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Report of Suspected Illegal Boat Anglers Led to Jailing Salmon Poacher

On Friday, September 24, 2011, at about 11:00 p.m., Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) received information from the chief operator at Bonneville Dam regarding anglers in boats fishing near the mouth of Eagle Creek on the Columbia River. Knowing a multitude of salmon and steelhead stack up in that vicinity and angling for these species at night is unlawful, Gunderson had a Patrol trooper, Tpr. Ocheskey (The Dalles), check the area. Ocheskey reported he could see at least two boats in the area, and one was operating without required navigational lights. Gunderson responded to the area, and the two troopers launched the OSP boat at Cascade Locks.

The troopers encountered the first boat below the Bridge of the Gods underway without any navigational lights. The two subjects onboard claimed they were angling for pikeminnow (formerly called squawfish). The troopers cited the operator for **Unlawful Operation of a Vessel without Required Navigational Lights** and took the passenger into custody for an outstanding warrant for **Theft** out of Washington County. Hood River County SO transported the wanted subject to jail.



Most units of coho are listed under the Endangered Species Act. Photo credit: NOAA

The troopers found the second boat near the mouth of Eagle Creek anchored without any lights with its single occupant asleep in a sleeping bag under the bow and his line in the water. This subject was also angling for pikeminnow with gear consistent to do so. The troopers issued the subject a citation for **Angling Prohibited Method—Unattended Line** and warnings for not properly using his anchor light and the hazards of not maintaining a lookout, due to the possibility of his anchor breaking loose so close to the dam.

While en route back upriver, the troopers spotted a headlamp up in Eagle Creek itself. They beached the boat and walked quietly in on foot to investigate at about 2:30 a.m. and found a subject cleaning fish in the creek. After they observed him fillet four fish and discard the carcasses in the creek, the troopers made contact. They discovered the subject had 28 adult coho salmon in possession, 15 fin-clipped (hatchery) and 13 nonadipose fin-clipped (wild). Of the 13 wild fish "caught," the suspect cut the adipose fins off of all but two. The suspect claimed he only "caught" 11 fish, three wild coho earlier on the Kalama River in Washington, one hatchery and one wild coho soon thereafter on the Lewis River in Washington, and three wild and three hatchery fish between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. in a closed area of Eagle Creek. Additionally, the suspect foul-hooked three of the fish from Eagle Creek. The troopers discovered the other 17 coho in a cooler in his vehicle; but the suspect claimed these fish were not his, as they belonged to a friend he was doing a favor for by transporting the fish across state lines (a Lacey Act violation) to Stevenson, Washington, where an unknown person would pick them up. The troopers learned the suspect possessed an angling license and harvest card in Washington, but he did not possess a valid license or harvest card in Oregon. The suspect also had not validated any fish recently on his Washington harvest card. OSP notified Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) who relayed that both the Kalama and Lewis Rivers were closed to the retention of nonadipose fin-clipped coho salmon at the time. WDFW will be following up on any violations occurring in their state.

As a result of the OSP investigation, the troopers seized all of the salmon and lodged the suspect in jail for **Unlawful Possession of Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon x 15, Unlawful Possession of Mutilated Game Fish x 11, Unlawful Possession of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon x 13, Unlawful Retention of Foul-Hooked Coho Salmon x 3, Angling Closed Stream, and Angling Prohibited Hours**. The suspect later pled **guilty** to six misdemeanors; and the court sentenced the suspect to **45 days in jail**, \$7,000 restitution to ODFW, \$250 to the TIP Program, \$300 in court costs, and three years license revocation.

Recognition / Dispositions

OSMB Recognized Top Troops



Sr. Tpr. Stinnett, Lt. Gifford, and Tpr. Nugent at OSMB conference (Tpr. Shimer and Tpr. O'Connor not pictured). Photo credit: File

In September, OSMB presented OSP with several awards at its annual awards banquet at the Valley River Inn in Eugene. Tpr. Nugent (Central Point) received the Rookie of the Year award, the only recipient for all of the agencies represented. Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) received a Lifesaving award for his part in rescuing a hypothermic kayaker who rolled over in and out of his kayak in the fall of 2010 on the Chetco River. Tpr. Shimer (St. Helens) and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) received Lifesaving awards for rescuing two capsized hypothermic kayakers in dense fog on the ocean near Peter Iredale. Capt. Samuels, Lt. Wilson (General Headquarters), and Lt. Gifford (SW Region) also attended.

For more information on the awards, please visit the following links to view OSMB's press releases: <http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/news/2011/LEPostSeason/LtWilsonLSRel.shtml>, <http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/news/2011/LEPostSeason/SrTrooperStinnetLS.shtml>, and <http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/news/2011/LEPostSeason/OSPRookieRel.shtml>.

Team Received Appreciation Award

Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) accepted an appreciation award on behalf of the Enterprise OSP Worksite at ODFW's Northeast Region conference in September. ODFW presented the team the award to recognize them for their professionalism and dedication to natural resource protection.



Trooper Miller with award. Photo credit: File

Suspects Sentenced to Jail, Suspensions, Probation, and Restitution

In 2010, Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (McMinnville) investigated a case involving four subjects who unlawfully guided and took animals in multiple counties. With the help of the Washington County DA and the Department of Justice, the head guide received the following sentence: three years probation; no contact with the other suspects in the case; **lifetime hunting license suspension; 30 days jail**; \$7,000 restitution to ODFW; and general conditions of probation to include no hunting, no firearms, no bows, no traps, no snares, and no possession of wildlife parts. With the help of the Linn, Gilliam, and Washington County DA offices and the Department of Justice, the second guide received the following sentence: five years probation; no contact with the other suspects; **14 1/2 years hunting, angling, and trapping license suspension; 10 days in jail**; \$1,500 restitution on an elk (Washington County); \$800 restitution on a mule deer (Gilliam County); \$800 restitution on an antelope (Linn County); and if found in violation of the five-year probation, this subject agreed to serve a minimum of 90 days in jail.

