roseburg) was working in the Weyerhaeuser Calapooya Tree Farm east of Sutherlin for bow elk and deer seasons. He has received numerous complaints from people who had walked in past locked gates and found people on ATVs and in Jeeps. Due to extreme fire precautions set by Douglas Forest Protective Association (DFPA), Weyerhaeuser allows only walk-in hunting and the area is posted closed to all vehicles. Frerichs observed a bow elk and bear hunter (rifle and bow in an older camouflage Willys) trespassing on the tree farm. On contact, the subject attempted to hide a large water bong he was using to smoke marijuana while driving. Frerichs and Tpr. Aaron Baimbridge (Roseburg) contacted this same subject in the same closure area last year and was cited at that time for a minor drug offense and warned on the Trespass. The subject acknowledged seeing the closure signs, but he thought since the gate was (supposedly) open, he could drive on in. He was cited for **Criminal Trespass with a Firearm** and **UPCS—Less Than One Ounce of Marijuana**. Frerichs seized several weapons.



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Tpr. Jason Stone, Tpr. Aaron Baimbridge and Sgt. Dean Perske (Roseburg) responded to a tip that subjects were hunting from ATVs on Weyerhaeuser land in violation of closure. Officers located their empty camp and then found the subjects packing out a 5 x 5 bull on an ATV. The subjects knew they were not supposed to be in there on ATVs. They were cited for **Trespass**. Baimbridge located another subject who had driven into the same area on an old "Jeep" trail and was hunting. That subject was also cited for **Trespass**.

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Sr. Tpr. Darin Bean (Gilchrist) worked with Sr. Tpr. Andrew Menlow (Bend pilot) to locate people hunting illegally and violating road closures. That night, Menlow spotted a vehicle rolling slowly on a closed road. Bean posted himself in front of the vehicle and waited, but the suspect never came. Bean drove in and located the suspect parked. Bean arrested the driver for **DUII** and **Travelling in a Cooperative Road Closure** (crime) and cited him for other violations. Bean learned the driver is a repeat customer. He was cited on the same road for a road closure violation and, in another case, for shooting from a road and killing a deer in someone's yard.

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While at another suspect's residence, a witness arrived and reported to Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) of an ATV trespass-in-progress on Weyerhaeuser property in the Mosby Creek area. When the troopers arrived, they devised a plan. Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher walked into an area where he located fresh ATV tracks that led from a BLM road to Weyerhaeuser property. Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher drove to the Weyerhaeuser Mosby Creek mainline (behind a locked gate) and tried to track the suspects down. While checking the area, Sr. Tpr. Don Frerichs (Roseburg) dropped over the ridge to assist. Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher intercepted the ATV. He contacted two suspects, riding a camouflage ATV and bow hunting, and cited each for **Criminal Trespass—Motor Vehicle**. Weyerhaeuser was only allowing walk-in access to their property.

# General Law / Other

## Hikers Located

Sr. Tpr. Don Frerichs (Roseburg) was citing an angler for **No Resident Angling License** on Tipanogas Lake when he was notified of two girls that were lost while hiking the Indigo Lake Trail. The subject reported that the two females were missing for over five hours from a church group hiking trip, and it was about two hours before sunset. Frerichs contacted Douglas County Search and Rescue, then he hiked up the trailhead at Indigo Lake where he contacted one of the group members. The two female hikers were located and taken back to the trailhead at Tipanogas Lake.

## Felon Hunters

Tpr. Curtis Weaver (Lakeview) watched two people hunting near the prison north of Lakeview. He knew they did not have permission to be there. Weaver hid his patrol vehicle and waited for them to return to their vehicle. They pulled out onto Hwy 395. Weaver stopped them for Fail to Maintain Lane and Improper Display of License Plate. He recognized the passenger as a convicted felon. A 30-30 rifle was on the seat next to the suspect who was then lodged in jail.

