

# The Field Review



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## Mid-Coast Team Selected as Fish and Wildlife Team of the Year for 2008

The Division recognized the Mid-Coast Team's exemplary work, selecting them as the Fish and Wildlife Team of the Year for 2008. Cpt. Markee stated, "This team encompasses the true meaning of a team and teamwork because they not only work together, but they spend a good portion of their off-duty time together. They truly know one another, and their families are close-knit. Each individual is a part of and a leader within their community, and they sincerely care about the preservation of Oregon's natural resources." Tillamook County Judge Neal Lemery, Tillamook County DDA Joel Stevens, ODFW, and local media representatives attended.



Photo, left to right: Volunteer Jim Kelly, Rct. Clint Galusha, Sr. Tpr. Lalo Guerra, Sr. Tpr. Doug Shugart, Cpt. Walt Markee, Sgt. Todd Hoodenpyl, Tpr. Casey Thomas, Sr. Tpr. Luke Schwartz, and Tpr. Ryan Howell. Photo credit: File.

Supervised by Sgt. Todd Hoodenpyl (Tillamook), the Team has six troopers assigned to Tillamook, McMinnville, and North Plains and is responsible for natural resource protection within Tillamook, Yamhill, and Washington counties; a diverse area comprised of ocean, beaches, bays, rivers, coast range, and valley issues. Team members are very knowledgeable in the enforcement of commercial fish, shellfish, angling, hunting, trapping, boating safety, traffic, and criminal laws. Instrumental in providing enforcement assistance to the Team is long-time volunteer Jim Kelly.

In addition to the 250 violations discovered during contacts with over 1,000 clammers in Tillamook County and the 12 subjects cited criminally for violations during 11 night WED operations; some of the Mid-Coast Team's year's enforcement highlights include:

- ★ Sr. Tpr. Schwartz and Sr. Tpr. Shugart completed a five-month investigation into the unlawful taking of wildlife. They issued one adult and seven juveniles **14 citations** for Unlawful Taking Deer x 4, Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another, Aiding in a Wildlife Violation x 4, Waste of a Game Mammal x 3, Unlawful Taking Raccoon Closed Season, and Loaning a Big Game Tag.
- ★ Tpr. Thomas received information a subject illegally purchased a large set of elk antlers. He arranged for a sale (undercover). In addition to the antlers, the suspect was also buying and selling full shoulder deer mounts on internet sites. As a result of a search warrant, troopers seized a pickup full of illegal antlers and several other wildlife pieces mounted and unlawfully sold to the subject for large sums of money. The suspect was cited for Unlawful Purchase and Sale of Wildlife and No Antler Dealer License.
- ★ Sgt. Hoodenpyl and Sr. Tpr. Shugart responded to a call of an illegal black bear kill. The hiker stated he was 2 1/2 miles behind a locked gate when he heard shots. He walked to a clear-cut and saw two subjects with a black bear. Troopers stopped the subjects, an adult and his 14-year-old son, attempting to leave the area. They learned the adult killed the bear and cited him for Unlawful Take of Black Bear. Assisted by Tpr. Dietz, they returned to the scene and salvaged a very large male black bear.
- ★ Tpr. Howell and Tpr. Thomas responded to a complaint near Pacific City at about 2:00 a.m. The complainant located a dead buck outside his house after waking up to the sound of a gun shot. Troopers found a spotlight and a rifle in the area. Thinking the suspect may return, troopers hid and waited. At about 6:00 a.m., the suspect returned. The suspect admitted he shot the deer, then had his passenger drop him off and drive the car away. The suspect tried to hide the deer and planned to come back in the morning to tag it. Troopers cited the suspect for Taking Deer Prohibited Hours and his friend for Aiding in a Wildlife Violation.
- ★ Sr. Tpr. Guerra responded to a report of a subject who possessed a wounded hawk. At the residence, he discovered a road-struck hawk with a broken wing. He later took the hawk to a rehabilitation facility; but, while at the residence, Guerra observed a fresh set of elk antlers. The subject claimed he killed the elk in 2006, but the tag supposedly had been lost in a recent flood. ODFW showed the subject never had an elk tag and had used several different social security numbers when applying for licenses. Guerra arrested and lodged the subject on Unlawful Taking of Elk—No Tag, False Application for License/Tag, and Identity Theft.
- ★ Sr. Tpr. Shugart was checking dory boat fishermen at Cape Kiwanda, home to a large dory fleet and a popular surfing spot. The ocean was rough, with swells over 9 feet, providing superb surfing but poor visibility to dory boats coming to shore. Shugart heard a dory boat struck a surfer. He located the injured boy, bleeding from a left arm amputation, who was aided to shore by other surfers. The limb was recovered. Shugart provided emergency medical care for the 14-year-old, then transported him to the parking lot to an awaiting ambulance while an emergency room physician, located walking on the beach, provided care. The boy was taken to Tillamook General Hospital then flown to Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland, where surgeons re-attached the arm.

# River Patrol

## All in a Day's Work

A June Tuesday in the Rogue River Valley can involve many different activities for a Division trooper. Not unlike many other months of the year, June has its priorities for OSP "Gamies." Spring Chinook is the high priority for the Central Point troops in June, but a normal day can involve working on a big game poaching case, a complaint of a push-up dam on one of the areas many creeks or rivers, or checking anglers at mountain or valley lakes. Court, traffic crashes, training, paperwork, and perhaps even taking vacation leave can take the dedicated "Gamie" away from what he/she enjoys doing most—working in the field (or in this case, on the water).

Sr. Tpr. Collom began this particular day at 7:00 a.m. He met Steve Niemela, ODFW wildlife biologist, to go check on a dead bear found in the woods near Jacksonville. They determined the bear had been shot and had been dead for about a week. They could not locate a bullet. Collom assisted Niemela in collecting data on the bear that is used to determine the ages and population densities of area bears. Collom planned to follow up on some complaints about a nuisance bear in people's garbage a couple weeks prior.



