

The Field Review

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Anglers Checked on the North Fork Coquille River

While checking steelhead anglers on the North Fork Coquille River F&W Troopers located a subject driving a Washington plated vehicle who was in possession of an Oregon resident angling license and tag. The subject also had two steelhead on the bank he had caught that had not been validated. The subject admitted to living and working in Washington. The subject stated he also purchases resident angling licenses in Washington. The subject was cited for **Possession of a Falsely Applied for License** and **Tag**. The license and tag were seized as well as both steelhead. The steelhead were donated to the South Coast Gospel Mission.



Wildlife/Hunting

Injured Bull Elk Located

A F&W Trooper investigated the report of an injured bull elk in the Starkey Unit. The Trooper was able to locate the animal and found that it was unable to get up. After dispatching the animal the Trooper conducted a necropsy to determine its injuries. The elk was extremely emaciated and appeared to have been injured for some time. The Trooper found injuries consistent with being hit by a vehicle and determined a vehicle strike was the likely cause of the elk's condition.



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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AIS	Aquatic Invasive Species	IDFG	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game	SIU	Special Investigations Unit
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	LEO	Law Enforcement Officer	Sr.	Senior
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	Lt.	Lieutenant	SFST	Standardized Field Sobriety Test
BER	Boat Examination Report	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	SO	Sheriff's Office
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	ODF	Department of Forestry	TMA	Travel Management Area
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under BUI/DUI	ODFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife	Tpr.	Trooper
Capt.	Captain	ODOT	Department of Transportation	UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
DA/DDA	District Attorney/Deputy DA	OPRD	Parks and Recreation Department	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	UTL	Unable to Locate
DWS	Driving while Suspended	Rct.	Recruit	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
FTA/FTP	Failure to Appear/Pay	Sgt.	Sergeant	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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Wildlife / Hunting

Vehicle vs. Cougar

A F&W Trooper received a call from a local Hood River resident. The reporting party said he had hit a cougar with his pick-up. The subject said the cougar was dead and asked if he could meet the Trooper so it was not lying next to the road where someone could take it. The Trooper met the subject a few minutes later and conducted a minor crash investigation and confirmed the cougar had been road struck. No injuries to the driver and minor vehicle damage. The cougar was taken to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) the next day for biological data collection. The cougar was a young female and weighed approximately 80 pounds.



Unlawful Take of Protected Species

A F&W Trooper responded to a call from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) of an owl that had been shot with a BB gun. The Trooper contacted the reporting party and learned that a group of adults had shot the owl while it was roosting in a tree in their yard. The owl sustained injuries from the BB and from the subsequent fall and from their efforts to catch it. A citation was issued for **Taking Protected Species-Owl**.

Unlawful Take of a Hen Pheasant

A F&W Trooper contacted a hunter in Malheur County. The hunter was in possession of 10 quail and two pheasants. One of the pheasants was a hen. The owner of the land was contacted. The landowner confirmed the hunter did not have permission to hunt his land. The landowner wanted the hunter cited for Trespass. The hunter was issued a criminal citation for **Hunting the Enclosed Land of Another** and a violation citation for the **Unlawful Take of a Hen Pheasant**.



No Federal Waterfowl Stamp

A F&W Trooper contacted a duck hunter during a patrol of Siletz Bay and River area and found the hunter did not have a federal waterfowl stamp. The hunter said he was aware he needed a stamp and was cited for **No Federal Waterfowl Stamp**.



Angling

F&W Troopers Checking Hunter Compliance

F&W Troopers conducted a jet boat patrol on the lower McKenzie and Willamette River. During the patrol they contacted nine waterfowl hunters and four Willamette Unit Controlled hunt deer hunters. One waterfowl hunter was cited for **No Federal Waterfowl Stamp** and one of the deer hunters was cited for **No 2016 Hunting License in Possession**.



F&W Troopers Patrolling Alsea River

The Mid-Valley Team conducted saturation shore and boat patrols on the Alsea River over a period of three days and contacted over 300 anglers. Multiple citations and warnings were issued. Citations included **Angling Closed Area**, **No Angling License**, **No Combined Harvest Card**, **Fail to Properly Validate Tag**, and **Angling Private Property without Permission**.