Roseburg Fish and Wildlife troopers and Lt. David Gifford (SW Region) worked a night flight operation. They observed one suspect spotlighting in an open unit at about 11:00 p.m. As officers approached, a shot was heard. The suspect was contacted and admitted to shooting, saying he was just shooting “jack rabbits.” No deer was found. The subject was determined to be a convicted felon on probation and on closed timber company land. The subject was lodged in jail for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Hunting with Artificial Light, Criminal Trespass, and Probation Violation**.

## Anglers Caught with Marijuana

Sr. Tpr. Craig Gunderson and Sr. Tpr. Swede Pearson (The Dalles) were conducting surveillance of Taylor Lake and observed two men fishing together. They observed one man smoking what they believed to be marijuana. They contacted the men and discovered a glass pipe and marijuana with them. The man who had been smoking said the marijuana was not his. The other man claimed the marijuana and showed a medical marijuana card. The smoker was cited for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and the marijuana owner was lodged in jail on charges of **Delivery of a Controlled Substance (No Consideration)—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

## Father Allowed Unlicensed Son to Drive Motorcycle

Sgt. Todd Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) was traveling on Hwy 6 at midnight when he saw motorcycle headlights rapidly approaching behind him. The subject passed Hoodenpyl in a no-passing zone and failed to yield to an emergency vehicle. Upon stopping the subject, he learned the driver was only 16 years old and did not have a motorcycle endorsement. Shortly after, the subject’s father arrived. He discovered the father allowed his son to operate his motorcycle knowing he was unlicensed. Hoodenpyl cited the son for **Passing in a No Passing Zone and No Operators License—No Motorcycle Endorsement** and the father for **Furnishing Vehicle to Unlicensed Driver**.

## Outdoor Enthusiasts Caught DUII

While checking anglers on Smith River, Tpr. Kristopher Davis (Coos Bay) observed a vehicle pull up to a fishing hole. The operator got out of the vehicle with a beer in his hand. Upon contact, the operator showed signs of impairment and consented to and performed poorly on SFSTs. The subject was taken into custody for **DUII** and transported to the Reedsport City Jail, BAC .22%.

On a Friday after a high school football game, Tpr. Michael Mayer (Heppner) was working a night patrol for spotlighters and contacted a subject spotlighting without weapons. The driver advised a friend was en route to meet him. The friend, who was determined to be impaired, arrived a short time later and had multiple firearms in the vehicle. None of the weapons matched those currently being sought for the illegal poaching of six deer. Mayer arrested the juvenile for **DUII**.

Tpr. Luke Schwartz (Banks) was working with Sr. Tpr. Chris Culp (Salem pilot) when he encountered a minivan on a logging road. Schwartz contacted the driver and ascertained the driver was intoxicated. A patrol was called to the scene and took the driver into custody for **DUII**. The passenger of the vehicle was identified and a check of the passenger revealed a warrant for his arrest. The passenger and the driver were lodged in jail for the above charges.

## Recklessly Endangering Others

Sr. Tpr. Doug Canfield (Newport) was off duty traveling to Newport when he and several other cars were passed by a northbound vehicle. The suspect was driving recklessly and ran several cars off the road as he was making the pass. Canfield contacted the command center and Rct. Darrel VanHoose (Newport) contacted the suspect at a grocery store in Newport. VanHoose lodged the suspect for **Reckless Driving and Probation Violation** in the Lincoln County Jail.

Shortly after a possible intoxicated driver was reported to Tpr. Ryan Howell (Tillamook), the suspect pulled her vehicle up next to him and he noticed she was not wearing a seatbelt. Howell started to stop the suspect, but she immediately attempted to elude him. After a short pursuit, the suspect struck a parked car. He lodged her in the Tillamook County Jail charging her with **Attempt to Elude, Reckless Driving, DUII (BAC .24), No Seatbelt, Fail to Maintain Lane, and Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device**.

