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Fish and Wildlife Troopers Are Sworn to Protect and Serve the Public

Many people are not aware, unlike 48 other states, Oregon's fish and game "wardens," like Alaska, are fully-trained, sworn state troopers—an advantageous "two-for-one" benefit for Oregon's citizens. The mission of the Department of Oregon State Police is to enhance livability and safety by protecting the people, property, and natural resources of the state. In order to achieve this mission, two objectives a trooper is dedicated to meet is to Be There, whenever the citizens of Oregon need our services, and to Prevent Harm, by providing direct enforcement, resources, and education. Your Fish and Wildlife Division troopers not only ensure compliance with the laws and regulations that protect and enhance the long term health and equitable utilization of Oregon's fish, wildlife, and habitats; they also enforce criminal and traffic laws and provide public safety and save lives. The following are a few July incidents where Fish and Wildlife Division troopers protected the public and saved lives.

While on a boat patrol, Tpr. Vogel (St. Helens) and Columbia County SO Deputy King were contacted by two groups of patrons who reported their 4- and 5-year-old children had gone missing. Vogel and King contacted Multnomah County SO and Sauvie Island Search and Rescue to assist in the search. Vogel and King located one of the missing children and returned him to his parents. Beach patrons located the other missing child who was directed to his parents.

Tpr. Glaser and Tpr. Andrews (Salem) were dispatched at about midnight to respond to a boat stuck on a gravel bar midstream on the Willamette River near Willamette Mission State Park. Four children and two adults were still stranded on the boat, but the operator swam to shore to seek help. At about 2:00 a.m., the troopers launched the Fish and Wildlife boat and headed upstream with the operator. The troopers successfully transported all the occupants back to shore safely before returning to salvage the boat.

While Tpr. Stone and Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) conducted a cataraft patrol on the North Umpqua River, several people yelled for help at a popular rope swing. The troopers contacted a female subject who believed she had dislocated her knee and had several scrapes and lacerations on her lower leg. She reportedly slipped from the swing and crashed into the rocks with both legs bent. One person in the group had already called for an ambulance; however, there was no road access near the location. The troopers devised a splint using one youth and one adult life jacket, a belt, and some rope to stabilize her knee. With assistance from several bystanders, the female was loaded into a raft and tied to one of the catarafts for transport about two miles downstream to meet the ambulance at Hestnes Boat Launch who transported the female the hospital for treatment.

Tpr. Fromme and Tpr. Borchers (Portland) stopped a vehicle that passed their location in an oncoming lane while passing a series of cars at a high rate of speed. After overtaking the vehicle and initiating a traffic stop, a DUII investigation began. After the subject failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs), Borchers recognized the driver had symptoms consistent with a diabetic reaction. After the troopers asked the driver to eat a piece of candy located in his vehicle, the driver began to respond to the sugar and provided normal and sobering responses to questions and tests. The driver stated he needed to check himself into the hospital for observation. With his consent, they secured his vehicle at the scene and transported him to and escorted him into a Portland hospital where he admitted himself. The subject thanked the troopers for their kindness and recognition of his medical issues.



Injured man transport via Life Flight to the hospital. Photo credit: File

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) was working in the Dorena area checking US Army Corps of Engineers parks and recreation sites. At about 9:00 p.m., Boyd was driving down Row River Road preparing to stop a vehicle and spotted something out of the corner of his eye as he passed a driveway. Boyd stopped and backed up; and, in the darkness, observed a man lying on the ground near his pickup. After Boyd got out and approached the pickup; he observed a conscious, seriously injured man with his head trapped under the tire. The man was home alone and tried unsuccessfully in the dark to get the attention of passing motorists for about 20 minutes. Blocking the highway with his pickup to get other people's attention, Boyd solicited assistance from two citizens who stopped. Boyd attached a tow strap to his pickup, and they were able to move the vehicle off the victim's head. Boyd notified OSP Dispatch and rendered initial emergency medical care until assistance and Life Flight arrived. The man underwent several hours of surgery, but was released from the hospital two days later. The investigation revealed the man had looked underneath his pickup to inspect a possible mechanical problem when it rolled onto his head, trapping him.

Notable Dispositions Reported in July

Two Poachers Pled Guilty to Felony and Misdemeanor Crimes

Two of the nine suspects charged in a notable poaching case pled guilty in July to multiple felony and misdemeanor crimes in Lane County Circuit Court. The 15-month investigation by Springfield, Albany, Bend, Oakridge, Florence, and Roseburg troopers into the poaching operation led investigators to uncover multiple other crimes. In April 2011, Lane County indicted nine suspects on numerous charges, including wildlife crimes, Identity Theft, and Racketeering.

The investigation led by Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) alleged a long criminal conspiracy involving the illegal harvest of about 300 deer in the McKenzie Wildlife Management Unit over the last five years. With assistance of Patrol troopers, BLM, and Lane County; search warrants served at three separate locations in January 2011 in both Springfield and Eugene led to the seizure of 18 hunting rifles, 108 sets of antlers, about 1,600 pounds of processed game meat, two whole cow elk, timber company keys, and numerous hunting licenses and tags. The offenses occurred during 2009 and 2010 in Lane County on both BLM and private timber lands, and the wildlife unlawfully taken and/or possessed included blacktail deer and elk.

Guilty Suspect Sentenced to Fines, Probation, and Community service

Sr. Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) received a disposition on a commercial crab case he worked in 2010 when he cited the captain for **Unlawful Possession of another Vessel's Crab Pots**. The court found the captain guilty and sentenced the suspect to 12 months probation, \$750 fines, and 40 hours of community service.



Seized evidence from poaching case. Photo credit: File

The investigation revealed a long time criminal enterprise primarily involving the unlawful take of blacktail deer. Many of the deer were taken to fill tags for people who either do not hunt or who had their identification (ID) stolen for the purpose of illegally obtaining hunting licenses and tags in their name. A break in the case came when an ID theft victim received an ODFW big game tooth envelope in the mail and contacted ODFW to advise them of their mistake. The initial investigation indicated hunting licenses and tags were bought without their knowledge or consent.

Due to meat inspection protocols, the meat seized could not be utilized for human consumption and was donated to wildlife rehabilitation facilities. Seized firearms go to DSL and will be auctioned off, with the proceeds going to the common school fund. In July, the two ring leaders pled guilty, and the court sentenced them.

