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Learn to Live with Deer and Elk

Oregon is known for its natural resources and diverse and abundant wildlife. As human populations grow, the space left for wildlife shrinks, especially around urban areas. When their habitat, food, and water sources disappear, wildlife look elsewhere to meet their basic needs, and deer and elk can damage trees, crops, and landscaping. In urban areas, parks and green spaces provide important wildlife habitat; but, sometimes, animals residing there are attracted to easy meals near human dwellings. By making a few changes, most conflicts can be avoided.

Every year, the Division deals with deer and/or elk illegally injured and/or taken by a bow or a firearm (many inside the city limits), because the animal was damaging the property owner's yard and/or garden. Other times, poachers are attracted to privately owned gardens to illegally take wildlife. In September, Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) responded to a complaint near St. Helens, regarding an injured black tail deer possibly shot with a handgun or shotgun. Schwartz located the injured deer and determined the deer had more than likely been shot with birdshot, or a lighter shotgun load. The deer suffered severe injuries and had to be put down. Schwartz and Vogel returned to the scene the following day and located a shotgun wad, matching the shot size retrieved from the deer. After



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speaking to the neighbors, a possible suspect was identified and interviewed. The investigation revealed the suspect shot the deer with a shotgun, because the deer was causing damage to a garden and vegetable plants. The suspect was charged with **Unlawful Taking of Blacktail Deer and Hunting on the Cultivated or Enclosed Lands of Another**. Troopers seized one 12-gauge shotgun and birdshot as evidence. In September, Sr. Tpr. Halsey and Rct. Clement (Albany) responded to a complaint that two deer had been shot and killed in a garden just outside of Lebanon. The investigation confirmed the two deer had been illegally killed. The suspect was cited for **Taking Buck Deer No Tag and Taking Doe Deer No Tag**. The troopers seized and salvaged the deer.

Many property owners take pride in their yard and garden, and having all that time and hard work invested crushed, squashed, and/or eaten is frustrating and disheartening. Per [ORS 498.012](#), the State does not "prevent any person from taking any wildlife that is causing damage, is a public nuisance, or poses a public health risk on land that the person owns or lawfully occupies. However, no person shall take, pursuant to this subsection, at a time or under circumstances when such taking is prohibited by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission, any game mammal or game bird, fur-bearing mammal, or nongame wildlife species, unless the person first obtains a permit for such taking from the commission . . . 'Damage' means loss of or harm inflicted on land, livestock or agricultural or forest crop . . . 'Public nuisance' means loss of or harm inflicted on gardens, ornamental plants, ornamental trees, pets, vehicles, boats, structures, or other personal property." A private property owner who chooses to lawfully remove an animal from his or her property needs an ODFW permit for certain animals. Such permits are free of charge and can be obtained by contacting the [nearest ODFW office](#). These permits also have certain disposal requirements.

As wildlife and people have parallel needs, prevention is an optimal solution. To understand why animals behave as they do, we need to see the world from their perspective. All animals have food preferences and dislikes. Take the time to educate yourself to learn

Living with Wildlife Links

[Living with Deer and Elk](#)

[Deer and Elk Fences](#)

[Deer Resistant Plants](#)

[Deer Resistant Ornamental Plants](#)

[Don't Feed Deer and Elk](#)

[Limit Elk Damage to Your Property](#)

[Reduce Deer Damage in Your Yard](#)

what plants are resistant to wildlife predation and consider your priorities. Selecting unpalatable or "deer-resistant" plants will generally eliminate or reduce the problem. Only poisonous plants are completely deer-proof. Palatability depends on the quality and quantity of other available food. During periods of food shortage, plants normally not eaten by deer will be readily browsed. Palatability also varies with plant age, fertilizer rates, seasonal changes, and other factors. Because deer may eat some of the plants listed or avoid plants not listed, the list is offered as a general guide. This approach is often preferable to constructing expensive and unattractive fences or using offensive noise or odor repellents. Effective fencing must be at least 7 feet high to keep out both deer and elk. Many people prefer to use repellents that taste bad or give off a bad odor; but they must be applied on a regular basis. These products are available at farm and garden centers. Please remember to never attempt to corner or harass a deer or elk; they can be dangerous and unpredictable. For more information on living with wildlife, please visit the links to the left. —Wildlife information courtesy of ODFW

Dispositions

September Dispositions

After a year-long investigation, on September 22, a subject pled guilty in Lincoln County Circuit Court to one count of **Unlawful Possession of a Game Mammal**. The case began on September 4, 2008, when Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Sr. Tpr. Torland (Newport) received a call from a landowner reporting that two hunters shot a cow elk with a rifle during bow season. In examining the elk, officers found attempts had been made to disguise a rifle was used to take the elk. Canfield and Torland obtained a DNA sample from the elk meat found at the kill site. Officers later contacted the subject who claimed to have legally killed a different elk in the same area during bow season. Troopers obtained a DNA sample from the hide of the supposed legal elk the subject possessed. Both DNA samples were sent to the Idaho Fish and Game Forensics Laboratory. Test results concluded the hide seized matched the meat recovered from the kill site. In addition to being sentenced to **10 days in jail** for Unlawful Possession of a Game Mammal, the subject was ordered to pay \$3,000 in restitution, serve three years probation, and lose his hunting privileges for two years. "This was a pretty significant sentence," said Sgt. Thompson (Newport). "We really hope that serves as a deterrent to others who might consider killing an animal more important than following the law."

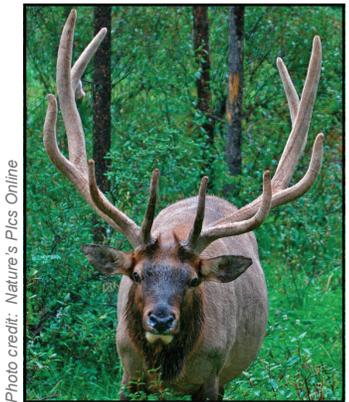


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Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) cited four subjects for attempting to take salmon with spears on Clear Creek in Grant County. All subjects pled guilty in the Grant County Justice Court. The first defendant was sentenced to a \$300 for **Harassing Wildlife** and \$1,000 fine for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**. The other three defendants were fined \$300 each for **Attempting to Take Game Fish—Closed Stream**.

Tillamook County Judge Neal Lemery heard a case about a clammer cited by Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) on Tillamook Bay. Guerra was working clambers on the bay when he saw a pickup arrive, then a male subject got out and left for the clam beds. Shortly thereafter, the subject returned to his pickup, and Guerra contacted him. The subject did not have a shellfish license and was in possession of 13 clams. Guerra also found the subject's driving privileges were suspended and he could not present proof of insurance. The subject was subsequently cited for **No Shellfish License, No Proof Of Insurance, and Driving While Suspended**. The subject sent into the court proof of insurance, along with a statement indicating he had a shellfish license on the date in question and provided a copy of his shellfish license to the judge. Upon inspection, the judge noticed the purchase date and time of the license was after Guerra cited the subject. Judge Lemery responded that since the subject had lied about his license, he was going to impose a \$500 fine for No Resident Shellfish License.