A case involving an unlicensed auto dismantler charged with multiple environmental crimes from 2009 went to trial in August. Tpr. Van Meter, Sr. Tpr. Canfield, and Sgt. Thompson (Newport) testified in the three-day trial. The judge found one suspect guilty of **Operating a Solid Waste Disposal Site without a Permit x 87, Air Pollution II, and Operating a Dismantler's Business without a License** and the other suspect guilty of **Operating a Solid Waste Disposal Site without a Permit x 87, Air Pollution II, Water Pollution II x 2, and Operating a Dismantler's Business without a License**. Sentencing took place on September 15 and included 30 days in jail for each suspect and probation. Press release: http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/NEWSRL/news/09_20_2011_king_salvage_sentence.shtml.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AIS	Aquatic Invasive Species	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	Rct.	Recruit
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	FTA/FTP	Failure to Appear/Pay	Sgt.	Sgt.
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	IDFG	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game	SIU	Special Investigations Unit
BER	Boat Examination Report	LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	Sr.	Sr.
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	Lt.	Lieutenant	SO	Sheriff's Office
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under Influence	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	TMA	Travel Management Area
DUID	Influence Intoxicants/Drugs	ODF	Department of Forestry	Tpr.	Trooper
Capt.	Captain	ODFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife	UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	ODOT	Department of Transportation	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
DA/DDA	District Attorney/Deputy DA	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DSL	Department of State Lands	PFD	Personal Flotation Device	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
DWS	Driving while Suspended			WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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ATV / Environment / General Law

Environmental Investigations Conducted

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) stopped a vehicle for Unlawful Stopping/ Standing in the Roadway on Wells Creek Road. The driver possessed approximately 15 gallons of chanterelles and lobster mushrooms. Harris cited the driver for **No Mushroom Permit**.

Ret. Sr. Tpr. Lane (Albany) investigated four subjects who entered Starker Forest property without a permit and were mudding in a large mud hole with their 4 x 4 trucks near Flat Mountain. The subjects were also in violation of ODF's regulated closure due to fire danger. Lane cited all four suspects for **Criminal Trespass II**.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) received a complaint of a suction dredge being operated in the Rogue River in Josephine County. The in-stream work period for suction dredges in the Rogue River ended on August 31. Thompson, Sr. Tpr. Allison, and Tpr. Tague (Central Point) responded and found the dredge being operated. They contacted the miner and cited him for **Water Pollution II**.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) and Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) observed a camp with a campfire burning in a remote and difficult-to-access location late at night along the Deschutes River on the west bank across from an access road. The next morning, Pearson, Lindberg, and Sgt. Katzenstein (The Dalles) responded to the area, launched a raft upstream from the camp, floated down to the camp, and contacted the three occupants. The subjects advised they knew having a campfire was unlawful before October 1, as this was a violation of the Deschutes Scenic Waterway rules. The leader thought they were in a remote enough location that it was unlikely that law enforcement would detect them. The troopers cited the leader for **Violation of Fire Restrictions**.

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) worked the campgrounds along the Deschutes River Access Road in Segments 2 and 3 over a weekend. They issued four citations for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**, three for **Violation of Fire Restrictions**, and one for **Offensive Littering**. They also contacted a group of three young men in the White River Campground, and one of the men made a furtive movement to conceal contraband in his vehicle. They located a mirror with white powdery residue in the vehicle along with a film canister containing cocaine, a baggie containing a homemade gel cap pill (possibly ecstasy), less than one ounce of marijuana, and a pipe. They cited one subject for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**, and cited and released the subject who tried to hide the cocaine for **UPCS—Cocaine**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) was working along the North Umpqua River near Winchester when he observed three male subjects throwing beer cans along the riverbank. He contacted one of the subjects when he was going to the upper park area. After the contact, the subject immediately made a call on his cell phone. Frerichs then observed one of the subjects running from him down the riverbank. Tpr. Wells (Patrol) responded to assist Frerichs at the scene. Frerichs was able to catch and detain the fleeing subject who was found to be on felony probation and had two warrants for his arrest. The troopers arrested the wanted subject for the warrants and **Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway**. They charged the subject who called the parolee by cell phone with **Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway**, **Interfering with a Police Officer**, and **Hindering Prosecution** and a third subject with **Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway**.

Landowner Cited for Criminal Mischief

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) received a complaint from an archery hunter who said he parked his car next to a timber company gate on the roadway right of way; and when he returned, he found his car had been drug to a new location. The investigation revealed the neighboring landowner was upset about the hunter parking his car at that location, so he hooked the car up to his tractor and drug it a short distance away to a new location. Galusha cited the landowner for **Criminal Mischief III**.

Trooper Stopped Assailant

Tpr. Ring (Bend) responded to a report of an assault-in-progress near his location. He interviewed several witnesses. A subject had been driving his vehicle at a high rate of speed and "fishtailing" his vehicle on a gravel road in front of some residences. When people came out of their houses to yell at the vehicle to slow down due to children playing in yards, the suspect came back faster in a reckless manner. When a parent stepped into the road, the suspect stopped, and another parent contacted the driver who then punched the parent in the face. Ring contacted the driver and cited him for **Reckless Driving**, **Reckless Endangering x 6**, **Disorderly Conduct**, and **Assault IV**.

ATV Laws Enforced

Tpr. Tague (Central Point) was driving through Butte Falls when a subject driving an ATV down a side road crossed the road ahead of him. The operator was holding what appeared to be two very young children in his arms without helmets. Tague stopped the ATV and issued the operator (the childrens' father) a citation for **Endangering ATV Passenger** and a warning for **Illegal Operation on a Highway**. In the Silvies Unit, Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) also stopped a subject for **Operating an ATV on the Highway with a young child not wearing a helmet**. He warned the operator for the highway violation, but cited the subject for **Endangering ATV Passenger**. The passenger was only two years old.

Landowner Pursued Trespass Charges

A timber company contacted Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) about a contact with a subject on an off-road motorcycle on their private property hunting elk. The company representative wished the subject to be cited for trespass. Frerichs and Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) contacted the subject and cited him for **Criminal Trespass II**.

Tpr. Ring (Bend) received a report of subjects trespassing to recover a buck deer, but they were gone prior to his arrival. His investigation found the subjects at a local meat processing business. Ring determined the subjects trespassed on private property to recover the buck, and they never attempted to contact the landowner. The landowner wanted to press charges, and Ring issued citations for **Criminal Trespass II**.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) received a complaint from a rancher in the Northside Unit regarding hunters who trespassed on his ranch. Ritter performed an area search; and, later that morning, he found a subject on USFS property near the ranch. The subject initially denied trespassing, but Ritter determined he and his hunting partner trespassed and hunted elk on the ranch the past three days. They crossed over a fence to gain access to the ranch, and he saw "No Trespassing" signs posted. Later that evening, Ritter located the second subject who confirmed he saw the "No Trespassing" signs posted. After conferring with the landowner, Ritter cited both subjects for **Criminal Trespass II x 3**.

Wildlife / Hunting

Father and Son Charged with Poaching Trophy Bulls

Sr. Tpr. Davis (La Grande) completed an investigation after developing information that a subject may have unlawfully taken several branch-antlered bull elk from the Wenaha Unit. The Wenaha Unit is considered a trophy unit, and ODFW issues only 20 tags during archery season. For most hunters, drawing a tag would be a once-in-a-lifetime hunting opportunity. With the assistance of Fish and Wildlife Division and Patrol Division troopers from La Grande and Pendleton, Davis served two search warrants on a residence in La Grande. Troopers seized one large set of elk antlers during the first warrant, along with several other evidentiary items. After analyzing a GPS unit and photographs, troopers served a second warrant and seized three additional sets of elk antlers. The largest antlers was a 6 x 7 set with an unofficial 353 Pope and Young score. The investigation led to the troopers arresting two men, a father and son. The troopers charged the son with **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Elk, Unlawful Take of Bull Elk, Unlawful Possession of Wildlife Parts, and Borrowing an Elk Tag** and the father for **Loaning an Elk Tag, Unlawful Possession of Wildlife Parts, and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.