Unlawful Take of Undersized Wild Steelhead

A F&W Trooper worked the Rogue River below Grants Pass with a Josephine County Deputy. They checked one boat that had an undersized wild steelhead. The tag validation indicated that the fish was over 24" and that it was caught below Hog Creek. The fish was in fact less than 24" and they were above Hog Creek when they caught the fish. The angler was cited for **Unlawful Take of Undersized Wild Steelhead**. Another check of a boat familiar to the Trooper was very interesting in that the Trooper could see a bunch of blood on top of one of the coolers and it also took a while for the drift boat to row to shore in a location that should have been fairly easy to row to shore. After finally arriving on shore the anglers were separated and questioned about the blood on the cooler and what was in the cooler. Both anglers initially denied catching any steelhead as they had no validations on their harvest tags. After further questioning they finally admitted that they had cut up five steelhead. Five cut up pieces were in the cooler. They admitted that only one of the anglers was responsible for catching all five. One angler was cited for **Mutilated Game Fish** and **Unlawful Take of Undersized Wild Steelhead**. The boat operator was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.



Commercial

Unlawful Possession of Undersized Crab

A F&W Trooper conducted a dealer check at an Astoria fish dealer. Almost 7,000 pounds of crab from a vessel's offload were checked for size and 251 pounds (178 crab) were found to be undersized. The remainder of the offload had already been processed by the fish dealer. The vessel captain was contacted and issued a citation for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Undersized Crab**.



Cited for No Commercial Fishing License

A F&W Trooper monitored commercial crab offloads in Newport. The Trooper issued eight citations for **No Individual Commercial Fishing License**. She also warned three vessels for Possession of Undersized Commercial Dungeness Crab.

Saturation Patrol in Astoria & Warrenton

A F&W Trooper was contacted by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) regarding a vessel that offloaded 20,175 pounds of crab without first obtaining a hold inspection. Commercial crab vessels are allowed to set their gear in the ocean prior to the start of the season, but are required to have the fish hold inspected by OSP or ODFW prior to the season start to ensure fishing activity did not occur. The vessel captain was located and subsequently admitted that he landed the crab without first obtaining a hold inspection. The vessel Captain was cited for **Landing Commercial Dungeness Crab - No Hold Inspection**. As required by law, the proceeds from the 20,175 pounds of crab (\$58,507.00) were directed to ODFW. Additional follow-up will be conducted regarding the Washington pots in Oregon waters.



Interagency/Disposition

Capturing & Transplanting Sheep

F&W Troopers assisted Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) with a Bighorn sheep capture in North Gilliam County. A total of 26 sheep were captured for transplant to other areas of the state.



Disposition

Subject Pleaded Guilty

The Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Team worked a case involving an individual who shot two black-tail bucks during the 2015 Western Oregon General Rifle Deer Season. The subject was cited and a set of three point and four point antlers were seized from the suspect. On January 27th, 2016, the suspect pled guilty and was sentenced to pay approximately \$8,000.00 in fines, which included \$7,500 in restitution for the deer. The suspect's hunting privileges were also suspended for three years and he was ordered to forfeit the firearm he used to poach the two bucks.



Disposition/Public Relations/Spotlight

Disposition

Subject Pleaded Guilty

A F&W Trooper learned two subjects he had cited in June for Taking Undersized Commercial Salmon (20 fish) pled guilty and were both convicted of one misdemeanor charge and each ordered to pay \$600.00.

Public Relations

F&W Troopers Promoting Outdoor Activities

A F&W Trooper assisted ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife) with a booth at the PLAY (Promoting Lifelong Activities for your Youth) event in Klamath Falls. The program was designed to expose kids to outdoor activities. Over 3000 youths and adults walked through the door at the event.

Thanks to Oregon Hunters Association



Oregon Hunters presenting OSP with FLIR equipment to assist in apprehending illegal hunting activities.