A subject arrested by Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) and Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) for **Escape III, Angling while Suspended, Angling Closed Hours, and Angling Prohibited Method** was sentenced in the Hood River Circuit Court for Escape III and Angling while Suspended. The remainder of the charges were dismissed per a plea deal. The subject received the following sentence:

- **Angling privileges revoked for life**
- Forfeit all evidence seized
- 24-month bench probation with these terms:
 - No contact with co-defendant
 - Not to be within 150 yards of Herman or Eagle Creeks (except while driving on I-84)
 - No possession of fishing gear
 - 14 days in jail, straight time, credit for time served
 - \$500 (\$250 x 2 fish) restitution to OHA TIP Program
 - \$552 other fines and fees
 - Obey all laws

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	Sgt.	Sergeant
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	SIU	Special Investigations Unit
BER	Boat Examination Report	Lt.	Lieutenant	Sr.	Senior
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	SO	Sheriff's Office
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants	ODF	Oregon Department of Forestry	TIP	Turn in Poachers
Capt.	Captain	ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	Tpr.	Tpr.
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	U.S. Coast Guard
DA	District Attorney	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	PFD	Personal Flotation Device	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
DSL	Department of State Lands	Ret.	Recruit	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DWS	Driving While Suspended			WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
				WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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Wildlife / Hunting

Unlawful Taking of Band-Tailed Pigeons



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Sr. Tpr. Orosco and Tpr. Cummings (Patrol, McMinnville) responded to a complaint of subjects shooting band-tailed pigeons on Peavine Road. The troopers contacted one suspect and found three birds in the bed of his pickup. They were not sure what species the birds were, so they photographed them and followed up with Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) who identified the birds as band-tailed pigeons. Shugart and Orosco recontacted the subject and cited him for **Unlawful Taking Band-Tailed Pigeon (Closed Season)**. Shugart received information to help identify the location where the subjects shot the pigeons. Later that day, Shugart and Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) located the area. While at the location, they contacted another subject who just shot a band-tailed pigeon. Troopers seized the pigeon and cited the subject for **Unlawful Taking Band-Tailed Pigeon (Closed Season)**.

Seeking Public's Help

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) responded to a complaint of a beef cow being shot with an arrow west of The Dalles that occurred on or about September 18 or 19. An unknown subject shot a young heifer with a three-blade broadhead in the hindquarters near the tail. The arrow embedded about four inches, and the owner pulled it out. The animal is healing and should fully recover. Anyone with information to assist in identifying the person responsible for wounding the cow is asked to call Sr. Tpr. Pearson at 541-296-9646 or the TIP line at 1-800-452-7888. Reports can be made anonymously.

WED Operations Yielded Numerous Citations

Since the WED program was established in 1991—with the primary goal to catch poachers without the loss of wildlife—it has expanded to involve more species and genders and robotics. “Animal” decoys include turkey; mule, blacktail, and whitetail deer; and Roosevelt and Rocky Mountain elk. In some night operations, air/ground patrols are conducted, where Division pilots look for spotlights and radio coordinates to troopers ([click here for a video](#)). In 2008, the Division recorded the following statistics: 225 WED operations, 564 total operation hours (274 day, 290 night), 1,477 total man hours, 46 operations during closed season, 622 people observed the decoy, 90 fired at decoy, and 146 citations issued.

Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) and Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) conducted a night WED near McMinnville. A vehicle stopped at the decoy, and the driver attempted to shoot it with an empty revolver. When that did not work, he attempted to shoot with an empty rifle. The passenger then shot with a bow, but missed. As Shugart arrived, the passenger ran off into the brush. Shugart located the subject lying on the ground. Troopers cited both subjects for **Hunting Deer with the Aid of Artificial Light**, and the passenger for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana and Open Container—Alcohol**.

Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains), Tpr. Howell (Tillamook), and Volunteer Kelly (McMinnville) conducted a WED out of McMinnville. A subject saw the decoy and stopped a short distance away. The subject then started to hunt the decoy and eventually came to full draw. Upon contact, as the subject only had an elk bow tag, he was cited for **No Valid 2009 Bow Deer Tag**. Schwartz, Shugart, and Kelly conducted a night deer WED in Washington County. Shortly after the decoy was set up, a vehicle approached and slowed, and the passenger pointed a pistol at it. The vehicle traveled slowly past the decoy without the passenger firing. Shugart stopped the vehicle and cited the passenger for **Aiming a Firearm from a Moving Vehicle during Season**. When a second vehicle approached, the driver positioned the headlights on the decoy and stopped. The driver got out and shot the decoy four times with his bow. He eventually realized the deer was fake when a passenger yelled, “That’s a decoy dude!” The driver was cited for **Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light**.

Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande), Sr. Tpr. Coggins (Enterprise), and Rct. Macy set up another night deer WED in the Imnaha Unit. Four subjects in vehicles observed the decoy, with one subject shooting three arrows at it. He was cited for **Hunting with Aid of an Artificial Light**.

Sr. Tpr. Randall and Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) ran a night WED in the Keno Unit to address ongoing problems. Within minutes after setting up the decoy, a vehicle stopped. Using the headlights to illuminate the decoy, a passenger stood up in the topless vehicle and shot an arrow. Troopers cited the passenger for **Taking Deer with the Aid of Artificial Light** and seized the bow.

Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) and Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) worked a trophy WED operation in the Klamath Falls Unit after receiving several reports of subjects attempting to hunt a very large buck mule deer. In addition to archery hunters, troopers have confirmed reports of subjects attempting to kill the buck with rifles. Only one vehicle went by the decoy and stopped. An archery hunter and his two young sons stepped out with bows. The subject ranged the decoy and shot twice at it with his bow. One of his sons was readying to take a shot upon contact. The adult was warned for **Hunting Prohibited Area—Roadway**.

On September 11, 12, and 13, Lt. Lane (Northwest Region), Sgt. Pond, Sr. Tpr. Love, Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend), Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany), Tpr. Boyd (Springfield), USFS LEOs, and an OSP volunteer worked the High Cascade Deer Season and the western edge of the Metolius Unit. Boyd has authored an action plan for the High Cascade deer season in the Santiam Pass area, and Pond has authored an action plan for the Metolius Unit. Night flights were conducted by Sr. Tpr. Menlow (Pilot, Bend) on September 11 and 12. On September 11, several citations were issued to two individuals found spotlighting in the western area of the Metolius Unit, with charges varying from **Hunting Deer with the Aid of Artificial Light to Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. On September 12, the flight found no night traffic. During that weekend, Lane, Halsey, and Boyd checked about 15 deer, along with large numbers of hunters and camps. Other citations varied from **Carrying a Loaded Firearm on an ATV to Fail to Validate Deer Tag**. Love conducted a two-day covert patrol along the Pacific Crest Trail, resulting in numerous hunters checked with no violations.

Wildlife / Hunting

Multiple Suspects Hunted Deer and Antelope Illegally

Sr. Tpr. Love and Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) received a report of a subject who started archery season a day early. The complainant advised a subject had just asked for permission to recover a buck he shot with an arrow. The buck ran and died in the subject's backyard. The reporting person, knowing it was a day early to archery hunt, called OSP as the suspect fled the area. They contacted the suspect and cited him for **Taking Deer Closed Season**. His bow and the deer were seized, and the deer was donated to charity.

Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) responded to a complaint that a mule deer doe had died in the front yard of a La Grande residence. The homeowner reported two males had been in his backyard looking for a buck deer they had wounded. Chandler located the two men who said they had shot at a buck from about 40 yards and hit the doe. They followed the blood trail but could not find the deer. Chandler cited the shooter for **Taking Doe Deer Closed Season** and seized and salvaged the doe.



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Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) responded to a complaint of goose hunters on the Middle Fork of the Willamette River who had shot and killed geese from a boat. The hunters had peppered a male subject with shot and trespassed to recover a goose. The suspects were located at a nearby boat ramp and ultimately cited for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**. Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) arrived to assist and noticed that one of the subjects involved was a person of interest in a poaching case initiated by Retired Sr. Tpr. Hulett (Springfield) about a week earlier. The troopers drove straight to the subject's house in Springfield where information they had obtained in recent days indicated that an unlawful deer was hanging. The investigation led to a friend's house where it was found the subject had killed a deer without tagging it, and the deer spoiled and was discarded. Citations for **Fail to Validate Bow Deer Tag, Waste of a Game Mammal, and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** were issued.

Tpr. Young (Salem) received information from Retired Tom Drynan that a deer had been killed and was being dressed out at a home in Lyons. The subsequent investigation revealed the suspect had shot and killed a deer on a private property near Lyons. The suspect was cited and released for **Unlawful Taking of Deer**. The rifle used in the incident and the deer were seized as evidence.

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) was working east of Bend earlier in September in a patrol car. While observing traffic, he stopped a vehicle for minor traffic violations. A small amount of blood was found on the passenger door and odor of fresh meat was detected. A subsequent investigation revealed that the two occupants of the vehicle had three antelope and a deer. Also located were several rifles, an old bow, and arrows. Evidence was seized and both subjects were each issued citations for **Illegal Possession of Antelope and Illegal Possession of Deer**.