Sr. Tpr. Robin May (St. Helens) was en route to serve a citation in Rainier, when she came across debris on Hwy 30. While she was removing the debris, a suspect failed to stop and went around her emergency vehicle into the oncoming lane at about 50 mph in a no-passing zone. May attempted to stop the suspect, but he continued for seven miles. The 76-year-old driver stopped at Trojan Park where he takes his morning walks. May arrested him for **Reckless Driving and Attempt to Elude**. The driver has had 12 traffic complaints since January, was involved in reckless driving and a hit and run, and failed to appear on a hit and run. May lodged him in the Columbia County Jail. The Circuit Court Judge revoked his release agreement.

# Interagency Cooperation

## Multi-Agency Training



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Troopers attended bear/cougar attack training at the E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area. The training was sponsored by ODFW, OSP, and APHIS–Wildlife Services (WS). The training was attended by Lt. Steve Lane, Sgt. Tom Hulett, Sgt. Mari Chambers, Sgt. Todd Hoodenpyl, Sgt. Todd Thompson, Sgt. Chris Allori, Tpr. Mike Buck, Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (instructor), Tpr. Marc Boyd (instructor), Tpr. Mark Schoenborn, Sr. Tpr. Carla Urbigkeit, Tpr. Heather VanMeter, Sr. Tpr. Doug Shugart, and Tpr. Jim O'Connor (NW Region). WS attended with their supervisors and regional trappers. ODFW had numerous attendees as well. Six other law enforcement agencies (Clatsop, Benton, Clackamas, Marion, and Linn County SOs, and Florence PD) attended. The training was valuable in planning for a possible bear/cougar attack on a human victim. One part of the training was the interaction between the agencies' personnel.



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## Joint Patrols and Investigations

Tpr. Curtis Weaver (Lakeview) assisted the SO on an assault with four people involved. Weaver arrested one, who was just released from prison a week prior, for **Felon in Possession of a Restricted Weapon**.

Sr. Tpr. Chris Hawkins (Baker City) worked a patrol with Umatilla Tribal Wildlife Officer Jim Curry in the Lookout Mountain area. A tribal bighorn sheep hunt was underway and Hawkins assisted Curry by familiarizing him with the area and private property boundaries.

Tpr. Justin Frazier (Hood River) took the new Hood River Assistant DA on a ride-along. They worked snaggers at Herman Creek and Eagle Creek. He also took her to Laurence Lake and explained to her the importance of the bull trout population. That evening, they conducted a decoy operation near Mt. Hood. She enjoyed the experience and has expressed an interest in more ride-alongs, so she can better understand the diverse job we do everyday.

Sr. Tpr. Dan Stinnett (Gold Beach) was working at night checking for illegal anglers on the Chetco River when he heard Brookings PD was out with a "jumper" on the Chetco River Bridge. Stinnett went to the river's edge below the bridge where he observed the subject standing over the rail. Stinnett contacted USCG and stood by with a throw bag and spotlight. USCG stood by with the 25' safe boat. After a 2 1/2-hour stand-off, the jumper was successfully removed from the bridge.

Sr. Tpr. Scott Salisbury (Florence) worked a boat patrol with Lane County SO and checked 32 boats, 58 anglers, and 15 crabbers. They contacted a man who had been crabbing on the docks a few days in a row and learned he had been selling sport-caught crab. He was cited for **Selling Sport-Caught Dungeness Crab**. They contacted two crabbers in a boat on the bay. They had many short crabs and one had a Florence PD warrant for **DUII**. Salisbury lodged him on the warrant and cited both for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**. They also contacted an angler with a large coho he thought was a Chinook and failed to tag. He was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Coho Salmon**.

Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria) conducted plant and commercial fishing vessel inspections with NMFS agents in the Astoria area.

During this last weekend of September, the Mid-Coast Team and ODFW seized 11 illegally-retained coho from 11 different anglers. All anglers were cited for **Unlawful Possession Coho Salmon**.

