

# The Field Review



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## Tillamook County Deputy District Attorney Received the Division's 2009 Wildlife Prosecutor of the Year Award

Tillamook County Deputy District Attorney Joel Stevens was selected as the 2009 Wildlife Prosecutor of the Year for his support, hard work, dedication, and prosecution of those who violate State fish and wildlife laws and professional achievement in this area. On July 28, Acting Fish and Wildlife Division Director Lieutenant Mike Dingeman and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Director Roy Elicker presented the award, a wildlife print with a recognition engraving, on behalf of the Oregon Sportsmen's Coalition (OSC) to Mr. Stevens in front of his peers at the Oregon District Attorney's Association (ODAA) 2010 Summer Conference in Seaside.



ODFW Director Roy Elicker (left) and Acting Fish and Wildlife Division Director Lt. Mike Dingeman (right) presented DDA Joel Stevens (center) with award. Photo credit: File

"Mr. Stevens is an advocate for Oregon's fish, wildlife, and natural resources, serving the public through his dedication and persistence in prosecuting those who disobey state laws," said Captain Jeff Samuels, the new Fish and Wildlife Division Director, effective August 1. "We sincerely appreciate the coalition's sponsorship of this award and acknowledging the state's prosecutors who work diligently to bring those to justice who blatantly disregard our laws." In partnership with the Division, OSC, which consists of numerous outdoor enthusiast groups opposed to the unlawful and unethical taking of wildlife, sponsored the award. Division troopers submitted nominations, and these were forwarded to OSC groups for their review and selection.

"Mr. Stevens has worked with District Attorney's Office for 1 1/2 years and handles an assortment of criminal cases, but is tasked with the diverse and often complicated job of handling all of the fish and wildlife crimes in Tillamook County," said Trooper Casey Thomas. "What separates Mr. Stevens from other prosecutors is the passion and diligence in which he aggressively pursues poachers and violators. He knows the game laws as well as any field trooper, and understands the impact that one poacher can have on the valuable resources the state has to offer."

Thomas additionally noted that Mr. Stevens had a number of significant cases over the past year, with incredible success in the courtroom. Mr. Stevens included random search clauses, monetary fines and restitutions, and license suspensions into sentencing to ensure all poachers and violators are held accountable for their actions. More importantly, Mr. Stevens has included specific wording into a violators sentencing that does not allow them to hunt or aid others in hunting for a two-year period.

One of Mr. Stevens' notable (and high-profile) cases involved the prosecution of an individual who has been violating the commercial fishing laws for several years. Mr. Stevens' diligent preparation, attention-to-detail, and successful prosecution resulted in a guilty conviction and significant jail time and restitution to ODFW. The case was taken before the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, who ultimately made the decision to suspend the fisherman's commercial fishing license. The Commission has not suspended a commercial fishing license since 1982.

Mr. Stevens is a valuable partner with the Oregon State Police in the protection of Oregon's valuable fish and wildlife resources. OSP nominations from those who work with the Tillamook County District Attorney's Office praised Stevens for his work. Every Division officer in Tillamook County holds Mr. Stevens in the highest regard and feels tremendously confident when sending a case his way.

# Sport Shellfish

## Toxic Shellfish Caused ODA to Close Clamming

Over a weekend, Tpr. Van Meter and Sr. Tpr. Torland (Newport) found many of the Newport beaches lacked adequate signs posted regarding the razor clam closure due to the health advisory the Department of Agriculture issued. On the first day of the minus tide, the troopers found over two dozen individuals digging razor clams; and most of, if not all, had clams. Once they cleared the beaches of clammers, the troopers constructed signs and posted all of the access trails to the razor clam beds from Yaquina Head to Yachats. During the days following the signs posted, the troopers did not find any clammers digging on the beaches for razor clams. Normally diggers could dig at other Oregon beaches during the Clatsop conservation closure; but, after testing by the Department of Agriculture, ODFW closed all recreational razor clam harvesting from Coos Bay to Tillamook Head due to elevated levels of domoic acid. For more information, visit [ODFW](#) and [ODA](#).

Troopers posted additional signs to warn clammers. Photo credit: File



## Troopers Enforced Shellfish Laws, Over 500 Clams Seized

While checking sport crabbers in the Port of Charleston, Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) contacted two subjects who retained six undersized Dungeness crab. Keeler cited the person who took responsibility for the crab for **Unlawful Take of Undersized Dungeness Crab**. The undersized crab were returned to the bay.

July 13 brought a close to the extreme minus summer tides on the central Oregon coast. Sr. Tpr. Torland and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) organized a saturation patrol with ODFW shellfish biologists on gaper clam flats that are generally only exposed during these minus tides. This area traditionally experiences large amounts of wasted baby gaper clams, and an increased number of wasted clams were seen earlier in the week. They did not issue any citations for the violations noted, as the focus changed to education because of the large number of clammers.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) worked the Clatsop Beach area near Peter Iredale in Warrenton. He checked 23 recreational and two commercial razor clam harvesters. He issued three citations to recreational diggers for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** and seized 17 clams and donated them to charity. Klepp also worked the Clatsop Beach area from Seaside to the Columbia River South Jetty the first day of the recreational razor clam closure. He contacted about 35 people (many before they had a chance to harvest any clams). He warned all the violators for Taking Razor Clams Closed Season. He seized and donated 70 clams to the Loaves and Fishes in Astoria.

Tpr. Galusha, Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook), and Volunteers Kelly and Buchanan conducted a weekend clam saturation on Netarts Bay, resulting in nine citations and numerous warnings. The troopers seized an estimated **360** clams during the saturation.

Rct. Herman (Astoria) contacted two subjects raking crab on Neawanna Creek in Seaside. An inspection of their cooler revealed one subject retained five female crab. Herman cited the subject for **Unlawful Taking—Female Dungeness Crab** and seized and released the crab.

Bay clams were not effected by the ODA closure. Newport troopers reported a high volume of clammers on Yaquina Bay. Sr. Tpr. Torland and Tpr. Van Meter contacted dozens of clammers and issued warnings for Sharing Buckets and Not Having Licenses in Possession on the Clam Flats. They issued multiple citations for **Exceeding Shellfish Possession Limit** and **Failure to Retain Broken Gaper Clams**. They also found one subject in possession of four undersized marine fish and issued a citation for **Possession of Undersized Greenling**. The troopers seized 88 clams and four short greenling.