Absence of Intent Yielded Warnings

Tpr. Niehus and Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) hiked into the Sky Lakes Wilderness. They went to several lakes, including Island Lake, Red Lake, and Pear Lake. They contacted 12 people and checked three anglers. At the trailhead, they observed a pickup with blood and deer hair on the tailgate and eagle feathers in the cab. The registered owner was not a local tribal member, and Niehus was familiar with the vehicle's owner's residence address from previous contacts and has never observed that vehicle at the residence. Niehus found an address through dispatch, and he and Randall contacted the suspect. After interviewing the suspect, Niehus found he filled his bow deer tag, but he was not sure where the tag currently was. The tag was found in the garbage with the bones. In addition, the suspect admitted leaving all evidence of the deer's sex in the field. Furthermore, he has never changed his address since leaving the nest 18 years ago, because it was more convenient to just call up his mom and dad and see if he had any mail. He showed the officers the meat in the freezer he cut and wrapped earlier that day. He also had five-year-old meat from a friend who was going to throw it out because it was freezer-burned. He did not have a written transfer record for this meat. The raptor feathers were given to him by a former co-worker (a tribal member). He voluntarily gave up the raptor feathers. As there did not appear to be any intent to violate any laws, the troopers warned the suspect for Possession of Raptor Feathers, False Swearing for Driver License (Address), False Swearing for Hunting License (Address), Failing to Retain the Sex of Big Game Mammal in the Field, and Illegal Possession of Deer Meat without Harvest Record (x 2).

Legal Deer, Cougar Sighting, and Broken Glass

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) followed up on a wounded deer found by a landowner. While following up, a hunter called Bennett to report he wounded a deer in the area, and it crossed onto private property. This turned out to be the same deer. The hunter showed Bennett where he originally wounded the deer on BLM land, and the deer was retrieved.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) responded to a possible cougar sighting near the intersection of Croisan Creek Road and South River Road in Salem. A resident observed a tan animal the size a German shepherd chase a squirrel around a tree. The resident was not very familiar with what exactly a cougar would look like. ODFW was contacted. For the last year or so, cougar sightings have been reported in the South Salem area.

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) contacted a bow hunter who told him he left his bow tag and license in his vehicle parked a couple of miles away. The very tired hunter accepted a ride from Maher. Upon arrival, the hunter realized he locked his keys inside. He tried everything at his disposal to gain access without success. The hunter (registered owner) determined it was not worth the tow bill or locksmith fee to travel to a remote area, so he grabbed a rock, alerted Maher to stand back, and smashed the rear window. Having successfully gained access, the hunter apologetically handed Maher his license and tags and told Maher many times he should have had his license with him and was sorry. Being the hunter already cost himself a glass replacement bill, Maher warned him for not having his license and tag while hunting. The hunter assured Maher he would clean up the broken glass.

Wildlife / Hunting

Suspect Took Head and Antlers and Left Meat to Waste

Tpr. Schwartz assisted Rct. Vogel (both St. Helens) with a follow-up investigation regarding an individual who shot and killed a five-point bull elk while trespassing on Evanson Timber property. The individual only retained the head and antlers of the elk, leaving the rest to waste. The investigation revealed the suspect had trespassed, as well as forgetting to validate his bow elk tag. The suspect was charged with **Fail to Validate Big Game Tag and Criminal Trespass II**. Waste of Wildlife charges will be forwarded to the local DA.

Parts Imported from CWD State Seized

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) checked a taxidermy shop in Lincoln City and found two bull elk heads and one mule deer head with antlers that had been brought in from Colorado, a state with confirmed Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). One bull was a large 6 x 6, the second was 6 x 4 non-typical, and the mule deer was a large 4 x 4. Kehr seized all three heads and antlers and will be issuing the suspect a citation for **Importation of Cervid Parts Killed in State with CWD**. Remember it is illegal to bring deer, elk, or moose into Oregon with central nervous system tissue.



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Numerous Subjects Caught Hunting Elk Illegally

Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) finished an investigation into a Nehalem hunter who tried to harvest two elk during the bow elk season. The investigation revealed that the hunter harvested a spike elk in the morning, and a witness saw the same hunter shoot an arrow at a cow elk, which he missed, later that evening. Howell contacted the subject and cited him for **Attempting To Exceed the Bag Limit Elk—Bow**.

Sgt. Brown, Sr. Tpr. Carter and Tpr. Dietz (Pendleton) investigated a trespass on Weston Mountain involving four subjects. A landowner's agent contacted subjects who were retrieving half of a spike elk with an ATV. When asked if they had permission to hunt on the land, the shooter stated he had permission to hunt on private property 1-2 miles away. The agent obtained the shooter's name and the subjects' vehicle license plates and descriptions. When asked where the other half of the elk was, the subjects said it was too bloodshot, so they left it in the canyon. The agent told the subjects not to return to the property.

Brown and Carter located one of the suspect's vehicles and determined the shooter borrowed a roommate's vehicle. They found blood-stained clothing in the cab of that pickup. They contacted the shooter who agreed to show the scene to the officers. The gut pile was located about a ½-mile down the canyon, and the suspect showed Brown the location where he shot the elk originally, another ½-mile down the canyon. The suspect stated he got a bad shot into the spike's hindquarters and it ran up the canyon, bedding down in a side draw. They found the elk dead the next morning, with a bear guarding the carcass. One of his partners fired a shot from a .30-30 rifle into the brush to scare the bear away.

The investigation determined both locations (gut pile and shooting site) were not on land the suspect had permission to hunt on. The landowner wanted everyone who was on his property cited for trespass. Two of the subjects determined to have been carrying the .30-30 rifle and shooting at the bear were found to be convicted felons. Troopers will be issuing citations for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another and Criminal Trespass II with a Firearm** to all four subjects. The Umatilla County DA will be contacted regarding charges of **Felon in Possession of Firearm** on the two subjects with the rifle. The back half of the carcass was found to have spoiled and concerns about spoilage on the front half prevented it from being donated to charity.

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) followed up on a report of archery hunters hearing rifle shots in the area they were hunting. Davis determined a 5-point bull elk had been illegally taken. He found the bull hanging at the residence of a relative of the suspect. Davis eventually contacted the suspect who was hiding out knowing OSP was looking for him. The suspect admitted to shooting the elk with a rifle. Davis seized the elk and cited the subject for **Taking Prohibited Method**.

Tpr. Ring (Bend) received an anonymous tip about a subject who shot a branched-antler bull during the 2008 season. The complainant reported the subject only had a spike-only tag and that he also borrowed a tag. Ring contacted the subjects reportedly involved. The investigation revealed the tip information was accurate in that there was loaning and borrowing of tags involved. Ring cited one subject for **Loaning a Big Game Tag** and the shooter for **Borrowing a Big Game Tag**. Ring also seized the 5-point elk rack.

Tpr. Thomas and Rct. Galusha (Tillamook) contacted two archery hunters near Oswald West State Park. The investigation revealed one hunter already harvested an elk, but he was "calling" for his friend and only cougar hunting. The quiver of both subject's were inspected, revealing that both hunters had mechanical/expandable broadheads on all of their arrows. One of the subjects was a Master Hunter and knew it was unlawful to use mechanical broadheads; but since they flew better, he put them on his arrows the night before the hunt. Both subjects were issued citations for **Hunting Prohibited Method—Mechanical Broadheads**.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) received information through dispatch that a subject turned himself in for killing a bull elk during the High Cascade buck season near the Santiam Pass off of the Pacific Crest Trail. The subject told dispatch he would arrive at the trailhead at about noon that day with the elk. Boyd located the subject's car in the parking area at about 11:00 a.m.; the subject arrived with the elk at about 3:00 p.m. The subject shot a spike elk (misidentified as a buck) at about 3:00 p.m. the previous day from about 40 yards away in a clearing. Boyd cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Elk**. He seized the elk and took it to the Eugene Mission where it was discovered the meat had spoiled and was condemned.