Suspect #1 pled guilty to **Unlawful Take of Big Game (5 counts), Unlawful Possession of Game Mammal, Unlawful Possession of Big Game Parts (50 counts), Unlawful Hunting of Antlerless Elk, Identity Theft (5 counts), Forgery in the Second Degree, Computer Crime (10 counts), and Racketeering**. Suspect #1 was sentenced to 360 days in jail in four 90-day segments (fall hunting seasons) beginning on October 1, 2011 through 2014; five years probation with strict guidelines; 400 hours community service; forfeit 14 seized firearms, meat, and antlers; pay \$42,000 restitution to ODFW; pay \$3,200 restitution to OSP; and **lifetime** hunting license suspension.

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Suspect #2 pled guilty to **Unlawful Loaning of Big Game Tag, Unlawful Borrowing of Hunting Tag (3 counts), Identity Theft, Unlawful Take Antlerless Deer, Unlawful Possession of Big Game Parts (50 counts), and Racketeering**. Suspect #2 was sentenced to 360 days in jail in four 90-day segments (fall hunting seasons) beginning October 1, 2011 through 2014; five years probation; forfeit all seized firearms; pay \$20,000 restitution to ODFW; and **lifetime** hunting license suspension.

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

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

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Wildlife / Hunting

Orphaned Bear Cub Trapped and Taken to Rehab

On a Monday, Sgt. Thompson (Newport) responded to Hwy 18 on a report of a bear cub in the area of a road-struck bear. When Thompson arrived on scene, he unfortunately scared a young bear cub that was right next to a bear that had been dead for several days. Thompson called ODFW for assistance, and they responded and set up a live trap. On Wednesday, Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) checked the trap and discovered a bear cub in it. ODFW responded and took custody of the very active and vocal bear cub. ODFW shuttled the orphaned cub to a rehabilitation facility.

Subject Warned for Hazing without a Permit

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) responded to a complaint of a man shooting at deer in Klamath Falls. He contacted the suspect and learned the suspect was trying to keep deer out of his garden by shooting at them with an airgun. Niehus warned the subject and referred him to ODFW to obtain advice and permits for hazing deer. For resources on living with nuisance deer, visit http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living_with/deer_elk.asp. For information about obtaining wildlife permits, contact ODFW at 1-800-720-ODFW.



Orphaned cub trapped and taken to rehab. Photo credit: File

Two Subjects Cited for Road Closure Violations

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) followed up on a road closure violation from the 2010 archery season. As the subjects lived in the Portland area, he forwarded two citations for **Violation of a Posted Road Closure in the Phillip W. Schneider Wildlife Area** to Portland troopers who served both subjects. Report road closure violators by completing violation forms found on ODFW travel management area maps or on our website at http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/FW/docs/Suspicious_Activity_Form_Fillable.pdf. Forms can be turned in to any OSP office, e-mailed to TIP@state.or.us, faxed to 503-363-5475, or mailed to OSP Fish and Wildlife Division 255 Capitol Street NE, 4th Floor, Salem, OR 97310.

Bear Raided Campers' Gear

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) was dispatched to a call from someone who accidentally shot a black bear in the middle of the night. After driving several BLM roads around Howard Prairie, he located the camp. The investigation revealed a bear had come into their secluded camp and started raiding their gear. The campers opened the tent and shined a flashlight and yelled at the bear to scare it, but the bear just stood there. They then grabbed a shotgun with 00 buck and shot in the direction of the bear to spook it; however, one of the bbs struck the bear above the eye, killing it. Collom did not issue any citations, since the man did the right thing and called OSP, and removed the bear from the camp.

Report People Holding Wildlife without a Permit

Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) responded to a complaint of a subject holding a baby raccoon in captivity. He warned the suspect for Unlawful Possession (Holding) of Wildlife and recovered the raccoon and turned it over to ODFW. Later that week, Randall responded to a complaint of a person holding a skunk. Unfortunately, the skunk died the day before. He warned this person for Unlawful Possession of Wildlife. Per ODFW, do not remove an animal, especially sick, injured, and/or "orphaned," from the wild. Notify ODFW, OSP, or a licensed wildlife rehabilitator (<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/rehabilitation/index.asp>). In addition to safety concerns of both people and wildlife, holding wildlife without a permit is illegal. For more information, visit <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/viewing/FAQs.asp>.

Blacktail Buck Poached, OSP Seeking Information

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) received a complaint of poached deer, and Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) located the trophy blacktail buck that had apparently been shot less than 100 yards from a logging road just west of Sutherlin and left to waste several days earlier. OSP is looking for any help from the public in locating the responsible individual(s). To provide information, call 1-800-452-7888.

"Poached" Deer Road-Struck

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) responded to a reported poached blacktail buck at the Myrtle Point Golf Course. Following close examination of the animal; he determined a vehicle struck the deer, and scavengers created the wound thought to have been a bullet hole. Sometimes, troopers respond to poaching tips; and the cause of death is determined to be self-injury, natural causes, predators, or vehicles. Report any suspected poached wildlife. Call 1-800-452-7888 or visit http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/FW/docs/Suspicious_Activity_Form_Fillable.pdf to obtain a Violation / Suspicious Activity Report Form that can be e-mailed, faxed, or mailed using the information on the form.

TIP Resulted in Apprehending Four Poachers

Sgt. Pond and Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) responded to a report of several subjects involved in shooting and loading a deer. The complainant heard gunshots and used binoculars to observe four suspects load a deer into their truck. When the complainant attempted to ride his ATV over to contact the suspects and get a license plate number, he was almost struck by the fleeing suspect's vehicle. The suspects hid their truck on USFS land and began processing the deer in a secluded location. Hayes and two Crook County SO deputies eventually located the subjects. Pond interviewed witnesses and collected DNA evidence at the scene. Two suspects had been released from jail that week, and the other two suspects started probation that day. The troopers cited suspect #1 for **Taking Deer Closed Season, DWS—Misdemeanor, and Recklessly Endangering Another Person**; suspect #2 for **Taking Deer Closed Season**; suspect #3 for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**, and suspect #4 for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**. The troopers seized the rifle as evidence and seized and donated the deer to charity.