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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
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under Influence Intoxicants/Drugs	ODF	Department of Forestry	TIP	Turn in Poachers
DUID	Drugs Under Influence Intoxicants/Drugs	ODFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife	Tpr.	Trooper
Capt.	Captain			UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game			USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease	ODOT	Department of Transportation	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
DA	District Attorney	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
DSL	Department of State Lands	PFD	Personal Flotation Device	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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# Commercial Fish

## Commercial Law Violations Discovered

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted a skipper of an ocean salmon troll vessel regarding a delivery of Chinook salmon made on May 8 to an area processor. The skipper failed to call in his landing to ODFW as required. Klepp cited the skipper for **Failure to Notify ODFW of Commercial Troll Salmon Delivery within One Hour of Landing.**



Yelloweye rockfish are a protected species. Photo credit: NOAA

For the commercial halibut opener, Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) conducted a helicopter flight with USCG to target early fishers and Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area (YRCA) violations. Urbigkeit followed up on several vessels with NOAA Special Agent Bauer for Vehicle Monitoring System (VMS) declaration violations. Urbigkeit warned one vessel for Exceeding the Trip Limit on Halibut and cited two subjects for **No Individual Commercial Fishing License.**

Sgt. Thompson (Newport) responded to Port Dock 7, for an ODFW sampler discovered a coho on a commercial troller. Upon arrival, the sampler advised that the skipper refused to release the coho to her. When contacted, Thompson could not locate the coho on board the vessel, and the skipper gave conflicting statements as to the fish's disposition. Thompson cited the skipper for **Unlawful Possession of Commercially Caught Coho Salmon and Tampering with Evidence.**

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) received information of a charter boat that had at least two anglers who exceeded their limit. The ODFW fish sampler said they have warned this one charter a couple times. Stinnett first contacted the ODFW fish sampler. When he headed to the boat to contact the captain and deckhand, the captain came out and contacted Stinnett. He said the deckhand is new, and the captain wanted to take complete responsibility for the violation. Stinnett cited the captain criminally for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation.** The captain and the deckhand later approached Stinnett with questions concerning the citation believing that since they both had commercial fishing licenses, they could count them in the fish count for the boat. Stinnett explained that each person has a limit individually, and they cannot use a commercial license to account for fish on a sport fishing trip.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett and Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) monitored commercial offloads of halibut at the Port of Port Orford. The troopers checked several boats. They issued two warnings for Not Having Individual License on Person and one warning for a buyer's license violation. The vessels' catch rates were low.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp's (Astoria) investigation of five commercial razor clam harvesters revealed all were delinquent by one month or more in submitting their logbooks. Klepp cited all five for **Failure to Submit Commercial Shellfish Logbook to ODFW within 10 days after Month of Harvest.**

Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) contacted a commercial live fish buyer operating in the Port of Brookings. This vehicle buying station was operating for a company out of California. The buyer did not have a buyer's license or live fish transportation permit in the vehicle. Van Prooyen cited the subject operating the vehicle for **No Commercial Fish Buyers License—Vehicle.**



The [Port of Brookings](#) is Oregon's busiest recreational port and one of the most active commercial ports. The Port has more than 31,000 bar crossings; more than 95,000 recreational users; is one of the most active Chinook salmon and steelhead harbors; has a 9,300 square foot retail center, with 13,000 square feet of commercial space in planning; has more than 5,000 commercial fishing vessels visit and moves more than 20 million pounds of bait, fuel, ice and fish products annually; and the Chetco River, on which the Port is located, is the safest bar on the Oregon Coast with more than 280 passable days per year. Photo credit: Oregon's photostream/Flickr/CC

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) received a report from ODFW indicating a commercial salmon troller landed a nonadipose fin-clipped coho and three undersized Chinook. When O'Connor contacted the fisherman, he issued a citation for **Unlawful Take of Commercially Caught Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon** and a warning for Unlawful Taking of Commercially Caught Undersized Chinook Salmon. O'Connor received another report from ODFW about a commercial salmon troller that retained a steelhead. O'Connor contacted the fishermen who said they believed the fish was a coho; however, the possibility of catching a steelhead in the ocean during the troll fishery had not occurred to them. O'Connor issued a citation for **Unlawful Take of Commercially Caught Steelhead.**



# Sport Angling

## Injured Angler Assisted

While Sr. Tpr. Knapp and Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) were working anglers on the Innaha River, they received a report of an injured angler. They responded and spent most of the day providing assistance to the angler who fell on slippery rocks and broke his leg. They tended to his injuries until the ambulance arrived. During the patrol, they also cited a subject for **No Angling License**.

## Subject Caught Attempting to Sell Salmon

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) observed a tribal member catch a Chinook salmon at Sherars Falls on the lower Deschutes River. After retaining the salmon, the subject drove to Maupin City Park where he attempted to sell the fish to people camping at that location. Lindberg witnessed this violation and obtained statements from the campers. He issued the subject a citation for **Attempted Unlawful Sale of Subsistence Salmon**.

## Persistent Problems of Anglers Using Prohibited Methods

Sr. Tpr. Love (Bend) patrolled the upper Deschutes River and observed two subjects attempting to snag large trout. He contacted the subjects and issued citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging**.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) contacted several subjects angling for sockeye salmon at Cascade Locks who were using illegal gear. He cited four subjects for **Taking Salmon Prohibited Method** and seized six sockeye salmon. He cited additional subject for **No Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) responded to a report of anglers using illegal gear (weight below hooks) at Cascade Locks. He contacted three anglers who took a sockeye salmon, a steelhead, and a Chinook salmon with the illegal gear. Pearson cited each subject for **Taking Game Fish Prohibited Method** and seized the illegally caught fish.

While patrolling the South Santiam River, Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) observed an angler attempting to snag fish above the deadline at Foster Dam. Burkholder cited the subject for **Attempting to Snag Salmon/Steelhead, Criminal Trespass II, and Angling Prohibited Area**. He also cited additional subject for **Criminal Trespass II**.

Sr. Tpr. Vanderwerf (The Dalles) responded to a complaint at Cascade Locks and located a subject with several foul-hooked shad. The subject thought he could keep the fish if they were hooked close to the mouth. Vanderwerf explained the fish need to be hooked in the mouth, and the shad in question were hooked in the side. Vanderwerf cited the subject for **Retaining Foul-Hooked Shad** and seized the shad.