Wildlife / Hunting

Goose Checks Yielded More than Waterfowl-Related Citations

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) worked the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area. After shooting hours, Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher noticed several hunters shooting at flocks of passing geese. Upon checking 11 hunters, he found two subjects bagged white-fronted geese (speckle bellies). Maher cited one subject for **Unlawful Taking of White-Fronted Goose** and the second subject for **Unlawful Possession of White-Fronted Goose**, since he claimed a group of them shot at the bird, and it was in his immediate possession. Maher seized the geese as evidence. Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher checked 17 hunters. He issued one citation for **No Federal Waterfowl Stamp** and one for **No Waterfowl Bird Stamp**. While Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher was checking one subject's validations (or lack thereof), he observed a validated, very clean-looking cougar tag. He noted the tag was validated on the same day the tag was issued. Suspicious, Maher brought this to the subject's attention. After some questioning, Maher learned the subject killed the cougar the day before he purchased the tag in the Oakridge area. Maher provided the information to Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher to follow-up, since the cougar was taken near Oakridge. Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher contacted the taxidermist the suspect took the cougar to. The taxidermist completed the required check-in with ODFW, and the cougar had an ODFW seal attached to it. Maher seized the cougar as evidence. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Taking of Cougar—No Tag**. On another patrol at the area, Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher checked 38 goose hunters and issued four citations for prohibited methods and lack of validation. On a different occasion, Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher worked the West Coyote Unit. Three goose hunters checked were in violation and were cited and warned for prohibited methods; license, permit, tag, and validation issues; and failing to check in. The third subject had a felony warrant for Burglary First Degree and was lodged at a Eugene jail.



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Game Bird Patrols

ODFW contacted John Day officers about a subject who called to self-report an illegal turkey kill off a USFS road. Tpr. Ritter learned the suspect and his 12-year-old step-son were archery deer hunting when they saw some turkeys. The subject gave the boy his 20-gauge shotgun and told him he could shoot a turkey. After the boy shot and killed a young hen, the subject checked the game bird regulations and found not only was fall turkey season a month away, but it also required a tag, which neither he nor the boy had. The subject threw the turkey in the bushes and left it. Three days later, he called and reported the incident. Ritter located the turkey near where the subject said he threw it. Ritter will cite the adult for **Wasting Wildlife (Hen Turkey) and Counseling in a Game Violation—Taking Fall Turkey Closed Season**.

Central Point troopers checked game bird hunters at the Denman Wildlife Area. Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) worked the youth pheasant hunt. Both days were sold out with kids testing their hunting skills out in the field. Allison saw quite a few nice pheasants harvested. The following Monday, pheasant season opened. Allison cited and warned a few hunters for prohibited hours and tag and permit issues and one man for No Angling License on a Pond. On the opening day of dove hunting, Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) checked 25 hunters, and 10 were not in compliance. He issued one citation for **No Hunting License** and many warnings for permit violations. On another occasion, Collom and Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) checked dove hunters and cited two for **Hunting Prohibited Method—Unplugged Shotgun** and a pond angler for **No Angling License**. Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) took Rct. Venables (Patrol) to check pheasant hunters and contacted two men. The first had the proper license and tag and handed Collom a handful of steel shot shells. Collom asked to see the other shells in his vest, and he had many lead pheasant loads. He also had an unplugged shotgun. He was cited for **Possession of Lead Shot while Hunting Denman Wildlife Area** and warned for the **Hunting Prohibited Method—Unplugged Shotgun**. The second man was cited for **Hunting Prohibited Method—Unplugged Shotgun** and warned for No Denman Wildlife Area Daily Permit.

On opening day of youth waterfowl season, Summer Lake Wildlife Area Manager Martin St. Louis called to report two cases of protected species being shot. In one case, a cormorant was shot; in another, a white-face ibis. Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) responded. The subjects involved were identified before Weaver's arrival. In both cases, Weaver cited the fathers for **Aiding in a Game Violation**.

Sr. Tpr. Griffin (La Grande) responded to Ladd Marsh after receiving a report that several hunters were inside the refuge. Upon contacting five suspects, he learned they were taking advantage of the youth waterfowl hunt that was open. The suspects did not realize they were inside the refuge, despite the fact they walked past the posted closure signs. Officers cited two adults for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Hunting in a Closed Area** and warned the three juveniles.

Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) responded to a dispute between goose hunters and a nearby resident. The man approached three hunters in their blind with decoys set up and told them he did not think they should be hunting in the area. The hunters told the man they were hunting legally and were going to continue to hunt. The man then started pulling and lying down the decoys. One hunter got between the man and his decoys and asked him to stop and to go home. The man then hit the hunter in the face, causing a bloody nose. The man was arrested and lodged for **Obstructing the Taking of Wildlife and Assault IV**.

While patrolling the Upper McKenzie drainage, Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) located a road closure gate off its hinges and fresh tire tracks heading into the travel management area (TMA). About four miles into the closed area, he stopped a vehicle coming out. One of the two subjects had killed two grouse with his "street sweeper" shotgun, with rounds in the magazine and a slug in the chamber. The other subject was bow hunting. Boyd asked them about the slug, and no good reason was provided. He cited both subjects for **Operate/Transported in Motor Vehicle in Violation of TMA**, and the grouse hunter for **Unlawfully Hunting with Shotgun that Holds More than Three Rounds**.

Marine Board / Commercial Fish

Boat Patrols Discovered Multiple Violations

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) conducted a boat patrol on Coos River with ODFW Fish Biologist Chris Claire. One subject was issued a citation for **Fail to Validate Angling Harvest Card**.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) contacted a commercial fisherman at the Port of Brookings. The fisherman's boat registration was expired, and he was cited for the offense and warned for other boating safety violations.

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski (Madras) patrolled Lake Billy Chinook, contacting numerous anglers and boaters. He issued eight citations for **Retaining Foul-Hooked Game Fish** and 18 warnings for other violations.

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) conducted a float patrol on the Lower Deschutes River. He contacted several anglers and river users. Near Kloan, he cited five for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card**.

Sr. Tpr. Knapp (Enterprise), Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande), Idaho Fish and Game Officer Cooper, and Retired Sgt. Ables conducted a three-day jet boat patrol in Hells Canyon. Officers issued three citations for **No Angling License** and one for **Invalid Boat Registration** and four warnings for No Anglers License in Possession.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) conducted a boat patrol with ODFW. They checked 16 boats, 36 anglers, one commercial salmon vessel, and about 20 crabbers. They issued one citation for **Unlawful Possession of Wild Coho**, one for **No Shellfish License**, three warnings for Taking Undersized Crabs, and three for No Shellfish License.

At the Port of Gold Beach, Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) contacted two boat anglers and conducted a safety exam. He noticed the boaters only had one life jacket, no throwable, and the operator did not have a Boater Education Card. Barden cited the operator for **Insufficient Number of Life Jackets** and warned him for the other violations.

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras), Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles), and Hood River County DDA Stebbins conducted an enforcement raft float trip from Macks Canyon to the mouth of the Deschutes. Officers issued two citations for **No Angling License**, two for **Fail to Validate Harvest Tag**, one for **Using Bait Prohibited Area**, and one for **Unlawful Campfire** and several warnings for various violations.

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) worked the fishing derby at Diamond Lake. The grand prize was a new boat, and the turn out was sizeable. At one point, he could see about 45 boats on the water. At one launch, he spoke to a invasive species surveyor for USFS who said all the boats he checked were clean; and the anglers were not using live bait. Allison checked 23 anglers and conducted 11 BERs, resulting in one warning for No Type IV PFD. All the anglers seemed glad to see Allison and agreed everyone needed to be vigilant of the invasive species problems.

Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) and ODFW Fish Biologist Chris Knutsen conducted a boat patrol on the Nehalem Bay. They contacted 16 boats and 27 anglers and issued two verbal warnings for No Angling Harvest Card. During the patrol, Guerra saw a boat with a Washington resident smoking what appeared to be marijuana. Upon contact, Guerra determined the angler had been smoking marijuana (in public), and the angler presented Guerra a Washington medical marijuana card and less than an ounce of marijuana. Guerra cited the angler for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Commercial Fisherman Cited for Various Offenses

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) and Sr. Tpr. Hanson (Portland) used the jet boat to work an evening/night patrol in Knappa/Blind Slough. They were responding to a complaint by a fisherman in regarding a menacing situation in which another gillnet fisherman was threatening him and laying out a gillnet over the top of the his net. Both suspect and victim were contacted which resulted in warnings to the suspect. The suspect was also cited for **Expired Boat Registration**.

Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) observed three commercial fishermen on the Columbia River in the early morning hours about 13 hours after the legal season ended. The crew pulled two nets and headed to the Washington shore. Frazier forwarded the information to an Inter-Tribal Fisheries officer who was on the Washington side where the suspect's boat launched. Officers contacted the crew at Cooks Treaty access site and cited the head fisherman for **Commercial Fishing Closed Season**.



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Sr. Tpr. Klepp and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) worked a night patrol at the Tongue Point Select Area gillnet fishery deadline. From a vantage point on land, O'Connor observed one vessel drift beyond the deadline toward the main stem Columbia River. He relayed the information to Klepp who contacted and cited the skipper for **Fishing Salmon in Columbia River Closed Season—Beyond Tongue Point Deadline** (the third commercial fish citation for this skipper in five months).

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) and Sr. Tpr. Hanson (Portland) conducted solo and joint patrols during the both the Tongue Point and Youngs Bay Select Area gillnet fisheries on the Lower Columbia River. They issued several citations for **Fishing Prohibited Method—No Red Cork on Cork Line, Fishing Prohibited Method—No Red Cork Every 25 Fathoms, Illegal Mooring to Buoy/Beacon, and Unlawful Mooring to an Aid to Navigation**. On one occasion, they responded to reports of gillnets fixed to the Youngs Bay Bridge during a before-daylight boat patrol. They did not find any fixed nets; but they did, however, cite a vessel operator for **Fishing Prohibited Method—No Red Corks on Cork Line** and another vessel again for **Illegal Mooring to Buoy/Beacons**. On another occasion, while working Tongue Point, Klepp and Hanson cited three vessels around 4:00 a.m. for **Fishing Salmon in Columbia River Closed Season**, for all were 150-200+ yards below the deadline with nets still deployed and drifting downriver upon contact. In a separate opener, another skipper fishing in the main river below the lower deadline marker was cited for **Fishing Salmon in Columbia River Closed Season**. Officers seized 14 coho and one 41-pound Chinook. This is a chronic problem area, and legitimate fisherman are reporting catches of about \$1,000 a night in the legal area; where boats that are slipping outside the area into the main stem Columbia River are making landings of almost \$5,000 a night.



Sport Angling



Prohibited Methods Detected

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) checked anglers on the Rogue River above Gold Rey Dam. This area was currently open to angling with flies only (not fly-fishing only). Out of the **61** anglers contacted, **25** were not in compliance for using bait or lures. Collom issued numerous warnings.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett and Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) observed evening anglers at a popular snagging hole. When one subject caught a salmon, three of the five subjects celebrated by sharing a bowl of marijuana. They boated down to the boat ramp where officers contacted them. Three were cited for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and all five were cited for **Angling Prohibited Method—Long Leaders** and warned for minor boating violations.

Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) and Rct. Nagle (Patrol) responded to a report of subjects using bait at Sheep's Bridge. Love observed both a male in a float tube and his wife bank angling using worms. Upon contact, the male started gnawing his line to bite the evidence off. He was advised not to but was successful. The male was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait and Failure to Allow Inspection** and the female for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**. The witness reported the couple angled with bait again the next day.

Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) contacted two subjects at the Blue Hole on the upper Deschutes River. The subjects had been angling with bait in a no-bait area. The subjects advised they had been contacted by another angler who was upset with them and cut their lines. The subjects advised they wanted to catch fish and did not care about the rules. They were both issued criminal citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait, Angling Prohibited Hours, Exceeding Bag Limit—Trout, and Aiding in an Angling Violation**. Love contacted the angler who cut the lines, and he advised he has seen several angling violations and has noted a decline in the local fishing.

Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) received a report about snagging at Eagle and Herman Creeks. The suspect has a history of eludes and assaulting police. Frazier and Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) located the suspect, after many nights of surveillance, angling at Herman Creek at 1:00 a.m. with a second subject. Upon contact, both ran. During the foot pursuit, both subjects dropped gunny bags. The troopers lost the subjects after they entered a large blackberry patch. They retrieved the gunny sacks and located two snagged steelhead. During daylight hours, Frazier returned with Sgt. Katzenstein (The Dalles), Tpr. Ring (Arlington), and Sr. Tpr. Vanderwerf (Patrol). Katzenstein and Ring observed two subjects walking down the road and turned to contact them. The subjects ran into the blackberries. Vanderwerf located the subjects, and both were scratched from head to toe. Katzenstein interviewed one suspect who admitted to snagging and eluding the police. The suspect with the long history was arrested and lodged for **Taking Steelhead Prohibited Method—Snagging and Escape III**. The other assisted Katzenstein locate the fishing rods and suspect's vehicle hidden nearby. The second subject, a juvenile, was cited and released to his mother.

Unlawful Possession, Several Fish Seized

Over one weekend, Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) checked over 100 anglers on the Salmon River. He issued citations for **Fail to Validate Salmon Tag, No Salmon Tag, and Unlawful Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon** and seized one salmon.

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) checked two anglers on the Rogue River near the Tou Velle water inlet. One angler told Allison he had pretty good luck, for he caught two keepers. Allison looked at the trout and told him his luck had changed, for he could not keep non-adipose fin-clipped trout. He was cited, and the fish were seized.

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) responded to Winchester Bay after an ODFW fish checker seized five non-adipose fin-clipped coho off one boat. Upon arrival, the suspects had left the area and were headed to Florence. Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) was provided the suspect's information. Salisbury located the subjects and cited them for **Unlawful Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**.

On the Clackamas River, Sgt. Allori (Portland) observed an angler foul-hook and keep a coho then assist his friend in the same. He contacted the anglers as they reached the parking lot. He cited one angler for **Keeping Foul-hooked Coho Salmon, Aiding in a Wildlife Violation, and Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of a Waterway** and the other for **Keeping Foul-hooked Coho Salmon**. He seized both salmon.

At the Gardiner boat ramp, Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) contacted an angler who said he had not caught any salmon and handed Lea his harvest card with no entries on it. On the floorboards of the boat, Lea saw a tail fin sticking out of a bag. When asked about the bagged salmon, the angler then admitted he had one. A search located two non-adipose fin-clipped coho. Lea cited the angler for **Fail to Display Catch and Unlawful Taking Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon** and seized both fish.

On the Rogue River Bay, Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) observed a boat angler bring a salmon in back first. As the angler prepared to net the fish, Van Prooyen yelled a warning. The angler netted and clubbed the fish, and Van Prooyen directed him to the USCG dock. The angler claimed the fish was hooked in the mouth, and the treble wrapped around and hooked the back. The angler, Van Prooyen, and USCG could not locate hook marks in the mouth; but they found hook marks on the back and side. Van Prooyen cited the angler for **Unlawful Possession of a Foul-Hooked Salmon** and seized the 32-pound fish.

Retired Sr. Tpr. Oriet (McMinnville) found a Weyerhaeuser access gate open and the locks missing. While patrolling, he encountered a vehicle coming downhill with five men in it. Upon contact, they said they did not see the sign stating the area was only open to walk-ins, and they were returning from driving around Barney Reservoir. Since Oriet contacted them on a steep area near a curve, for safety reasons, he instructed them to move downhill to the junction, but they took off. After a short chase, Oriet overtook and stopped them. A short distance from where he first contacted them, Oriet saw plastic sheeting in the road that was not there earlier and assumed the subjects threw it out. Oriet warned the subjects about entry onto the property during fire season and released them. He returned to pick up the plastic and found six large cutthroat trout. Oriet later interviewed the driver who stated the fish came the vehicle, but he did not know who threw them out. They had been fishing at the reservoir, and the driver caught some of the trout. One passenger told everyone keeping "wild fish" was a felony, so it was quickly agreed they should discard them. The driver was charged with **Illegal Possession of Trout and Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of a Waterway** (Yamhill Municipal Water Reservoir).



