

# The Field Review



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## If Convicted, Suspects Could Each Face at Least a \$15,000 Civil Fine

In September, among other notable cases, Division troopers investigated several illegal takes of large branch bull elk, including an 7 x 10, a 7 x 6, and a 6 x 6; and if convicted, the suspects could each face a \$15,000 civil fine under a new Oregon law that went into effect on January 1, 2010, and potentially a three-year to a lifetime hunting license suspension. Oregon Revised Statute 496.705 provides that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission may institute suit for the recovery of damages for the unlawful taking or killing of any wildlife that are the property of the state as referred to in the statute, including \$15,000 in damages for each elk with at least six points on one antler. Many of the cases the troopers make are the result of tips received from concerned citizens. Tips can be phoned in day or night, even anonymously, to the TIP Hotline at 1-800-452-7888. The following are three of September's large bull elk cases.



7 x 10 seized as evidence. Photo credit: File

After receiving information of a trespass and illegal taking of a large branched antlered bull elk, Tpr. Dietz, Sr. Tpr. Carter, and Sgt. Brown (Pendleton) responded to a residence in Hermiston. An SIU detective had confirmed the suspects were still at the residence, as they had information the suspects were going to move the elk head. The landowner met the troopers at the front door, and after some conversation, showed them where the elk was located. The troopers determined the suspect's son shot the bull, and he and his father trespassed on private property to retrieve the poached animal. The troopers cited the son for **Taking Branched Antlered Elk Closed Season (Rifle), Waste of a Game Mammal,**

**Criminal Trespass II,** and **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another** and the father for **Criminal Trespass II** and **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another** and seized the 7 x 10 trophy elk head that roughly scored 370+ as evidence. This case made a significant impact to the Milton-Freewater community.

Tpr. Olsen and Rct. Glaser (Salem) responded to an anonymous tip that an Oregon City man harvested two branch bull elk above Detroit Reservoir in the Cascades. They contacted the subject at his residence and found three fresh branch bull elk racks and evidence supporting the complaint of exceeding the limit of elk. The troopers conducted multiple interviews and collected numerous pieces of evidence before citing and releasing the subject for **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Elk** and **Unlawful Possession of Big Game Parts**. They seized two sets of large Roosevelt elk antlers (6 x 6 and 5 x 5) and elk meat as evidence.



6 x 6 and 5 x 5 seized as evidence. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany), Tpr. Olsen, and Tpr. Freitag (Salem) investigated a male subject who killed two bull elk. After an extensive investigation, the troopers determined the



7 x 6, 5 x 5, and spike seized as evidence. Photo credit: File

subject killed a spike bull elk in the morning with a bow on private property and, later that day, went back out and killed a 7 x 6 elk with his bow. The subject contacted a second subject who put his tag on the spike. During the investigation, the troopers found the first subject was also in possession of a set of 5 x 5 elk antlers attached to the skull that he did not have a tag for and stated he found. The troopers arrested the subject who shot both elk and transported him to the Benton County Jail on charges of **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Bull Elk, Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another, Borrowing a Big Game Tag, and Unlawful Possession of Big Game Parts (5 x 5 Elk Antlers)**. They cited and released the second subject for **Loaning a Big Game Tag and Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**.

# Recognition

## Bend Trooper Received Shikar-Safari Wildlife Officer of the Year Award

An annual award from the conservation-based organization Shikar-Safari Club International honored a Bend Division trooper as the State's top conservation enforcement officer for 2009.

Senior Trooper James Hayes was presented with the Shikar-Safari Club International Wildlife Officer of the Year, an award given annually for more than 25 years to recognize outstanding game enforcement officers. The award was presented Thursday, September 2, at the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting in Hillsboro by Shikar-Safari representative Lynn Locker.

This award honors an officer whose efforts during the previous year reflected outstanding performance and achievement among the state agency's sworn fish and wildlife law enforcement personnel. Trooper Hayes' selection by the Shikar-Safari Club International places him in a distinguished group who has earned this recognition for their commitment to fish and wildlife enforcement.

"Senior Trooper James Hayes is without a doubt a true professional and his actions exemplify what it means to be a State Trooper and a dedicated Fish and Wildlife officer. Senior Trooper Hayes performs at a high level every day, and he always goes the extra mile to protect the natural resources and citizens of this state," said Division Director Captain Jeff Samuels.

Hayes, age 36, joined OSP in 1999 and has worked in the Division at the Bend Area Command office since 2005. In August, he was also selected as the 2009 Fish and Wildlife Division Officer of the Year.

Shikar-Safari Club International presents annual awards to wildlife law enforcement officers in all 50 states, 10 Canadian provinces, and the territories of both nations. The club is an exclusive organization with a worldwide membership of no more than 200. The club originally formed in 1952 to provide members an opportunity to get together and talk about their hunting experiences, but it has evolved into an organization that supports conservation and education through a worldwide foundation. The organization is recognized worldwide for its efforts in the protection, enhancement and preservation of wildlife, and has placed particular emphasis on endangered and threatened species through the promotion of enforcement of conservation laws and regulations.



Senior Trooper James Hayes and Shikar-Safari representative Lynn Locker (above). Lieutenant Randy Scorby, Senior Trooper James Hayes, Sergeant David Pond, and Captain Jeff Samuels (below). Photo credit: File

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### Abbreviations and Acronyms

AIS	Aquatic Invasive Species	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	Rct.	Recruit
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	IDFG	Idaho Department of Fish and Game	Sgt.	Sergeant
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	SIU	Special Investigations Unit
BER	Boat Examination Report	Lt.	Lieutenant	Sr.	Senior
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	SO	Sheriff's Office
BUH/DUI/Boating/Driving Under	Influence Intoxicants/Drugs	ODF	Department of Forestry	TIP	Turn in Poachers
Capt.	Captain	ODFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife	Tpr.	Trooper
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	ODOT	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	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	PFD	Personal Flotation Device	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DSL	Department of State Lands			WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
				WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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# Commercial Fish / Sport Shellfish



Derelict pot retrieval (above, right). Photo credits: File

## Troopers Participated in Derelict Crab Pot Retrieval Program

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) combined a sport and commercial patrol on the Pacific Ocean. They patrolled the 20-fathom line closure for rockfish and assisted with the derelict crab pot retrieval program. While sport anglers were sticking well within the 20-fathom line, not the same could be said for the derelict crab pots. The troopers worked in conjunction with ODFW and a Newport commercial fishing vessel to locate and pull pots found in the ocean from Newport to 23 miles south. They found and pulled 22 pots and logged additional pots found. ODFW, OSP, and the Dungeness Crab Commission have been logging locations of derelict gear and then giving the locations to commercial fisherman who sign up to assist retrieving the gear. The pots pulled are returned to their owners.



## Investigations Yielded Waste of Resources

In addition to Tpr. Peterson (Tillamook) citing a suspect with 17 undersized or female crab for **Unlawful Possession Undersized Dungeness Crab**, Sr. Tpr. Harris and Tpr. Brandon (Coos Bay) issuing a suspect with four undersized Dungeness and about 30 red rock crab a citation for **Taking Undersized Dungeness Crab** and a warning for Exceeding the Daily Limit on Red Rock Crab, and Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) citing a suspect with seven undersized Dungeness crab for **Unlawful Taking Undersized Dungeness Crab**; Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) responded to a public pier regarding a report of four subjects in a van keeping "everything." She contacted a male in a parked van who advised he had not been crabbing. She then saw a female leave the pier with a full shopping bag under her arm. Upon contact, the female said she had to use the restroom and denied a search. The female stayed in the restroom for 10 minutes, and the toilet flushed repeatedly. When the female exited, the bag was empty. Urbigkeit noted crab parts scattered on the restroom floor and in the toilet. She advised the female she committed a crime and asked if she was associated with the van.