The Roseburg Fish and Wildlife troopers worked heavily in the Swiftwater Park area of the North Umpqua River during the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend after receiving numerous complaints regarding taking of snagged fish and individuals attempting to snag salmon. The troopers cited six subjects criminally and arrested one for **Illegal Take of Foul-Hooked Salmon** for snagging five different salmon. Additionally, they issued two citations for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime** relating to the snagged fish and one citation for **Angling above the Deadline**. They also made additional felony arrests on two subjects for **Parole Violation**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) investigated a snagging complaint on the McKenzie River near Leaburg Dam reported by off-duty Tpr. Mathews (Patrol) who had observed an angler foul-hook a steelhead in the belly and land and retain the fish with the assistance of another. Upon contacting the involved parties, Maher examined the steelhead found a fresh hook mark in the location Mathews described. The angler who landed the steelhead claimed it was hooked in the mouth. Eventually, the angler who assisted confirmed the fish was hooked in the belly not the mouth. Maher cited the subject who landed and tagged the fish for **Unlawful Take of Foul Hooked Game Fish—Steelhead** and the subject who helped for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Unlawful Take of Foul Hooked Game Fish—Steelhead** and seized the fish.



Bass and sunfish seized at Wilsonville Pond. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Hanson (Portland) observed a subject using a throw-net to illegally take bass and sunfish at Wilsonville Pond. Hanson cited the subject for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** and additionally arrested the subject for **No Angling License** and **Taking Game Fish Prohibited Method—Using a Cast Net**. At the Clackamas County Jail, a records check revealed the angler had an outstanding warrant for **Assault IV—Strangulation**, so he was lodged on the warrant.

While checking trout anglers on the East Fork of the Coquille River, Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) contacted three subjects angling with salmon eggs above tide water. He recognized one subject as having his angling license suspended from a wildlife crime. Keeler cited him for the previous year. Keeler cited and released the subject for **Angling while Suspended** and two other subjects for **No Angling License**. He warned all three for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) responded to a complaint on Three Rivers regarding three subjects snagging salmon in a closed area. Upon arrival, Hoodenpyl located and observed the subjects standing on top of a fish weir and one subject fighting a Chinook salmon located behind the weir. These fish have already entered the hatchery, where they are held in a pool within a closure of two weirs and used for spawning. All three thought they could angle for these captured fish, even though the fish passed over weirs and signs specified the location of the deadline. Hoodenpyl cited one subject for **Angling Prohibited Area** and the others for **Trespassing on a Weir**.

# Sport Angling

## Two Cited for Harassing Salmon

While Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) was working Chinook anglers on Three Rivers, he witnessed an angler throwing large rocks into the closure area near the fish ladder in an attempt to haze fish downstream to where he could fish them. When contacted, the subject admitted he knew what he was doing was wrong, and Hoodenpyl subsequently issued him a citation for **Wildlife Harassment**.

Sr. Tpr. Guerra and Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) conducted a patrol on Three Rivers near Hebo, resulting in two citations and several verbal warnings. In addition to citing a subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging**; they issued one subject a citation for **Harassing Wildlife—Salmon** for trying to grab a fish by the tail in a closed stream, as to scare it back into a legal fishing area.

## Protected Trout Taken

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) conducted a bike patrol of the upper McKenzie River. He contacted three juvenile bike riders not wearing helmets. During the contact, one boy asked what the penalty was for keeping a bull trout. Boyd explained the consequences and asked him if he knew someone who caught and kept a bull trout. The boy told him he just wanted to know. Suspicious, Boyd followed the boys back to their camp. The boys rode as fast as they could. After arriving, Boyd was assisted by Rct. Berland (Patrol). One boy was observed walking away with a five-gallon bucket. When Berland contacted the boy, the bucket was gone. The bucket was finally retrieved from a nearby recreational vehicle and was found to contain a 16-inch+ native trout, an undersized native trout, and a 12-inch bull trout. Boyd interviewed the boy's father and issued a citation for **Unlawful Possession of Native and Bull Trout**. The fish were seized and placed into evidence. Bull and native trout are protected on the upper McKenzie River system, and a recovery plan is currently in effect for bull trout.



Trout seized. Photo credit: File

## Unlawful Take and Possession

Tpr. O'Connor and Rct. Warwick (Astoria) responded to an ODFW complaint of an angler who took a green sturgeon, a prohibited species to take due to their declining and endangered population. The troopers contacted the angler who stated the fish looked a little different, but it did not occur to him that he could not keep it. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Take of Green Sturgeon**. Fortunately, an ODFW biologist revived the sturgeon and released it.

Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) worked the Clarno Bridge area on the John Day River. He observed two anglers on the west side, and one was carrying a stringer of fish. When Jewett made contact and asked if they caught anything, both advised they caught nothing. When asked about the stringer tied to the bank in front of them, they both then remembered they had fish; however, the subject who was carrying the stringer caught all the fish (one river sucker and six smallmouth bass). He cited the subject for **Exceeding Daily Catch Limit—Smallmouth Bass** and released one bass. Jewett has received complaints of subjects exceeding the limits of bass in this area and will continue to monitor the area. He also checked 12 anglers and 11 boats and gave out six warnings.

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) worked Dexter Dam. Martin Maher noted a subject hook a salmon, hand the rod to a child, help land the fish, and validate his tag. Upon contact, Marshall Maher learned the child did not have a tag. Martin Maher made his way off the dam and made contact. After initially providing false information, the subject admitted borrowing a license/tag, as he was visiting from California. Martin Maher cited him for **No Nonresident Angling License, No Combined Angling Harvest Tag, Unlawful Take of Chinook Salmon, and Borrowing a Combined Angling Harvest Tag**. The trooper noted the tag showed two salmon validated for the day before. One trooper then recognized the subject and found in his notebook he checked the subject the prior day at this location. The subject admitted taking the two salmon using the borrowed license/tag. The trooper additionally cited him for **Unlawful Take of Chinook Salmon (x 2) and Borrowing a Combined Angling Harvest Tag** and seized the current day's illegal fish and the borrowed license/tag. Marshall Maher's continued investigation revealed the subject's friend loaned his brother's borrowed license/tag. Marshall Maher cited the friend for **Borrowing Resident Angling License, Borrowing a Combined Angling Harvest Tag, Loaning Resident Angling License, and Loaning Combined Angling Harvest Tag**.

While checking sport groundfish boats at the Port of Bandon, Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) located a large yelloweye rockfish among a vessel's catch. Keeler cited the angler for **Unlawful Possession of Yelloweye Rockfish** and seized the fish.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) responded to the Port of Brookings regarding a couple who landed three canary rockfish. He and the ODFW sampler educated the subjects on proper fish identification. Stinnett cited the husband for **Taking Canary Rockfish Closed Season** and seized the fish.