Collom floating down the Rogue River. Photo credits: File

Collom then met Sgt. Meyer at the office and changed into a boat uniform. Collom and Meyer planned a float boat patrol on the Rogue River—each on a one-man pontoon boat. They launched at Cole Rivers Hatchery and floated downstream to Shady Cove, checking anglers in boats and on banks, contacting rafters, as well as enforcing boating safety laws. They came upon two women whose raft was stuck. Collom had to maneuver his boat above them and help them get going again without capsizing in the whitewater. Later down the river, the same two women had taken the wrong side of the river and they again became stranded on a gravel bar. Collom aided them in getting under way. With the water temperature only 52 degrees, it was too cold for one of the women to stand in. Along the way, they located a fishing pole on a deck from a residence on the river bank with line and a baited hook in the water. Nobody was around. The bank was too steep and the water too swift to go ashore. It would require contacting the angler later from the highway. The baited hook was broken off and retained. Later that day, they contacted a man at the residence. He claimed he had not been angling for several days. When shown the baited hook with a fresh worm, he admitted to angling and not tending his line. In this case, a warning was sufficient enforcement action.

After a four-hour float, Collom and Meyer arrived at Shady Cove. They checked 43 anglers and issued nine warnings for angling and Marine Board violations including: Exceeding Maximum Leader Length, No Angling License/Tag in Possession, and Unattended Line. There are no "typical days" in the life of a trooper in the Fish and Wildlife Division. The seasons vary, the weather changes, and each contact is different. — *Sgt. Meyer*



Collom assisting rafters stuck on a sand bar.



Collom contacting anglers in a drift boat.



Collom in his truck wondering where tomorrow will lead him.

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### Abbreviations and Acronyms

ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	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 the Influence of Intoxicants	ODF	Oregon Department of Forestry	TIP	Turn in Poachers
Capt.	Captain	ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	Tpr.	Tpr.
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game	ODOT	Oregon Department of Transportation	UPCS	Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance
CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
DA	District Attorney	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
DEQ	Department Environmental Quality	PFD	Personal Flotation Device	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
DSL	Department of State Lands	Rect.	Recruit	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
DWS	Driving While Suspended			WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
				WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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# Dispositions

As a result of a subject's guilty Wildlife Harassment conviction in May for feeding bears, on June 24, Lincoln County Circuit Court Judge Thomas O. Branford sentenced her to the following: \$5,000 fine; three years probation; she must move out of her residence by August 31, 2009, and she cannot return while she is on probation; she cannot reside, frequent, or enter the Yachats Valley from mp 0 to mp 7 Yachats River Road; and if she leases or rents her home, no one living at the residence can feed wildlife.

The Bend Fish and Wildlife Team served four search warrants in the La Pine and Bend areas during December 2005. The warrants were a result of information obtained regarding several suspects taking bear and cougar with dogs, bear with bait, and trapping bear with a toothed leghold trap. Troopers also received information regarding unlawful digging and possession of Native American artifacts. As a result of the warrants, numerous items were seized as evidence, including the leghold trap, dog tracking collars, numerous bear and cougar hides, and several Native American artifacts. Several suspects were charged with numerous wildlife related crimes. During June 2009, a five-day jury trial was held in the Deschutes County Circuit Court. The main suspect was convicted on one count each of Theft I, Racketeering, and Hunting Cougar with Dogs. The suspect was taken into custody pending sentencing. The suspect also had a valid federal warrant on the Native American artifact case, which was turned over to BLM for federal prosecution. The suspect was arrested at the conclusion of the trial by BLM Special Agent Dennis Schrader and lodged in Eugene.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) had a trial on a man he charged with Aiding in a Fish and Wildlife Crime—Hunting on Enclosed Lands of Another. The defendant, although not carrying a weapon himself, took two friends on a Talent ranch to hunt elk. One friend shot and wounded a bull. They were caught on an adjoining ranch tracking the elk. The landowner of the second ranch said he would not press charges if the subjects were hunting on the first ranch legally. The defendant said he had permission, but Cushman's investigation revealed he did not. He was also identified in a photo line-up as the man who was chased off the ranch a few weeks prior during deer season. The defendant was found guilty and sentenced to: \$500 fine, 24-month hunting license suspension, one year probation, and 40 hours of community service.

Sr. Tpr. Collom and Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) appeared in Douglas County Circuit Court for a trial on a 2007 Cascade Bull Elk season case on a man charged with Borrowing a Big Game Tag—Elk and Hunting without a Tag. He and three other men were found on a closed road with a 3 x 3 bull, field dressed, boned out, and with his wife's tag on it. Supposedly, she shot the elk and left to go to work. The man, his wife, and a friend all testified this in court. DA Colin Benson argued the jury heard three different versions of what happened from the defendant: what he told Collom initially upon contact; his confession at the scene after Meyer called his wife; and the story all three defense witnesses claimed in court. The jury found the defendant guilty on both counts. He was sentenced to: \$1,500 restitution to ODFW, forfeit the rifle he killed the elk with, and a 24-month hunting license suspension.

# Marine Board

## Troopers Worked Diamond Lake Black Bird Fishing Derby

Sr. Tpr. Stone, Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg), Sr. Tpr. Cushman, and Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) worked the Black Bird Fishing Derby at Diamond Lake. Cushman and Collom worked from shore while Stone and Baimbridge worked from the boat. Cushman and Collom spent many hours at the south boat ramp educating people on invasive species. They conducted numerous BERs, contacted 40 boaters and anglers, and checked about 50 boat trailers for invasive species. They also spent many hours watching boat anglers from shore at the north end at the Cheese Hole using spotting scopes and relayed the information to Stone and Baimbridge. They observed one subject using multiple lines in a canoe. The boat crew motored up to him and, when the subject saw them, he broke off two lines. One line had a bobber attached and floated away. Troopers cited this subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—Three Lines and Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway**. He was entered in the Derby and was attempting to get his big fish any way he could.