Seized evidence from Davis case. Photo credit: File

Suspended Subject Caught Hunting

Sr. Tpr. Coggins and Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) patrolled the Wenaha Unit and encountered two hunters. Both men had archery equipment and were engaged in hunting activities. As they approached, one subject bolted into the brush, while the other subject stayed. The troopers did not pursue the man into the brush, as they obtained his name from the cooperative subject who remained on scene. Coggins was familiar with the fleeing subject and knew the subject had a lifetime hunting suspension. Both troopers called for him by name. Miller saw him emerge and ordered him out, but he ran further into the brush. Coggins and Miller identified themselves as OSP troopers and ordered him to stop. The subject did not stop and continued further into the brush. The troopers waited in the area until dark. When the subject finally emerged, the troopers lodged the subject in jail for **Hunting while Suspended and Resisting a Wildlife Enforcement Officer**.

Bull Elk Illegally Taken

Tpr. Galusha, Tpr. Smith, and Tpr. King (Tillamook) finished an investigation into the illegal take of a trophy bull elk during the archery season. The investigation revealed that when a subject brought the cape and antlers to a taxidermist for mounting, the taxidermist found a .30 caliber bullet inside the animal. The troopers lodged the subject in the Tillamook County Jail for **Unlawful Taking Bull Elk**.

Tpr. McClay (John Day) and Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) concluded an investigation into the unlawful taking of a 6 x 6 bull and two cow elk during the 2009 archery season in the Malheur River Unit. The investigation began when Harney County SO contacted OSP and resulted in the troopers citing one subject for **Unlawful Take of Bull Elk, Borrowing a Big Game Tag—Elk, and Unlawful Attempt to Take Cow Elk x 2**; another for **Loaning a Big Game Tag—Elk and Aiding in a Wildlife Offense**; and two others for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense** and seizing a large 6 x 6 elk mount.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) received information about a large seven-point bull elk killed illegally south of Roseburg. He discovered the suspect had recently been seen in the area of Dole Road looking at the elk. Frerichs contacted several area landowners and learned of the possible site of the elk kill. When he contacted an adjacent property landowner, Frerichs learned the suspect contacted the landowner to ask permission to kill the elk. The landowner was unaware the suspect drew an LOP tag for his own property far away from where the elk was shot. Frerichs and Sgt. Withers (Roseburg) contacted the suspect at the Roseburg ODFW office during the investigation. Frerichs and Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) seized the cut and wrapped meat from a butcher shop and the seven-point antlers and rifle from the suspect's residence. The troopers charged the suspect criminally for **Unlawfully Taking Bull Elk** and are seeking a \$15,000 restitution through the Douglas County DA.

Felon Hid Firearms and Took Bear

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) and Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) learned of a bear killed near the Crescent Lake Junction and not checked in to ODFW as required. Bean contacted the suspect who denied shooting the bear, but he then stated his neighbor killed a bear last November. Attempts to contact the new suspect at his house were unsuccessful. Two hours later, Hayes stopped the suspect for an infraction in La Pine. The suspect admitted to shooting the bear as it was trying to get into his garage. He further admitted to not having a tag and borrowing his neighbor's tag. The suspect agreed to take Hayes back to his house and retrieve the tag.

While en route, the suspect lost Hayes in traffic and was seen leaving at a high rate of speed. Hayes then relayed the information to Bean who then drove to the suspect's house and waited out of sight. When the suspect arrived, he quickly went inside the house. From his vantage point, Bean could see the suspect attempt to hide something. Hayes arrived a short time later and contacted the suspect. When the suspect led the troops inside, they could smell an overwhelming odor of green marijuana. When questioned, the suspect admitted to hiding marijuana in his bedroom. As the suspect retrieved the marijuana from the hiding locations, Bean noticed he did not go to some of the locations he had gone to before Hayes arrived. When questioned about this, the suspect became very nervous. The troopers later located three guns. The suspect is a multi-time convicted felon. The troopers charged the suspect of **Felon in Possession of a Firearm x 3, Unlawful Taking of a Black Bear, and Borrowing a Big Game Tag—Bear** and contacted and cited the neighbor for **Loaning a Big Game Tag—Bear**.

Wildlife / Hunting



Seized evidence from poaching case. Photo credit: File

Anonymous Tip Led to Discovering Deer Poacher

An anonymous caller reported a named subject hit a deer with his vehicle, shot it, and then caped it out. Sr. Tpr. Niehus and Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) conducted a knock-and-talk. The suspect admitted to everything and, subsequently, turned over 21 bags of deer meat and the skull and horns. The suspect stated he got “buck fever,” and the buck was too large to resist. He planned to tag it with his controlled Sprague River Unit tag after the season began. The troopers cited him for **Unlawfully Taking Deer**.

**Turn In Poachers — Contact OSP 24/7
1-800-452-7888 or TIP@state.or.us
Form on Division Website**

Subjects Caught Wasting and/or Poaching Deer

Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany) checked hunters during the High Cascade buck hunt who advised they observed subjects dragging out a skinned buck with meat exposed and caked with dirt. Halsey and Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) contacted the suspects and observed the skinned deer covered in dirt. They further determined the subjects would have to trim off (and waste) a lot of the meat. The troopers cited the shooter for **Waste of Wildlife—Deer**.

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) received several complaints about two subjects trespassing on small pieces of private property to pursue a very large 6 x 6 buck deer. One subject saw the buck and wounded it with an arrow. The subject shot the buck from a roadway in the La Pine city limits. While pursuing the buck, the other subject (the shooter’s juvenile son) was waving a bow tag and yelling back at the landowners they had a tag and were pursuing wounded game. Hayes located the subject and cited him for **Hunting Prohibited Area—City Limits**.

Tpr. Cederberg and Tpr. Cummings (Patrol) responded to a trespass complaint in Carlton. After determining a deer was involved, Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (McMinnville) responded to investigate the incident. He determined that after the suspect shot the deer with a bow, it crossed a fence onto private property where the suspect trespassed and killed it with a .45 caliber pistol. Turnbo cited the subject for **Criminal Trespass II** and **Taking Deer Prohibited Method** and seized the deer.