Rct. Herman (Astoria) and Volunteer Herman worked the Columbia River near Westport. The trooper contacted a bank angler near Mayger. After checking the angler's license and tag, he walked up a hill to where the angler had his belongings. A consent search revealed a nonadipose fin-clipped steelhead in the angler's chair bag. The angler admitted to catching the steelhead and not releasing it because he thought it would die. Herman cited the angler for **Unlawful Taking—Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Steelhead** and seized the steelhead.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) checked salmon anglers above the Takelma boat ramp on the Rogue River. Cushman then drove upstream a short distance; and, while he was talking to a landowner, he saw an angler he just checked walk at a fast pace toward the parking lot at the boat ramp carrying a salmon. Using his spotting scope, Cushman saw the fish was a wild salmon. He drove back and contacted the angler in his vehicle. The angler did not tag the fish, saying another man whom he did not know caught it at the fishing hole and gave it to him. Cushman cited the angler for **Unlawful Possession of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Salmon**.

# Marine Board / Invasive Species

## Troopers Checked for AIS and other Violations

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) worked the Chetco River and contacted several kayakers without aquatic invasive species permits. The information on the permits, where the subjects could buy them, and the warnings were well received.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) worked a jet boat patrol with Josephine County SO. He checked 12 anglers, wrote 18 boat exams, issued two citations for **No PFDs** and 19 Marine Board warnings (No AIS Permit and No Sound Producing Device), and warned an Arizona resident with a two-day license for Unlawful Take of a Wild Cutthroat Trout.

Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles), Tpr. Frazier (Hood River), and Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) conducted a float patrol on the Deschutes River from Pine Tree to the mouth. They checked 49 anglers and 39 scenic boater passes, and 100% of nonmotorized boaters checked had AIS permits. They issued two citations for **No Angling License**, two for **Fail to Immediately Validate Steelhead Tag**, and one for **Possession of Falsely Applied For Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett and Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) conducted a two-day joint float patrol with Josephine County SO Deputy Schmidt through the Rogue River Scenic Waterway. The river traffic was slower than in years past, and they checked only three anglers. Schmidt issued one citation for **No Angling License** while Bennett and Marchand rescued a dog that fell out of a raft and was separated from its owners. The officers also warned the anglers for Exceeding the Six-Foot Maximum Leader Length and an Unlawful Fire (No Firepan). Bennett checked eight Scenic Waterway Boat Permits and warned one boater for No AIS Permit. The officers observed a sow bear and cub, but no problem bears were reported.

## Multiple BUIIs Detected

While on shore patrol, Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) observed a jet ski on plane in a no-wake area at Tenmile Lakes. Harris contacted Coos County SO Deputy Strain who stopped the suspect with his patrol boat. Strain cited the suspect for **Violating the No-Wake Area** and arrested the suspect for **BUII**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) teamed up for a jet boat patrol on the lower McKenzie River. During the four-hour patrol, they conducted seven BERs, visually checked 23 boats, and checked six anglers. They arrested one boat operator for **BUII** (BAC .11%) and issued one citation for **Giving False Information to Police** and three for **Insufficient PFDs**.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) contacted several boaters at Hendrick's Park on the McKenzie River, a popular spot on this hot day. Two boaters who arrived at the boat ramp caught Boyd's attention. A subject operating a drift boat came in to the shore too fast, and the boat collided with the rocks. He then jumped out of the boat and fell down in the water. Boyd noted his boat was littered with beer cans, and the subject showed signs of impairment. Two minutes later, a subject operating a pontoon boat arrived and displayed signs of impairment. When contacted, both operators failed SFSTs. At the Springfield Jail, the drift boat operator had a BAC .09% and the pontoon boat operator had a BAC .06% over two hours after the initial contact. Boyd cited and released both operators for **BUII**.

## Kayak Incident Investigated

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) responded to an incident involving a subject surfing a kayak in Elevator Rapids who struck a swimmer in the head. Another swimmer and bystander rescued the injured swimmer with a rope throw bag. The subject told Lindberg he was a professional and knows more about river use laws than Lindberg. He suggested Lindberg "Google" him to see who he was. After obtaining statements, Lindberg cited the subject for **Failure to Maintain a Proper Lookout**. On a side note, about 1,600 people rafted that section of river that day, and a high percentage got out to swim. Lindberg submitted the charge of **Reckless Endangering another Person** to the DA for consideration.

## Various Boat Patrols Worked around the State

Sr. Tpr. Hayes and Tpr. Ring (Bend) were patrolling Wickiup Reservoir and observed a 17-foot boat underway with a juvenile sitting on the bow with his feet dangling in the water. They stopped the boat operator and issued a citation for **Riding on Bow of Boat While Underway**.

Sr. Tpr. Carter (Pendleton) worked McKay Reservoir shoreline. He issued one citation for **Unsafe Boating—Personal Watercraft**, one for **Violation of No Wake Zone—Personal Watercraft**, and five warnings. He completed five BERs (three failed) and five visuals.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) and Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) worked a boat patrol on Diamond Lake. They conducted eight boat safety exams, checked 12 anglers, and warned one boater for Speeding (over 10 mph). This operator said he was trying to out-run the bugs.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) and Volunteer Kelly conducted a boat patrol on the Willamette River from Newberg to Oregon City. They contacted numerous boats and issued citations for **No Angling License**, **Expired Boat Registration**, and **Operating a Ski Boat without a Proper Flag**.

Sr. Tpr. Collom and Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) conducted a float patrol on the Rogue River from Casey State Park down to Shady Cove. They checked 20 anglers and issued several citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Leader over Six-Foot Long** and one citation for **Unlawful Possession of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Salmon**.

Sr. Tpr. McNerney, Tpr. Frazier (Hood River), Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles), and Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) conducted an overnight float trip on the John Day River on the Burnt Ranch to Clarno stretch. They checked 45 anglers and completed 28 boat checks, issuing one citation for **Unlawful Take of Bass—Slot Limit**, three for **No Angling License**, and three for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp and Rct. Warwick (Astoria) worked a sturgeon boat patrol on the lower Columbia River near Tongue Point, while Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) conducted surveillance. They checked 18 boats and 62 anglers and issued one citation for **No 2010 Angling Harvest Card** and a tag validation warning. On another patrol near Tongue Point, Klepp contacted several boaters and anglers, including a guide with four clients. The guide not only had an extra rod out; he failed to fill out each client's daily angling license, claiming he only fills them out when someone catches a fish. Klepp cited the guide for **Aiding in Angling Violation—No Angling License** and **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Rods**. He also issued three **Expired Boat Registration** citations and a crawdad fisherman a license warning.