Spotlight

Sergeant Todd Thompson

Sgt. Todd Thompson has been with Oregon State Police for twenty years. He is currently the Marine Fisheries Section Sergeant. He supervises the Marine team based out of Newport. The team comprises seven Fish



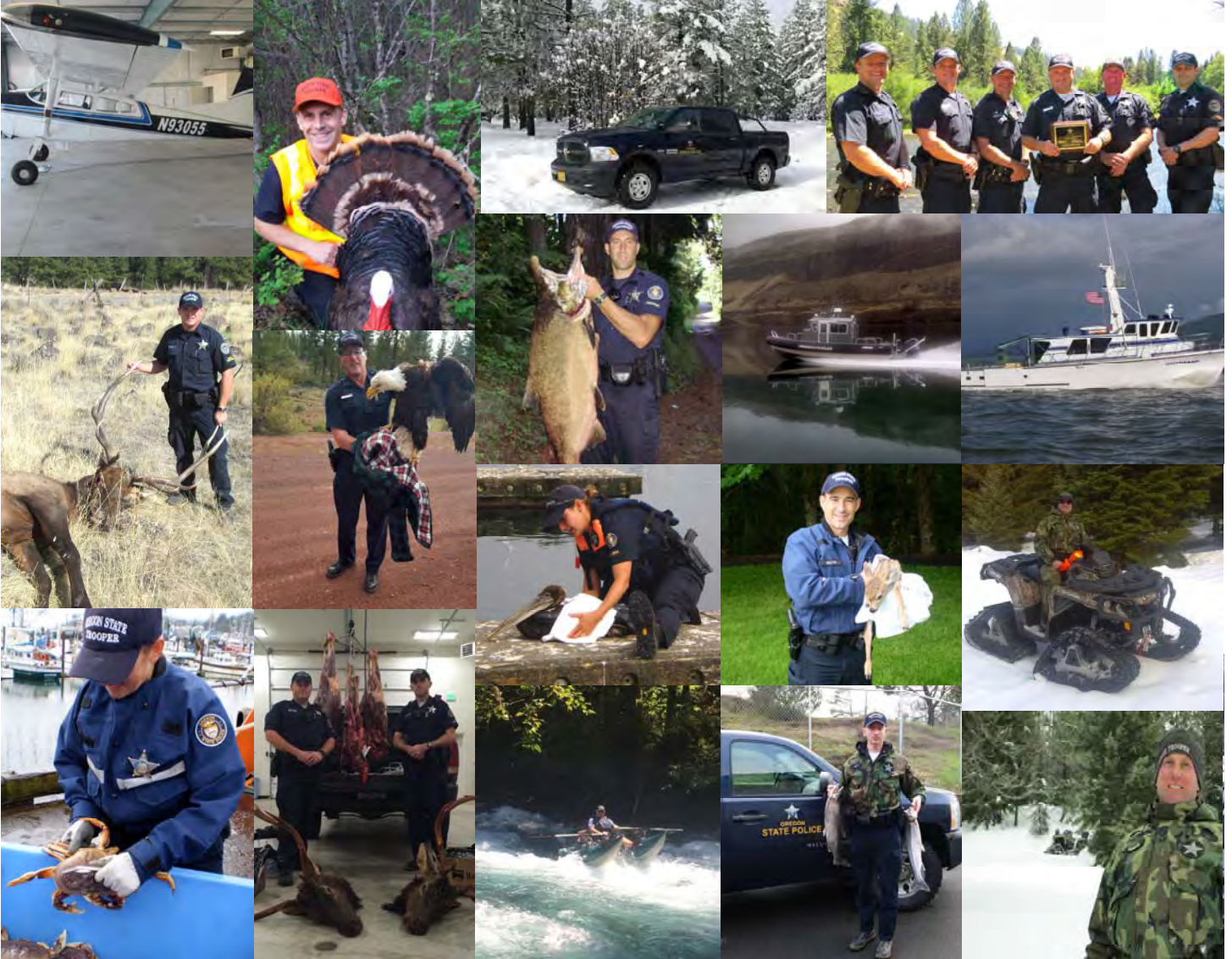
and Wildlife Troopers working from offices located in Astoria, Tillamook, Newport, Florence Newport and Coos Bay. Sport angling and commercial fishing are multi-million dollar industries in Oregon and the Marine team helps to ensure compliance of fishing laws and regulations which sustains fisheries and a prosperous economy in Oregon. He is also in charge of division's patrol vessel, the Guardian.



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