The female indicated the driver was a friend. Urbigkeit motioned for the driver to come to her location, but he sped away. She detained the female in handcuffs in a Newport PD car. After 15 minutes, the driver returned; and Urbigkeit and a NPD officer conducted a traffic stop. A consent search yielded no crab in the van. The driver admitted he stashed the crab. The driver took Urbigkeit to a vacant lot in Newport where she found a large cooler and two additional shopping bags full of undersized crab. She recovered 81 Dungeness crab (49 undersized females, 30 undersized males, and two legal). She contacted two additional male suspects at the pier who initially denied involvement but later confessed. Urbigkeit issued initial citations to the first suspect for **No Shellfish License, Tampering with Physical Evidence, Failure to Allow Inspection of Catch, and Unlawful Possession of Undersized Crab**; to the second suspect for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Crab and Tampering with Physical Evidence**; and to the third suspect for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Crab**. The fourth subject had a shellfish license and was not cited. The next day, the Harbor Master called to report damages. They had to replace a toilet ring and clean the pipes of a toilet and the air vent in the bathroom due to small crab inside. Urbigkeit cited the first suspect also for **Waste of Shellfish and Criminal Mischief III**.

## Commercial and Shellfish Investigations Worked

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury and Tpr. Wetzel (Florence) contacted a commercial fisherman following an ongoing investigation and cited him for **Unlawful Possession of Commercially Caught Tuna**.

Tpr. O'Connor and Rct. Warwick (Astoria) contacted the captain of a groundfish boat that delivered a 48% overage of Pacific Ocean perch to a processor. The troopers cited the captain for **Exceeding the Cumulative Trip Limit of Groundfish—Pacific Ocean Perch**.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) cited a skipper of a gillnet vessel participating in the Knappa Slough Select Area gillnet fishery for **Fishing Salmon Prohibited Method—Gillnet Exceeding 100 Fathoms in Length**. An anonymous tip prompted a patrol that detected the skipper using in excess of 200 fathoms of net. Klepp seized 10 salmon.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) worked the Tongue Point Select Area gillnet fishery and observed one boat with ~40 fathoms of net deployed considerably north of the deadline drift into the main stem Columbia River. Upon contact, Klepp boarded the vessel as the fisherman retrieved his net. The troopers cited the fisherman for **Fishing Closed Area—North of Tongue Point Select Area Boundary** (his third offense) and seized seven coho and one Chinook.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) and Sr. Tpr. Hanson (Portland) contacted a fisherman in Young's Bay with ~40 fathoms of net pressed against the bridge supports on an ebb tide. About half of the net had lead line weighing four pounds per fathom. The troopers cited the fisherman for **Fishing Prohibited Method—Fixed Gillnet/Attached to Hwy 101 Bridge, Fishing Prohibited Method—Line Exceeding Two Pounds per Fathom, and No Personal Commercial Fishing License**.

A skipper failed to make a delivery to a dealer for 2½ months despite having ~100 commercial crab pots still in the ocean near Seaside. In August, WDFW contacted the skipper in Port Ilwaco (WA) with 40 pots on board. A week later, Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) inspected 32 more pots in the ocean. The skipper admitted he had other pots to retrieve and gave reasons why he failed to actively run the gear and/or make deliveries. Commercial crabbers are required to actively run their gear to avoid dead loss of crab. Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted and cited the skipper for **Failure to Make a Commercial Dungeness Crab Landing within 14 Days while Having Gear Deployed in the Pacific Ocean**.

# Sport Angling

## 10 Cited and 12 Salmon Seized in 5 Clackamas River Patrols

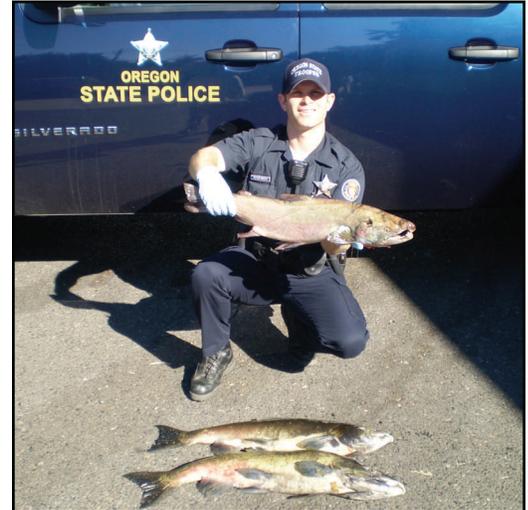
Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) observed two anglers each snag and keep two Chinook on the Clackamas River near Estacada. Schoenborn noted one angler allowed another to tag his fish. Sgt. Allori (Portland) arrived to assist. The troopers contacted the anglers in the parking lot, and a consent search of the vehicle also revealed a wild coho. The troopers cited one subject for **Unlawful Take of Snagged Chinook Salmon, Loaning 2010 Harvest Card, No 2010 Angling Tag, and Unlawful Possession of Native Coho Salmon** and the other for **Unlawful Take of Snagged Chinook Salmon, Borrowing 2010 Harvest Card and Aiding in a Wildlife Offense**. They seized and donated all three fish.

While Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) observed two subjects angling on the Clackamas River below Cazadero Dam, he noted one of the anglers illegally snag and land a Chinook with the help of the second subject. Schoenborn cited one subject for **Illegal Possession of a Chinook Salmon** and the second subject for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense**.

While patrolling the Clackamas River near Estacada, Sgt. Allori (Portland) observed an angler emerge from the brush carrying a plastic bag with two Chinook in it. Allori contacted the angler and found one was a wild Chinook. He cited the angler for **Unlawful Possession of Wild Chinook Salmon**. Allori seized the fish and donated it to charity.

Sgt. Allori and Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) observed three anglers snagging Chinook on the Clackamas River. They contacted the anglers about their illegal activities. The investigation resulted in citing the first angler for **Exceeding Daily Catch Limit of Chinook Salmon, Borrowing a Harvest Card, Continuing to Angle After Catching a Daily Limit of Chinook Salmon, Unlawful Take of Chinook Salmon—Snagging x 2, Aiding in a Wildlife Violation, and Fail To Immediately Validate Harvest Card**; the second for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation x 3, Loaning a Harvest Card, and Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of a Waterway**; and the third for **Unlawful Take of Chinook Salmon—Snagging x 2 and Continuing to Angle after Retaining a Daily Limit of Chinook Salmon**. They seized four Chinook and donated them to charity.

Sgt. Allori (Portland) was observing several anglers on the Clackamas River and contacted a father and son leaving the area carrying three Chinook. After he checked their tags, they asked if they could keep one more fish for the day. Allori told them the limit was two Chinook per day per person, and they could keep one more fish. The father and son proceeded to their car parked about one mile away. Allori hiked into the forest and watched a known snagging hole. About 45 minutes later, the father and son showed up at the hole, and Allori watched the father catch and keep three Chinook (two were snagged) in about 20 minutes. The father gave two Chinook to his brother who was angling next to him, and the group quickly left the area. Allori contacted them in the parking lot. He cited one angler for **Taking Chinook Salmon Prohibited Method—Snagging x 2, Borrowing an Oregon Harvest Card x 2, Exceeding the Bag Limit of Chinook Salmon, and Counseling in an Angling Offense x 3** and the other angler for **Loaning an Oregon Harvest Card x 2 and Unlawful Possession of Chinook Salmon x 2**. Allori seized three Chinook as evidence.



Trooper with seized salmon. Photo credit: File

## Subject Angled with Prohibited Methods

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) responded to a Clatsop County SO request regarding three males angling in a closed stream at Big Creek. Upon contact, Klepp found three young males in possession of two large Chinook. After initially attempting to utilize their poles, two of the men gave up and began throwing rocks at the fish as they swam up the shallow creek, killing two Chinook. Neither man had an angling license, and they claimed they did not know the creek was closed. Klepp cited both for **Taking Salmon Prohibited Method—Rocks**.