Trooper checking legal deer. Photo credit: File

Sgt. Pond (Bend) received a report of a small buck in Sisters with an arrow stuck in its shoulder. While attempting to locate the buck, he found two subjects near the city limits dressed in camo at dark. He interviewed the subjects and determined after one of the subjects shot the buck on bordering USFS land, the buck had run into the city. After the contact, Pond determined a third subject observed inside the city with his bow was hunting the wounded buck. Pond cited this subject for **Hunting Closed Area—Inside City Limits**. After issuing the citation, Pond heard engines revving up and saw headlights shining down the street. He observed two drivers drag race side by side on a two-lane city street. Pond stopped both drivers after they passed by him and cited each for **Speed Racing**.

Madras Troopers Completed Lengthy Investigations to Catch Deer Poachers

Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski (Madras) completed a lengthy investigation that began in October 2009 when two suspects poached a large buck on private ranch property near Antelope and took only the head and antlers. At that time, OSP did not obtain any suspect information. During the 2009 and 2010 fall game seasons, OSP received complaints of trespass and illegal hunting concerning a Redmond-area resident. After OSP arrested this subject for **Criminal Trespass**, he became the suspect of illegal hunting and trespass issues in the Heppner area that resulted in a search warrant at his residence. Evidence located led Prodzinski to other subjects. Interviews with those subjects and the investigation resulted in Prodzinski submitting a report to the Wasco County DA who charged the main suspect with **Unlawful Taking of Deer, Criminal Trespass with a Firearm, Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another, Offensive Littering, and Waste of Wildlife—Deer**. Prodzinski cited the second suspect for **Unlawful Take of Deer and Waste of Wildlife—Deer**. The DA later charged the second suspect with **Criminal Trespass with a Firearm** and **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**.

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg and Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski (Madras) completed a lengthy investigation regarding a suspect who had illegally killed wildlife in several states. The main suspect was very uncooperative and traveled out of the country frequently. During the investigation, witnesses were tampered with, hindering enforcement efforts. Lindberg’s extreme diligence located other witnesses and suspects. The troopers submitted a report to the Jefferson County DA. The grand jury indicted Suspect #1 on **Possession of Falsely Applied for License/Tags, Unlawful Take of Deer x 2, Tampering with a Witness, and Forgery I x 2**; Suspect #2 on **Possession of Falsely Applied for License/Tag, Unlawful Take of Deer, Tampering with a Witness, and Forgery I x 2**; Suspect #3 on **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**; and Suspect #4 on **Loaning a Big Game Tag**.

Wildlife / Hunting



WED decoy set up. Photo credit: File

WED Operations Resulted in Citing Violators

Sr. Tpr. Reid, Sr. Tpr. Turnbo, and Ret. Sr. Tpr. Oriet (McMinnville) conducted a WED operation near Sheridan. Turnbo and Oriet contacted a vehicle in the area and determined the operator hunted doves and pigeons earlier in the day. The troopers cited the subject for **Taking Pigeon without a Valid Permit** and seized the birds.

Central Oregon Team troopers conducted two deer WED operations in one week. During the operations, they contacted several subjects. They issued one citation for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**, one for **Hunting Prohibited Hours**, and two for **Hunting from a Motor Vehicle**. One of the subjects was operating an ATV when he observed the WED and fired his bow while seated.

Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) and Tpr. Young (Prineville) conducted a night deer WED in the Grizzly Unit north of Prineville the last weekend of archery season. A subject drove by the decoy three hours after legal hours then fired with a .22 caliber rifle several times. The subject claimed to have been bow hunting and had bow tag. The troopers cited the subject for **Taking Deer (WED) Prohibited Method—.22 Rimfire Rifle** and **Hunting Prohibited Hours**. They cited two others for **Hunting Deer Prohibited Hours**.

Dog Owner Cited for Two Criminal Counts

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) responded to a complaint of three dogs chasing and mauling a blacktail doe deer in the lower Salmon River Estuary. He located the deer, and due to the extent of her injuries, had to euthanize the deer. Two of the dogs have been the subject of previous complaints of Dog at Large in the area. Kehr contacted the dogs' owner and issued the owner a criminal citation for **Unlawfully Permitting Dog to Run Big Game Mammals x 2**.

Pilot Successfully Directed Troopers to Spotlighters

The South Central Team worked with the aircraft flown by Sr. Tpr. Menlow (Bend, Pilot) to look for night hunting activity. Working on a several tips received in the prior days, the team worked the area on a Friday night. During their patrol, Menlow spotted two different vehicles spotlighting and successfully directed the troopers to both of their locations. Sr. Tpr. Bean (Gilchrist) stopped the first vehicle from which two subjects had casted spotlights out the windows. Bean discovered the subjects armed with rifles. Bean cited the two subjects casting lights for **Casting Artificial Light while Armed** and the driver for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and **DWS**. Bean and Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) stopped a second vehicle. They cited both subjects for **Casting Artificial Light while Armed**.

Bobcat Closed-Season Tip Led to Poached Deer

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) received a report that an archery hunter shot and killed a bobcat closed season in the Murderers Creek Unit. He contacted the subject and his 16-year-old son at their camp where Ritter observed a 1 x 2 buck deer hanging from a meat pole. Ritter's investigation revealed the father had initially tried to shoot the bobcat, but he was not able to get a shot off. The father then handed his 300 Winchester short mag to his son and told him to shoot the bobcat if he saw it again. A few minutes later, the son shot and killed the bobcat. Ritter also discovered the father shot and killed the buck deer hanging in camp, but he tagged the deer with his son's tag. Ritter cited the father for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Taking Bobcat Closed Season** and **Borrowing a Bow Deer Tag** and warned the son for **Taking Bobcat Closed Season** and **Loaning a Bow Deer Tag**. He seized the bobcat pelt and the son's validated deer tag.

Tip Led to Citing Suspect for Taking Bobcat

Tpr. Clement and Tpr. Freitag (Salem) received an anonymous tip that a male subject shot a bobcat out of season in Polk County. The troopers contacted the suspect who admitted to shooting a bobcat and discarding the carcass into some bushes. The troopers cited the suspect for **Taking Bobcat Closed Season—Crime**.

Cougar Attacked Dog and Stayed near Residence

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) responded to a complaint about a cougar that attacked a dog at a residence on Wheeler Road near Dexter, and the cougar was still in the area. When Maher arrived at the location, he found the cougar sitting in a tree behind the residence. The dog's owner already took the injured dog to a veterinarian. Based on the injury to the dog, close proximity to the residence and gas station across the street, and the cougar still behind the residence during daylight hours; Maher decided to euthanize the cougar, as it posed a threat to human health and safety. Maher dispatched the cougar and transported the animal to the ODFW office in Springfield where ODFW Biologist Brian Wolfer examined the feline.

