

The Field Review

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Cover Story

F&W Seeking Public Assistance with Elk Poaching Case

The Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division continues to seek the public's assistance with an ongoing investigation in Southern Oregon involving the illegal shooting of a bull elk. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust are offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible. Oregon State Troopers from the Roseburg Area Command received a report of an elk shot and left to waste in the Panther Creek area off Highway 42 near the Coos and Douglas County line. Troopers responded to the area and



found a four point bull elk that had been shot with a firearm in the stomach and left to waste. The bull elk appeared to be shot and left sometime within the week leading up to August 29th. This is the third bull elk that has been shot in the area and left to waste since May. Oregon State Police encourages anyone with information to contact Trooper Tom Willis at 541-440-3334, ext. 3415.

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Wildlife / Hunting

Bobcat Seized

A F&W Trooper out of the Madras field office completed an investigation of a subject who obtained a road struck bobcat out of season and was keeping it in the freezer to record later. The subject was warned for Possession of Bobcat without Ownership Tag and cited for **Fail To Comply With Special Bobcat Regulations**. The bobcat was seized.



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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 Influence Intoxicants/Drugs	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

Shooting from a Public Road

F&W Troopers received a call of a subject shooting from a public road at antelope on private property in the Bly area. The reporting party was contacted and had a good description and a plate number. The suspect vehicle was contacted in Bly. The suspect was contacted by the Trooper and denied being in the area. Meanwhile, a F&W Sergeant spoke with the driver, who immediately apologized, stating they didn't realize they were on private property. The driver's statements corroborated the statements given by the witnesses. The suspect was contacted again, rifle seized, and citation issued for **Hunting Prohibited Area – Roadway**.

Unlawful Possession of a Deer

F&W Troopers received a report of a Grants Pass woman who picked up what she called an injured deer along the roadside. She took the deer home to rehabilitate it. She later posted photos of her little child posing with the deer on Facebook. Some of her Facebook friends saw the photos and were concerned about the deer possibly kicking or harming the child and they called OSP. The Trooper went to the residence and it turned out that the woman and her sister, together, picked up the deer and took it home. They said it died after it ran into a wall in their apartment when trying to escape. The F&W Trooper cited both women for **Unlawful Possession of a Deer**.

Unlawful Take of Bull Elk

A F&W Trooper received a report from a witness that saw a subject shooting at an elk with a rifle during archery season in the Indigo Unit east of Cottage Grove. The witness was able to provide a detailed account of the event as well as photographs of the suspect and suspect vehicle. The 8x7 bull elk was found mortally wounded and had to be put down for humane reasons. The witness and other hunters assisted with recovering the elk so the meat could be salvaged for donation to a local charity. During the investigation two subjects were identified as possible suspects. A search warrant was granted and served. During an interview, the male subject admitted to shooting the elk. The rifle and other evidence were located near the shooting location days later. The male subject was cited for **Unlawful Take Bull Elk-Prohibited Method** and **Hunting Prohibited Method-Rifle** during Archery Season. A female subject was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense**.

Taking Deer Prohibited Area

F&W Troopers responded to a report of a deer that had been taken in South Douglas County along Pacific Railroad property. Investigation revealed that a bow hunter had shot and killed a deer as it crossed the railroad tracks. The hunter was cited for **Taking Deer Prohibited Area** and seized the deer.

Wildlife / Hunting

Waste of a Mountain Goat

F&W Troopers investigated a report of a wasted mountain goat near Enterprise. It was reported that a man shot a Mountain Goat and held a Rocky Mountain Goat Controlled Tag and was unable to get to the animal due to rough terrain. The man had called Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) personnel and explained the situation to them. ODFW personnel were familiar with the area and described how to get to the downed goat. Even with this information the subject refused to retrieve the goat, stating that the terrain was too difficult. One should keep in mind that the subject was taken into the area via an outfitter with horses. F&W Troopers hiked the eight miles into the area where the goat was killed. When they got to the area they were able to spot the goat from the main trail. The Troopers found that it only took them 30 minutes to hike to the goat from the main trail. By the time the Troopers got to the goat it had been wasted. The subject was criminally cited for **Waste of a Big Game Animal-Mountain Goat**.