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Cushman and Collom then went to the south boat ramp where Stone and Baimbridge had checked a drift boat suspected of using additional lines. They ventured down the bank and watched the subject using the scopes. Stone told them the subject already had three fish. They watched him catch two more trout. They did not observe him use an additional pole; however, he continued to angle after keeping his fifth fish. He fished for about 15 minutes and then reeled in and headed to the boat ramp. Collom and Cushman checked him as he docked and he did in fact have five fish, and he knew the regulation on continuing to fish and knew the limit was five trout. They cited him for **Continuing to Angle after Catching His Bag Limit of Trout**. On their way back out of Diamond Lake, Cushman and Collom stopped for a subject who hiked over five miles from where his truck got stuck in the snow. They drove him to his truck, chained up to it, and pulled it out. Collom said he and Cushman lost about three quarts of blood because of all the mosquitoes.

Cushman did have a can of mosquito repellent; however, it was outdated by 11 or 12 years and only a white misty powder came out of the can,

# Marine Board

## Operation Dry Water Resulted in Numerous Contacts

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury and Sr. Tpr. Lea (Florence) conducted a boat patrol on Triangle Lake for Operation Dry Water. They contacted five boats and issued one warning. [Click for information on the nationwide event.](#)

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo and Tpr. Young (Salem) conducted a boat patrol on Detroit Lake. They issued two citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Poles**, one for **No Boater Education Card**, and five for **No Angling License**. In numerous contacts, they noted little alcohol.

Tpr. Van Meter and Sr. Tpr. Canfield (both Newport) conducted a boat patrol on Devils Lake for Operation Dry Water. In 16 operators contacted, they issued six warnings and one citation for **No Observer While Towing a Skier**. No BUIs were detected.

Sr. Tpr. Harris and Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) patrolled the Umpqua River for Operation Dry Water, issuing several warnings and two citations for **No Angling License**. Harris and Rct. Keeler (Coos Bay) patrolled the Coos River by boat; Davis from shore. They issued several warnings.

Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen, Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach), and Deputy Heath (Curry County SO) conducted a two-day patrol on the Rogue River. Van Prooyen worked the shore while Barden and Heath patrolled via boat. They cited two operators for **BUII** (one by OSP, BAC .12%; the other by CCSO), multiple boaters for **No Life Jackets**, and completed several dozen BERs. Sgt. Cyr (Coos Bay) participated on the first day.

Sr. Tpr. Maher and Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) conducted boat patrols on Dorena and Blue River Reservoirs for a BUII saturation, coordinating patrols with Lane County SO. Dorena Reservoir: 7 BERs, 3 boat visuals, and 5 angler checks, and 1 citation for **No Angling License**. Blue River Reservoir: 5 BERs, 5 boat visuals, 11 angler checks, and 4 citations (**Continuing to Angle After Taking Daily Bag Limit—Trout**, **No Angling License**, and **Discarding Trash in Water x 2**).

Pendleton Team troopers patrolled both McKay Reservoir and the Columbia River below McNary Dam for Operation Dry Water, coordinating efforts with Umatilla County SO and WDFW. On McKay Reservoir, they contacted 49 boats, performed 3 BERs, issued 3 boat warnings, and checked 8 anglers. Sr. Tpr. Carter assisted a PWC operator stranded after getting a rope stuck in his impeller. On the Columbia River, they contacted 24 boats, performed 90 visuals, completed 4 BERs, checked 57 anglers and 1 guide/outfitter, and issued 7 citations and 12 warnings for angling and boat violations.

On the Columbia patrol, troopers received a report from Sgt. Johnson (a Umatilla County SO) of a boat with five adults occupants drinking and operating the boat too close to shore and other anglers. About 15 minutes after receiving the report, they contacted the suspects on the dock in Plymouth, Washington. They observed the boat operator staggering in the parking lot, then nearly jackknife his trailer several times as he backed it into the water. The boat had several empty beer bottles inside, like those found floating in the area of the complaint. Officer Horn (WDFW) contacted WSP who arrested the driver (also suspended) for **DUII/BUII** in Washington and issued all occupants citations for **Littering** after interviewing them about their activities. The boat had been operated out on the water for about three hours with no drain plug in it and was taking on water when they contacted them.

## Boat Patrols Enforce Compliance and Monitor Safety

Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls) floated the Klamath River with a local guide and contacted six anglers, citing two for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait and Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Trout**.

Tpr. Schwartz and Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) conducted a boat patrol on the lower Columbia River. They contacted 45 sturgeon anglers, issuing warnings for No Angling License, Taking Undersized Sturgeon, and a boating violation and one citation for **No Harvest Card**.

Sr. Tpr. Moore and Tpr. Schoenborn (Portland) conducted a boat patrol on the Willamette River below Oregon City, contacting numerous motorized and non-motorized boats. They issued one citation for **Improper Registration Numbers**, three for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Poles**, and one for **No Angling License**.

Tpr. Schwartz (Astoria) and Rct. Vogel (St. Helens) conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River near St. Helens. Numerous contacts resulted in citations for **No Angling License**, **No Harvest Card**, **Insufficient Number of PFDs**, and **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Poles** and several warnings for Illegal Fireworks and Trespass.

Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) and Sr. Tpr. Hawkins (Baker City) patrolled via boat on Brownlee Reservoir. They checked several anglers, citing eight for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Lines** and one for **Unattended Line**. Hawkins then patrolled via ATV around the reservoir, citing another for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Lines**.