Wildlife Area Patrolled for Illegal Bird Hunters

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) worked Denman Wildlife Area (DWA) for after-hour shooters during dove season. He had his eye on two hunters who most likely had no idea what time shooting hours ended, as they continued to shoot at doves past legal shooting hours. Their last shots came at 10 minutes after legal shooting time ended, and they spent quite a bit of time looking for their wounded bird. When he was about to contact the subjects, he started hearing a small caliber rifle being fired behind him off Touvelle Road on the DWA. Discharging rifles is prohibited on the DWA. Collom got on the back of his truck and thought he spotted the dove hunters; but as the time was getting late, Collom bypassed the 10-minute late violators and drove onto Touvelle to locate the rifle shooter. He drove to the end of Touvelle Road and talked with two subjects in a car who said four males dressed in black just walked the trail toward Touvelle State Park. Collom walked the trail and eventually found the suspects. One suspect admitted to shooting—just "plinking around." Collom cited the subject for **Discharging a Rifle on Denman Wildlife Area**.

Marine Board



ODFW pressure washing AIS off of contaminated boat. Photo credit: File

Boats Patrols Conducted to Monitor Compliance

Sr. Tpr. Marchand and Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) conducted a boat patrol on Winchester Bay. During the patrol, the troopers assisted a stranded boater by pulling his boat off a sand bar. In all, they checked 11 anglers, performed three BERs, conducted six consent searches, and issued three angling and boating warnings.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) worked Fern Ridge Reservoir and Fern Ridge Wildlife Area. One subject contacted in a boat on a side channel of the reservoir had all appropriate game licenses, but he forgot PFDs for him and his passenger. Maher cited him for **Insufficient PFDs** and warned him for Expired Boat Registration and No Sound Producing Device.

Sr. Tpr. Kipper and Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River near the mouth of the Deschutes River. During the patrol, the troopers checked 66 anglers, performed 18 BERs, and issued nine Marine Board warnings and one citation for **Littering in a Waterway**, one for **Insufficient Number of PFDs**, and one for **Operating Boat without Navigation Lights when Required**.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury and Tpr. Wetzel (Florence) conducted boat patrols on the Siuslaw River and Bay. They contacted several hundred anglers and crabbers and checked 70+ boats. Compliance was very high. They cited two for **Unlawful Possession Of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon** and gave out warnings for Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab and a few Marine Board warnings for wakes and equipment.

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) conducted boat patrols on the Willamette and McKenzie Rivers on two occasions. On the first patrol, they inspected 50 boats, completed six BERs, checked three anglers, and issued six citations for **Insufficient PFDs**. In addition, two anglers used bait where prohibited, and one kept two cutthroat trout in a catch-and-release area. The troopers cited one angler for **Unlawful Take of Trout** and **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and the other for **Angling with Bait where Prohibited**. On the second patrol, the Maher's conducted six BERs, inspected 107 boats, checked 12 anglers, and gave out two warnings. They issued one citation for **No Angling License**, four for **Insufficient PFDs**, and two for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Boat Found to Have AIS at Inspection Station

Sgt. Meyer and Tpr. Nugent (Central Point) responded to the Ashland Port of Entry after receiving a call from an ODFW fish biologist who found quagga mussels, an AIS, on a 22-foot pontoon boat that a subject was transporting from Lake Havasu, Arizona, to Washington. Lake Havasu has quagga mussels. California released the boat, but Oregon determined veligers (larval stage mussels) were on the substrata of the boat. The owner was cooperative and stood by while the troopers and ODFW decontaminated the boat with a heated high-pressure washer. After the decontamination, the owners continued on to Washington with the boat. The troopers inspected several other boats that came through the station as well. On another occasion, Sr. Tpr. Allison, Tpr. Nugent, and Lt. Gifford (Central Point) assisted ODFW and OSMB with an AIS check station at the Ashland Port of Entry. In all, 25 drivers pulling boats stopped as requested by posted signs, and 25 drivers passed by of which 23 were stopped. The troopers issued warnings to the drivers who failed to stop. Of the 48 boats inspected, officials did not find any AIS.

Multiple Citations Issued on Deschutes Patrols

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras), Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles), and retired Lt. Palmer conducted a raft float 24-mile patrol on the Deschutes River from Mack's Canyon to the mouth. In addition, they contacted camps along the access road from Maupin to Mack's Canyon the evening before. They made numerous contacts throughout the patrol, and the compliance rate for validating harvest tags for retained steelhead was found to be quite poor. The patrol resulted in the following citations, as well as numerous warnings for a variety of violations: five for **Fail to Validate Combined Harvest Tag**, one for **No Resident Angling License**, one for **No Nonresident Angling License**, one for **No Angling License on Person**, two for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**, one for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait in Prohibited Area**, and one for **Littering in Violation of Deschutes Scenic Waterway Regulations**.

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) had a busy weekend on the Lower Deschutes River. He conducted boat and vehicle patrols to access several river segments. On Segment 1, at Harpham Flat, he issued two citations for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

At Buckskin Mary Rapids, he received a report of a belligerent male being rude to other boaters. Lindberg observed the subject floating downriver as reported; he was standing on the bow of his raft with his shorts down urinating in the river and yelling. Lindberg contacted the subject and cited him for **No Approved Toilet—Deschutes Scenic Waterway Violation** and **Fail to Possess AIS Permit**.

On Segment 2, at Oak Springs Rapids, Lindberg issued three subjects citations for **Failure to Wear PFD in Class III Rapids**. At White River Campground, he issued one subject a citation for **No Approved Toilet—Deschutes Scenic Waterway Violation** and another subject a citation for **Violation of Fire Restrictions**.

In Segment 4, at Lower Sharp's Bar Rapid, Lindberg issued three subjects citations for **No Boater Pass**. He also completed an investigation of a subject who had operated his jet boat on Segment 4 during a closure. He issued this subject a citation for **Operation of Motorized Boat in Violation of Motorized Boating Restriction**.

Sport Angling

Non-Tribal Member Participated in Tribal Fishery

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) responded to Sherars Falls on a complaint initiated by a Warm Springs Tribal member of another tribal member and a non-tribal member fishing together by dipnetting salmon and steelhead off of a platform at the falls. All of the Warm Springs members know it is unlawful for non-tribal members to participate in and assist with the subsistence fishery at the falls. Those regulations are also prominently posted at the falls. Pearson contacted a Warm Springs tribal member and a non-tribal member. He cited the non-tribal member for **Unlawful Participation in a Treaty Subsistence Fishery** and the tribal member for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

Illegal Guiding Detected

Tpr. Peterson (Tillamook) received information about an illegal guide on Nehalem Bay. After observing this subject for eight hours, he watched the subject take his boat into the ocean, which was then closed to salmon angling, where he would hook a fish and then drift back into Nehalem Bay and land and retain the fish. After watching the subject do this three times, he received information from another angler who watched the subject land and retain a coho in the ocean. Upon contact with the subject, Peterson found four illegal wild coho in possession. Also during the contact, the trooper found the subject had resident angling licenses while he was a resident of Costa Rica. Peterson cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession Wild Coho** and **Falsely Applying for Resident Licenses and Tags**.