Sr. Tpr. Mike Hanson (Portland) responded to a report of an abandoned gill net in the Columbia River still actively fishing. Hanson and Multnomah County SO retrieved about 30-40 feet of gill net wrapped around a log near Chinook Landing. The net was still fishing as the witness cut a five-foot sturgeon out of it the day before.

Sgt. Isaac Cyr, Tpr. Levi Harris (Coos Bay), and USCG responded to the condemned dock at the Mill Casino for a reported trespass. Casino security caught a captain and two crew of a 47' fishing vessel trespassing and the captain refused to move the boat. They cited the captain for **Criminal Trespass II** and one of the crew for **Littering in a Waterway**. The captain moved the boat after being cited.

As the jet boat operations instructors were preparing to start class on the Rogue River at Gold Beach, a water rescue call on the Rogue River Bar sounded. Sr. Tpr. Doug Canfield (Newport) and two Lincoln County Marine Deputies responded in the Lincoln County jet boat, along with the Clackamas County jet boat with Dale Flowers (OSMB) on board. The victim was pulled out onto the jetty just prior to the instructors arriving. They assisted USCG and returned to class.

Sgt. David Pond (Bend) and Sr. Tpr. Mark Prodzinski (Madras) conducted a two-boat undercover operation with Sr. Tpr. Greg Love (Bend) and ODFW personnel on Lake Billy Chinook to address snagging and exceeding the bag limit complaints. They contacted several anglers in violation. They issued two citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging**, ten for **Retaining Foul Hooked Game Fish**, and four for **Exceeding the Bag Limit—Kokanee**; and several warnings. They donated over 100 seized kokanee to charity.

# Interagency Cooperation / Public Relations

## Joint Assistance Helps Locate Illegal Activities

OSP would like to thank the Lincoln County Chapter of the OHA who constructed and donated a new elk WED to the South Coast Team.

Tpr. Cliff Hargis (Patrol, Lakeview) contacted Tpr. Curtis Weaver (Lakeview) about a DUII suspect he arrested the night before. Hargis confiscated a talon from the suspect's vehicle. Weaver contacted the suspect in jail. He said the talon came from a friend in California who had cut it off of a hawk. His stories were inconsistent. Weaver cited him for **Illegal Possession of Protected Species Parts**. He called Officer Gallagher (CDFG) and gave him information about friend.

While removing a WED operation, a rifle shot was heard. Deputy Blann of the Jefferson County SO assisted in locating the shooter who said he shot at a bear and missed. Sr. Tpr. Greg Love (Bend) and Sr. Tpr. Andrew Menlow (Bend) asked to see his bear tag. While removing his bear tag, they noted the subject had a small amount of blood on him and a bag of dog food in the vehicle. They learned the subject shot a bear over a baited site. They found the bear and the site and cited the subject for **Hunting Bear Prohibited Method—Bait**.

## Legislature Toured with OSP

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and ODFW biologist Kelly Reis did a boat patrol on the McKenzie River to prepare for a legislative tour. During the tour, Maher assisted ODFW on the lower McKenzie River and Willamette River by transporting participants via boat down the river to Green Island and back. While waiting at the Armitage boat ramp, Maher watched two subjects on the north bank of the McKenzie River drinking beer. One subject threw a beer can into blackberry bushes. Maher cited him for **Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway**. While returning upstream, Maher observed an angler illegally using bait. Maher cited the angler for **Angling with Bait where Prohibited**. The tour participants got a first hand look at what troopers do to enforce the angling regulations on the McKenzie River.

## McOmie's Back

KGW Channel 8 outdoors reporter [Grant McOmie](#) videotaped a WED training conducted by Tpr. Adam Turnbo (Salem) and Tpr. Casey Thomas (Tillamook) for Tpr. Heather Van Meter, Tpr. Jim O'Connor, Rct. Kirk Burkholder, and Rct. Josh Boatner (NW Region).