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) received a complaint of small boat racing around the Barn Hole on Salmon River to stir up the fish for the “boat bite,” a local term for snagging moving fish. Kehr hiked around to the back side of the hole and found the suspect. Within five minutes, he started up his boat and started spinning around in the hole, back and forth from one end to the other, while his friend was tight-lining corkies in the hole. When contacted, the suspect’s explanation for his conduct did not match Kehr’s observations. Kehr explained to the suspect his conduct was called wildlife harassment. Per ORS 498.006, “no person shall chase, harass...disturb any wildlife except while engaged in lawfully angling for, taking, hunting or trapping of such wildlife.” Kehr cited the suspect for **Harassing Wildlife**. The suspect also failed a boat exam.

## Report Wildlife Law Violators—including Anglers

In one weekend, while working the Siuslaw River, Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) cited seven subjects for **Unlawful Possession of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho**.

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) responded to several complaints of nonadipose fin-clipped coho salmon. She seized five coho and issued three citations for **Unlawful Possession of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho**.

The Mid-Coast Fish and Wildlife Team has responded to a large amount of complaints on the Nehalem and Nestucca Rivers where ODFW personnel are finding anglers with illegal wild coho salmon in their possession. Troopers cited all the subjects for **Unlawful Possession Wild Coho Salmon** and seized the fish.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) received a complaint of a female adult snagging salmon on the McKenzie River near the Leaburg Hatchery. The witness told Boyd he watched her pull in two salmon backwards and told her not to keep them. She clubbed them on the head and kept them anyway. Boyd located her and watched her attempt to snag during a 10-minute period. When contact, Boyd learned she had not validated her tag for the fish she caught over an hour prior. Boyd cited her for **Unlawful Take of Chinook Salmon—Snag and Fail to Immediate Validate Salmon Tag**.

# Sport Angling

## 10 Cited, 9 Fish Seized on 3 Big Creek Patrols

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) contacted a subject who was angling from the train trestle bridge, located near the mouth of Big Creek. He cited the angler for **Angling Closed Area—Big Creek Train Trestle Bridge**. Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted two men casting spinners from the train trestle bridge at Big Creek. He cited both subjects for **Angling Salmon Closed Area—Big Creek Train Trestle Bridge**. Klepp also contacted a man casting a spinner from a gillnet vessel just below the trestle. Klepp cited this subject for **No Angling License/Salmon Harvest Card**.



Chinook salmon migrating upstream. Photo credit: NOAA

Ret. Herman (Astoria) and Tpr. Thomas (Patrol) responded separately to Big Creek regarding four subjects snagging at night. Thomas parked at an access road. As the subjects were leaving in their vehicle, Thomas contacted them. The subjects said they had not caught any salmon, and only one had an Oregon angling license and tag. Thomas smelled fish and noted one subject had blood on his hands. When Herman arrived, he interviewed the subjects separately. One subject admitted they retained five foul-hooked Chinook, but when they saw the Patrol car, they threw the salmon in the brush. Herman found five foul-hooked salmon in a bag in the brush, as well as three long aluminum poles with treble hooks taped to the ends. All four subjects were cited criminally for multiple offenses, including **Unlawful Taking Foul-Hooked Salmon, Unlawful Taking—No Valid 2010 Combined Angling Harvest Card, Failure to Immediately Validate Angling Harvest Card, and Tampering With Physical Evidence**. The troopers seized all five salmon.

Ret. Herman (Astoria) watched two anglers in a rubber raft repeatedly snag salmon on Big Creek and land and retain several fish. On one occasion, the anglers took their cooler off of the raft, remove the salmon, and return to angling with an empty cooler. Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) responded to assist and watched from another location as the anglers prepared to leave. When contacted, the anglers initially admitted to catching one salmon; however, the investigation and a consent search of revealed the subjects had two coho and one native coho hidden in the truck cab and one subject in possession of marijuana. The troopers cited both criminally for multiple offenses including, **Unlawful Taking Foul-Hooked Salmon, Unlawful Taking Closed Season—Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon, Failure to Immediately Validate Angling Harvest Card, Continuing to Angle after Retaining Daily Bag Limit, and Aiding in a Wildlife Offense—Taking Foul-Hooked Salmon** and one subject additionally for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**. They also seized the four salmon, the marijuana, and a pipe.

## Suspects Attempted to Deceive

Tpr. Ring (Bend) observed an angler at Crane Prairie Reservoir catching largemouth bass, running them into a wooded area (to hide them), and then returning to angle for more. Ring contacted the subject and discovered the subject had retained 11 bass, six over his limit. Ring cited the subject for **Exceeding Bag Limit of Largemouth Bass** and seized the extra bass.

Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) observed a subject land a native coho on the Clackamas River. After contacting the subject, Schoenborn determined the subject did keep the native coho and tried to hide the fish in the bushes. He also discovered the subject cut the adipose fin off the salmon with a knife as well. He cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of a Native Coho Salmon and No 2010 Angling Tag**.

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) had Lt. Wilson (NW Region) ride with him. They contacted numerous anglers and boaters on the Salmon River and gave out several warnings. The troopers contacted one subject who changed the date on his tag to the correct date when he was told troopers were in the parking area. They cited the suspect for **Littering in a Waterway and Altering a Harvest Card** and seized one coho. Kehr has cited this subject for other angling violations.

## Timing is Essential to Apprehending Violators

Sr. Tpr. Love and Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) observed a subject attempting to snag kokanee at Sheep's Bridge on Wickiup Reservoir. They contacted the subject and issued a citation for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging**.

While at the Port of Brookings, Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) observed an angler getting his picture taken with a nonadipose fin-clipped coho. Stinnett seized the fish and issued the angler a citation for **Unlawful Taking Nonadipose Fin-clipped Coho**.

Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) was patrolling Laurel Beach on the Columbia River and observed two subjects attempting to land a sturgeon. Schwartz hid in nearby vegetation and observed one angler land the sturgeon and strike it with a rock, killing it. The angler then walked directly in front of Schwartz and began covering the fish with rocks. While placing his last rock, the angler looked up and observed Schwartz standing within arms reach. Schwartz cited one angler for **Unlawful Taking of Undersized Sturgeon** and the second for **Aiding in an Angling Violation—Unlawful Taking of Undersized Sturgeon**. The sturgeon measured only 30 inches.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) responded to Nehalem Bay regarding a subject who possessed a wild coho. When an ODFW fish sampler asked to see the fish, she knew it was a violation and asked to keep the fish, but the subject would not allow the sampler to take it. Upon arrival, Hoodenpyl explained how to identify salmon species and the requirement to allow inspection of catch. Hoodenpyl cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon** and seized the coho. During this contact, a person reported a subject crabbing nearby using too many pots/rings. Hoodenpyl contacted the crabber who denied using more than three rings and showed him 10 Dungeness crab she retained; however, four were too small. Hoodenpyl cited her for **Unlawful Possession Undersized Dungeness Crab**. The short crab were returned to the bay.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Two Men Cited after Their Pickup Goes Down Embankment and Crushes Poached Deer



Pickup crushed poached deer. Photo credit: File

Two Elmira-area men were cited by a Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) for wildlife offenses when a traffic crash investigation involving a pickup off a road near Noti found a poached deer underneath it. Boyd began an investigation of a noninjury crash after a pickup was reported off a steep embankment in the Noti area. While at the pickup down an embankment, Boyd found a crushed deer partially sticking out from underneath it. After the pickup was towed back up to the roadway, Boyd inspected the dead deer and saw it had been shot. The two occupants were identified. The subsequent investigation determined the two men were driving in the area when they spotted the deer, stopped, and shot at it. The deer went down a steep embankment where they backed up the pickup to the edge of the road. Unable to pull the dead deer back up to the road, the driver was trying to move the pickup away from the roadway edge when it rolled backwards, down the embankment, and came to rest on top of the dead deer. Boyd cited one suspect for **Unlawful Take of Doe Deer—Prohibited Hours, Closed Season** and the other suspect for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Unlawful Take of Doe Deer**.