Subjects Tried to Deceive Troopers

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs and Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) were hiking along the North Umpqua River and observed a male and a female angling on the other side of the river. The troopers drove to the trailhead and observed them hiking out with no angling gear. The subjects both denied angling, stating they were just hiking. The troopers discovered the male was in possession of alcohol and on probation, and he littered garbage by the river. After searching the area, Baimbridge found their angling gear hidden in the trees. The troopers arrested the male for a probation detainer and cited him for **Littering within 100 Yards of Waters** and **No Resident Angling License**. They also cited the female for **No Resident Angling License** and released the gear to her.

Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) was checking anglers on the Grande Ronde River when he observed a subject angling near a bridge across the river. He had to cross the bridge and make a short hike to contact the angler. On his way, he made several public contacts. When he looked up after the contacts, the subject was gone. He finally saw the subject leaving the area with a second subject. At this point, they were a long distance from him. The two were sneaking from brush patch to brush patch, peering around each patch to keep an eye on Miller as they rushed out of the area. Miller attempted to catch up with them; but each time he got to a point where he had last seen them, they were gone. Miller contacted Sr. Tpr. Madsen (La Grande) for assistance and guided him to where he thought they may have parked. Madsen located the subject's vehicle and waited for the two to come out. They eventually came out of the brush near the vehicle and Madsen made contact with them. One subject told Madsen they ran from Miller because they did not have angling licenses. Miller contacted the subject he observed angling at a later time, as he had to respond to another complaint, and cited the subject for **No Angling License**.

Off-Duty Trooper Fishing Detected Violations

While off duty angling in the St. Helens area, Tpr. Shimer (St. Helens) observed a boat with several men salmon fishing in the Chinook closure below Warrior Rock. Shimer observed one subject catch and retain a large Chinook. Tpr. Vogel (Astoria) and Patrol's Sr. Tpr. May and Sgt. Shepard responded to the area on the St. Helens boat. The troopers contacted the men and found several salmon on board including a wild coho and a large Chinook. None of the fish were validated on harvest cards, and one of the men was angling without a license. The men denied having caught the Chinook below Warrior Rock. The troopers informed them an off-duty trooper observed them. The troopers issued citations for **No 2011 Angling License, Fail to immediately Validate Salmon Catch Card x 2, Unlawful Possession of Chinook Salmon, and Unlawful Possession of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho**.

Seven Anglers Cited for Salmon Poaching

Tpr. Herman (Astoria) and OSP volunteer Corky Herman conducted a plain-clothes boat patrol on the Columbia River near Rainier. Herman watched as numerous anglers caught and released several Chinook. He also observed multiple boat anglers retain Chinook, including anglers in one boat who caught and retained three Chinook. When another angler told those subjects that Chinook season was closed, the subjects motored downstream and dumped the three dead salmon in the river. Herman contacted the subjects at the dock. He cited two subjects for **Unlawful Taking Chinook Salmon Closed Season** and one subject criminally for **Waste Game Fish—Salmon**. They could not recover the salmon. Later in the patrol, Herman watched another boat with subjects who caught and retained multiple Chinook. They worked with USCG officers to contact the violator vessel. An inspection of the subjects' catch revealed they had retained four large Chinook. Herman issued each of the four subjects a citation for **Unlawful Taking Chinook Salmon Closed Season** and seized all four salmon.

Slam'n Salmon Derby Patrolled

Coastal troopers conducted patrols during the Slam'n Salmon Derby. On one patrol out of Brookings, Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) and Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) noted high winds and choppy seas, but boaters were out for the derby. They checked 22 boats and 56 anglers and did not find any violations. On another patrol out of Brookings, Keeler and Stinnett checked 26 boats and 72 anglers and found 100% compliance. They did conduct one rescue tow for a family of seven (a father, mother, and five young children) who were stranded in a disabled boat.

Stinnett worked another patrol out of Brookings with Tpr. Brandon (Coos Bay). As they approached one boat, they noted two lines out trolling with a female and male on board. The male released a salmon. Upon contact, the male subject said he just caught the fish; but since the fish was flopping in the bottom of the boat and two lines were out, Stinnett cited him for **Fail to Immediately Release a Coho Salmon**. A check of their gear revealed barbed hooks. Brandon cited the female for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks**, and Stinnett warned the male violator. Later, Stinnett and Brandon issued two subjects on a boat for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks**. On return, an ODFW fish sampler was on the dock with a canary rockfish. The violator met Stinnett and admitted to landing the fish. Stinnett cited him for **Taking Canary Rockfish Closed Season**. In all, the troopers checked 30 boats and 75 anglers and noted very few salmon caught.

Sport Angling / Shellfish / Commercial Fish

Tips Helped Catch Poachers

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) and Sr. Tpr. McNerney (Hood River) responded to a complaint of salmon snagging at the mouth of the Klickitat River. They contacted a subject who foul-hooked a Chinook in the belly and handed the rod off to his juvenile son who landed and retained the fish. The troopers cited the father for **Retaining a Foul-Hooked Salmon and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

While Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) worked Winchester Bay with Lt. Gifford (SW Region), a concerned citizen who witnessed a subject land and retain a foul-hooked Chinook contacted Lea about the violation and gave a detailed description of the suspect. Lea located and contacted the suspect who confessed to the crime. He cited the suspect for **Taking Foul-Hooked Chinook Salmon** and seized the illegal Chinook.

Tpr. Freitag (Salem) received a complaint of people snagging fish at the Foster Dam on the South Santiam River. His investigation revealed a juvenile angling above the deadline landed a steelhead and a Chinook. About five minutes after removing the Chinook from the water, the complainant confronted the subject's father as he was carrying both fish to the parking lot and told him Chinook season was closed. The father then tossed the Chinook back into the river. Freitag contacted and cited the subject for **Unlawful Take Steelhead—Closed Area and Unlawful Take Chinook Salmon—Closed Season** and the father for **Fail to Immediately Release Fish Unharmed—Chinook Salmon**. As Freitag conducted interviews; an angler informed him another subject just landed a large Chinook, threw it on the bank, and killed it. Freitag contacted this subject who was about 50 yards away and found the freshly killed fish on the bank. Freitag cited this subject for **Unlawful Take Chinook Salmon—Closed Season**.

Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen and Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) responded to Lobster Creek regarding a snagging complaint and found two subjects by the creek who were just leaving. Stinnett contacted the first subject as he climbed up the cliff to his truck. This subject admitted to angling in Lobster Creek, saying he did not know it was a closed stream. Stinnett then contacted the second subject as he climbed up the bank and obtained the same confession. As Stinnett prepared to go down the trail, a third subject stepped up to the road and also said he did not know the creek was closed and admitted to catching fish in the creek. When asked where the fish were, the subject retrieved three salmon. Stinnett was reciting the rules with the subject when Van Prooyen noticed the adipose fin had recently been cut off two of the coho. The troopers cited the subject criminally for **Taking Salmon Closed Stream**, warned the other two subjects for **Angling Closed Stream and Aiding in a Game Violation**, and seized all three fish as evidence.