General Law / Patrol

Criminal Mischief and other Criminal Offenses Detected

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) stopped a vehicle for a violation. The operator was asked about the motorcycle in the utility trailer he was towing. Hayes' investigation revealed the operator had stolen the motorcycle. He lodged the operator in jail for **Theft I, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, and Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle.**

While working near Lost Creek Lake, Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) responded to a call of a disturbance at Stewart State Park and found private security had detained an intoxicated male suspect who had been fighting with others at the campground. Allison lodged the suspect in jail for **Disorderly Conduct, Assault, and Menacing.**

Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) followed up on a report of a vehicle tearing up the parking lot at the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area. The ruts were deep and ruined the once smooth lot. Imholt located the suspect vehicle and owner. The owner heard the police were looking for them, so they painted the car black to disguise it. Imholt cited the owner for **Criminal Mischief III.** Fern Ridge has paid to have the parking lots bladed and compacted several times, but reckless people keep tearing them up.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) stopped a motorist on Hwy 197 near Dufur who was on probation for drug possession. Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) joined Pearson as backup. The subject was very nervous and gave consent to search his truck. Prior to the search, the subject told Pearson he had a cannon in a toolbox in the bed. The troopers removed a homemade cannon loaded with black powder and a fuse sticking out of the breech touch hole. The subject displayed a missing finger he had blown off with the same cannon several years previously. The troopers cited the subject for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm.** Bomb Technicians Sr. Tpr. Wagner and Sr. Tpr. Lopez-Sendejas responded from Hermiston and rendered the cannon safe.

A Few of the Division's Drug and DUI Arrests Made in July

Tpr. Fromme and Tpr. Borchers (Portland) were conducting angling license checks on the east bank of the Willamette River in Oregon City, when Fromme came across an adult male and juvenile smoking marijuana together. When interviewed, he found the adult was giving and encouraging the juvenile to smoke the marijuana. The troopers lodged the adult in jail for **Delivery of a Controlled Substance to a Minor** and cited both subjects for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana.**

When Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) stopped a vehicle, he heard another honking its horn. He turned around to see three vehicles coming out of a USFS area known for partying. The driver of vehicle jumped out of his car and yelled that another driver had run into him and not stopped. Randall could see the vehicle damage. Randall broke contact to overtake the suspect. Randall stopped the offender and interviewed the driver and occupants. Randall noticed an odor of alcohol. After the SFST's, Randall took the driver into custody, and, after a hospital blood draw, lodged the suspect in jail for **DUII, Criminal Mischief I, Fail to Perform the Duties of a Driver, Reckless Driving, and Reckless Endangering.**

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) noticed a motorist with a flat tire in Maupin along Hwy 197. He found the very intoxicated man drove he and his 15-year-old son to that location a short time before. Pearson arrested the driver for **DUII**, and Sr. Tpr. Holloran (Patrol) transported the man to jail, BAC .15%. Pearson transported his son to The Dalles and contacted his grandmother who drove from Beaverton to pick the boy up. While dealing with this case, a man on a motorized scooter drove by Pearson's vehicle, directly across Hwy 197, through an intersection, and launched himself off a steep 60-foot embankment. He suffered minor injuries. The man was under the influence of a probable combination of alcohol and marijuana as he had marijuana in his possession. Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) arrived to assist, arrested the man for **DUII**, and transported him to The Dalles. Jail staff refused to admit the man, and Holloran responded to the hospital and obtained a blood sample.



Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) handled a non-injury crash on Hwy 238 near Ruch where a box truck went off the road and rolled when the driver fell asleep. (Photo credit: File)

Wanted People Frequently Encountered

Tpr. King (Tillamook) was checking anglers at the confluence of Three Rivers and the Nestucca River and contacted a subject Chinook angling. A check of this subject revealed a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest issued out of Lincoln County charging **Parole Violation—Wildlife Crime.** King lodged the subject in jail.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) contacted four subjects for Criminal Trespass II in Lakeside Park during a night closure. One subject provided an AKA but was unable to spell his last name. Boyd detained him without incident, and the subject advised he was wanted out of Douglas County. In total, the male had seven warrants for arrest out of Douglas County, Sutherlin PD, and Roseburg PD. Boyd lodged the subject in jail on the warrants and cited him for **Giving False Information to a Police Officer.**

Tpr. Fromme and Tpr. Borchers (Portland) stopped a vehicle near the Columbia River for a violation. The driver presented an old inmate identification card, and the passenger displayed indications of drug use and said she did not have a driver license. The driver was found he was not only suspended but also on Post Prison Supervision for Dangerous Drugs with several conditions to his release. The passenger was identified for possible violations to the driver's post-prison release, and her name was located as an AKA on a no-bail felony arrest warrant out of Washington for escaping a jail where she was serving a sentence for a drug crime. The warrant listed she was resistive and frequently fought law enforcement. Fromme contacted the passenger and positively identified her as the fugitive. The troopers found her also in possession of drug paraphernalia and prescription medication not prescribed to her. The driver's parole officer did not detain him, so the troopers cited and released him for **DWS**, and released the vehicle to a licensed driver. They lodged the passenger in jail on the **Fugitive from Justice** warrant.

ATV / Environment

Troopers Issued Citations for ATV and Trespass Violations

Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Abany) and Tpr. Rummer (Patrol) cited two male subjects for **Criminal Trespass**. A timber company contacted the two subjects behind locked gates in a vehicle on the Upper Calapooia Mainline. They were dressed in camouflage and said they were scouting for places to hunt in the fall. On another occasion, Halsey and Rummer contacted a male subject behind locked gates in a vehicle on the Upper Calapooia Mainline. The troopers cited this violator also for **Criminal Trespass**.

A Monument-area rancher reported unknown suspect(s) removed two steel fence posts from her property, drove around her private locked gate, and trespassed across her property to access the John Day River. Tpr. Ritter (John Day) contacted a camp in the area and determined that nine suspects in the camp trespassed on the rancher's property. One of the suspects removed the steel fence posts and drove his vehicle around the locked gate onto the rancher's property. After conferring with the rancher, Ritter cited eight of the nine suspects for **Criminal Trespass II**. The ninth suspect had already left camp, and Ritter will follow up and cite that suspect. Ritter also cited the driver of the vehicle for **Criminal Mischief III**.

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) noticed fresh ATV tracks coming off of a timber company road onto a USFS road. The timber company road is gated and posted with a No Motor Vehicles Allowed sign. Kehr drove up the road and waited. Within five minutes, he contacted a subject on a ATV on the USFS road. The operator did not have an ATV permit, and he eventually admitted to riding on the timber company land behind the locked gate. He stated he had been riding there for two or three years and knew he was trespassing and that it was only a matter of time until he was caught. He stated when he came around the corner and saw Kehr, he knew he was caught. Kehr issued the operator a citation for **Criminal Trespass** and a warning for No ATV Permit.

Environmental Crimes Investigated

Sr. Tpr. Reid (McMinnville) stopped a subject observed throwing trash out of her window along the Willamette River near Dundee. She stated she knew it was illegal, and Reid cited her for **Offensive Littering**.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) was patrolling ODF land east of Astoria when he spotted a disabled pickup with a flat tire through his binoculars. Klepp approached the vehicle and noticed a male driver working on the tire. The pickup bed was full of wood as well as the attached trailer. The subject initially claimed he had a wood permit but it was with his friend who left to get a tire jack, but he later admitted to not having a permit and that he was gathering wood for a bonfire. Klepp cited him for **Unlawful Cut and Transport of Special Forest Products**.