## Aircraft Program Proves Successful in Apprehending Wildlife Law Violators

In conjunction with the Aircraft Program, Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) located a suspect vehicle which Sr. Tpr. Culp (Salem, Pilot) observed from the air casting an artificial light. The two suspects had a loaded 10/22 rifle in the front seat and a large spotlight, and both admitted to casting the light while armed. In addition, both subjects had been contacted earlier the same week for an unrelated game offense and the other for MIP—Alcohol during a traffic stop. Stone cited each for **Casting a Light while Armed**.

Sr. Tpr. Culp (Salem, Pilot) and Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) worked the Oakridge area for night hunters. Culp observed a vehicle spotlighting in the Upper Middle Fork Willamette River drainage between Pine and Youngs Creek. Maher intercepted the vehicle and found the driver was armed with a rifle, a pistol, and a bow. The light he was casting was a handheld spotlight. In addition, the subject's driving privileges were suspended. Maher cited the subject for **Casting an Artificial Light from a Motor Vehicle while Armed** and **DWS—Violation**.

Sr. Tpr. Menlow (Bend, Pilot) and Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) worked night hunters near the summit of the Santiam Pass the night prior to the High Cascade rifle buck season. Menlow radioed Boyd about an active spotlihter in the Metolious Unit and led Boyd straight to the suspect. Boyd watched the driver cast a light from the driver's side window. Just prior to making contact, the suspect drove into the woods. Boyd turned on his red and blue lights and stopped the suspect about 100 yards off the road. He noticed a flash in the air near the driver's window and thought the suspect turned off his spotlight, but he later learned the flash was actually the spotlight flying through the air after the suspect yanked the wire in two and threw it out of his window. Boyd cited the suspect for **Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light** and seized a loaded 22 magnum rimfire rifle and a battery pack spotlight found on the passenger seat.

## Deceased Person's Name Drawn for Tag

Sr. Tpr. Coggins (Enterprise) brought an end to a nearly two-year investigation with the arrest of a 68-year-old Sandy-area man on allegations he used the name of a friend's deceased 92-year-old mother to unlawfully apply for deer and elk tags in the Keating and Snake River Units. The defendant's arraignment was set for September 20 in the Clackamas County Circuit Court. In August, the suspect was arrested by OSP troopers following an indictment by a Clackamas County Grand Jury for two felony counts of **Identity Theft** and two misdemeanor counts of **False Application for a Hunting License**. Coggins started the investigation in November 2008 after discovering a deceased person's name was drawn for an ODFW rifle elk tag for the Snake River Unit. Coggins learned the name of the deceased person, who had passed away in November 2006, was also listed in the ODFW licensing system as applying for deer and elk point savers during 2007. Coggins and Portland Division troopers served a search warrant at the suspect's residence in June 2009. Information and evidence collected during the two-year investigation resulted in a Clackamas County Circuit Court judge signing two felony warrants for the suspect's arrest charging two counts of Identity Theft.

## Traffic Stop Led to Discovering Illegal Deer

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) stopped a subject for a traffic violation south of La Pine. The investigation revealed that two subjects in the vehicle had been in Lake County and killed two small bucks using a rifle with a sound suppressor. The subject had a permit for the suppressor and had numerous firearms in the vehicle; however, the firearms were shared with the other subject who happened to be a multi-convicted felon (Rape, Sodomy, Display of Child in Sexual Conduct, and Theft First Degree). In addition to two buck deer, Hayes seized two Ruger .454 Casull pistols, one Glock pistol, a compound bow, a GPS, and a camera. He issued one subject a citation for **Unlawfully Taking Deer (two counts)** and lodged the other subject in the Lake County Jail for **Unlawfully Taking Deer** and **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**.



Illegal deer in back of truck. Photo credit: File

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Numerous Cited for Illegally Hunting Deer

Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) and Sgt Shugart (Salem) conducted an investigation involving a subject who trespassed on private property to take a trophy class 4 x 4 blacktail deer while archery hunting in the Lebanon area. The troopers cited the subject for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass** and seized the buck.

Sr. Tpr. McNeil (Baker City) and Lt. Macmaniman (Patrol) responded to Sumpter regarding a report of a shot deer, with two subjects actively pursuing it in city limits. McNeil located the subjects and determined the deer was shot the first time on USFS land, and the subjects pursued it into Sumpter, where the subjects shot it again. Macmaniman dispatched the deer. McNeil cited one subject for **Hunting Prohibited Area—City Limits** and seized the deer.

Tpr. McClay (Burns) received a report from ODFW that a subject killed a fawn deer with no visible antler in the Silvies Unit. McClay obtained information that the deer was killed in the Snow Mountain area, and he determined where the suspects were camped. McClay and Tpr. Beckert (Patrol) contacted the two suspects. The troopers identified the shooter and seized the fawn antlerless buck deer. McClay cited the suspect for **Unlawfully Taking Antlerless Deer**.

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) received a report of an in-progress deer poaching complaint. Bean responded and learned two archery hunters were watching a group of bucks when another subject stopped his vehicle, stepped out with his rifle, and shot one. Bean salvaged the deer and later contacted the suspect. The suspect initially denied shooting the deer, but he eventually admitted to killing it. Bean cited the suspect for **Unlawfully Taking Deer** and seized his rifle.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) received a tip that a subject shot a deer with a bow within the city limits of Warrenton. O'Connor spoke to neighbors, and one reported a subject contacted them indicating he had a deer down on their property and asked for permission to retrieve it. O'Connor and Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted the suspect. The suspect admitted to shooting the deer within the city limits. The troopers cited the suspect for **Hunting/Take of Deer Closed Area—Within Incorporated City Limits** and seized the spike deer head and several packages of deer meat.

Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) responded to Hardman on a report of a rifle-shot deer on the last day of archery season. The witness obtained a license plate as the suspect drove from the scene, leaving the buck behind. After Mayer salvaged the deer. When he later contacted the driver, he learned the passenger shot the deer with an AK-47, and the driver aided by gutting out the deer. Mayer and Sr. Tpr. Connell (Hermiston) contacted the shooter at a motel and determined he killed the buck with his AK-47 and left it behind when he saw the witness coming down the road. The troopers cited the shooter for **Criminal Trespass II, Waste of Game Mammal, and Taking Deer—No Valid Tag** and the driver for **Aiding in a Game Violation** and seized the AK-47.

## Elk Investigations Resulted in Issuing Several Citations

Tpr. Clement (Albany) and Tpr. Freitag (Salem) received a report of a two men who attempted to call in a large branch bull elk while archery hunting in Lane County. When the elk would not come any closer than 250 yards, one subject shot the elk with a 30-06 rifle, hitting it once. Another archery hunter witnessed the incident and called OSP, providing a description of the subjects and their vehicle. As a result of the investigation, troopers cited the first subject for **Taking Bull Elk Prohibited Method—Rifle** and the second for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Taking Bull Elk Prohibited Method**.