Fish Taken Closed Season

Tpr. Warwick and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) contacted a male at the west end of Dibblee Beach. As they approached, the subject said he was catch-and-release angling for sturgeon and caught a 34-inch fish and let it go. When asked if there were any fish in the cooler on his trailer, the subject admitted to retaining a 34-inch sturgeon. The troopers cited the subject criminally for **Unlawful Take of Sturgeon—Closed Season** and seized and donated the sturgeon.

Tpr. Warwick and Tpr. Herman (Astoria) conducted a boat patrol on the lower Columbia River. They approached a boat with two men actively trolling for salmon. Warwick boarded the boat, and a consent search of their cooler revealed three coho and a very freshly caught Chinook. The subjects admitted to catching the Chinook in the closed area and knowing they were not allowed to continue angling for salmon after reaching their limit. The troopers cited both criminally for **Continuing to Angle after Reaching the Daily Bag Limit of Salmon** and the operator criminally for **Unlawful Take/Possess of Chinook Salmon—Closed Area** and as a violation for **Failure to Immediately Validate Combined Angling Harvest Card**. They seized the illegal Chinook.



Commercial Vessels Inspected

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) contacted a gillnet fisherman delivering fish to a local fish processor by vehicle. He discovered the fisherman was in possession of salmon taken from a local select-area fishery. O'Connor cited the subject for **No Commercial Fish Transportation Report**.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) followed up a case involving two separate deliveries of trawl-taken undersized lingcod totaling about 2,000 pounds. The captain stated he did not know about the rule on the first trip and was not sure what happened on the second trip. O'Connor contacted the captain and issued two citations for **Unlawful Possession of Commercially Taken Undersized Lingcod**.

Shellfish Laws Enforced

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) contacted two crabbers in Winchester Bay with five female Dungeness crab and 10 undersized male Dungeness crab. Harris cited one subject for **Failure to Immediately Release Female Dungeness Crab** and the other for **No Shellfish License**.

Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) contacted a crabber at the Jordan Cove boat ramp. While walking to the subject's car so he could retrieve his license, the subject indicated he moved to Oregon only a short time ago. Lea cited the subject for **False Application for Resident Shellfish License**.

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) worked Tillamook Bay and contacted a crabber who had Dungeness crab inside a cooler. A consent search resulted in finding 12 crab, six of which were undersized. The subject said he was measuring the crab point to point and thought they were legal. Galusha cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession Undersized Dungeness Crab** and released six undersized crab back into the bay.

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) watched a crabber on Siletz Bay who put everything he caught in a backpack without sorting. When Kehr approached, the subject took off running and attempted to dump the contents of his backpack into the bay. He was unsuccessful. Kehr found the subject had 11 undersized and two female crab in possession and did not have a shellfish license. Kehr cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Crab and No Shellfish License**.

Interagency Cooperation

Fire Threat Found near Abiqua

While Ret. Sr. Tpr. Van Meter (Salem) was patrolling Lookout Mountain Road on the southeast end of the Abiqua Basin, he observed smoke coming from a ridge to his south. Van Meter plotted the threatened location on a map and called ODF and reported the smoke. ODF dispatched a pilot to fly over the location to spot the smoke. After the pilot confirmed the location, ODF called in a fire crew to put out the fire.

Trooper Stopped Suicide

Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) responded to assist a Douglas County SO deputy and two USFS officers with a suicidal subject barricaded in a vehicle on a remote forest road. The subject was holding a shotgun to his head and was refusing to engage in conversation. Lea had prior contact with the subject and was able to contact him by text. After 1 1/2 hours of texting, Lea convinced the subject to leave the gun on the seat of the pickup and exit the truck. DCSO placed the subject in custody without incident.

Subject Obstructed Hunting

Tpr. Ritter, Tpr. McClay (John Day), and USFS LEO Bland followed up on a report that subjects from a camp near Crane Flats had been posting "No Trespassing" signs on USFS land and telling other hunters they were trespassing. The officers contacted the suspect camp. They determined one of the subjects posted the signs and told at least two different groups of hunters they were trespassing and to leave. The troopers cited the suspect for **Obstructing the Lawful Take of Wildlife**. Bland warned them for Unlawful Posting on Public Property.

Missing Hunter Located

Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Pilot, Baker City) and Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) assisted Baker County SO with a search and rescue operation in the Burnt River Canyon south of Baker City. A male subject drove his ATV up Burnt River Canyon the day prior to hunt and did not return that night. The following day, Guerra flew a member of the search and rescue team as a spotter. In a very short time, they located the missing hunter about two miles from the main road waving at the aircraft. Cyr was close by, and Guerra directed him into the hunter's location. The subject had rolled his ATV while swerving to miss a coyote and was uninjured.

Off-Duty Trooper and Citizen Helped Rescue Man from Burning Pickup

On September 26, at about 12:55 p.m., a subject driving a pickup southbound on Hwy 101 traveled off the roadway for an unknown reason and crashed his vehicle, resulting in a fire starting in the engine compartment. While the subject remained injured inside the pickup, off-duty Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) stopped at the scene and used a fire extinguisher to keep the flames confined to the engine compartment while a Gold Beach resident cut the seat belt off the subject. With the help of others who stopped at the scene, they pulled the subject from the burning pickup and carried him to a safe location. Coos Forest Patrol and Gold Beach FD responded and extinguished the fire. The subject was taken to the hospital for treatment of burns and injuries. OSP investigated the crash, and Curry County SO and Gold Beach PD assisted at the scene.



Vehicle caught fire after crash, trapping injured driver. Photo credit: File

ATV Operator Attempted to Elude Troopers, Deputy, and LEO

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) observed a subject driving an ATV with a blue heeler on the back on Hwy 220 near Granite. When Ritter attempted to initiate a stop, the driver eluded him on a very rough USFS road. Ritter, Tpr. McClay (John Day), Sr. Tpr. McNeil (Baker City), Baker County SO Deputy Ley, and USFS LEO Bland performed an extensive area search, looking for the suspect until late into the night. McClay located the suspect's camp and noticed a blue heeler in the camp. The dog was not the same one Ritter saw on the ATV, but they learned the dog belonged to the suspect. The troopers interviewed the suspect's partners and identified the fleeing suspect. As a result of the interview, USFS LEO cited one subject who possessed an Oregon medical marijuana card for **Possession and Use of Marijuana on USFS Land**, as the federal government does not honor Oregon's program on federal property, and seized the marijuana. The next morning, the suspect called Ritter to turn himself in after spending a cold night in the woods. McClay and Ritter contacted the suspect. The suspect eluded Ritter because he was scared and did not want to get a citation. Ritter cited him for **Attempting to Elude a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle**.