# ATV / Environment / General Law

## Crash Covered while Patrolling at a Lake

While working Lost Creek Lake, Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) responded to a crash at Stewart State Park. Two men in a car were headed out of the park after a day on the lake. The driver failed to make a sharp curve from the park onto Hwy 62 and struck a large steel gate. The gate had been open, and the exposed end was resting on a steel post. The driver took out the post, and the gate penetrated the windshield, struck the passenger in the head, tore up the headliner, and broke the back window. The driver had been drinking. Tpr. Neuenschwander (Patrol) assisted by arresting the driver for **DUII**. Meyer completed the report.

## Oregon's Fish and Wildlife Troopers Are Fully Trained State Troopers Who Enforce All Laws

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) had a busy July Saturday. He began the day watching a spot known for partying (and occasionally angling), resulting in **MIP—Alcohol** and **No Angling License** citations. At a BLM campground, after checking two boats, he noted a water bike motoring with a young rider. He warned the father for Allowing Unlawful Operation of a Personal Watercraft. At the campground, he received a complaint of someone “four-wheeling” through a wetland. Niehus located the suspect tearing up the wetlands and made a stop, resulting in lodging an 18-year-old female for **DUII** and **Criminal Mischief II** and citing three others for **MIP—Alcohol**. After leaving the jail, Niehus received a trespassing complaint near Beatty. Niehus responded and learned a spike deer had been shot and left. The landowner witnessed the activity; and when the landowner went to talk to the trespasser, the trespasser bolted, diving under a barbed wire fence (with firearm). His back pocket got caught and ripped, depositing his identification for all to see. Niehus salvaged and donated the deer and will follow up with the trespasser.

## Drugs and Alcohol Caused Problems

While parked near the Fall River Fish Hatchery, Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) observed a motor home weaving as it passed him. Hayes stopped the subject and discovered the driver was highly intoxicated and had three young children as passengers. Hayes lodged the subject for **Reckless Endangering (3 counts)**, **DUII** (BAC .22%), and **Reckless Driving**.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) and Sr. Tpr. Rector (Patrol) conducted a two-day enforcement float on Segment 1 of the Deschutes River from Warm Springs to Harpham Flat. They contacted numerous boaters, anglers, and guides and noted a high compliance rate. At one camp, they cited one man for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and the other for **Smoking Prohibited in Scenic Waterway Area**.

On the South Umpqua River, Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) contacted an angler smoking marijuana who threw it in the water upon his approach. A consent search found more marijuana. When Baimbridge warned the subject for Littering, the subject replied, “It is all natural.” The subject suggested Baimbridge take some home and not cite him. Baimbridge cited the subject for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**. On another patrol, Baimbridge contacted a gold panner on the Umpqua River and smelled marijuana. A consent search located marijuana and a pipe. The subject told Baimbridge, “I used to never see troopers. Now I see you, and you cite me for something every time.” Baimbridge issued the subject a citation for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

## Trespass, Habitat, and Other Violations Noted

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) patrolled Olalla Reservoir. She issued three citations for **No Angling License** and arrested and lodged one subject with **six** outstanding misdemeanor warrants.

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) and a DSL employee contacted several individuals working suction dredges on the Rogue River below Gold Ray Dam. One was in compliance, and the rest were educated and warned for various DEQ and DSL violations.

Sgt. Hand (Klamath Falls) was driving a closed road checking closure signs and looking for violations and stopped two subjects on an ATV for **Operating on a Closed Road** and discovered the operator was **DWS—Misdemeanor**. The driver was cited and released due to the recent staffing reductions in the Klamath County Jail.

Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) checked an area known for dumping and other illegal activities. He located a group of vehicles blocking the road and further found they had a bonfire going right in the middle of the road. Randall called ODF to put out the fire and issued 11 warnings related to the fire and other violations discovered.

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) responded to a report of a bonfire at Devils Canyon Campground along the access road above Maupin. They observed several people drag live old growth sagebrush to the fire where a bachelor party was going on. The troopers issued citations for **Violation of Campfire Restriction**, **Smoking outside of Water**, and **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and warnings for Removing Live Vegetation and No Fire Pan.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) assisted DEQ, DSL, and ODFW with a land use/water pollution complaint. A subject who owns ~90 acres with three salmonid-bearing streams going through it has been holding large motocross races about three times a year, with the course crossing these streams. The races had the potential to erode the stream banks and increase turbidity. Together, the agencies contacted the landowner who was very cooperative. They toured the property and advised the landowner how to come into compliance with several violations.

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) worked the Rogue River below Gold Ray Dam when the dam was breached. In addition to many on-lookers, within just a couple miles downstream, Meyer located salmon/steelhead anglers and many gold miners, with over 15 suction dredges in a couple-mile stretch of the river. At one location, he noted vehicles from not just Oregon, but California, Indiana, Texas, North Carolina, Washington, and Arizona. Due to the outlawing of suction dredging in California and very restrictive rules in other states, a very large influx of out-of-state suction dredgers are visiting the Rogue River.

Rct. Herman (Astoria) received a call that two subjects in a truck had been locked in behind a Longview Timber gate on a private logging road. Herman responded and unlocked the gate for them. The subjects stated they pulled off onto the logging road to let their dog run around and were locked in when the loggers left. After obtaining consent to search their vehicle, Herman found two loaded hunting rifles, a GPS, and two pairs of binoculars. The subjects admitted to driving further down the road than previously stated, indicating they just wanted to check out the deer and elk. Herman cited both subjects criminally for **Criminal Trespass while in Possession of a Firearm**.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## 3 Deer Poached, Reward

On Sunday, June 20, the Tillamook office received information of three deer killed near milepost 1 on Fox Creek Road. Division troopers responded to investigate and found three freshly killed bucks. The unknown suspect(s) took most of the meat, but left the heads and hides. The Division is asking for the public's help to identify the suspect(s) responsible for the illegal kill and waste of three bucks in the Trask Unit near Tillamook. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and The Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust is offering a \$2,500 reward, and OHA is offering a reward up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible. Anyone with information is asked to call Sr. Tpr. Guerra at 503-815-3315 or the TIP line at 1-800-452-7888. Questions regarding HSUS can be directed to Liz Bergstrom at 240-751-0659 ([HSUS release](#)).