Photo credit: www.asknature.org

Unlawful Possession of a Deer

A F&W Trooper responded to Yachats on a complaint that a subject had retrieved a road struck deer and was in possession of the meat. The subject and deer were located and the subject said he was just going to take the deer out and feed the seagulls. This subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession Deer** and the carcass was disposed of.

Unlawful Take of Buck Deer

A F&W Trooper investigated a recent trespassing case south of Dufur. Three men were involved in taking a spike buck deer with a bow while trespassing on the land behind a posted sign. They then loaded the deer in their vehicle. A witness obtained a description of the men and vehicle including the license plate. The three men were identified and cited for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass/Aiding** and the deer was seized. A TIP reward will be paid to the witness.



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Wildlife / Hunting

Unlawful Take of Bull Elk

A F&W Trooper responded to a complaint about a bull elk being shot with a rifle during archery season in the McMullen Creek area of the Powers Unit. Once on scene the three suspects were contacted and admitted to intentionally going out on leased private timber company land to shoot an elk, having no valid tags. The five point bull was salvaged and seized, the suspect's .308 rifle was also seized. One suspect was cited for **Criminal Trespass 2**, the primary suspect was cited for **Unlawful Take of Bull Elk Closed Season** and **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass**, the third subject was cited for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass and Aiding** in a **Wildlife Crime**.

Night Flight Operation

F&W Troopers ran a night flight operation with the Klamath Aircraft. A vehicle was observed spotlighting near Highway 138. The Trooper stopped the vehicle and a second Trooper arrived a short time later. The subject was cited for **Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light**. The driver of the vehicle was cited for **Aiding in a Game Violation**. The rifle and spotlight were seized.



Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

F&W Troopers conducted a Nighttime Wildlife Enforcement Decoy (WED) operation near Pine Mountain, east of Bend. A vehicle drove through the set and oriented the headlights to shine on the decoy. At that time, the driver and passenger jumped out, ranged the target at 55 yards, and then fired three arrows at the decoy with the aid of the vehicle lights. Both hunters were contacted and admitted what they did. Both subjects were issued citations for **Hunting with Aid of Artificial Light**. Both bows and all arrows were seized and placed into evidence at the Bend office.

Decoy Operation in East Region

F&W Troopers from the East Region conducted a decoy operation in the Paulina Unit. Two bow hunters were cited and released for **Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light Prohibited**. Two bows were seized from the subjects.



Angling

Possession of Undersize Chinook

A F&W Trooper from Newport field office received a call from an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) sampler of an angler at South Beach Marina with an undersized ocean chinook. The angler had misidentified the fish as a Coho. He was cited for **Possession of Undersized Chinook** and the fish was taken to charity

Chinook Salmon



Coho Salmon



Chinook Salmon Donated to Local Charity

F&W Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the first day of the Slam'n Salmon Derby. During the patrol numerous boats were contacted. A subject was contacted and found to be in possession of an undersized chinook salmon (19 inches). The chinook was seized and donated locally. The suspect was cited for **Unlawful Take of Undersized Chinook Salmon**.

Unattended Line

A F&W Trooper observed a woman angling on the bank of the lower Deschutes River. It was determined that she didn't have an angling license, and was simply reeling in the rod for her brother that had gone on a Jet-ski ride 30 minutes prior. The brother was located and consequently cited for **Angling Prohibited Method; Unattended Line**.

Successful Nighttime Boat Patrol

F&W Troopers conducted a nighttime boat patrol on the Columbia River between The Dalles Dam and the John Day Dam. They arrested one subject on an **Outstanding Warrant**, issued one citation for **No Navigation Lights**, and issued four citations for **No Tribal Identification**.



Preparing for an evening/night patrol on the Columbia River out of the Dalles area with OSP F&W boats from Pendleton/The Dalles.