Trooper checking tags on deer and elk. Photo credit: File

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) received a call about two subjects trespassing on The Wetlands Conservatory-Matson Creek Preserve. The steward of the property observed the subjects kill a young calf elk and begin to butcher it. The steward contacted the subjects and obtained their hunting licenses and called OSP. Keeler cited the subjects for **Hunt in Violation of Criminal Trespass II**. The elk was salvaged, seized, and taken to a local butcher for processing.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) received a complaint of a subject trespassing on property next to The Dalles Watershed. He located the suspect's vehicle and tracked him across the private property onto the watershed. Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) and a volunteer arrived and set up surveillance where they believed the suspect would exit. After several hours, they observed a herd of elk and the suspect stalking them. The suspect walked within a few yards of the elk before they made contact. The suspect had a field tip arrow knocked in the bow. The investigation revealed the suspect shot several broadhead tip arrows at the elk but had clearly missed them. The troopers cited the suspect for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass, Hunting Prohibited Area—The Dalles Watershed, and Hunting Prohibited Method**.

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher, Tpr. Boyd (Springfield), and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) responded to a complaint of a subject who shot multiple elk with a rifle in the Vida area. The troopers located and stopped one of the involved subjects following an ODF fire truck out of the closed/gated private timber company land. Martin Maher interviewed the subject and escorted him to the crime scene. While contacting a group of four of the involved subjects who were pulling a cow elk out of the canyon, Boyd quickly became aware of two additional subjects who left the scene on foot just prior to his arrival (they saw the troopers coming). Marshall Maher located the two subjects about a half-mile down the road and escorted them to the scene. All seven subjects were bow hunters. After taking statements, the troopers found three cow elk; two field-dressed and one left to waste in the canyon. Field necropsies on all three elk recovered bullets. The investigation resulted in the troopers issuing 11 citations: two for **Unlawful Take of Cow Elk**, three for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**, four for **Hunting while Criminal Trespass in a Motor Vehicle**, one for **Criminal Trespass II in a Motor Vehicle**, and one for **Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. Martin Maher took the two salvageable elk to the Eugene Mission.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Wildlife Law Violators Discovered during WED Decoy Operations

Sgt. Lea and Tpr. Brandon (Coos Bay) conducted a night WED. One vehicle stopped, and the passenger shot at the decoy. They cited the passenger for **Unlawful Take of Blacktail Deer with the Aid of a Light** and the driver for **Aiding in the Crime and No Operators License**.

Sr. Tpr. Hayes and Tpr. Ring (Bend) conducted a night WED near La Pine. A subject observed the WED, illuminated it with his vehicle headlights, and exited the vehicle. Using the door as a rest, he fired a .45 cal. pistol, striking the decoy twice. The troopers cited the subject for **Taking Deer Prohibited Method—Firearm and Taking Deer Prohibited Hours** and seized the pistol.

Sr. Tpr. Bertram and Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) set up a daytime WED in the Keno Unit. When one vehicle stopped, the passenger got out and attempted to shoot the decoy with his bow from the road. The suspect already filled his tag three days earlier. He was in possession of his son's bow deer tag and said he would have filled it with that deer (the WED). The troopers cited the suspect for **Illegally Hunting Deer—No Valid Tag and Borrowing Deer Tag** and warned him for Shooting from the Roadway.



Trooper with deer WED. Photo credit: File

## John Day Troopers Investigated Notable Wildlife Cases

Tpr. Ritter was called out at 1:30 a.m. to assist Tpr. Weaver (Patrol) with a traffic stop. The driver had an untagged 2 x 2 arrow-shot buck in the back of his pickup. The suspect gave multiple accounts of how he came to possess the deer, including that an unknown hunter shot the deer and told the suspect he could have the meat if he found it. The suspect initially said he located the deer about 7:20 p.m. Ritter noted the deer's condition and 97.3 temperature, and the suspect changed his story. The suspect also took a buck earlier in the season. Weaver arrested the suspect and charged him with **Exceeding Bag Limit—Buck Deer and Taking Deer Prohibited Hours**. During questioning, the suspect said he did not find the arrow that had killed the deer, but Ritter found an arrow with blood on it concealed on the back floorboard of his vehicle. The troopers determined the arrow was the one that killed the deer, but the suspect said the arrow did not belong to him. The troopers additionally charged the suspect with **Tampering with Physical Evidence** and seized the deer, bow, and arrow as evidence.

Tpr. Ritter received a call from a ranch about a subject trespassing on their property, working his way toward a group of elk. There was no vehicle parked in the area, and Ritter assumed someone dropped off the subject. When the subject had not come out by dark, Ritter started looking for a vehicle that might be in the area to pick him up. He stopped a pickup traveling in the area for a traffic violation. Ritter determined the driver was looking for two male hunters who had asked her to pick them up after dark. She said she had dropped them off that morning and their plan was to hunt on the ranch without permission. The first subject came out of the area at 10:30 p.m. He was not carrying a bow or a pack. He denied hunting elk, carrying a bow, and trespassing on the ranch that day. He said the female would be lying if she told him otherwise. Ritter arrested the subject and charged him with **Hunting on the Enclosed Land of Another, Tampering with Physical Evidence, and Hunting Elk without a Tag** and lodged him in the Grant County Jail. Ritter drove back to the area and found the second subject at 3:00 a.m. Through that subject, Ritter determined the first subject hunted elk that day on the ranch, with each carrying a bow that they hid to avoid detection. When Ritter asked him to show him the bow, he showed Ritter an old bow with no arrows. When Ritter asked him where the arrows were, he determined the subject hid his bow and arrows in the brush some distance prior to coming out to the road. Ritter cited him for **Hunting on the Enclosed Land of Another**.

ODFW called Tpr. Ritter about a hunter with a cow-only tag who self-reported he killed a spike bull. The subject told ODFW the spike must have stepped in front of a cow he was preparing to shoot. Ritter had the subject show him the scene and tell him what happened. He told the subject it appeared he was excited and did not make sure his target was a cow (the spike had about 22-inch antlers). The subject agreed he was fevered up and deserved a ticket. Ritter cited him for **Unlawfully Taking Spike Bull Elk (Cow-Only Elk Hunt)** and seized the elk.

ODFW contacted Tpr. Hutchison and Tpr. Ritter after receiving a report about subjects who killed eight elk using other people's tags. When they contacted a suspect, the troopers determined he shot four elk the prior week during a private lands rifle hunt; he tagged one elk; and his wife, son, and a friend tagged the other three. The other two subjects each legally shot and tagged one elk that same day. The troopers cited the suspect for **Exceeding Bag Limit—Cow Elk x 3 and Borrowing an Elk Tag x 3**, warned his wife and son each for **Loaning an Elk Tag**, and seized two elk. They then drove to the friend's residence where Hutchison cited him for **Loaning an Elk Tag** and seized a third elk.

Tpr. Hutchison and Tpr. Ritter responded to a complaint from a ranch owner. The ranch and neighboring properties border USFS land. Ritter contacted subject #1 on a USFS road directly above a private property. Subject #1 initially denied any wrongdoing, but the troopers determined he and his two partners hunted on the private properties that morning. Ritter cited the subject #1 for **Hunting on the Enclosed Land of Another**. Ritter and Hutchison searched all day for his partners and found subject #2 leaving the area in his pickup. He denied trespassing on any private property and hunting elk. The troopers followed him to his camp, where subject #1 and subject #3 were preparing to leave. The investigation revealed subject #2 took a bull elk on the ranch three days earlier and continued to hunt on several private properties. Subject #2 denied all of the above. The troopers cited subject #2 for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another x 2 and Hunting without a Valid Unused Elk Tag** and seized the elk and his bow. In addition, they learned subject #3 also hunted elk on the private properties and killed a calf elk that morning. Subject #3 left the calf to waste when he learned OSP was in the area. After troopers located the wasted calf, Hutchison cited subject #3 for **Hunting on the Enclosed Land of Another and Wasting Wildlife** and seized the elk and his bow.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Troopers Assisted with Aiding Wildlife



Deer caught in hammock. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) assisted ODFW with a 3 x 4 blacktail buck that had its antlers caught in some fencing. The two restrained the deer and sawed off the entangled antler, freeing the deer. Sgt. Martin (Springfield) encountered the same situation the week prior with a 2 x 3 buck. With assistance of others, that buck was also freed after sawing off the antler caught in a hammock.