Sr. Tpr. McNeil (Baker City) discovered an abandoned camp on USFS land above an ODFW feed site with an older 28-foot travel trailer and numerous piles of garbage (food cans, clothes, and diapers). The trailer did not have a license plate, and the VIN returned as unable to locate. Thorough examination of the scene located a gas receipt which traced to a vehicle in northern Washington then to a Baker City family. Upon contact, McNeil determined the best course of action was to have those responsible clean up the huge mess, and he gave the owner a short timeline for cleanup before taking enforcement action. McNeil returned two days later to find the area completely clean. Even rocks from the fire rings were removed. He re-contacted the suspects who confirmed they properly disposed of the trash and did not relocate it in the forest.

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) contacted two Class II ATVs operating on Hwy 205 south of Fields. Consequently, Caldwell cited the operators for **Unlicensed Motor Vehicle**.



ATVs stopped on the highway. Photo credit: File

Upon returning from Lake County, Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) stopped an ATV near Bly on the highway. As he approached the now-stopped ATV, he noticed the operator doing something near his foot and found he was pouring out his beer. Niehus' investigation resulted in arrested the operator for **DUII**. During the pat down search, Niehus located a marijuana pipe and marijuana. He transported the subject to jail, BAC .16%, where Niehus additionally cited the operator for **DWS Violation, UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana, and Operating an ATV on a Highway**.

Pollution Concerns Addressed

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) assisted Patrol on an accident off of Hwy 66 above Emigrant Lake where a vehicle hauling a loader rolled causing diesel to leak into a small tributary. The driver took off on foot to avoid confronting his boss because of past history with equipment. Troopers later located the driver and lodged him in jail. OSP called HAZMAT to set up booms. Even though the small tributary may not be fish-bearing, the area was examined, and no fish deaths were detected.

In February, OSP was contacted regarding a concern with sediment issues along the Yachats River. Reportedly, fill dirt from a project was dumped three miles down the road and possibly in a wetland. Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) contacted the contractor and inspected the site. She determined more sediment control devices could be implemented; however, the water was not polluted from sediment from the project, and the fill did not impact the river or a wetland. Several months after completion, OSP received a complaint from a subject who could see what they believed to be asbestos pipe protruding from the fill. OSP responded and found chunks of fibrous pipe in the fill. OSP contacted DEQ, and an asbestos agent responded. Test of material samples taken concluded the pipe contained asbestos, and DEQ advised some pieces were friable (they could have produced harmful air pollution when extracted and broken up upon removal). The contractor was contacted and ordered to hire an abatement contractor to dispose of the pipe. About 16 feet of exposed asbestos pipe was removed. Van Meter cited the contractor for **Unlawful Air Pollution II**.

Marine Board

Remember AIS Permits

Sr. Tpr. Wilson (Ontario) worked a cooperative boat patrol on Owyhee Reservoir with the Malheur County SO. Wilson issued one citation for **No AIS Permit**.

Guided without a License

Sr. Tpr. Thompson and Sr. Tpr. Allison (Central Point) were conducting a boat patrol on the Rogue River, when they received a complaint from a landowner along the river about a man illegally guiding salmon anglers. The troopers trailed the boat to the area and contacted the landowner who had called Oregon State Marine Board and learned the guide was not licensed. The troopers located the anglers and their guide. The guide did not have a guide license. They issued a **Guiding without a Guide License** citation.

During July, SIU detectives worked an illegal guide case on the McKenzie River at Tpr. Boyd's (Springfield) request. On July 28, Boyd contacted a boat operator near the Leaburg Dam on the McKenzie River. The operator gave details of the morning fishing trip which differed greatly from what the two passengers provided. Sgt. Martin (Springfield) arrived to assist, and the investigation revealed that the boat operator had been paid \$240 for a guided salmon/steelhead trip. The troopers cited the guide for **Unlawful Guiding without Current Annual Guide Registration** and seized the \$240 as evidence.

Crafts Unlawfully Operated

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) noticed a ski boat towing an inflatable with occupants on board after dark without navigation lights. He contacted the operator in the Pine Meadows campground and issued **Waterskiing Activities after Sunset** and **No Navigation Lights** citations.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) received a report of a boat in the Boat Restricted Zone (BRZ) of The Dalles Dam. He located the boat and attempted to direct it to the boat ramp. The subject left the BRZ and anchored out in the Columbia River. Because of darkness, he could not read the registration numbers, but the boat had distinctive running lights. An interagency officer assisted in launching the boat, and Pearson contacted and cited the subject for **Operating a Boat in a Restricted Area**.

At Dorena Reservoir, Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) watched a person operating a personal watercraft (PWC) inside the 5 mph/slow no-wake zone at Baker Bay and jump his craft over the plastic floating boom barriers near the picnic/swim area. The operator made numerous jumps over the booms, striking them each time as he made his way over the top. The operator then beached his craft and climbed aboard another PWC and performed the stunt again. The operator was also not wearing a USCG-approved PFD. Maher contacted the operator and issued him a citation for **Unsafe Operation—PWC** and warnings for **Not Wearing a USCG-Approved PFD** and **No Sound Producing Device**.

Boat Patrols Conducted around the State

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) patrolled Lake County and worked Holbrook, Heart, and Lofton Lakes, resulting in 13 angler checks and four BERS. Niehus discovered a good compliance rate and issued only one citation for **No PFD**.

Sr. Tpr. Knapp and Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) conducted an overnight jet boat patrol on the Snake River over the weekend. During the patrol, they completed 18 BERS, checked three anglers, and made numerous public contacts with people enjoying a sunny weekend. Fortunately, the troopers did not detect any violations.

Sr. Tpr. Caldwell (Burns) patrolled Delintment Lake focusing on Marine Board activities. During the patrol, he cited a boat operator for an **Insufficient Number of PFDs**. He also issued warnings for **No AIS Permit**, **No Boat Registration** (electric motor), and **No Angling License**.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp and Tpr. Herman (Astoria) utilized the RHI to conduct a recreational sport salmon and groundfish patrol on the Pacific Ocean south of the Columbia River. They checked 17 boats with 48 salmon and 8 rockfish anglers. They issued numerous warnings for **Failure to Immediately Validate Salmon Harvest Card** and four citations for **Failure to Validate Salmon Harvest Card**, two for **Continuing to Angle for Salmon after Obtaining a Daily Bag Limit**, one for **No PFD for Child**, and one for **Illegal Possession of Undersized Chinook Salmon**. They seized and donated one salmon to charity.