Angling / Commercial / Shellfish

Angling

Failure to Validate Tag

A F&W Trooper observed a subject catch and retain a salmon at the Fort Stevens (Columbia River). During contact about two hours later, the subject had failed to validate his angling harvest card. The subject had an angling harvest tag and a hatchery harvest tag, both of which had numerous entries which were altered in a manner suggesting the subject had exceeded the daily bag limit of salmon and re-using previous entries. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession of An Altered Harvest Tag** and **Failure To Immediately Validate Angling Harvest Tag**. The tag was seized as evidence.

Boat Patrol on Coos Bay

F&W Troopers conducted a boat patrol on Coos Bay and a portion of the Coos River. During the boat patrol they checked 87 salmon anglers and found good compliance with only a couple of warnings for minor tag validation violations. A total of 22 chinook salmon were observed to be taken by the anglers checked. Two boat contacts during the patrol resulted in boating citations being issued for **No Personal Flotation Devices** and **No Boat Registration**.

Patrolling the Pacific Ocean

F&W Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Siuslaw River and the Pacific Ocean. 47 anglers were contacted during the patrol and 3 citations were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method-Barbed Hooks**.

Commercial

Skipper Cited Fishing Closed Area

F&W Troopers worked the Tongue Point Select Area Commercial Gillnet fishery on the Columbia River east of Astoria in the early morning hours prior to daylight. A Trooper spotted several boats north of the deadline in the dark. As daylight approached, the Trooper arrived with the departments Zodiac and contacted one vessel with net deployed fishing north of the boundary. The skipper was cited for: **Fishing Closed Area: North of Tongue Point Select Area Boundary**.

Shellfish

Unlawful Possession of Dungeness Crab

A F&W Trooper out of Newport worked night crabbing on the Newport Pier. The Trooper contacted a male subject returning to his vehicle with a large cooler full of red rock and dungeness crab. The subject stated he was not crabbing but the crab belonged to his friend who was still on the pier. A check of the cooler revealed this subject had retained 20 Dungeness crab; 3 of which were females and 9 of which were undersized. This subject was cited for **Take/Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab** and **Take/Possession of Female Dungeness crab**.

General Law

Subject Cited for Operating ATV

A F&W Trooper was driving through a subdivision near Gilchrist when he observed a subject operating an off-road motorcycle. The Trooper attempted to overtake the vehicle but the subject spotted the Trooper and sped away at a high rate of speed. A short time later, as the Trooper got closer to the subject, his motorcycle broke down and a traffic stop was performed. The subject refused commands by the Trooper and was taken into custody. The subject was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and was felony revoked for driving crimes. He was on parole for PCS-meth. His probation officer put a detainer on him and he was lodged in the Deschutes County Jail. He was cited for **Operating ATV on Highway, Felony Driving While Revoked**, and **PCS-Meth**.

Citation issued for No Permit

A F&W Trooper out of Ontario contacted two bow hunters on an ATV on USFS 16 RD. Riding on the 16 RD is prohibited. The driver did not have a safety education card for operating an ATV and the ATV did not have an operating permit. The driver of the ATV was issued a citation **No ATV Permit** and warned for the safety education card.

Subject Arrested for Setting Fire

A F&W Trooper heard the Baker Rural Fire Department being dispatched to a ditch fire near the Baker City Municipal Airport. A male subject on foot was seen lighting the fire. The Trooper responded to the area and located a subject matching the reported description. During the course of the investigation, the subject confessed to starting the fire, then fled on foot into the airfield. The subject was subsequently located and lodged in the Baker County Jail for **Reckless Burning and Escape III**.

Subject Cited for Harassing Hunter

F&W Troopers responded to a complaint of harassment in the Heppner Unit. The subject was seen letting air from the complainant's tire after a verbal altercation in reference to the complainant hunting a waterhole under the subjects tree stand. The Troopers cited & released the suspect for **Hunter Harassment**.

Citation for Criminal Trespassing

A F&W Trooper responded to a complaint of several subjects verbally threatening a landowner after trespassing on several properties while tracking a wounded cow elk near Sweet Home. The trooper contacted the subjects. The investigation lead to the subjects being cited criminally for **Hunt in Violation of Criminal Trespass**.