## Search Warrant Uncovers Bighorn Sheep Poached and Other Crimes

Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany), with assistance from Tpr. Burkholder (Albany), Tpr. Decker (Patrol), Sgt. Shugart (Salem), Sgt. Martin, and Rct. Imholt (Springfield), served a search warrant at a Sweet Home residence after investigating a complaint involving the unlawful possession of a bighorn sheep from the Snake River area near Richland. Troopers recovered a large bighorn sheep head and horns, several other illegal game animal parts, and seized two rifles. Troopers transported the suspect to the Linn County Jail where he was cited and released for **Unlawful Possession of Bighorn Sheep, Unlawful Possession of Bobcat Hide, Unlawful Possession Elk Parts, Unlawful Taking Blacktail Doe Deer—Closed Season, and UPCS—Less than One Ounce Marijuana**. The Division is continuing the investigation into how the bighorn sheep died and who is responsible.



Evidence seized in search warrant. Photo credit: File

## Do Not Hold or Feed Wildlife

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) assisted Lane County SO forest deputies who found a woman in possession of a baby raccoon near Triangle Lake. At first, the woman said she just rescued it, but then she admitted she obtained it weeks earlier and was keeping it as a pet. Boyd cited the woman for **Unlawful Taking/Holding Wildlife**. At the request of ODFW, the raccoon was taken to Willamette Wildlife Rehabilitation in Eugene.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) followed up on an anonymous tip ODFW received and found a subject unlawfully possessing a young raccoon. The subject said he received the raccoon from unknown men who trapped it for another party. He thought the raccoon was causing problems for the third party. The subject knew who to call at ODFW for damage issues but failed to do so. The subject had the raccoon for about two days. Cushman cited him for **No Wildlife Holding Permit**.

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) received a call from ODFW concerning a Phoenix subject feeding wildlife. Allison contacted the landowner who did not outright admit to feeding the animals but pointed out that "everyone" in the neighborhood feeds the deer. As they spoke, Allison watched a doe walk within 30 feet of them and a forked-horn buck about 30 yards away. The landowner complained of bear and cougar in the area. Allison explained the correlation of feeding deer and drawing in the predators.

Sr. Tpr. McNerney (Hood River) and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) responded to a report of a subject baiting bear near Cascade Locks. The troopers found an area adjacent to the subject's residence used to place mounds of grain and numerous piles of bear scat around the area. The subject stated he started out feeding birds and deer; and when the bears started showing up, he kept feeding them. He showed the troopers a videotape of several bears feeding on the grain. The troopers educated the subject about the dangers of bears associating humans with food and the penalties for the charge of baiting bears. The subject agreed to quit feeding the bears and received a warning for Unlawfully Baiting Bear.

## Illegal Advertisement Discovered

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) received a complaint of an antelope mount for sale on the internet. Collom contacted the subject trying to sell the mount and advised him about the rules regarding the sale of wildlife. Collom issued the subject a warning, and the subject immediately removed the advertisement from the internet site.

## Issues with Damage Bears

Sr. Tpr. Marchand (Grants Pass) followed up on complaints of a subject live-trapping "damage bears" then either releasing them elsewhere or killing them and keeping the meat. When contacted, Allison found the subject had a live bear in a trap on his property he caught at another location. The same subject had business cards with ODFW and OSP logos and indicated to people he had been approved by both agencies to take care of bear damage complaints. Marchand cited the subject for **Unlawful Transportation of Live Bear**.

Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) was checking anglers at Applegate Reservoir when he received a report about a subject who killed a bear in Ashland. Allison learned the bear was within the city limits and had attempted to enter a house on several occasions. With an infant and a small child in the house, the resident's son shot the bear as it came through a fence toward the house. The residents kept the hide, skull, and paws. Allison responded when Ashland PD informed him of the unlawful possession. After interviewing all parties, Allison seized the bear parts and issued a warning. He took the bear skull to ODFW.



# Wildlife / Hunting

## Pelican Rescued

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) discovered an injured pelican on the Clatsop Beach near Warrenton. He notified the local wildlife rehabilitation center and assisted with the bird's rescue. The bird's wing appeared tangled. The center believed the bird would make a full recovery. This is the second bird rescued within a 12-hour period from the same area with a similar injury. This problem apparently occurs this time of year when the birds dive into rough surf conditions.



## Subjects Raised Wild Goslings

Sgt. Allori and Tpr. Fromme (Portland) investigated a report of a subject who had taken two wild ducks from a park in Oregon City. Allori and Fromme contacted the suspect and found they were in possession of two Canada



geese they had taken from the Willamette River as goslings and raised at their residence. The suspect had been planning to release the geese and took them to a nearby park to see if they could fly. The troopers cited the subject for **Unlawful Holding of Wildlife in Captivity—Canada Geese**. The geese were transported to and released on the Willamette River.

Geese released back into the wild. Photo credits: File

## Subjects Caught Illegally Taking and/or Possessing Deer, One Charged with 12 Counts and Another with 10

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) responded to a complaint of a deer in a wire snare trap in La Pine. Hayes contacted a landowner who advised he was attempting to snare a cougar he had seen on his property. The snare was near an area with water and a salt block. Hayes cited the subject for **Taking Deer Closed Season (Snare)**.

Ret. Sr. Tpr. Bertram (Klamath Falls) located a poached doe deer near Keno. While investigating the scene, he received information that led him to a nearby residence. While walking up to the residence, he observed fresh blood. A subject came out and told Bertram a dog dug up the remains. A consent search revealed 10 packages of deer meat in the freezer. Since the subject could not produce a tag, Bertram cited the subject for the **Unlawful Possession of Game Mammal**.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) received a report of subjects killing at least one buck near an orchard and continuing to hunt in early morning hours. Sr. Tpr. Kipper and Sgt. Katzenstein (The Dalles) conducted surveillance for several mornings, but they did not locate the subjects. Gunderson, Katzenstein, and Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) contacted a camp. They located one buck head and hide buried near the camp in the orchard. After conducting interviews, they identified four suspects. The troopers located blood and deer hair in the back of one vehicle, deer meat in a freezer, and a .22 rifle hidden in nearby brush. In addition, one subject had a bloody knife in his possession. The troopers arrested and lodged all four subjects for **Unlawful Possession of Mule Deer**.