Troopers patrolling Newport Bay in an RHI. Photo credit: File

Tpr. Dietz (Pendleton) patrolled Jubilee Lake during the 4th of July holiday weekend. He received many thanks from campers for OSP patrolling the campground and lake. During his patrol, he checked 36 anglers and 18 boaters and made 39 camp contacts. He found a several recreationalists out of compliance and issued two citations for **No Nonresident Angling License**, three warnings for **No Angling License in Possession**, and two warnings for **Marine Board violations**.

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) patrolled Bolan and Tannen Lakes. At Bolan Lake, he checked seven anglers at Bolan Lake. He issued two Marine Board warnings for **No Sound Producing Device** and one citation for **No PFD for Child** to a parent who was allowing their 8- and 11-year-old children to fish from an inflatable kayak on the main body of the lake without any PFDs on board. The mom stated her children are good swimmers. At Tannen Lake, Bennett checked nine anglers and warned one for **No PFD** who was fishing from a float tube just off the bank.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) worked angler and boating enforcement on the John Day River over a weekend. During his patrol, he checked 33 anglers and conducted 15 BERS. As a result of several violations detected, Ritter issued two citations for **No Angling License**, two for **MIP—Alcohol**, two for **Open Container**, one for **Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor**, and three for **Depositing Litter in a Waterway**. He also issued three warnings for **No Angling License in Possession**, 15 for **No Sound Producing Device**, four for **No AIS Permit**, and two for **No PFD**.

Shellfish / Commercial Fish

Shellfish Resources Protected

Sr. Tpr. Harris and Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) conducted a boat patrol out of the Port of Charleston. Numerous salmon anglers and sport crabbers were contacted. One citation was issued for **Exceeding Possession Limit of Sport Crab Pots**.

Sr. Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) was checking clambers on Coos Bay and observed two females digging what appeared to be over their daily limit of 20 bay clams each. He contacted the subjects as they were leaving the flats. Upon inspecting their clams, he discovered one possessed 93 clams and the other possessed 73. Bowen cited both subjects for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Bay Clams**.

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) contacted a group of anglers who tossed some crab out of a bucket as he approached at Empire boat launch. The subjects also had five undersized Dungeness crab cooked near their vehicle. Harris warned the subjects for No Shellfish License and cited one for **Taking Undersized Dungeness Crab**.

Razor clam harvesting on Clatsop beaches July 15; however, North Coast Team troopers contacted more than 100 subjects with or in the process of digging razor clams on the morning of the closure. The troopers worked swiftly to notify subjects of the closure. The majority of the uninformed stated they thought the season closed on the 16th, rather than the 15th.



Trooper checking clambers on the beach. Photo credit: File

Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) contacted a group of crabbers at the Umpqua Triangle. A crab cooker was set up on the beach. He located a bucket with three undersized Dungeness crab. The crabbers said they had not measured the crab yet and would have released any undersized crab before cooking them. Lea cited one subject for **Fail to Immediately Release Undersized Crab**.

Tpr. King (Tillamook) was checking clambers at Netarts Bay and contacted a large group of subjects who were placing all of

their clams in one large tub. After allowing each person to sort out their 20 bay clams, King found they were 105 clams over their limit. King cited one subject who took responsibility for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit Bay Clams**.

While patrolling the North Jetty of Tillamook Bay, Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) contacted a subject crabbing. The subject observed Galusha watching as he had pulled in two female Dungeness crab, so he released the crab back into the bay. A consent search of the subject's cooler revealed he had eight short male and female Dungeness crab inside. The subject admitted he just wanted to take some crab home. Galusha cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Dungeness Crab**.

Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) assisted Douglas County SO on dunes ATV patrol at Winchester Bay over the 4th of July weekend and issued several ATV-related warnings. He also checked the crab docks and issued two warnings for Unlawful Possession of Undersized Crab, one warning for No Shellfish License, and a citation for **Unlawful Possession of Female Dungeness Crab**. Fortunately, the undersized and female crab were successfully returned to the water.

Commercial Fish Laws Enforced

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) cited the skipper of a commercial sablefish vessel out of the Port of Charleston for a 15.5% weekly overage for **Exceeding the Trip Limit of Sablefish**.

Two commercial clam harvesters failed to submit their May log books to ODFW as required. Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted and cited both harvesters for **Fail to Submit Log Books to ODFW within 10 Days**.

A gill netter attempted to sell sturgeon to a buyer after the commercial season closed, and the buyer notified OSP. Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) contacted and cited the gill netter for **Unlawful Taking of Commercially Caught White Sturgeon Closed Season**.

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) received an anonymous complaint of an unlicensed fish buyer from California buying tuna from commercial vessels at the public hoists and planning to transport the fish back to California. Urbigkeit contacted the subject and issued a citation for **No Oregon Buyer's License**.

Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport) responded to a complaint on the Newport Bayfront where a subject reportedly was selling Dungeness crab. She contacted the suspect who advised he wanted to make an extra money for cigarettes. He stated he caught the crab off the Abbey Street Pier, cooked them, and sold them two for \$5. Urbigkeit cited the subject for the **Unlawful Selling of Recreational Caught Dungeness Crab**.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) contacted a suspect involving the unlawful take of an undersized commercially taken sturgeon. Multiple witnesses reported a gill net fisherman delivered an undersized sturgeon to an Astoria-area processor. When the processor refused to buy it, the fisherman picked up the sturgeon and dumped it off the dock and into the water. O'Connor contacted and cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Commercially Taken Sturgeon**.

Utilizing *Guardian*, Sr. Tpr. Klepp and Tpr. Herman (Astoria) patrolled off the mouth of the Columbia River to monitor the commercial halibut season during an evening. They moored the vessel overnight offshore; and the next morning, they traveled north to known halibut grounds and encountered a small fleet of commercial vessels prior to the 8:00 a.m. opener. No vessel deployed gear prior to the season, and all buoy markings were in compliance. A list of participating vessels was cell phoned in to Special Agent Sean Stanley and he later confirmed that one vessel had failed to declare (Telephone in) their halibut trip as required by N.M.F.F.S. Information will be forwarded to Special Agent Stanley for further action and possible summary settlement.

Sport Angling

Multiple Subjects Unlawfully Took or Possessed Illegal Fish

Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) worked and angling enforcement shore patrol at Cottonwood Bridge on the John Day River. He checked 22 anglers and issued one citation for **Unlawful Possession of Slot Limit Bass**.