In a two-day boat patrol on the Hells Canyon, Oxbow, and Brownlee Reservoirs, Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) and Sr. Tpr. Coggins (Enterprise) checked 54 anglers, with 10 BERs and four other checks, citing six for **No Angling License** and one for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Lines**, and gave a warning for No PFD on Child.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) observed a small ski boat operating in rough waters on the Pacific Ocean near the Rogue River. Barden contacted the two boaters when they returned and conducted a safety exam. Along with an expired registration, the boat had an abundance of safety violations, including a major hull leak. Barden cited the boat operator for **Expired Boat Registration** and warned him for the other violations.

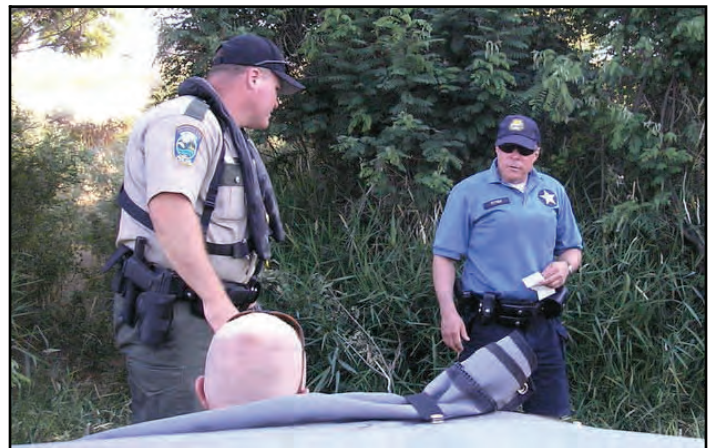


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# Commercial Fish / Marine / Shellfish

## Volunteers Assisted with Clammers

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) worked the minus tide series with volunteers Jim Kelly and Jim Buchanan. Klepp issued citations for **Fail to Retain First 15 Razor Clams Dug x 3, Exceeding Bag Limit Razor Clams, and Unlawful Purchase of Commercial Razor Clams without a Wholesale or Bait Dealers License**. Dispatch received two separate calls of a subject digging clams and giving them to other subjects who were not digging on Seaside Beach. Klepp arrived at the location and observed a subject matching the description passing off clams to three children (ages 6, 8, and 9). When contacted, the subject and the sacks near the children contained a total of 50 clams. Klepp cited the subject criminally for **Taking Part of Another's Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** and seized 35 clams as evidence.

## Shellfish Closely Guarded

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) observed a subject leaving the Empire dock with a plastic bag leaking water. A casual contact revealed nine undersized Dungeness crab. Harris cited the subject for **Taking Undersized Dungeness Crab** and released the crabs back into the bay.

In Charleston, Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) contacted a sport crabber who had nine Dungeness crab, with five being undersized. He instructed how to properly measure crab and cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Undersize Dungeness Crab**. The crabs were released into the bay.

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) contacted a crabber in Charleston. The subject caught some red rock crab and showed them to Davis. A consent search revealed also undersized Dungeness crab. The subject forgot he also caught some Dungeness. Davis cited the subject for **Unlawful Take Undersized Dungeness Crab**.

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) received a complaint of a vessel crabbing inside Whale Cove, a habitat refuge closed to the take of any wildlife. USCG located the vessel and escorted it to Depoe Bay. Van Meter contacted the skipper and issued a citation for **Crabbing Prohibited Area**. USCG retrieved the gear and released it to the boat owner.

Sr. Tpr. Klepp (Astoria) received multiple complaints about a subject's clam harvesting "method." The man was seen driving repeatedly over the clam beds, then getting out and digging clams that "showed" near the tire tracks. Klepp cited him for **Taking Razor Clams Prohibited Method—With the Aid of Motor Vehicle** and a traffic violation.

Tpr. Howell and Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) worked Netarts Bay during minus tides. During the patrol, they saw a subject who immediately identified them as law enforcement and started to count his clams. Upon contact, the subject was over the bag limit and had left a broken blue clam behind. The subject was cited for **Fail to Retain Broken Clams**. Also during the patrol, they saw a subject who retained his bag limit and then continued to clam, giving the excess to other people around him. This subject was cited for **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Bay Clams**. At the end of the patrol, troopers contacted two subjects who each had eight blue clams over their bag limit. Both subjects were cited for **Exceeding the Bag Limit of Blue Clams**.

## Ghost Net Recovered Containing Wasted Fish

Sr. Tpr. Kipper (The Dalles) and Tpr. Frazier (Hood River) recovered a ghost net in the Columbia River containing dead salmon, sturgeon, and northern pikeminnow, after it was observed from the freeway by Tpr. Carothers (Fossil/Condon). The newer net probably broke free during a recent season and was located near the shipping channel near The Dalles.

*Photo credit: File*



## Commercial Activities Monitored

Tpr. Keeler and Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) cited a bait harvester for **Unlawful Sale of Bait Shrimp** for selling bait to retail bait dealers without a permit. They warned six dealers for No Bait Dealers License.

While Tpr. Schwartz (Astoria) observed a gillnet fisherman offloading sturgeon, he observed a subject walk over and obtain one sturgeon from the fisherman. Schwartz contacted the subject and informed him of what he observed. Both individuals admitted to the offense. Schwartz cited the fisherman for **Exceeding Weekly Commercial Sturgeon Possession Limit** and seized one sturgeon as evidence.

Tpr. Davis, Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay), and NOAA's SA Mannino and SA Bauer patrolled Charleston for the commercial halibut opener, citing four subjects for **No Individual Commercial Fishing License**. South Coast troopers also worked the opener. Compliance was good, but the catch rate was low. Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) warned one seller for Inadequate Records. Sgt. Thompson and Sr. Tpr. Canfield (Newport) cited a deckhand for **No Individual Commercial Fishing License**.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) observed a commercial fishing vessel come into moorage after delivering to a local fish plant. He observed a crew member leaving the boat with a heavy-looking black plastic garbage bag. The skipper and crew got into one vehicle and left the area. O'Connor stopped the vehicle for a traffic violation. A consent search revealed two red rockfish in the bag. The suspect said he thought he could take the fish home because he had a sport license. O'Connor cited him for **Failure to Sell Commercially Caught Red Rockfish**.