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) received a complaint from a woman concerning a subject keeping a red-tailed hawk. Allison contacted the suspect and was invited in her house to see the animal. The hawk was sitting on the sink counter in her bathroom, cooling its feet in a saucer of water. The woman said her stepfather saw the hawk and an osprey fighting over a kill, and the hawk had lost. The man brought the stunned hawk to the woman's house and put it in her bathroom until it revived. Allison seized the hawk and transported it to Wildlife Images and warned the woman for Holding Wildlife.



Hawk rescued from fight with osprey. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Moore (Portland) attempted to capture a goose with an arrow lodged in its neck on the OSP Crime Lab property in Clackamas, but the goose flew away. Others reported seeing the goose during the week, but no one had been able to capture it to remove the arrow. Moore responded to Lake Leona in Johnson City regarding another call about the goose. Moore and a citizen contained the goose in some brush next to the lake and removed the arrow from the neck without causing further harm. The goose was last seen swimming and feeding in the lake with other waterfowl. It appears the goose will survive with only a minor injury to the skin. The 26-inch target-tip arrow is being kept as evidence in case any information is received regarding who shot the goose. KATU video: <http://clackamas.katu.com/content/arrow-removed-injured-geese>.

## Illegal Bear and Cougars Discovered

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) followed up on a call of a bear illegally taken in the Camp 6 area North of Beatty. Pictures of the bear and shooter had been making their way around on cell phones. Niehus contacted the 17-year-old suspect at his residence after he got home from school. He admitted to shooting the bear and sent Niehus a picture from his phone. Niehus seized the rifle and carcass and cited the suspect for **Illegal Taking of Black Bear—No Valid Tag** and warned his 15-year-old brother warned for his participation.

On the same day, Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) and Tpr. Olsen (Salem) investigated two separate suspicious cougar harvests. The first suspect harvested a cougar had seen a cougar on his property near Dallas and shot it with a .22 rimfire then purchased a tag and hunting license in order to "be legal." The suspect was cited for **Taking Cougar with No Valid Tag** and warned for Hunting Prohibited Method—Rimfire Rifle. The second investigation involved a suspect who had moved back to Oregon in August from a foreign country where he had been living for the previous three years. The suspect purchased a 2010 resident hunting license and resident cougar, bear, deer, and elk tags. The suspect was cited for **Taking Cougar on Falsely Applied for Tag and False Application x 3** for his elk, deer, and bear tags. The cougar and tags were seized as evidence.

## Suspects Unlawfully Hunted Birds

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted a subject near the Alder Creek trailhead off USFS Road 21 road with a mountain quail in his possession. Klepp cited the subject for **Taking Mountain Quail Closed Season**.

Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) received information that a subject shot a hen turkey off Nugget Street. On arrival, Merritt discovered the suspect breasting out the turkey. The suspect was upset the turkey was eating the cat food and defecating on the porch and sidewalk of his residence. Merritt advised the suspect to contact ODFW in the future regarding wildlife issues and was issued a citation for **Unlawful Take of Turkey**.

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) investigated a trespassing complaint near Crane. During his visit to a ranch to contact the suspects, he found one suspect hunting doves. Caldwell cited that suspect for **No Hunting License and Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. Caldwell observed the second suspect shooting at red-winged blackbirds without success. Caldwell warned him for Attempting to Take Protected Species. The landowner decided to have both subjects warned for Criminal Trespass.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) worked the fee/permit pheasant hunt at Denman Wildlife Area. He has found the majority of the hunters checked were not in compliance. Violations ranged from No Hunt Area Permit, Possession of Lead Shot, Fail to Validate Pheasant Tag, and others. Cushman continued to work the opening days with an emphasis on tagging compliance. Any bagged birds must be immediately tagged/validated. This requirement is no different than any other tag issued by ODFW. In the past, many hunters failed to tag the pheasants as required. This year, compliance has been worse than in the past. Of the 10 bagged pheasants he checked on the opener, only three were tagged. He issued three citations for **Fail to Validate Pheasant Tag** on the opening morning. Many other unsuccessful hunters were checked.

# ATV / Marine Board

## Troopers Patrolled Areas for ATV Enforcement

Tpr. Mayer (Heppner) contacted three subjects riding their ATVs on a prohibited road in the Heppner Unit. All three subjects were riding their ATVs with loaded firearms. Mayer cited all three subjects for **Carrying a Loaded Firearm on an ATV**.

Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) spent a considerable amount of time patrolling the North Warner Unit on opening day of deer season. The Warner Unit is part of the Mule Deer Initiative. Randall described his patrol day as the slowest deer season opener in his 30-year career. Along with one firewood cutter, he checked only six subjects deer hunting; however, he discovered two were out of compliance. He issued one subject a warning for an ATV violation and another for Carrying a Loaded Firearm on an ATV.

While looking for a trespassing vehicle, Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) received information of ATVs trespassing on Weyerhaeuser land in the Keizer Creek area. Maher located several parked vehicles at the end of a BLM spur road and visible fresh quad/motorcycle tracks leading from the vehicles, up a dirt bank, through the timber, and into a Weyerhaeuser clear-cut. Maher hiked into the area and enjoyed the view from a ridge until he observed the offending ATVs making tracks back through the Weyerhaeuser clear-cuts/road systems. He stopped and contacted six ATV riders before they left the clear-cut. Consequently, he cited five subjects for **Criminal Trespass II—Motor Vehicle** and warned the sixth rider, a 15-year-old.

## Boat Patrols Yielded Numerous Violations Detected



Tpr. Brandon and Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) rafted the Umpqua River on an overnight trip and issued three **No Angling License** citations. *Photo credit: File*

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) conducted a raft float on the Deschutes River from Mack's Canyon to the mouth (24 miles) and checked about 80 anglers and boaters. They issued numerous warnings for Deschutes River Scenic Waterway regulation violations and found an unusually large number of anglers possessing mutilated steelhead, making it impossible to tell if the fish were fin-clipped or not. During the float, the troopers issued five citations for **Unlawful Possession of Mutilated Steelhead in the Field**, one for **No Angling Harvest Tag**, one for **No Approved Toilet**, and one for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Sr. Tpr. Reid (McMinnville) patrolled the Yamhill and Willamette Rivers and had an eventful day. Reid contacted numerous boats and anglers and issued two citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Poles** and one for **No Angling License** and numerous angling warnings. Also during the patrol, Reid located a subject who had a felony warrant for **Felony Attempt To Elude** and lodged the subject in the Yamhill County Jail. Also during the patrol, Reid located a boat with two adults and a child in it. Upon inspection, he found the boat did not have any life jackets as the operator thought the water was calm enough and did not require life jackets. He cited the operator for **Insufficient Number PFDs**.

Sgt. Lea and Tpr. Brandon (Coos Bay) worked a boat patrol on the lower Umpqua River. They checked 25 boats and several anglers, issuing **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Poles** and **Unlawful Taking Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho** cites.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett and Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) conducted a boat patrol on the Pacific during the Slammin' Salmon Derby. They contacted numerous people, issuing only three citations and one warning for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks** and one Expired Boat Registration warning.

Sr. Tpr. Allison and Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) conducted a boat patrol on Lost Creek Lake in conjunction with a bass tournament. They contacted 32 anglers and inspected 13 boats. They did not note any angling violations, but they gave numerous verbal warnings for boat infractions.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury and Tpr. Wetzel (Florence) conducted boat patrols on the Siuslaw River and Bay over the holiday weekend, checking over 150 anglers and crabbers. They noted several license and a few boat violations and issued two citations for **Unlawful Possession of Wild Coho** to anglers who thought they had a Chinook. The fish were seized and taken to the Eugene Mission.