Sport Angling



Poachers Frequent Closed Areas — Remember to Report Wildlife Violators

Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) responded to report of an angler using a lure in the North Umpqua fly area. Upon arrival, the subject was gone; but he did find two anglers above the line at Rock Creek. Merritt cited both for **Angling Closed Stream** and warned one for No Angling License. On another occasion, Merritt contacted two anglers in a closed area on Cow Creek. Neither had an angling license. A third subject contacted was not observed angling. Merritt cited the two unlicensed subjects for **Angling Closed Stream** and advised the third subject not to angle.

While driving near Gold Hill, Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) saw a pickup parked near the old dam, a closed section. When he checked the area, he saw anglers on the Rogue River near the water inlet. He lurked through the underbrush until he was about 15 feet behind one of the offenders and watched the offender try to snag salmon many times. Allison popped out of the bushes as one of the men started to leave, almost giving the offender a heart attack. He cited the offender for **Angling Prohibited Area** and warned him for Snagging. Allison cited the offender's friend for **No Angling License** and warned him for Angling Prohibited Area. On another patrol, Allison worked the Rogue River below Gold Rey Dam and saw an angler appear out of the bushes on the opposite bank. The angler stood on a beach above the deadline and had walked past a No Trespassing sign to get there. Allison watched the angler look around (without seeing him) and then cast into the river. He drove around to the other side and passed the angler driving down the access road. Allison turned around and stopped the vehicle. Allison saw the angler's fishing gear in the back. The angler denied fishing; but after Allison shared his observations, he told the truth. Allison cited him for **Angling Prohibited Area—Above the Deadline** and warned him for Fail to Possess Angling License and Criminal Trespass.



North Umpqua angler. Photo credit: BLM

Unlicensed Anglers

In the waning sunlight, while waiting to work under the airplane to patrol for spotlighters, Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) and Rct. Venables (Patrol) checked 10 anglers along the Rogue River. They issued two citations (**No Non-Resident Angling License** and **No Angling License**) and three warnings (Angling License Not in Possession, No Harvest Tag, and Angling Prohibited Method—Leader Length over 6 Feet).

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) worked Applegate Lake and saw two females angling from a raft. When checked, the anglers said they left their licenses in their cars, quite a distance away. Allison told them he would meet them there. When they all arrived, one subject retrieved her license; and the other gave him her information but became flustered when he quizzed her about her license. She admitted to giving a false name and not having a license. She was cited for **No Angling License**.

ODFW reported an angler with out-of-state license plates enter a closed area with a salmon fishing rod and gear on the Salmon River just outside of Welches. When ODFW told the angler the area was only open for trout, the angler waved his hand as if ignoring the warning. Tpr. Fromme (Portland) responded and contacted the angler who stated he was new to the area. He learned the angler moved to Oregon in July 2009 but possessed of a 2009 resident license and tag. When asked about the Portland address on the license, the angler said he used his mother's address. Fromme cited the angler for **Possession of a Falsely Applied for Angling License and Tag** and seized his license and tag.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) received a report of subjects illegally retaining Chinook below Amacher Park. On arrival, the subjects were gone, but witnesses said they left with three Chinook. When Frerichs conducted surveillance the next day, he observed three Chinook anglers using roe and corkies. One angler discarded cigarettes and a beer can in the water, and another smoked out of a glass pipe. When contacted, he learned two anglers did not have tags, and one was unlicensed. The unlicensed subject said a deputy cited him for the same offense about two weeks prior, and he admitted to smoking marijuana and produced a pipe and marijuana. Frerichs cited that subject for **No Angling License** and **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and the other for **Discarding Litter in Waters** and **No Salmon—Steelhead Tag**.

Immediately Validate or Receive a Citation

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) contacted three anglers about 45 minutes after legal time on the Umpqua River. He cited one for **Fail to Immediately Validate Salmon Tag**, and he cited another for **Counseling in a Wildlife Violation** for assisting a 15-year-old angler after hours.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) observed a small boat zip off the Rogue River and into a boat dock usually used for large boat tour traffic. He contacted the operator who, upon seeing Barden, immediately pulled out his tag and tried to validate his Chinook on it. Barden cited the angler for **Fail to Immediately Validate Salmon Tag**.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) contacted an angler who hiked back to his vehicle with two salmon from Rainie Falls (a two-mile hike). The angler did not have either fish tagged, saying he did not have a pen. Further investigation found a pen in his bag. The angler said he "found" that pen while angling. Of course, we know using a "found" pen to record fish on a tag is unlawful. Hence, the angler was cited for **Fail to Immediately Validate Salmon Tag**.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) contacted three boat anglers who said they had one Chinook. He asked to check the fish and all licenses and tags. The boat owner pulled the fish box out, and Stinnett checked about a 25-pound Chinook. When the suspect pulled his tags out, he asked what the area was. Stinnett opened the tag and asked the angler him where he tagged the fish; and the angler said he did not tag it, because he was waiting to find out what the area was. Stinnett cited him for **Fail to Immediately Validate Salmon Tag**.

At the Port of Gold Beach, a couple showed Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) their two large Chinook, saying they each caught one. The anglers then sheepishly admitted they had not tagged either salmon yet. Barden told the anglers he would only write one citation, and they could choose who received the ticket and who received the warning. The anglers flipped a coin, and Barden cited the female angler for **Fail to Immediately Validate Salmon Tag**. Barden contacted another angler at this port who did not tag a Chinook, for the angler wanted to measure it first *before* tagging the already *stiff* fish. Barden cited the angler for **Fail to Immediately Validate Salmon Tag**.

Environment / Habitat / ATV

Environment and Habitat Concerns Addressed

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) checked two anglers at Doughton Falls on the Rogue River. They had been illegally camping, and beer cans were spread about next to their smoldering camp fire. They were cited for **No Angling License** and warned for Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway, Unlawful Camp Fire, and Camping in a Closed Area.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) conducted a follow-up investigation on a possibly disturbed archaeological site in Port Orford. He checked the area and did not see any signs of current digging, but he did see where digging occurred earlier. Stinnett contacted the owner of the residence near the site and could not determine who or when any digging occurred. Stinnett asked the owner to call if he saw anyone digging.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) found an unoccupied vehicle parked along a forest service road and waited. Three mushroom pickers returned to the vehicle and, upon checking, Niehus learned they did not have permits nor driver licenses. The mushroom pickers pulled away and Niehus followed. Niehus stopped them and cited the driver for **Driving While Suspended**. USFS responded and cited the subjects for **No Forest Products Permits** and seized over 25 pounds of mushrooms.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) received a complaint of someone who threw an old couch out in the mountains. He tracked down the suspect. He cited the suspect for **Offensive Littering** and instructed him to pick up the couch and take it to the dump. After receiving his citation, the suspect went and picked up the couch. Cushman later found the same couch dumped off a steep bank in the mountains. Cushman recontacted the suspect and issued him another citation for **Offensive Littering**.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) followed up on an illegal water line found by timber company employees on company land. When they tried to remove the line, the subjects who put the line in and lived on the adjoining property threatened the employees. Bennett learned the people were only staying on the adjoining property. Research by the local water master determined that the property had no water rights to the stream, and the timber company removed the line.

Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) responded to a diesel spill in the water at the Port of Brookings. Upon arrival, Van Prooyen contacted USCG Station Chetco River who advised about 50 gallons of diesel spilled from a vessel they towed in a few days earlier. The Port Authority moved the vessel beside their dry dock and surrounded it with containment booms, while the remainder of the diesel was pumped off the vessel. A slight oil sheen was visible on the water. After discussing the matter with DEQ, they advised they would probably not take any action; but they would continue to monitor the situation through USCG.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) has been working several complaints of prospectors suction dredging on Sucker Creek and the Applegate and Rogue Rivers. Several people contacted dredging on the Applegate River outside the in-stream work period and the Rogue River below Gold Rey Dam claimed not knowing the in-stream work season or were confused on other mining rules. Several warnings were issued. Another report involved a man working in Sucker Creek. Thompson cited the man last year for Water Pollution for causing turbidity while working outside the in-stream work period. This case is coming up for trial. In the meantime, the same man is again working in the stream. Thompson has been coordinating efforts with DSL and the USFS.