Tpr. Schwartz (Astoria) approached a gillnet boat arriving at Youngs River launch. When the fisherman noticed Schwartz, he dropped a large sturgeon overboard. Schwartz asked how many sturgeon were onboard and advised them not to drop anymore overboard. The head fisherman thought they had 10. After boarding, Schwartz observed a wild steelhead and nine sturgeon. The fishermen thought the weekly limit was 10 and did not know they had a steelhead. Schwartz cited one subject for **Exceeding Weekly Commercial Sturgeon Possession Limit and Unlawful Possession of Prohibited Species—Steelhead** and another for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation x 2**, and he seized four sturgeon and the native steelhead as evidence.

# Sport Angling

## Ocean Sport Anglers Checked

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) contacted an angler at the Empire boat ramp who retained a 20-inch lingcod, thinking the length limit was 12 inches, not 22. Harris cited him for **Unlawful Possession of Lingcod**.

Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) followed up on two canary rockfish seized off a sport boat in Charleston by an ODFW fish sampler. Davis contacted both anglers, issuing citations for **Unlawful Take of Canary Rockfish**.

Tpr. Keeler (Coos Bay) was checking rockfish anglers returning to the Port of Bandon and observed a yelloweye aboard a vessel. Keeler cited the man for **Unlawful Take of Yelloweye Rockfish** and seized the fish.

Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) checked rockfish anglers at Barview Jetty and contacted a subject who possessed four undersized greenling. He cited this subject for **Unlawful Possession Undersized Greenling** and he seized all four fish as evidence. During the patrol, he contacted several anglers, issuing five additional citations for license violations.

The opening day of ocean coho season was a minus tide, and a fairly rough ocean restricted the Tillamook Bay bar for part of the day. Once out on the ocean, Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) and Sr. Tpr. Shugart (McMinnville) found it extremely hard to contact boats and found most boats pinched their barbs down or validated their fish before the troopers could get along side the offending vessel. They issued two citations for **Fail to Validate Coho on Angling Tag**.

Also on opening day, Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) worked Winchester Bay, where he cited one subject for **Unlawful Take Chinook Salmon—Closed Season** and seized one Chinook. He also responded to a complaint in Charleston from a ODFW who seized two non-adipose fin-clipped coho. He contacted and cited one of the subjects for **Unlawful Take of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**. He forwarded information on the second subject to Sr. Tpr. Lea (Florence) who cited that person for the same offense. Davis also cited another subject for **Unlawful Take of Undersized Dungeness Crab**.

## Resources Received Pressure at Dexter

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) started his shift at 2:00 a.m. to address some complaints below Dexter Dam. He watched anglers arrive early, but no one started angling prematurely. After legal hours began, Maher checked anglers near the hatchery outflow pipes. The first angler contacted did not have an angling license or a combined angling harvest tag. Maher cited the angler for **No Angling License** and warned him for No Harvest Tag. He checked 28 anglers during the patrol.

Maher worked the area on another patrol. ODFW was processing spring Chinook and releasing adult summer steelhead at the hatchery outflow, drawing immense pressure. Covertly, Maher watched an angler hook a steelhead then hand the rod to another who landed it. This angler did not tag the fish, but the angler who hooked it did. Upon contact when they left the area, Maher confirmed the angler who hooked the fish did validate the steelhead and the angler who landed the steelhead did not have an angling license/tag. Maher cited the first for **Loaning a Combined Angling Harvest Tag** and the second for **No Combined Angling Harvest Tag in Possession** and seized the fish.

## Issues on Lakes and Rivers

Sr. Tpr. Chandler (La Grande) worked Morgan Lake for anglers to address the low compliance rate on that waterway. He cited two anglers that week, one for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Lines** and the second for **No Non-Resident Angling License**.



Brook trout. Photo credit: USFWS

Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) located a subject angling and then found that he did not have a valid non-resident angling license. Upon receipt of the citation for **No Angling License**, the subject asked if this would hurt his chances of becoming a Nevada Game Warden.

Tpr. Barden (Gold Beach) observed two adults and several children trout angling on the upper Chetco River. He observed one adult use a lure, but the other adult was illegally using worms. These anglers were the same two he warned for using bait the day before. He cited the subject using worms for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**.

Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) noted a pole casted out and left by a tree. While checking anglers, he saw a subject come out of the bushes, pick up the rod, and leave. Upon contact, the subject said he saw Merritt check his pole; but he did not have an angling license, so he waited until Merritt left to retrieve the pole. He was cited for **No Angling license**.

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) received a complaint of anglers inside the prohibited area below Leaburg Dam. Boyd was able to contact five anglers in the closed area and issued citations for **Angling Prohibited Area x 4, Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Trout, No 2009 Angling License, and Unlawful Take of Trout in Prohibited Area—Within 200 Feet of Leaburg Dam**.

Sgt. Perske and Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) observed four men on the opposite bank of the Umpqua River, one appeared to be using two poles but stopped when the officers were seen. Troopers checked the area about an hour later and located the same four men. The one man was again using two poles and did not have an angling license. After a long talk, the truth was revealed, and the man was cited for both violations.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) received a complaint of a guide in the mooring basin filleting sturgeon, while waiting in line to load his boat. Upon contact, he discovered the guide filleted all sturgeon on board and sent his clients home with the fillets. One fish the guide planned on keeping, given to the him by a client, remained in the boat. The guide stated he does this all the time when he knows a fish sampler is not at the ramp, so he can save time. The guide was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Mutilated Sturgeon** and warned for No Fish Transportation Receipt.

# Sport Angling

## Anglers are Reminded to Check the Regulations

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) received two complaints from ODFW of undersized sturgeon. He contacted the anglers and issued each subject a citation for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Sturgeon**. The size limit for sturgeon on the lower Columbia River is 41 to 54 inches.

Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) patrolled the Nestucca River for anglers using bait and fishing in the closed area. The Nestucca River is closed to bait above Blaine and is completely closed for fishing above Elk Creek. The closure is to protect spawning salmon and steelhead in the river system. During the patrol, Thomas contacted three subjects fishing in the no-bait area. He cited these two subjects for **No 2009 Angling Licenses** and the other subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**.

Sr. Tpr. Hanson (Portland) was dispatched to a report of a man who illegally kept a Chinook on the Willamette River at Clackamette Park. The Willamette River was closed for Chinook retention at the time. Milwaukie PD intercepted the suspect, who refused to show his fish to them. Hanson arrived on scene, and the angler voluntarily showed him the Chinook. Hanson cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Chinook Salmon—Closed Season** and seized the salmon.

### Illegally Taking Fish is Poaching

“Wildlife,” per [ORS 496.004 \(19\)](#), includes fish. [ORS 496.012](#) defines Oregon’s “wildlife policy.”

Sr. Tpr. Menlow (Bend) contacted two subjects angling on the Deschutes River in a fly or artificial lure area. Both subjects were using bait and issued citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**.

Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) observed two subjects fly fishing on the upper North Umpqua. He noticed one subject retain a trout and stick it in a bag inside his waders. Only catch and release for trout is allowed. Upon contact, the subject admitted to actually retaining two trout. They were also angling with barbed hooks. Merritt cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Trout** and warned both for using barbed hooks.

OSP and ODFW have documented a significant number of cases of undersized sturgeon. There seems to be confusion over the legal size shift from 38 to 41 inches that occurred mid-season for the lower Columbia River from Buoy 10 to Wauna Powerlines. ODFW indicated this would more than likely occur in the [Measuring Fork Length flyer](#), and the change was detailed on [ODFW’s Regulations Updates webpage](#), in the [2009 Oregon Ocean Sport Regulations](#) booklet (available online also, includes Columbia River changes), and via media. OSP and ODFW remind anglers to check for in-season regulation changes before fishing.

### Report Wildlife Violators

1-800-452-7888

Witnesses Can Remain Anonymous

## Snagging Fish a Major Problem on the Umpqua, Rogue, and Three Rivers

Roseburg troopers have received numerous reports of illegal fishing on the North Umpqua. They have also responded to fights between anglers who arrive and find another fishing from *their* rock. On one occasion, Tpr. Baimbridge observed a subject snag and lose a large Chinook. The subject then snagged another fish. A friend netted the fish then pulled the treble hook out and put it in the fish’s mouth. Upon contact, the subjects denied snagging. After taken into custody, the subject admitted to the offense; but was lodged in jail. The friend was cited for **Aiding**.

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) worked the North Umpqua and videotaped two subjects cast above the deadline and attempt to snag salmon. One subject landed a 30-pound Chinook—snagged with the other’s help. When they headed for their vehicle, Frerichs contacted them. He took both into custody, one for **Aiding in a Game Violation** and **Angling Closed Area** and the other for **Angling Closed Area** and **No Angling License/Harvest Tag**. Frerichs learned both were on felony probation, and their probation officer put a hold on them. He lodged both in jail.

On another occasion, Frerichs observed a juvenile bring in a large Chinook hooked behind the gill plate. After the father netted the fish, the juvenile walked to the parking lot. Frerichs contacted the juvenile who said he retrieving his license/tag from their vehicle. He contacted the father who still had the fish, now with a large hook inside its mouth. When questioned, the father said the fish was fair-hooked, and he cut the line because he could not get the hook out. Frerichs easily removed the hook and pointed out the gash/hook mark on the fish’s side. The father then admitted the fish was foul-hooked, but said his son did not know that. Frerichs cited the father for **Aiding in a Game Violation** and warned the son for Not Having License/Tag in Possession.

Three Rivers presents enforcement issues due to low water and fair Chinook numbers. After observing a subject retain a snagged Chinook, Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) issued a citation for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging**. Tpr. Howell (Tillamook) watched a subject retain a snagged Chinook, and he cited the subject. Sr. Tpr. Shugart and Volunteer Kelly (McMinnville) responded to the area on a snagging complaint. They also contacted a subject with a resident license but has only been in Oregon since February. Shugart cited the subject.

Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) set up in the early afternoon to monitor the “Hatchery Hole” on the Rogue River at the Cole Rivers Hatchery. He saw a man hook and land a foul-hooked salmon and another net it. Both men examined the fish. As the other watched, one man removed the hook and killed the salmon, tying it on a rope. When contacted, both men said the fish was fair-hooked. Collom seized the salmon and cited the man who caught it for **Unlawful Possession of Foul-Hooked Salmon** and the other for **Aiding in a Fish and Wildlife Offense**.

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) worked in the early morning at the Hatchery Hole. At 3:45 a.m., only a few anglers were present and not fishing yet. About 30 anglers arrived and began fishing by start time (~4:30 a.m.). In uniform and plain view, Meyer contacted anglers. No violations were observed. Fishing was slow, with only a few hooked and two retained. Meyer left the area at about 6:30 a.m. Apparently, having a trooper in plain view changes angling techniques; for soon after Meyer left, a complaint was received about a man who snagged and retained a salmon. Sr. Tpr. Cushman and Sr. Tpr. Collom (Central Point) arrived before the snagger could leave with the fish. When confronted, the man confessed to the offense. The fish was seized and he was cited.

# Environment / Habitat / ATV



Disrespectful ATV and 4 x 4 operators damage the environment. Photo credit: File

## Cited for Illegal Dump Site

Tpr. Weaver (Lakeview) located a man riding a bicycle near Quartz Mountain. The man gave Weaver a rather strange if not weird story about being left in the mountains by another man. During the contact, the man told Weaver where he had been camping. Later, Weaver found the "camp," which turned out to be a dump site. Weaver recontacted the man, resulting in Weaver citing the man for **Offensive Littering**.