ODFW Assisted Division with Fish and Wildlife Complaints

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) followed up on information regarding an Oakridge-area resident who was raising a captive fawn deer. The Maher's contacted the resident and found the subject had a deer in an enclosure on the property. The subject advised she came into fawn's possession a few months prior and had been taking care of it. She had planned to release it later. The troopers contacted ODFW Biologist Brian Wolfer who assisted with removing the deer from the property. Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher cited the subject for **Unlawful Holding of Black-Tailed Deer without a Permit**. ODFW took the deer to their Corvallis veterinary lab for observation and assessment for release.

On a Wednesday, an ODFW sampler contacted OSP to advise he contacted an angler at the Rainier boat ramp on the Columbia River who failed to allow catch and license inspections. According to the sampler, he contacted subject who admitted to retaining a Chinook. The sampler advised the subject Chinook was closed to retention. Upon hearing this statement, the subject became extremely agitated and began yelling at the sampler. During this time, the sampler advised the subject he needed to inspect the Chinook as well as the subject's license and tag. The subject then became very aggressive with the sampler, and eventually left the area. That Friday, Tpr. Shimer (St. Helens) located the same subject at the Rainier boat ramp and made contact. Again, the subject became extremely aggressive, forcing Shimer to call for assistance. Sgt. Schwartz (Astoria) arrived on scene, and both troopers were able to calm the subject down. After questioning, the troopers cited and released the subject for **Unlawful Refusal to Allow Inspection of License/Catch and Failure to Immediately Validate Angling Harvest Card**.

Interagency Cooperation / Public Relations



Trooper with seized marijuana. Photo credit: File

Former Guide Issued 10 Citations

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) and Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) investigated a former professional fishing guide for purchasing resident licenses and tags for his son who is a Washington resident. They partnered with WDFW to complete the investigation. WDFW officers conducted simultaneous interviews with the son. As a result of the investigation, the troopers cited the former guide for the 2010 crimes of **Unlawful Possession of Falsely Applied for License, False Application for Resident Hunting License, False Application for Resident Buck Deer Tag, False Application for Resident Elk Tag, and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** and the 2011 crimes of **False Application for Resident Hunting License, False Application for Resident Buck Deer Tag, Unlawful Possession of Falsely Applied for Buck Deer Tag, and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

Troopers Performed Outreach Activities

Bend Division troopers accepted a new deer decoy from High Desert Tannery. Owner Bruce Webb donated his time and materials in hopes this decoy will reduce poaching in the local area and/or aid in apprehending the offending persons.

Sgt. Pond (Bend) presented a TIP reward check to a subject who called in a report of subjects Taking Deer Closed Season. The immediate action and description by the reporting person enabled Pond and Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) to respond quickly and successfully apprehend the wildlife law violators.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) spoke at a Hunter Education class at Emerald Empire Gun Club in Marcola where 20 students and seven adults attended. Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) spoke at a Hunter Education class about laws and regulations and some issues troopers deal with in their part of the state. Sr. Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) also addressed an Hunter Education class. He fielded questions from 20 students and parents and provided situational scenarios for the students to work through.

The Newport Team, Big Timber Pistol and Rifle Club, and local volunteers conducted a Hunter Education field day in Siletz at the Big Timber range. A record **43** students showed up for the course. Ret. Sr. Tpr. Miller spoke to the class about trespass issues on timber company lands along with other legal aspects involved in hunting. Sr. Tpr. Canfield lead a game awareness station that taught students how to identify various animal sign and tracking techniques. Tpr. Van Meter set up stations with a variety of shoot / don't shoot stations utilizing life size decoys. The stations had the students make decisions on shot placement, legal shooting areas, and importance of wearing blaze orange in the field when hunting. The day was very successful, and OSP received positive feedback regarding the presence of OSP at the event.

Trooper Assisted DES with Hauling Seized Marijuana

Sr. Tpr Allison (Central Point) was called to assist OSP Drug Enforcement Section (DES) members who were removing a large marijuana grow in Jackson County. Allison used his assigned Division truck to haul off the marijuana plants.

OSP and LEO Worked Hot Springs Theft and Trespass Case

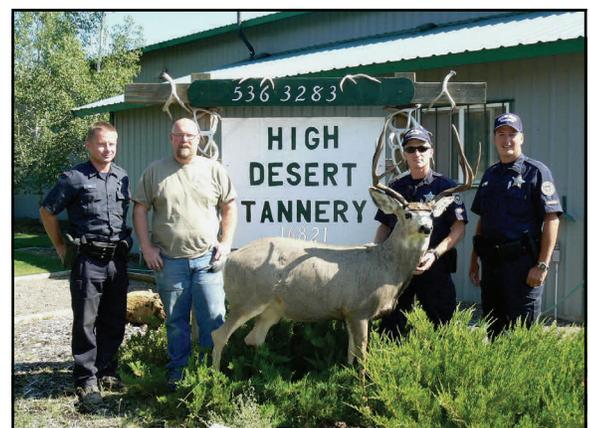
Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) assisted USFS LEO Eivers with a theft case at Terwilliger Hot Springs near Cougar Reservoir. When the officers located the suspect at the springs, he was initially very uncooperative; however, he later demonstrated how he broke into the shack earlier that day to steal the money. Boyd cited the subject for **Giving False Information to Police, Theft II, Criminal Mischief III, and Criminal Trespass II**. The officers recovered the majority of the money. During the patrol, LEO Eivers cited eight other subjects for various violations.

Interagency Patrol to the Snake Proved Productive

Sr. Tpr. Knapp (Enterprise) conducted a two-day jet boat patrol on the Snake River with USFS LEO Austin Hess of Clarkston, Washington. They checked 27 anglers and conducted visual safety checks on eight jet boats and 33 rafts. Hess issued one citation on the Idaho side of the river across from Dug Bar for No Idaho Angling License and warned the same individual for Having a Campfire with an Exposed Flame during Fire Restrictions. They also warned a motorized boat operator for Not Having a Life Jacket Readily Accessible and a jet boat operator who had a Washington boat registration with an Idaho registration sticker.

Guardian Patrol Resulted in Referring Violations to NOAA

Tpr. O'Connor, Tpr. Herman, and Tpr. Vogel (Astoria) conducted a *Guardian* boat patrol on the Pacific Ocean near Astoria Canyon about 25 miles offshore. The troopers contacted five open-access groundfish vessels after they set fixed-gear pots for sablefish. They found four out of five vessels in violation of state and federal regulations requiring a radar reflector, flag, light, pole, buoy, and identifying number. The troopers also found one vessel out of compliance after determining the operator made an incorrect declaration to NOAA prior to fishing. The troopers referred all four cases to NOAA for enforcement action.



Tannery donated decoy to OSP. Photo credit: File

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