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) received a report of an intoxicated rafter on the Deschutes River near Maupin. BLM river rangers told the subject not to operate a raft while intoxicated, but the subject ignored them and was observed operating the raft. Lindberg contacted the subject. The subject failed SFSTs and was arrested for **BUII** and transported to The Dalles, BAC .22.

At Bolan Lake, Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) noted a boat on the lake with two adults and a young child, but he did not observe any PFDs. After nearly an hour, the boat came to shore. Bennett made contact and confirmed his observations. The owner did not realize adults needed PFDs and was unfamiliar with the law of children under 12 having to wear them. He said they came to shore when they realized they did not have a PFD for the child, adding they had one in camp which Bennett observed. Bennett cited one subject for **No PFDs**.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) conducted an early morning boat patrol on the Columbia River near the mouth of the Deschutes River in response to early-angling complaints. They contacted a boat without lights coming from the closure's direction. They checked the same crew the week prior pulling a net in the closure and issued citations and seized their net. During this contact, the troopers cited the crew for **No Running Lights on Boat** and **No Tribal Identification on Person while Commercial Fishing**. They also checked another crew, citing two members for **No Tribal Identification on Person while Commercial Fishing**.

# Environment / General Law

## Remains Turned over to Tribe

ODOT and the Klamath Tribes notified Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) that workers unearthed human remains at a highway project. Hand and Detective Yaws (Criminal) responded and determined the remains were pre-settlement and not a crime scene. The scene was turned over to the Klamath Tribes so they could remove the remains and repatriate them.

## Grow Found during Wildlife Contact

During the course of an investigation into a subject who allowed his pit bull attack and kill raccoons in his backyard, Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) found this subject had a small marijuana grow at his residence. Sr. Tpr. Brewer (Narcotics) obtained and conducted a search warrant, resulting in the seizure of numerous marijuana plants. Brewer charged the subject for **Manufacture of a Controlled Substance**, and Galusha cited the subject for **Wildlife Harassment**.

## Troopers Investigated Oregon Plan Complaints



Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) investigated numerous complaints in Josephine County in the Sucker Creek area concerning miners and gold dredging. Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) investigated an Oregon Plan complaint about raw sewage leaking from a manhole cover into Mary's Creek. The source of the waste was determined. Accompanied by ODFW, Stone observed the leak and reported his documented findings to DEQ.

Trooper investigating a fill/removal complaint. Photo credit: File

## Traffic and Criminal Laws Enforced

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) received a trespass complaint of a subject driving on Weyerhaeuser property in the Mosby Creek area. He located the suspect about five miles inside the gate picking mushrooms. Maher cited the suspect for **Criminal Trespass II—Motor Vehicle** and escorted the suspect off the property. Later in the day, Maher followed up on another trespass case and contacted an archery hunter who killed a bull elk the week before. This subject was not cited for Trespass, as the landowner chose not to seek prosecution; but Maher did cite the suspect for **Fail to Properly Validate Elk Tag** and arrested and lodged the suspect on an outstanding warrant.

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) received a complaint of a subject driving around and shooting a high-powered rifle from the vehicle at an unknown target(s). An archery hunter encountered the subject and thought the driver was drunk and possibly poaching. The driver was seen drinking a beer. Bean was assisted by Patrol troopers who parked on a main road intersection while Bean went and searched for them. Patrol troopers contacted the first subject driving through the intersection. They subsequently arrested this subject for **DUII**. Troopers stopped the second subject driving a vehicle through the intersection. This subject was the suspect of Bean's complaint. Troopers arrested the driver for **DUII**. When Bean arrived at the scene, he determined the heavily armed and intoxicated subjects had been shooting golden mantled squirrels from the vehicle as they drove down the roadway. They had also thrown all the empty beer bottles out when they were done. Bean additionally cited both subjects for **Hunting with the Aid of Motor Vehicle** and **Offensive Littering**.

## Suspect Charged with 25 Counts in Metal Theft Case

Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) lodged the suspect of a metal theft case. Between April 2010 and September 09, 2010, the suspect had cut up a D-6 Cat, a D-7 Cat, and a log loader for scrap metal. This equipment was valued at \$108,000. During the same time frame, he scrapped out a motor home on a private timber company and stole metal components of an old mill located on Euchre Creek in Gold Beach. Fish and



Equipment cut-up for scrap. Photo credit: File

Wildlife's Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) and Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay), Patrol's Tpr. Wehner, and Criminal's Detective Riddle (Criminal) assisted in the investigation. As a result of the investigation, Van Prooyen lodged the suspect on **25 counts of Aggravated Theft I, Criminal Mischief I, Criminal Mischief III, and Criminal Trespass II**.

## Litterers Cited and Warned

In a closed section of the South Umpqua River, Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) contacted two subjects observed discarding trash along the riverbank. He cited both for **Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of Waters** and warned them for angling violations.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) followed a trail of beer cans down Helms Canyon Road to a campsite along the lower John Day River. They located several subjects drinking the same brand with the same lot numbers discarded cans. They also had just started an illegal campfire, stating you have to have a campfire if you are going to go camping. The investigation resulted in citing two subjects for **Offensive Littering**.

## Failed to Have Permits

Sr. Tpr. Duncan (Baker City) stopped a subject on Hwy 7 hauling a load of firewood. He discovered the wood was cut without a permit. Duncan seized the wood and cited the subject for **Unlawful Cutting and Transportation of Special Forest Products**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) drove through BLM land in the Canyonville area and heard a chainsaw operating. On a dirt spur road, he observed a subject in the process of cutting a large standing fir tree he felled into firewood. Frerichs contacted the very surprised subject who admitted he did not have a permit to cut the tree or remove the firewood. Frerichs cited the subject for the crime of **Unlawful Cutting of Forest Products**.

# Interagency

## Calf Captured and Released into Coast Range

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) responded to a complaint of a tame elk calf on Schooner Creek Road with an OSP Fish and Wildlife volunteer. They located the calf who walked up to the volunteer and put its head on the volunteer's shoulder. Kehr called ODFW Biologist Doug Cottam who responded with a trap. While Kehr waited, the calf walked into the backyard of a residence, then it proceeded up the back steps and walked into the house via the open back door. A short time later, the calf re-emerged from the house. A female subject arrived a short time later and admitted she and several neighbors have been taking care of the animal since its mother had been hit by a car a few months prior. The calf had been roaming freely amongst several houses in the area. The calf was successfully lured into the trap with the use of a baby bottle and then relocated and released behind a locked gate several miles from the houses. The calf re-appeared at an RV park on the Siletz River. ODFW recaptured the calf and transported and rereleased it deep into the coast range.



Elk calf in a meadow. Photo credit: MS Office

## Various Interagency Investigations, Patrols, and Assistance

Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) assisted USFS with a search warrant at a residence in the Cascadia area. During execution of the search warrant, officers located game meat that had gone to waste. Burkholder cited a male subject for **Waste of Game Meat**, and the subject was also charged for crimes by the USFS relating to the search warrant.

Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) assisted Bend PD with three subjects who shot two bucks in the city limits. The three subjects shot two large bucks feeding in their backyard with bows. The bucks ran onto neighboring properties, and the homeowners called police. Bend PD turned the case over to Love who cited the subjects for **Taking Deer Closed Area—Within City Limits** and seized the archery equipment and deer.

A report was received of a three men snagging and retaining salmon from a boat on the Columbia River near Hood River. Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) was assisting with a fatal traffic crash south of Maupin at the time and was unable to respond, so he talked two Hood River PD officers through the investigation over his cell phone. A man was cited for **Retaining Foul-Hooked Chinook Salmon x 2** and **Fail to Validate Harvest Tag**, and his fish and gear were seized.