## Caught Taking Wood from Private Property

Rct. Clement (Albany) was patrolling outside of Sweet Home and contacted a suspect who had several cuts of wood and chainsaws located in the bed of his truck. The suspect stated he cut the wood in a clear cut located on Cascade Timber's property. The suspect did not have a wood cutting permit. Clement cited the suspect for **Unlawful Cut and Transport of Forest Products**.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo (Salem) and Sr. Tpr. Conrad (Retired) contacted four subjects trespassing on the Crooked Finger 400 Road just after they fell a tree on Longview Timberlands' property. Upon contact, they were in the process of cutting the tree up for firewood. They also had a truck load of firewood they had all ready taken. Troopers cited the subjects for **Theft in the Second Degree** and warned them for Unlawful Cut and Transport Firewood without a Permit.

Oregon Department of Justice/HIDTA prepared a brochure on Forestland Risk/Resource Guide to Illegal Drug Activity.

The brochure is an excellent resource for outdoor recreationalists, anglers, and hunters who may encounter illegal activities and criminals while enjoying the outdoors and pursuing their fish and game.

To view the materials, please click [informational brochure \(PDF\)](#) and [suspicious activity report form](#) .

## OSP Stepping Up ATV Patrols

While patrolling in the Keno Unit on JWTR property, Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) located three disorderly ATVs and stopped them for excessive speed (amongst other issues). The investigation resulted in one citation for **DWS Violation** and two warnings for No ATV Permit.

## Other Agencies Assisted with Environmental Cases

Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point) has been working on several environmental cases. One involves a push-up dam on a creek that runs from Oregon into California. CDFG is assisting. Another is on Fooths Creek, wherein a neighbor was reported to have pushed a large amount of fill into a creek channel to keep the creek from eroding his side of the creek. Thompson and DSL visited the site and spoke to those involved. DSL will determine what the corrective action will be.

## Landowner Agreed to Clean Up Pollution

Tpr. Ritter (John Day) investigated a report of littering and water pollution in Canyon Creek, south of John Day. During high water runoff, ODOT noticed a large amount of clothing and other debris washing into the creek from a side stream near mp 6. Ritter met with the landowner and inspected the property with his consent and presence. The landowner explained to Ritter that the high water had washed debris from a location out of the creek bed into the creek. After Ritter explained the law, the landowner agreed to clean up the area.

## Littering Resulted in ODOT Closing Gravel Pit

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) received a report of a person using a computer monitor for a target at the ODOT gravel pit west of The Dalles. A 45-year-old and an 18-year-old man were shooting a computer monitor they had brought with them with an AR-15 and several hand guns. The screen had been completely shot out and glass shards were sprayed all around. Pearson cited the 45-year-old for **Offensive Littering** and warned the 18-year-old. This ODOT gravel pit is being closed and fenced this year due to the large amount of trash left every year by shooters like this. Sgt. Katzenstein (The Dalles) has worked on the annual OHA gravel pit cleanup and they fill a large "roll off" (big rolling dumpster) each year with shot up trash.



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# General Law / Other

## Troopers Cited Many for DUII, Drugs, Patrol, and Criminal Offenses

While returning from checking trout fisherman on Coos River Hwy, Tpr. Davis (Coos Bay) had a vehicle swerve at him. Davis stopped the vehicle and found the operator to be highly intoxicated. He took the subject into custody for **DUII** to Coos Bay PD, **BAC .39%**.

Sr. Tpr. Guerra (Tillamook) was checking anglers at Barview Jetty. He watched one subject smoke marijuana. Upon contact, Guerra recovered a pipe and a small amount of marijuana. A records check revealed the subject had a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest charging him with **39 counts** of Contempt Of Court. Guerra lodged the subject in the Tillamook County Jail. During a search, Guerra found white powder in a plastic bag and sent it to the OSP Forensics Laboratory to be analyzed.

Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) stopped a motorcyclist for No Helmet on the Deschutes Access Road downstream from Sherars Falls. The subject had been drinking and smoking marijuana. A search located a pipe and a film canister containing marijuana. The subject was in the process of completing a vehicle shuttle for he and his fishing partner who was with a drift boat several miles downriver. Pearson arrested the subject for **DUII—Alcohol and Marijuana**, his fourth DUII arrest. The subject's partner was retrieved from downriver and taken to his vehicle. The partner had not consumed alcohol or smoked marijuana.

While patrolling Blue River Reservoir at about 1:00 a.m., Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) came across a vehicle on Saddle Dam parked sideways in the road. He contacted the occupants who were collecting wood a few feet away. He determined who the driver was and they arrived minutes before. The driver failed SFSTs and was taken into custody. After the 40-mile ride to and just blocks from Springfield PD (SPD), a vehicle in front of Boyd almost hit a parked car then swerved across two lanes and almost hit a curb. Boyd radioed for help, but seconds from SPD's arrival, the vehicle almost hit another parked car. Boyd initiated a stop, then SPD arrived and conducted an investigation, arresting the driver for **DUII**. Boyd cited his custody for **DUII** (BAC .14%) and **DWS**.

Tpr. Ring (Arlington) stopped a car for Speeding—85 mph on the freeway. Upon contact, he detected a faint odor of alcohol. The driver handed Ring an expired ODL (2002) and did not have insurance. The female passenger provided Ring with a Washington ID card, showing she was on probation for drugs with a no-alcohol clause. Ring inquired about the odor or any drugs. The passenger consumed a beer while traveling down the road, and both denied any drugs, giving Ring consent to search. After both exited the vehicle, Ring watched them while Sgt. Studebaker (Gilliam County SO) and his K-9 searched the vehicle. While waiting, Ring observed the passenger try to conceal something in the driver's back pocket or waistline. Ring found a used marijuana joint in a plastic bag. He arrested the passenger for probation violation and cited her for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana and Open Container**. As Ring led her to a patrol vehicle, she yelled at the driver, calling him by a different first name than the name on the license provided. Ring checked dispatch with the name on the car's title (the same the female called him) and obtained a date of birth and description. Ring positively identified the driver as the owner and learned he had a felony warrant out of Marion County. Ring lodged the driver for **Identity Theft, Using Another's License, Giving False Information to a Police Officer**, and for the warrant; cited the driver for **DWS Violation** and **No Insurance**; and impounded his car.