Tpr. Galusha (Tillamook) responded to Garibaldi Marina where a subject brought in two yelloweye rockfish, a protected species. The subject told Galusha they looked in the regulations and thought both fish were vermilion rockfish, a legal species. One subject took responsibility for the violation, and Galusha issued a citation for **Unlawful Possession Yelloweye Rockfish**.

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) contacted a boat with two anglers at the Port of Brookings and found two canary rockfish. Both anglers said they each caught one. After some discussion, the skipper agreed to take responsibility for both fish. Stinnett cited the skipper for **Taking Canary Rockfish Closed Season** and warned the second angler.



Trout seized as evidence. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Collom and Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) teamed up on a Saturday evening working the Rogue River above Lost Creek Lake. They found a male and a female cleaning fish, and the man claimed he was the only one fishing. They located 13 trout in his cooler. He claimed a friend was up there earlier that day and caught some of the fish. His wife said she was not fishing and, conversely, said the friend was up there the day before and left the fish. The man eventually admitted to catching the trout and was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Trout—Three over the Limit**.

Sgt. Lea (Coos Bay) contacted a boat at the Port Of Charleston and located a very large yelloweye rockfish among the catch. He issued one citation for **Unlawful Taking Yelloweye Rockfish** and seized the fish.

Sr. Tpr. Hayes (Bend) contacted an angler on Devils Lake who was sitting on a five-gallon bucket. The subject advised fishing was poor, but he gave Hayes consent to look in the bucket. Apparently, fishing was not that bad, as the subject was 16 trout over his limit. Hayes cited the subject for **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Trout**.

While on a Columbia River boat patrol, Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) contacted a vessel with three anglers who stated they had not caught any fish. O'Connor obtained harvest cards and observed one of the anglers validated a steelhead for that day. Through questioning, O'Connor learned one of the anglers retained a native steelhead and cut off the adipose fin. O'Connor cited the angler criminally for **Unlawful Take of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Steelhead** and seized the steelhead.

For the protection of native and bull trout species at Trail Bridge Reservoir, angling with bait is prohibited, and the bag limit is five hatchery trout day. Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) located and contacted two subjects angling with bait at the reservoir. Additionally, the two anglers caught 24 trout. Boyd seized the fish and issued two citations for **Unlawful Possession of Illegally Caught Trout using a Prohibited Method—Bait**. On another patrol at Trail Bridge Reservoir, Boyd contacted three subjects also angling with bait and found they possessed 45 trout and one bull trout. Consequently, Boyd issued three citations for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Trout**, two for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**, and one for **Unlawful Possession of Bull Trout** and seized the trout.

Live Fish Transported without Permit

Tpr. King (Tillamook) contacted a subject who reportedly took 50 smolts using a net from the upper Nestucca River and transported them to a pond. The subject admitted to netting the fish and moving them to a beaver pond, hoping to come back in a year or two to go fishing. King cited the subject for **Transporting Live Fish without a Permit**.

Angler Wasted Game Fish

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) was watching anglers at Holbrook Reservoir when he saw one subject catch a fish, unhook it, and then throw it back into the water where it floated away, belly-up. Niehus contacted the angler and asked about the fish. The angler responded with a question and asked what he was supposed to do with the fish when the gills are ripped. He then stated he was feeding the osprey. Niehus cited the subject for **Waste of Game Fish**.

North Coast Cited Numerous Anglers

Tpr. Herman and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) patrolled Tenasillahe Island on a Friday night. They contacted a large group camping and found two rods set up on the beach angling for salmon. The troopers issued two citations **Angling Prohibited Hours—Salmon** and three for **MIP—Alcohol**.

Tpr. Vogel (St. Helens) contacted numerous anglers over a week while working the Columbia River and Multnomah Channel. In all, he issued one citation for **Angling Prohibited Method—More than One Line**, five for **No 2011 Nonresident Angling License**, one for **No 2011 Angling License**, and two for **MIP—Alcohol**.

Tpr. Herman and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) conducted ocean patrols over a weekend. They contacted close to 100 anglers, resulting in issuing **16 citations** for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks for Salmon** and one citation for **Unlawful Taking of Undersize Chinook Salmon**. They seized one salmon as evidence.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) responded to two ODFW complaints of illegal salmon at the Hammond Mooring Basin. He issued one citation for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense—Unlawful Take of Undersized Chinook Salmon** and one for **Unlawful Take of Nonadipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon** and seized and donated two salmon to charity.

Tpr. Warwick (Astoria) checked anglers returning to the Hammond Mooring Basin. He issued three citations for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Chinook Salmon**, one for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Sturgeon**, and one for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Failure to Immediately Validate Combined Harvest Card** and seized and donated three salmon and one sturgeon.

Sport Angling

Unlicensed or Prohibited Hours, Areas, or Methods is Poaching

On the upper Smith River, Sgt. Lea and Tpr. Brandon (Coos Bay) worked an artificial lure-only zone. They cited one angler for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**.

Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) located a subject angling in an area of the Klamath River that is permanently closed to angling. Randall issued the subject a citation for **Angling Prohibited Area** and warnings for several other violations.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles) and Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) patrolled Laurence Lake one evening, resulting in issuing five citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait** and one warning for Unlawful Retention of Native Trout. Frazier revived and released the native trout, and the troopers seized 11 other trout.

Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) was checking anglers below the John Day Dam and noticed an unattended rod. Other fishermen stated there had not been anyone around it for several hours. Kipper located a subject on the other side of the spillway sleeping. When asked how he would know if he got a bite, he shrugged his shoulders. Kipper cited the subject for **Fail to Attend Line**.

Tpr. Van Meter and Sgt. Thompson (Newport) conducted an ocean patrol targeting salmon anglers and contacted 19 boats and 63 anglers. During the patrol, they issued 10 citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks for Salmon**, two **Fail to Validate Salmon Harvest Card**, and one for **No Oregon Angling Harvest Card**. Additionally, they checked about 20 crabbers on the bay from boats and boat docks. They cited one subject for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab** and warned two subjects with one short crab each.

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

Late one night, Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) noted a vehicle parked at Casey State Park on the Rogue River and saw a subject acting as a lookout for another. As he approached on foot, he found a male subject salmon angling. Cushman cited the subject for **Angling Prohibited Hours**. He returned to the park on another night and found a male subject angling. From darkness, he watched the subject snag a salmon, play it, and then hand his rod off to his young son. Cushman stepped out and saw the salmon was snagged. The subject admitted to using a large, but legal, treble hook. The subject cut his line and released the fish. Cushman found another salmon hung in a tree the subject said he caught during legal hours. This salmon had a fresh wound where the adipose fin had been cut off in an attempt to disguise it as a hatchery salmon. The subject said the adipose fin was cut off before he caught it. He also did not tag the fish. Cushman issued the subject citations for **Angling Prohibited Hours** and **Illegal Possession of Salmon**, as the fin-clip cannot be determined, and warning for Fail to Immediately Validate Salmon Tag.