An investigation by Sr. Tpr. Madison (Prineville), assisted by the OSP Crime Lab forensic analysis, led to the arrest of a Prineville man on multiple charges related to the illegal killing and waste of four deer six months ago. Madison's investigation started January 9 when a central Oregon rancher contacted OSP to report he found two deer that had been shot. The initial response and investigation led to the discovery of a total of four deer illegally killed and left to waste. All were does, and at least two were pregnant. Evidence seized from the scene and during the investigation was submitted to the OSP Forensic Services Division Crime Lab. Forensic analysis linked the suspect to the crimes leading to his arrest. Madison arrested a 20-year-old suspect from Prineville and lodged him at the Crook County Jail on the following charges: **Illegal Taking of Deer (4 counts)**, **Unlawful Waste of Wildlife (4 counts)**, and **Theft First Degree (4 counts)**.

Tpr. Olsen (Salem) and Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) investigated a report of a vineyard owner who shot and killed several deer in the vineyard and dumped them. The troopers located five deer carcasses that had gone to waste on the property. The troopers cited a subject for **Taking Deer Closed Season (5 counts)** and **Waste of Deer (5 counts)**.

Tpr. Olsen (Salem) investigated a report of a blacktail deer found in a storage unit in Woodburn. Using surveillance footage and rental records, Olsen identified the suspect who was already in custody in the Marion County Jail on unrelated charges. Olsen contacted the suspect who refused to explain what the deer was doing there and cited him for **Unlawful Possession of a Game Mammal**.

Tpr. Schwartz (St. Helens) received a complaint regarding two subjects observed removing a deer from Hwy 30 that had been struck moments before. When Schwartz contacted the subjects at their residence a short time later, he found the subjects skinning a deer for later use of the meat. Schwartz cited one subject for **Unlawful Possession of Blacktail Deer** and a second for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense**.

The Mid-Coast Team worked night deer hunters with assistance from Sr. Tpr. Culp (Salem) in the aircraft. Culp located a subject in a vehicle casting a light around Barney Reservoir on the Upper Trask River. The subject fled the area shortly after, and Culp followed the subject to a residence near Newberg. Sgt. Hoodenpyl, Tpr. Cummings (Patrol), and local officers arrived to find a male subject with a doe deer. The subject admitted to killing the doe near Barney Reservoir and was cited for **Taking Deer Closed Season** and **Unlawful Possession Deer**.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) was at the Port of Port Orford when he received a report of two males on an ATV with a rifle and a deer at a location near the Gold Beach office. Stinnett called Sgt. Punch (Patrol) who was in the area and agreed to search. Shortly after Punch arrived at the location, he observed a deer while out with the suspects. When Stinnett responded, he determined a step-father told his 15-year-old son to shoot a deer in his orchard. The son and an unknown accomplice shot a forked-horn buck with a .22, put it on the back of an ATV, and field-dressed it in bushes near his residence. The son retrieved the deer. Stinnett cited the son for **Taking Blacktail Deer Closed Season** and the step-father for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** and seized the deer.

# Interagency Cooperation



## Border Check Discovered Missing Paperwork

Sr. Tpr. Thompson and Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) were on boat patrol on Howard Prairie Reservoir when they received a call for assistance from CDFG. The Hornbrook Inspection Station stopped a box truck from Corvallis that contained birds and reptiles going to a show at Cal Expo in Sacramento. The driver did not have in his possession the required paperwork to transport the reptiles across state lines. The truck contained alligators, caiman, king cobra, copperhead, eastern diamondback rattlesnake, snapping turtle, and many more. The proper paperwork was faxed to the inspection station, and CDFG will cite the business owner.



Animals going to a show. Photo credits: File

## Assumption Paid Off

While driving home, Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) overheard Klamath County SO dispatch a call of a suspect shooting road signs outside Klamath Falls. Niehus patrolled side roads to see if the suspect took a back route to get home. As presumed, the suspect passed Niehus going 43 in a 25. He kept the vehicle in sight until the SO could arrive and initiate a felony stop. Officers located several firearms in the vehicle. The SO lodged the suspect on several charges including **DUI, DWS—Misdemeanor, and Recklessly Endangering.**

## Other Interagency Assistance and Investigations

Rct. Herman (Astoria) conducted a patrol with Clatsop County SO. Troopers issued 10 citations (**Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks for Salmon, Angling Closed Area—Columbia River Control Zone, Unlawful Taking Closed Season—Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho, and Failure to Allow Gear Inspection**) and several warnings and seized one coho salmon.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) and Det. Conner (Baker City) assisted Grant County SO with a report of a man who fell out of a pickup bed on a USFS road. The driver and victim were having a water fight while the pickup was in motion. The driver swerved to make a corner, and the victim fell out and was knocked unconscious. Ritter arrived first. The victim complained of head pain and had multiple lacerations, road rash, and a large gash on his abdomen. Ritter and Conner applied first aid until paramedics arrived to transport him. The SO cited the driver for **Careless Driving.**

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield), Patrol's Sr. Tpr. Schermerhorn and Tpr. Ratliff, and USFS LEO Spearbreaker responded to a rave on USFS property near Oakridge and contacted subjects in a vehicle leaving. The driver advised about 100 people were using drugs and alcohol, and a male adult had a semi-auto long rifle. Lane County SO and additional Patrol troopers assisted. Rct. Ellis arrested one subject for **DUI (.08 BAC)** and issued citations for **MIP** and **UPCS—Less than an Ounce of Marijuana**. Boyd issued citations for **UPCS Schedule II—Ecstasy**, two for **UPCS Less than an Ounce of Marijuana**, one for **DWS**, and one for **No Insurance**. Spearbreaker and the SO issued numerous citations as well.

Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) assisted ODFW with bighorn sheep counts. They counted 40–50 sheep in the area of Potamus overlooking the North Fork of the John Day River. At the Summer Lake Wildlife Area over a five-hour operation, Lt. Gifford (SW Region) assisted ODFW capturing, banding, and releasing 125 ducks, two Canada geese, and one sandhill crane.

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) took a report of a subject who excavated archaeological artifacts in the North Bend area. Keeler, Sgt. Lea, and Tribal PD Det. Pierce served a warrant at the suspect's residence and located and seized **135** artifacts. The suspect was out of town when officers served the warrant and did not want to talk to Keeler when he returned. Keeler referred **Altering Archaeological Site without a Permit** and **Unlawful Possession of Archaeological Artifacts without a Permit** charges to the DA.