While working the Hoodoo area, Sgt. Martin (Springfield) received a report of a subject who shot a deer within the city limits of Sisters with a bow, loaded the deer, and fled on Hwy 20. When contacted, the driver admitted to shooting the deer within the city limits, but he stated he wounded it earlier and wanted to recover it. Martin cited the suspect for **Unlawful Taking of Deer within City Limits** and seized and donated the four-point buck to the Eugene Mission. Sr. Tpr. McCool (Patrol) and Black Butte PD Officer Lane assisted.

Tillamook Deputy Seaholm received information about a possible illegal elk kill in the Trask Unit. Retired Sr. Tpr. Oriet, Sr. Tpr. Turnbo, and Sr. Tpr. Reid (McMinnville) responded and located the suspects. Four people trespassed behind a Weyerhaeuser locked gate on ATVs, and two subjects located a small herd of elk. One subject shot a spike with a bow, and another subject shot it with a 30-06 rifle. The subject with the rifle only had a bear tag and admitted to living in Nevada but had an Oregon resident license. Troopers issued citations for **Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree x 4**, **Taking Elk—No Valid Tag**, **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**, and **Possession of a Falsely Applied for Resident Hunting License**. The troopers also determined two subjects were suspects in another trespass complaint. Seaholm issued two citations for **Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree**.

Tillamook Fish and Wildlife troopers assisted Patrol with a large tourist bus fire with 34 passengers on board on Hwy 101 near Tillamook. Eight subjects were transported to the Tillamook General Hospital, and one subject was life-flighted to Emanuel Hospital with serious injuries.

Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) assisted Deschutes County SO with a complaint of a subject who shot a deer inside the city limits of La Pine. When Bean arrived, the deer was still in the back of the suspect's vehicle. The resident shot the buck in his own front yard with a bow. Bean cited him for **Hunting within the City Limits**.

With the assistance of ODFW fish checkers, Tpr. Brandon and Tpr. (Coos Bay) each issued two citations for **Unlawful Take of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**. An ODFW volunteer contacted Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) reporting a Umpqua River Salmon Derby participant presented a very large nonadipose fin-clipped coho salmon as an entry. Lea responded and cited the angler for **Unlawful Taking Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher and Sgt. Martin (Springfield) assisted Lane County SO who executed a search warrant in Cottage Grove and found a deer carcass. The troopers found a deer carcass hanging in a shed without a head or tag with the carcass. The suspect claimed a friend killed the deer the day before and left it to hang at his residence. The carcass was seized, and the suspect was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Deer**.

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) cited a Sutherlin man for **Hunting Prohibited Area** (inside city limits), while Sutherlin PD cited a juvenile subject for **Criminal Trespass**. Several neighbors observed the subjects hunting essentially "pet" deer in their yards without permission, until they claimed to have wounded a buck then asked permission to retrieve it. Both subjects were not honest about the events, and a wounded deer was not found. The adult lost 12 arrows over a two-day period.

Two hunters reported a subject contacted them in the field and became angry with them for driving in a road closure. The subject wrote down their plate number and left after yelling at them. The subject followed the hunters as they were traveling in their vehicle for over seven miles, eventually blocking them in and contacting them again. This time, the subject pulled out his pistol and waved it around while cursing. Eventually, they broke contact, and the two hunters called in the report. Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns), Harney County SO, and a BLM ranger found the subject. Caldwell cited him for **Menacing with a Firearm**.

# Interagency Cooperation

## Parole Absconder Arrested Following Foot Pursuit and Fight north of Roseburg

With the help of the Douglas County SO and other officers, Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) arrested a Roseburg-area man wanted for absconding parole after he attempted to elude and fought with officers while resisting arrest. Frerichs stopped a subject on Hwy 99 north of Roseburg for a traffic violation. The driver fled on foot with Frerichs in pursuit for about a half of a mile through parking lots and a trailer park. With help of several citizens, Frerichs found the suspect in the trailer park. The suspect fought with Frerichs until pepper spray was used on him. Douglas County Sheriff Hanlin was the first officer to arrive and assisted Frerichs who had been partially affected by the pepper spray. A Roseburg PD officer and other troopers assisted. The suspect was lodged in the Douglas County Jail on **Absconding Parole and Probation, Attempt to Elude a Police Officer on Foot, Resisting Arrest, Escape in the Second Degree, and Interfering with a Police Officer**. In another part of the case, a female passenger got into the suspect's vehicle at the scene and attempted to pick up the male who was fleeing from Frerichs. When Frerichs ordered her to pull over and await contact, she drove the vehicle from the scene. Frerichs developed information on the female, and an attempt-to-locate was placed on the vehicle and female. Frerichs learned her driver license was suspended and established probable cause for the crime of Interfering with Police Officer. Two days later, a citizen observed the suspect's pickup. Tpr. Dube (Patrol) drove by the location and observed the female standing near the vehicle. Frerichs responded and identified the female. Upon contact, the female denied being at the elude location. Frerichs arrested the female for the crime of Interfering with Police Officer. The female then admitted she did not comply with the officer's orders and left the scene, because she did not want the vehicle towed. Frerichs cited the female at the Douglas County Jail for **Interfering with Police Officer, DWS, and Driving Uninsured**.

# Public Relations

## Presentations and Meetings

Tpr. Dietz (Pendleton) spoke to a 25 hunters at a hunter safety meeting in Milton Freewater and answered several questions. This was the last class for this year for the entire area.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) gave a presentation to 12 members of the Upper Rogue Watershed Association about some environmental cases he has been working and mining issues.

Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) took the Trailer of Shame to the Hubbard Safety Fair. Burkholder said the trailer was well received by the public, and he answered several Fish and Wildlife questions.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) gave a presentation on his Monument steer investigation (the steer had been shot and left) to the Oregon Cattlemen's Association in Pendleton with Master Sergeant Larson. Ritter went over the case and possible processes for identifying suspects. Ritter's presentation was well received and he fielded several questions from local ranchers.

# Dispositions

Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) had a violation trial regarding a subject he cited for **Theft III**. The subject had stolen a halibut from the dock at one of Charleston's wholesale dealers. The suspect was found guilty and fined \$1,428.

## Troopers Spoke on Radio Show

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) gave a public talk on the air on Eugene's 590 AM radio morning show. The troopers talked about the upcoming deer seasons and various hunting regulations. During the show, public members called in and asked the troopers questions. Several hunting-related questions were answered live on the air.

## Troopers Routinely Give Appreciation "Rewards"

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) was checking anglers at Squaw Lake where he observed a raft carrying a man, woman, and child. Angling was good for the family, and they had a nice stringer of bluegill. The child was given a OSMB Dairy Queen coupon in appreciation of his use of a PFD.

## Troopers Participated in Field Day's Success

OSP, ODFW Hunter Education volunteers, Big Timber Pistol and Rifle Club, and the Lincoln County OHA Chapter put on a Hunter Education Field Day at Big Timber Pistol and Rifle Club in Siletz for hunters who took taken the online/home study course. Although 41 students registered for the course, due to the rainy coastal weather, only 17 students and parents showed up. Initially, Ret. Sr. Tpr. Miller (Newport) gave a classroom talk to the students about laws, ethics, and hunting on private timber lands. Shortly after, students rotated through four rotations including firearms/ammo familiarization, zones of fire/firearm carries, and fence crossing scenarios as well as live-fire opportunities with rifles and shotguns. Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) set up multiple shoot/don't shoot scenarios that included decoys where students had to determine if it was safe and legal to take an animal. All the students passed the course and received their certification. Lincoln County sportsman's groups and volunteers made a tremendous effort to ensure the class was successful.

Students participating in Field Day. Photo credit: File



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