Interagency / Dispositions

Interagency

Angling Prohibited Method

A F&W Trooper out of St. Helens field office worked with Clark County (Washington State) River Patrol Deputies on the Columbia River. During their patrol, the Trooper seized 3 unlawful Chinook Salmon and issued 11 wildlife citations. On one contact, the Trooper discovered a Washington fishing guide angling with barbed hooks on his and his client's gear. The guide was also unable to provide his proper guiding paperwork. The guide received citations for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks** and **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation x2**.

Bald Eagle Rescued

A F&W Trooper assisted US Forest Service and Deschutes County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Animal Control in the capture of an injured bald eagle at Crane Prairie Reservoir. The Trooper was able to capture the bird and DCSO transported the bird to a local rehabilitator.



Photo credit: www.animalfactguide.com

Dispositions

Suspect Received Multiple Charges

In 2014, A F&W Trooper out of Portland responded to a call on Larch Mountain Road in Corbett, Oregon where a large bull elk was found missing its head and hind quarters. The remaining parts of the elk were left to waste, and no leads or suspects were identified. The Trooper received a lead to a possible suspect. After a series of interviews, The Trooper identified the shooter and his associates. The shooter was charged with **Unlawful Take of a Bull Elk, Waste of Game Mammal, and Hunting Closed Season**. The suspect's associates were charged with **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime**.



Subject Pleaded Guilty

In Linn County Justice Court, a male subject pled guilty to **Unlawful Take Buck Deer and Tampering With Physical Evidence**. This was stemming from an investigation which revealed the subject had shot a very large black-tail buck deer with a rifle between the archery and rifle season. The male was ordered to pay \$4,000.00 in restitution, \$250.00 to the OHA tip fund, fined \$500.00 and \$250.00 administrative fees. The animal and one of the male subject's weapons were forfeited to the State. The male's hunting privileges were suspended for three years.

Public Relations

Water Rescue on the Columbia River

F&W Troopers were able to assist a man and woman on the Columbia River who were riding double on a jet ski but lost steering on the jet ski in the middle of the river. They were cold, wet and tired, but otherwise alright and were towed a substantial distance back to their marina.



Stranded Boat Rescued

During the Saturation of the Alsea Bay a citizen's boat broke down and drifted through the rough water conditions onto some rocks. A F&W Trooper was able to hold the boat off of the rocks while he was on the shoreline. One Trooper remained with the boat until other F&W Troopers arrived with the OSP boat taking the stranded boat and towing it to some nearby docks.

Elk Meat Donated to Local Rehab Center

F&W Troopers out of The Dalles responded to a report of a 5pt bull elk that had become entangled in a wire fence while crossing into a Pear Orchard Valley. The elk had died a few hours earlier. The elk was skinned out for the hide to be made into a decoy and the meat was donated to the Gorge Discovery Center to be used to feed the birds of prey on display at the center.

Did you know?

About 1880, Peter French built this unusual barn. French was the boss of "P" Ranch, a vast spread in the Donner and Blitzen Valley. He and his riders used the barn for breaking and exercising horses in winter. Nearly 300 head of horse and mule colts were foaled each year. Some were sold, but most were kept to work the ranch. Placed on high ground for better drainage, this barn encloses a 60' diameter stone corral. This conical roof is supported by a 30' juniper center post and 13 other posts.

This historic structure including 2 acres and an access easement was deeded to the Oregon Historical Society in 1969 by local ranchers Thomas and Richard Jenkins.

Pete French Round Barn



Spotlight

Making of a Decoy

F&W Troopers organized a Wildlife Enforcement Decoy (WED) work party and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Prineville biologist worked together with a Taxidermist to complete two mule deer decoys. OHA monetary donations and labor donation with F&W and ODFW together resulted in two very nice mule deer bucks ready for deployment. One of the F&W Trooper's daughter (OHA Prineville member) also volunteered.



F&W Training to Recruits

F&W Troopers recently provided Fish & Wildlife training to the new Recruits at the Oregon Public Safety Academy (OPSA). The three day training included approximately 20 different scenarios. Recruits in Patrol and F&W Division found it to be very informative and well done.



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