## OSP Plane Helps Find Hunter

Sr. Tpr. Andrew Menlow (Bend pilot) assisted Crook County SO with a lost hunter. The subject and his hunting partner shot a bull elk, then the partner suffered a heart attack. He drove his partner to the hospital and returned to find the elk. He called family to advise them of his plans; however, he did not return that night. Menlow spotted him from the aircraft at around 3 p.m. the next day, about five miles east of where he parked his vehicle. He was in good condition and reunited with his family ([click here for article and video](#)).

## Classes, Presentations, and Participation

Tpr. Marvin Ritter (John Day) assisted with a youth pheasant hunt in the John Day area and 25 juvenile hunters participated.

Sgt. Tom Hulett (Springfield) gave a talk to a hunter education class in Marcola. About 22 students and seven adults attended.

Sr. Tpr. Scott Salisbury and Tpr. Lowell Lea (Florence) participated in a local safety fair which included booths from Lane County SO, USCG, USFS, ODF, Oregon State Parks, and Life Flight.

Sgt. David Pond (Bend) gave a television interview to Z-21 News in response to hunting activities occurring near a residential subdivision outside of Bend. Since the start of archery season, several complaints of subjects trespassing and stalking deer have resulted in SO Deputies and troopers being called to resolve disputes between landowners and hunters. Citations have been issued in this area.

## Helpful Outdoor Tips

**#29. Easy Cleanup.** It's easy to clean camp cookware after you've made a meal if you rub a coating of liquid dishwashing soap on the outside of your pots and pans before putting them over a hot fire. The soap won't hurt the fire, change the taste of the food or burn onto the pan's surface, but it'll shorten cleanup time.

**#48. Flint Firestarter.** If you use a flintlock rifle during muzzleloader season, don't overlook the flint as a firestarter.

**#74. Stir it Up.** You'll attract more puddle ducks to your decoy spread if you muddy the water by stirring the bottom with your feet. Duck activity creates muddy water, so this tactic will add realism to your spread. Plus, a muddy zone in an area of clear water is easy for ducks flying overhead to spot.

**#77. Mark 'Em Down.** When hunting upland birds without a dog, gather a few small rocks beforehand and tie about a foot of brightly colored ribbon around each one and toss them in your pocket or vest. When you down a bird, throw the ribbon rock in the area where the bird fell so you can find it more easily.

## 21 | Tree Well Shelter

Snow is not necessarily an enemy to a person stranded or lost in a blizzard. In fact, it is a great insulator, and if you know how to build a proper snow shelter, it'll keep you safe and warm for a short period.

One quick, effective snow shelter can be made in a tree well (the depression around a tree's trunk that is protected from snow by the canopy of branches above it). First, construct a framework of branches and boughs around the lowest branches. Then, dig a side cave in the well by tunneling away from the tree. Evergreen boughs laid on the floor of this cave make a comfortable sleeping place that can be as much as 40 degrees warmer than the temperature outside.

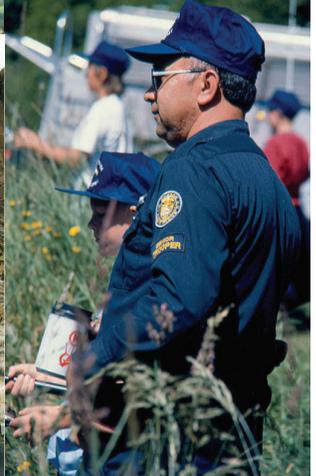
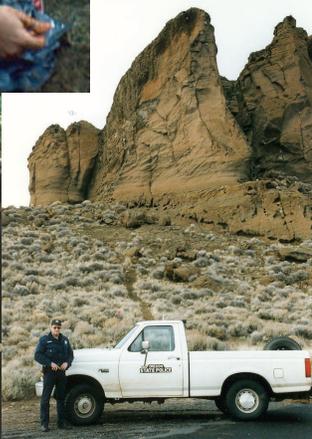


—Keith Sutton, "Basic Training 101 Simple Skills" *Outdoor Life*, May 2008

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