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras) contacted an angler near Oak Springs on the Deschutes River using bait. He cited the subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**.

Sr. Tpr. Gardner (Pendleton) checked 16 anglers on the Columbia and Umatilla Rivers. He issued two citations for **False Application for Resident Angling License** and one warning for No Nonresident Angling License and three for No Angling License.

At the Betts Hole on the Rogue River near Shady Cove, Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) watched three subjects. When he approached a male subject, another subject yelled a warning, and he bit his leader in half. Cushman collected both leader halves, and they measured over eight feet long. He cited the man for **Angling Prohibited Method—Leader over Six Feet Long**.

Tpr. Spencer (Ontario) worked Brownlee Reservoir and checked 11 anglers. During the patrol, he wrote three citations for **Unattended Line**, one for **Angling Prohibited Method—Multiple Lines**, and one for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**. He also issued four warnings for Unattended Lines and two for No Angling License.

Tpr. Boyd and Tpr. Imholt (Springfield) conducted a four-hour pontoon boat patrol from Leaburg Dam to WALTERVILLE on the McKenzie River. One subject observed fishing spotted the troopers and quickly recruited the assistance of a young child to hold his fishing rod. The troopers cited this subject for **No Angling License**. During the rest of the patrol, they issued citations for **Fail to Immediately Validate Steelhead Tag**, **No Resident Angling License**, **Unlawful Possession of Native Trout**, and **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Horse Patrol Targeted Closure

Sr. Tpr. Coggins (Enterprise) and Sr. Tpr. Madsen (La Grande) conducted a horse patrol on the upper stretch of the Imnaha River over a weekend. This stretch is the main spawning area for salmon and is closed to salmon angling. The area is also part of the Wallowa Wilderness and is only accessible by foot or horseback. During their patrol, Coggins and Madsen made numerous contacts and only issued only juveniles warnings for Attempting to Angle for Salmon—Closed Area.

Snaggers Caught

Tpr. Glaser, Tpr. Andrews (Salem), Sr. Tpr. Halsey (Albany), and Tpr. Rummer (Patrol) conducted an operation at Waterloo Falls on the South Santiam River and observed an angler land a snagged steelhead. Another subject removed the hook from the fish's belly and dispatched it. Troopers issued citations for **Snagging Salmon/Steelhead** and **Aiding in a Fish and Wildlife Violation** and seized both fishing rods.

Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) worked Chinook anglers on the Trask River and observed two subjects at the top of the Dam Hole throw large modified spinners at salmon then violently set the hook after each cast. Upon contact, one subject broke his gear off immediately upon seeing Hoodenpyl. Both subjects were from California and said they saw several others using this technique to catch fish. Hoodenpyl also noted one of the one subject's sons in the water in snorkel gear suspiciously looking like he was pushing salmon up to the area the subjects were snagging at. Hoodenpyl cited both subjects for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) and Tpr. Mathews (Patrol) worked early morning anglers on the Middle Fork Willamette River at the Dexter Hatchery to address snagging complaints. Mathews worked covertly to see where landed salmon or steelhead were hooked, and Maher observed from a concealed position a short distance away. After the start of legal angling hours, a subject observed landing a steelhead resumed angling without validating his tag. Mathews also observed one angler land a steelhead and another land a salmon; both foul-hooked and retained. Maher cited the first subject for **Fail to Immediately Validate Combined Angling Harvest Tag**, and Mathews cited the other two for **Unlawful Taking of Foul-Hooked Game Fish**.

Interagency

Enterprise Troops and East Lieutenants Conduct Interagency Patrols for Resource Protection

Tpr. Miller (Enterprise) and USFS LEO Hampe conducted an enforcement float trip on the Grande Ronde River. They made over 30 contacts on the float, most of which were whitewater rafters. Miller issued only one citation for **No Fire Pan**.

Sr. Tpr. Knapp (Enterprise), Lt. Scorby (East Region), Lt. Macmaniman (Patrol), and ODFW Biologist Vic Coggins conducted a three-day boat patrol in Hells Canyon. The patrol accomplished both bighorn sheep management and angler and Marine Board enforcement. During the patrol, the group located and documented 63 bighorn sheep along the river, including radio-collared sheep. They checked over 40 anglers and completed 46 visual boat inspections and found a high compliance rate, as Knapp issued only one citation for **Angling Prohibited Method for Sturgeon—Barbed Hook**.

Sr. Tpr. Coggins and Sr. Tpr. Knapp (Enterprise) assisted biologists from Idaho Fish and Game and ODFW over a weekend. Both agencies utilized the Division's Enterprise jet boat to capture, tag, and record sturgeon on the upper stretch of the Snake River; and they were able to capture numerous sturgeon over the weekend. Some of the sturgeon were already tagged with recording devices, and biologists were able to put tags on many untagged sturgeon. The data recovered from this operation will determine future use regulations in this stretch of the Snake River. The Enterprise jet boat is currently the only twin engine enforcement boat available for use on this stretch of river, and it has been a vital tool in the protection of the resources in this area.



Troopers on an enforcement-resource protection boat patrol. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Coggins (Enterprise) and USFS LEO Hampe conducted a one-day horse patrol on the Wenaha River, focusing on the protection of the fragile salmon run on the river this time of year. The officers made over 15 contacts and did not detect any violations on this trip. Most of these contacts involved hikers who come to specifically observe this salmon run. The hikers were very enthusiastic to see OSP taking such an effort to protect this salmon run. Coggins and Sr. Tpr. Madsen (La Grande) conducted another horse patrol on the Wenaha River. During this one-day patrol, the troopers covered over 20 miles on horseback and contacted 25 law-abiding recreationalists.

Troopers Cooperated with Other Agencies to Conduct Enforcement Patrols

Tpr. Spencer (Ontario) and Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) worked a two-day enforcement horse patrol in Baker County. On the first day, they rode from the East Eagle trailhead to Crater Lake with ODFW Biologist Brian Ratliff. On the second day, the troopers patrolled from the main Eagle Creek trailhead to Culver Lake. During the patrols, they contacted only 11 people and issued three angling warnings.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles), Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras), and BLM LEO Spangler patrolled the Deschutes River near White River and located a camp. During their contact with the recreationalists, they located numerous drugs and charged one subject with **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana, UPCS—Ecstasy, and UPCS—Psilocybin Mushrooms**.