ATV Riders Checked, Many in Violation

Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) contacted two subjects who used an ATV to get go a Hampton Timber Company gate. He cited the operator for **Operating a Motor Vehicle in a Travel Management Area**.

While working the Santiam Pass area during the High Cascade buck season, Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) cited five ATV riders for **Carrying a Loaded Firearm on an ATV**. All of the riders stated they knew better but had either forgot or neglected to empty their guns.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) worked two separate evenings of State Parks overtime focused on ATV problem areas along the ocean shore at Bailey Beach, Paradise Point, and Battle Rock Beach. Barden did not observe any ATVs or recent ATV tracks nor noted any other violations.



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Retired Sr. Tpr. Chichester (Salem) received a report of five subjects on ATVs trespassing on Longview Fibre property. The witness told the subjects they were not allowed to ride ATVs on the property. Chichester found the suspects who said they did not know they could not be on the property. He cited all five for **Trespass on ATVs**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) received a complaint about subjects illegally hunting from motor vehicles and ATVs after dark that were camped on Weyerhaeuser property. The subjects reportedly already shot a cow and calf elk in the area and were back out. Frerichs contacted and cited two subjects found for **Trespassing with a Motor Vehicle** on Weyerhaeuser property. Frerichs did not locate any elk.

Tpr. Howell, Tpr. Thomas, and Rct. Galusha (Tillamook) worked night hunters with Sr. Tpr. Culp (Salem) in the airplane. Culp spotted an ATV using headlights in a clear-cut. Upon arrival, the troopers located several subjects with a bull elk. The investigation revealed one subject shot the elk hours earlier and had not validated his tag. Troopers also learned the subjects were on Stimson Timber property, and ATV travel is not allowed. The subject was cited for **Fail to Validate Elk Tag**.

The Mid-Coast Team was working night hunters with the OSP aircraft when the pilot located two ATVs spotlighting behind Weyerhaeuser gates. After a long search of the area, officers suspected the vehicles hid in the brush and waited for the troopers to leave. Retired Sr. Tpr. Oriet and Volunteer Buchanan (McMinnville) returned to the area on a later date and found an ATV inside the Ginger Creek gate about a mile inside the property. After a short wait, the subjects who belonged to the ATV returned and were cited for **Illegal Motorized Entry**.

General Law / Other

While on Patrol, Troopers Discovered other Violations

While on Hwy 126E, Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) had to stop abruptly, for a subject jumped into the lane of travel in order to get a ride. Boyd found out the subject was a registered sex offender and had not registered since 2006. The subject was cited for **Fail to Register as a Sex Offender**.

Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) was patrolling the Interstate Unit and located a subject driving erratically. Upon contact, Weaver detected a strong odor of alcohol and marijuana. The driver told Weaver to arrest him because he was too drunk and stoned to drive. After a battery of SFSTs, Weaver agreed and arrested and lodged the driver in the Lake County Jail.

On Hwy 126E, at about 11:00 p.m., Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) had difficulty overtaking a speeding vehicle. The subject continued to outpace Boyd for over five miles but eventually was caught up with and stopped in Walterville. The male driver had a four-month old baby in the back seat. Boyd cited the driver for **VBR 105/55, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering, and Expired Plates**.

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) contacted a group of bow hunters near Greenhorn. One subject was taken into custody on a warrant for **Fail to Appear**. The other subject was cited for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana and DWS—Violation**. This subject also possessed a stolen Ruger 7mm rifle. Charges will be referred to the Baker County DA for **Theft I by Receiving** for the stolen rifle.

At Fall Creek Reservoir, Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) contacted a boater who had been camping illegally on US Army Corps of Engineers land on the lake shore, spending their days on the lake to avoid repossession of their boat. The finance company made several attempts to repossess it, but the subject was able to avoid them by motoring away. Boyd cited them for **Criminal Trespass II** and warned them for other violations. He asked the subjects to clean up and leave the area, which they did.

Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) covered a Lake County injury crash when no patrols were available (and not available for call out). While working the crash, a pickup rolled slowly by with a man in the back. It appeared the occupants were looking for deer in the nearby alfalfa fields. A short time later, the tow truck arrived, relieving Weaver of any further duties at the crash scene. Weaver then headed towards Lakeview (the direction of the suspicious truck). He located the truck and found probable cause to stop it. The person in the bed of the truck had drugs with him and had a warrant for his arrest; and, a short time later, he found himself in the Lake County Jail.

While conducting angling checks on the Clackamas River, Tpr. Fromme (Portland) contacted two 18-year-olds taking a break in their vehicle after coho fishing. Upon contact and conversation with the anglers about fishing, Fromme noted multiple signs of marijuana use and developed probable cause to search the vehicle. With the help of Sr. Tpr. Neufeldt (Patrol), Fromme discovered



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alcohol, multiple marijuana pipes, a bong, paraphernalia, a scale used to weigh marijuana, and over usable marijuana. The driver was cited and released for **UPCS—Less than an Ounce of Marijuana and Minor in Possession of Alcohol**. Further investigation also revealed \$1,740 in \$20 denominations hidden in a backpack. This case is being recommended to the Clackamas County DA for Grand Jury indictment of **Distributing of a Controlled Substance—Marijuana**.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) observed a known suspended driver near Gold Beach driving in his pickup. Barden previously contacted the driver in the woods while elk hunting on foot and learned through dispatch this driver license was suspended. Barden stopped the driver who admitted he was suspended and hoped he would not get stopped. Barden cited the driver for **Failing to Return Suspended License and Driving while Suspended**.

Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) received information about a Rosboro employee who contacted a subject trespassing on company property. The subject was with three other men and told the employee he was "guiding" but not hunting. As a result of the investigation, Halsey lodged the subject in jail for **Criminal Trespass and Probation Violation**, as terms of probation specified the subject was not to be with anyone hunting.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) responded to a disturbance at a popular fishing spot on the Hwy 30 bridge near the mouth of the Deschutes River. A man was upset with other anglers who were fishing near him along the bridge rail and yelled and swore at them to intimidate them and allow him more space. He slapped an angler's pole to the side with his own pole to keep that angler from casting. Pearson cited the man for **Disorderly Conduct II** and advised to handle conflicts in a more constructive manner in the future.

Tpr. Thomas and Rct. Galusha (both Tillamook) responded to a vehicle crash on Hwy 6 reported as an intoxicated driver. Upon arrival, they found the driver consumed a large amount of alcohol after the accident and was unhurt. When Galusha asked the driver if he had any weapons, he told him about a pistol under the seat. Galusha located a concealed 45-automatic with one round in the chamber and the hammer back. This subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Open Container, and Careless Driving**.

Retired Sr. Tpr. Hathaway (Newport) patrolled Forest Capital property in the Siletz River Gorge and contacted a vehicle behind a Travel Management Area (TMA) sign. As he was escorting the first vehicle off the property, he contacted a group fishing at the confluence of the North and South Forks of the Siletz River. Hathaway cited the first subject for **Operating a Vehicle in Violation of the TMA**; and in the second group, one for **No Angling License** and the driver for **Operating a Vehicle in Violation of the TMA**.

At Fern Ridge Wildlife Area, Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) and Rct. Mathews (Springfield) checked 17 pheasant hunters and one goose hunter and noted no violations. After working at Fern Ridge, they conducted a patrol on the Middle Fork of the Willamette River below Dexter Dam. ODFW hatchery personnel were releasing adult steelhead back into the river. They watched four anglers prior to contact and one was observed smoking marijuana. They seized the angler's pipe and a small amount of marijuana as evidence. They cited the angler for **UPCS—Less than Once Ounce of Marijuana**.

Interagency Cooperation

Oregon and California Worked Together to Catch Wildlife Violators

The Central Point Team and other OSP troopers cooperatively worked with our counterparts from south of the border. On one patrol, Sr. Tpr. Culp (Salem) conducted a night flight in the Medford area. Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) advised California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) the aircraft would be flying. Culp observed night hunters just south of the Oregon border, he advised CDFG who contacted the night hunters and cited them accordingly.