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) worked with USCG on night boardings on the Yaquina Bay and River. USCG boarded two boats for safety violations. Officers found one boat had eight mutilated undersized crab. Van Meter issued the captain a citation for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab** and a warning for the Mutilation of Crab. Van Meter and USCG also checked dock crabbers and found one short crab about every fifth crabber. Van Meter issued warnings and cited one subject who had six short crab for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**. In addition to the crab checks, they located rockfish anglers on the bay. One undersized greenling was released unharmed, and Van Meter issued a license-related warning.

## Assisted with Fire, Rescues

While on a boat patrol, Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) received a report of a brush fire near Hileman Park along the river. They responded by boat and found the fire growing. Junction City Fire Department (JCFD) responded and requested OSP to shuttle personnel and equipment by boat to the fire since it was not easily accessible by land. Three firefighters, two pumps, hoses, and gear were picked up at the Hayes Lane boat landing and transported upriver. While en route, a father and son were observed in the river waving for help. Both were wearing life jackets and pulled from the river. They were floating the river, got caught in a downed tree, and fell from their inner tube. They were transported to Hayes Lane. The troopers resumed assisting JCFD who was able to suppress the fire. While the troopers headed back upriver to the Armitage boat ramp on the McKenzie River, they received a call about a female who was floating the McKenzie River having a seizure. The troopers located the female (still having seizures), companions, and bystanders along the riverbank. Eugene Fire Department (EFD) responded by boat with paramedics and transported the female back to an ambulance at Armitage. EFD and OSP then gave the companions and citizens who assisted a courtesy transport back to Armitage since it was dark on the river.

# Interagency / Public Relations

## Deckhand Stole and Crashed Vessel

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) received a report in the morning that a deckhand from a commercial fishing vessel took the vessel the night before for a “joy ride” while allegedly drinking and collided with another commercial fishing vessel moored at a fish plant waiting to be off-loaded. The moored vessel sustained relatively no damage, but the commandeered vessel had major damage to the house and front starboard side. The skipper estimated the damage to be around \$20,000 and advised the vessel was to be out of commission until repaired (about 30 days). After the investigation, the suspect was observed at a market and detained by Newport Police Department (NPD). Officer Auburn assisted by transporting the suspect to the Lincoln County Jail. The suspect was lodged for **Criminal Mischief I, Theft I, UUMV—Boat, and Fail to Perform Duties of a Driver—Property Damage**. The week prior, Sgt. Thompson (Newport), NOAA Special Agent Bauer, and USCG officers assisted NPD with a fight in progress at Port Dock 5. NPD lodged the suspect on a felony warrant. The other subject in the fight is the suspect Urbigkeit arrested for UUMV of the vessel.



Vessel thief crashed fishing vessel. Photo credit: File

## Events, Meetings, and Presentations

Tpr. Olsen (Salem) and Tpr. Clement (Albany) participated in a career fair in Bend to support soldiers looking for employment opportunities.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) did an on-camera interview with the local news Channel 12 regarding the spring salmon run. A very short portion of his interview was aired.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) and Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) conducted an ocean boat patrol, accompanied by two Lane County DDAs who have an interest in wildlife enforcement efforts. They contacted several salmon anglers and issued two warnings for barbed hooks.

Sgt. Martin and Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) participated in a Cub Scout day camp at Jasper State Park. The theme was CSI (Cub Scout Investigators). A shot-and-left trophy buck was the scenario. The two officers used a deer WED, a metal detector, a knife, shell casings, and a bullet for props. About 120 scouts divided into nine groups went through the investigation scenario along with their adult chaperones.

Sgt. Scroup (Astoria) hosted five members of the World Affairs Commission visiting Astoria from various countries and requested a discussion on OSP’s role in environmental law enforcement. All five had a background and expertise in environmental law in their countries. Scroup gave the group a short presentation, answered questions, and took the members on a tour of the Astoria and Warrenton area.

Sgt. Hawkins (La Grande) gave a presentation at a Hunter Education instructors meeting in Baker City.

Sr. Tpr. Bertram (Klamath Falls) gave a short presentation about the JWTR A&H meeting at the local OHA meeting.

Tpr. Schwartz and Tpr. Vogel (St. Helens) attended the Columbia County Fair, assisting with the public display for emergency response. The OSP section was well attended.

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) traveled to Bend to meet with USFS Agent Bonzano who assisted with the assembly of two surveillance camera systems for the JWTR contract. ODFW Restoration and Enhancement and OHA purchased the systems. The systems have four cameras that can be changed out depending on the application. One camera system has already been deployed in an area of heavy vandalism and garbage dumping. The second camera will be deployed soon.

Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) manned an informational exhibit at the first annual Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation fundraiser for the Wild Rivers chapter in Brookings. The exhibit displayed an elk WED and informational brochures for the Division and OSP in general. About 200 people attended the eight-hour fundraiser. Van Prooyen answered numerous questions regarding the WED program, the Division’s mission, and OSP. The display and discussions were well received.

# Dispositions

In July 2008, Sgt. Allori (Portland) was involved in a vehicle pursuit with a careless driver on I-205 near the Clackamas Town Center. The driver fled on foot, but Allori was able to detain the passenger who stayed with the vehicle. The passenger provided enough information for Allori to identify and arrest the offending driver the following day. The trial for this case was held in April 2009, and the defendant was acquitted after he had his girlfriend testify in court that he was with her the entire day of the pursuit. Allori subsequently investigated the matter further and found that on the day of the pursuit, the defendant was actually in court in Multnomah County for a separate criminal charge and not at his girlfriend’s house as she had testified under oath. Allori located a court audio recording showing the defendant in front of a judge in Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge about one hour before the vehicle pursuit even though his girlfriend testified during trial that he was with her at the same time. Allori pursued Perjury and False Swearing charges against the girlfriend. A Clackamas County Grand Jury agreed and charged the girlfriend with **Perjury** (Class C felony) and **False Swearing** (Class A misdemeanor). On July 8, 2010, nearly two years after the original vehicle pursuit, the defendant’s girlfriend pled guilty to False Swearing, receiving a sentence of 15 days in jail and 12 months of probation.

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) had a (violation) trial regarding a subject he cited for **Criminal Trespass II** during the 2009 Western Oregon rifle deer season. The subject had passed through Menasha Timber property and was observed on Roseburg Timber property. The court found the subject guilty of Criminal Trespass II for both properties and was fined \$400 for each trespass.



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