Sr. Tpr. Lindberg (Madras), Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles), and BLM LEO Spangler worked the Maupin area campgrounds during the holiday weekend. They contacted a group in Harpham Flat Campground shortly after midnight and warned them about fire restrictions and the noise curfew. As they contacted this group, one woman tried to conceal a marijuana pipe. After the officers retrieved the filled marijuana pipe; in plain view on a small table next to the group, they observed two additional marijuana pipes, five various containers with marijuana, and a baggie containing dried psilocybin mushrooms. The troopers cited six people for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and seized the pipes, 4.6 grams of dried mushrooms, and marijuana.

Tpr. McClay (Burns) and Sgt. Cyr (Baker City) assisted the Grant County SO in apprehending a subject wanted for an assault charge that occurred on the 37 Road in Grant County near Camp Creek. McClay and Cyr heard the attempt-to-locate for the suspect vehicle and located it on Hwy 395 a couple of hours later. The officers arrested the subject for **Assault IV**, and Sr. Tpr. Thomas (Patrol) processed the subject for **DUII, BAC .19**.

Sr. Tpr. Bowen (Coos Bay) was provided information from Curry County SO about a subject residing south of Bandon who in possession of deer parts. The subject was the suspect in a DUII investigation, and a deputy observed the deer parts in his yard. Bowen responded to the address and contacted the subject. As a result of the investigation, Bowen cited the subject **criminally for Unlawful Possession of Blacktail Deer—Closed Season**.

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) responded to Mt. Vernon to assist Grant County SO with the recovery of a vehicle that had been stolen out of Idaho. Ritter conducted an area search, looking for a 27-year-old female who was an Idaho resident. On a side street in Mt. Vernon, Ritter observed a woman who fit the suspect's description and contacted her. Initially, she was evasive in answering his questions; but he eventually determined she was the wanted suspect. Ritter took her into custody for **Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle** and transported her to and lodged her in the Grant County Jail.

Interagency / Public Relations

Troopers Assisted ODFW with Wildlife

Tpr. Jewett (Heppner) assisted ODFW with a bighorn sheep count on the John Day River from Butte Creek to Cottonwood. They counted 132 bighorn sheep and checked three law-abiding anglers during the patrol.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury and Tpr. Wetzel (Florence) assisted ODFW Biologist Doug Cottam trapping two bear cubs. Their mother was killed by a landowner after attacking the landowner's dog. OSP and ODFW successfully trapped both cubs, and ODFW took them into custody for rehabilitation.

OSP and SO Contacted Hundreds of Boaters

Sr. Tpr. Bennett (Grants Pass) and Josephine County SO (JCSO) Deputy Fields conducted a jet boat patrol in JCSO's boat and contacted hundreds of boaters. Fields cited two for **No PFDs**, Bennett cited two for **No Angling License** and **No Nonresident Angling License**, and they warned two angling license-related violations. Two groups complained of a boat not slowing down for other boats or people on the bank. They located and warned the operator for Careless Boat Operation. Additionally, they rescued three people who had fallen out of their boats at Upper Galice Rapid. On another occasion, Bennett conducted a jet boat patrol with Fields and JCSO Deputy Schmidt. Channel 12 News contacted Fields and spent time on the boat reporting about water safety. They again contacted numerous boaters. They rescued three boaters from the water in Hellgate Canyon and assisted getting them back to their boats. The officers also contacted three boaters in violation. Bennett cited one subject for **No PFD**, and the JCSO cited the other two.

Presentations Given, Events Attended, and Classes Taught



Division truck and Trailer of Shame set up at fundraiser. Photo credit: File

Lt. Gifford (SW Region) and Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) manned the Trailer of Shame during the second annual Wild River Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation fundraiser held at the Port of Brookings/Harbor. During the six-hour presentation, they answered numerous questions; and the trailer was well received.

Sgt. Pond and Tpr. Ring (Bend) displayed the Trailer of Shame at the Oregon

Bowhunters and Bend Bowmen Hunter's Classic State 3D Shoot and contacted about 100 people and answered questions. During this time, Pond presented a TIP reward to Mr. Gillette, a member of the above organizations and a Hunter Education instructor for ODFW. Mr. Gillette's tip assisted the Central Oregon Team in apprehending five suspects involved in numerous illegal taking of big game species in Oregon and Idaho.

As Lincoln County has experienced an increase in environmental complaints involving contractors over the last few years, Sgt. Thompson and Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) attended Oregon Contractors Certification Board (CCB) recertification training to increase awareness of Oregon's environmental rules and regulations. They also discussed how OSP works with DSL and DEQ in environmental complaints and presented how administrative and criminal penalties can be assessed to a variety of environmental issues dealing with fill and removal, sediment in streams, destruction of wetlands, and asbestos handling. Fifteen contractors attended the training.

19 Cites Issued on Three Cooperative Patrols

Sr. Tpr. Connell (Hermiston) participated in boat patrols over a weekend with Morrow County SO. They completed over 100 boat compliance checks (40 BERs), resulting in issuing two citations for **No Nonresident Angling License**, two for **No Angling License**, and two for **No Harvest Card in Possession**.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) patrolled the Pacific Ocean salmon fleet south of the Columbia River with Clatsop County SO Deputy Nyberg in the RHI. They contacted 22 anglers and issued five citations for **Angling Salmon Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks**. Klepp also checked anglers at the dock. He cited one angler for **Illegal Possession of Green Sturgeon** and a charter boat captain for **Illegal Possession of Undersized Sturgeon**.

Sr. Tpr. Gunderson (The Dalles), Tpr. Frazier (Hood River), Tpr. Jewett (Heppner), and BLM LEO Carothers conducted a two-day John Day River patrol from Twickenham to Clarno and checked one guide and 63 anglers. One subject contacted hid his fish, swam across the river, changed his shirt, and told officers he had not caught anything. The troopers cited this subject criminally for **Fail to Allow Inspection of Catch** and **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Bass**. On the patrol, they also issued citations for **Continuing to Angle after Retaining Daily Bag Limit of Bass**, **No Angling License**, **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Bass**, and **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Lines** and five warnings.

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) gave a question and answer presentation for a Hunter Education class.

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) attended the ODFW- and Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians-sponsored family fishing event at Lhuuke Illahee Hatchery on Little Rock Creek near Siletz.

Sgt. Withers, Sr. Tpr. Frerichs, Sr. Tpr. Merritt, and Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) gave a presentation to local partners along with USFS at their yearly resource advisory committee meeting. They spoke about issues on the North Umpqua at the Steamboat drainage and in the Tiller area on the South Umpqua River.



Sgt. Pond presented TIP reward. Photo credit: File

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