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On another occasion, the CDFG lieutenant and four wardens he supervises met Sgt. Meyer and his team (Sr. Tpr. Allison, Sr. Tpr. Collom, Sr. Tpr. Cushman, and Sr. Tpr. Thompson) on Mt. Ashland for a sack lunch. They discussed cross-border poachers, local cases, aquatic invasive species, the California closure on suction dredging, and other topics. During the meeting, several cross-border operations were planned for the coming deer and elk seasons.

Sgt. Meyer, Sr. Tpr. Cushman, and Sr. Tpr. Collom, along with Tpr. Stotler and Ret. Venables (Patrol), worked the Ashland area for spotlights with Sr. Tpr. Culp piloting the airplane. A CDFG warden from Yreka was also invited to participate. The rifle deer season had just opened in California on the previous weekend; however, it was bow deer season in Oregon. Culp observed a vehicle working a spotlight along the California/Oregon border. CDFG stopped the vehicle, and Meyer arrived for back-up. CDFG cited two men for **Casting Artificial Light while Armed** to appear in Siskiyou County court, warned a male juvenile, and a seized a firearm and spotlight.

Other Interagency Patrols and Investigations



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Tpr. Olsen (Salem) received a complaint from a City of Salem compliance officer who received information of a family with two rattlesnakes. Olsen and ODFW Biologist Rick Boatner arrived at the residence and identified the snakes as Western Diamondback rattlesnakes. Olsen seized the snakes and will be issuing the owner a citation for **Possession of Prohibited Species**.

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell and Ret. McClay (Burns) assisted the Harney County SO on a search warrant. The troopers cited one subject for **Unlawful Taking of Deer—No Tag** and will be referring charges of **Waste of Wildlife** to the Harney County DA.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) assisted the Clatsop County SO with a disturbance in rural Astoria, after a neighbor called and stated a male subject was punching a female subject outside of their residence. The male subject was taken into custody for **Assault IV—Felony**.

Tpr. Young (Salem) received a complaint from a hunter regarding a marijuana grow in the Mt. Hood National Forest. Young, Tpr. Turnbo, Tpr. Olsen (Salem), Tpr. Buck, and Sgt. Allori (Portland) assisted the USFS in eradicating 25 marijuana plants in Mt. Hood National Forest.

Tillamook troopers and ODFW responded to a report of mother cougar with two kittens sitting on the Nestucca High School track. Responding searchers did not locate a cougar or kittens, but they possibly found a bobcat track. Sgt. Hoodenpyl had Tillamook 911 do a reverse call-back to residences within a four-block radius of the school to inform them of the possible sighting and to call OSP or ODFW if a cougar was sighted.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) contacted the license holders of a local Type I cervid elk ranch. OSP and ODFW found several fencing violations during a recent inspection. The ranch owner's records indicated that several elk were unaccounted for and some elk listed as slaughtered were actually alive and well on the ranch. Two criminal citations were issued for **Failure to Maintain Accurate and Current Type I Cervid Elk Ranch Records** and **Failure to Maintain Type I Cervid Elk Ranch Fence to Adequate Standards**.

Lebanon PD responded to a domestic complaint. Sgt. Bressler (LPD) observed a set of fresh mule deer antlers without the tag attached. He inquired about the tag. The hunter provided a bow tag that was not validated. The information was forwarded to Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) who contacted the subject. The subject indicated he had hunted for many years and killed the mule deer in the Silvies Unit but did not validate the tag. Halsey cited the hunter for **Fail to Validate Deer Tag**.

Sgt. Brown, Sr. Tpr. Carter, and Tpr. Dietz (Pendleton) assisted WDFW officers with serving a search warrant in Walla Walla, Washington. A subject and his wife who had been living out-of-state since late 2006 had been continuing to apply for and purchasing resident license and tags for three years. During that time, they had taken a buck deer, a cow elk, and a black bear in Oregon. They had just returned the previous day from bow hunting in Oregon's Walla Walla Unit. Officers seized their 2009 licenses and tags, a spike buck skull, and hunting photos; and a bear mount will be seized from a taxidermist. Charges of **Possession/False Application for Resident Licenses/Tags** and **Illegal Possession of Game Mammal Parts** will be referred to the Umatilla County DA.

Public Relations / Trainings

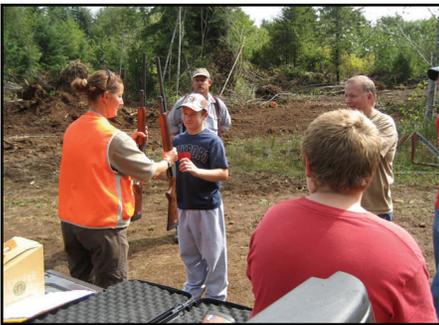
Troopers Participated in Hunter Education in First Lincoln County Field Day for Home Study Students



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On September 19, Division troopers, ODFW Hunter Education volunteers, and Big Timber Rifle and Pistol Club sponsored a Hunter Education field day in Siletz. This was the first time that Lincoln County offered a field day for internet and home study students. Fifteen students and 10 parents from all over Oregon participated in the field day to allow students to obtain their Oregon Hunter Education certification. Students were put through four stations, including hands on training in firearm familiarization and safety, fence crossings, firearm carries, zones of fire, shoot/don't shoot scenarios, and, of course, live fire with rifles and shotguns. Retired Sr. Tpr. Miller (Newport) attended the morning lecture to provide input on legal and ethical issues surrounding private property including timber lands and ATVs. Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) instructed students on proper firearm carries, zones of fire, and fence crossing scenarios. Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Sr. Tpr. Torland (Newport) took the students on a half-mile trail walk, including instruction in over a dozen shoot/don't shoot scenarios with life-size decoys of elk, bear, turkeys, and deer. They also instructed students on proper tracking and blood-trailing techniques. All participants, as well as

other volunteer instructors, were impressed with the quality and magnitude of the trail walk and instruction from the troopers. There was an overwhelming, positive response to have Division troopers assisting with the Hunter Education program. Many comments were received about officers partaking in the training presented a positive, approachable image. The event was a success, and all students obtained their certification.



ODFW offers a variety of education and instruction opportunities:

[Outdoor Skills Program Overview](#)

[Hunter Education, Instructors](#)

[Aquatic and Angler Education](#)

[Becoming an Outdoors Woman](#)

[Mentored Youth Program](#)

[Youth Angling Enhancement Program](#)

Various Events, Meetings, and Presentations

Lt. Lane (NW Region) attended the Cultural Resources Cluster Group meeting at the Siletz Tribal Community Center. The meeting was hosted by the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz. The group meets quarterly at various locations around the state to discuss cultural resources issues between the nine federally recognized tribes within Oregon and state agencies. For this meeting, along with Oregon State Police, state agencies who attended included Oregon Parks and Recreations; State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO); Oregon Department of Transportation; Oregon Department of State Lands; Oregon Department of Land, Conversation, and Development; Oregon Military Department; Oregon Department of Forestry; Oregon State Legislature Commission on Indian Services; and Oregon Department of Justice. Tribes represented were the Confederated Tribes of Siletz; Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community; Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians; Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians; Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservations; and Coquille Indian Tribe. The meetings are directed as a result of Oregon's Government-to-Government process. Lt. Lane has been a long-time group member. For more information, [please click here](#) to visit the Oregon State Legislature Commission on Indian Services.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) attended the monthly OHA meeting in Klamath Falls.

Sr. Tpr. Marchand and Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) assisted with the local hydroplane races in the Grants Pass area.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) gave a presentation to the local STEP group. About 50 people attended. The talk focused on the angling regulations and Salisbury answered many questions.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) had Judge Summers from Marion County Justice Court accompany him on a ride-a-long. Turnbo and Tpr. Young (Salem) conducted a deer decoy operation; however, no violations were observed.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) conducted a public talk at the Emerald Valley Chapter of the OHA monthly membership meeting. Topics of discussion were the TIP program and rules and regulations for the upcoming hunting season.

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