Sr. Tpr. Merritt (Roseburg) received a report of a possible DUII who had been kicked out of a USFS campground on the North Umpqua and was heading eastbound. Merritt located the vehicle and stopped it for a traffic violation. Merritt arrested the subject for **DUII**, BAC .23%.

Tpr. Howell and Tpr. Thomas (Tillamook) were on Three Rivers working Chinook anglers and observed an angler try to land a foul-hooked salmon. After a short fight, the salmon broke the line. As the troopers watched, they saw the angler smoke marijuana. Upon contact, the troopers seized a pipe and a small amount of marijuana and cited the subject for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce Marijuana**.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) observed a motorcycle rider pull out of a market parking lot onto Hwy 99 and almost struck hit by an oncoming vehicle which he failed to yield the right of way to. Maher stopped the motorcycle after watching him weave across the centerline. The driver showed obvious signs of impairment (fell off his motorcycle when Maher asked to check his license) and failed SFSTs. Maher arrested the driver for **DUII**, transporting him to Cottage Grove PD, BAC .24%.



John Day Dam. Photo credit: USGS

Tpr. Ring (Arlington) was off duty fishing with an off-duty Gilliam County SO sergeant below the John Day Dam when three early-teens stopped to fish by them. He observed all three use chewing tobacco. He told the boys they did not look old enough to be chewing. One stated he has had three MIPs and it has not stopped him, and another said cops do not mess with him. Ring learned two were 14 and one was 15. He did not identify himself; instead, he asked if they were fishing the next day, and they said they were, so Ring said he would see them later. The next day, Ring and Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) arrived in uniform. All three were shocked to learn the person they fished next to was a trooper. All three were cited for **MIP—Tobacco**.

Sr. Tpr. Turnbo and Tpr. Young (Salem) patrolled ODF land near Mehama and contacted two subjects shooting at non-approved targets. A third subject had walked away with a shotgun while they were walking up to make contact. Turnbo searched the immediate area and found the third subject crouched behind a tree with a loaded shotgun. Turnbo and the subject walked back to the shooting area. The third subject was a convicted felon and had two outstanding warrants, and one of the first two subjects was in possession of marijuana. Troopers cited one subject for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana** and another for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felony Warrant—Possession of Cocaine (No Bail), Felony Warrant—Failure to Appear**, and **UPCS—Methamphetamine** and seized the weapon.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Bend Man Cited on Multiple Wildlife Crimes

After a month-long investigation, Bend Division troopers cited a Bend man for illegal hunting activities. Sr. Tpr. Love initiated the investigation following a tip a Bend subject was allegedly involved in illegal hunting activities for several years and had evidence at his home including wall mounts and wildlife parts. The investigation culminated on June 7, 2009, when OSP Fish and Wildlife and Patrol troopers served a search warrant at the suspect's residence. Love and assisting troopers found the suspect was unlawfully in possession of illegally taken wildlife. Troopers seized evidence, including two mounts, a bobcat, one set of antlers, and a bear's skull. The suspect was cited to appear in Deschutes County Circuit Court on the following misdemeanor wildlife crimes: **Unlawful Possession of Mule Deer x 2, Unlawful Possession of Elk, Unlawful Possession of Antelope, Unlawful Possession of Bear, and Unlawful Possession of Bobcat.**



### Illegal to Sell Wildlife

Sr. Tpr. Moore (Portland) contacted a subject regarding an internet advertisement offering a mounted barn owl for sale. Moore phoned the seller and agreed to meet with him. The seller was cited for **Illegal Offer to Sell Wildlife** and the owl was seized.

### Hawk Chick Unlawfully Held

Sr. Tpr. Merritt and Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) followed up on a complaint of a subject who was supposed to have a hawk chick. Contact was made at the residence with the suspect who admitted to having the chick that was "given" to him by a subject only known by a first name at an unknown address. Troopers seized the hawk and cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession of Wildlife.**

### Deer Shot for Eating Garden and Flowers

Tpr. Stone (Roseburg) responded to a complaint of a subject who shot a deer near a residence just outside the city limits. The neighbor heard a shot and then found a dead deer next to his fence. Stone contacted the suspect who admitted shooting the deer with a high-powered pellet gun, because it was eating his flowers. He said he did not think the gun would kill it. The deer died from a single shot. Stone cited the subject for **Unlawful Take of Blacktail Deer Closed Season.**

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) responded to a residence on Thurston road in Springfield on the anonymous report of the landowner shooting a deer for eating in his garden. The landowner told Boyd he thought a cougar killed it and he was going to call us. The suspect took Boyd out to the field where the scavenged carcass lay. During a field necropsy, a .22 caliber bullet was found. Boyd cited the suspect for **Unlawful Take of Blacktail Buck Deer Closed Season** and seized his gun.

### Taxidermist Failed to Maintain Records

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) finished an investigation of a taxidermist. Boyd cited the taxidermist for **No 2009 Taxidermy License and Fail to Maintain Proper Taxidermy Records.** The taxidermist was allowed a few weeks to come into compliance on the records but failed to account for everything requested. However, a follow-up with some of the hunters indicated the taxidermist gave Boyd accurate information and the subject animals appeared to have been legally taken.



Red-tailed hawk chicks. Photo credit: Wikipedia/Thomas O'Brien

### Failed to Report Shooting Injured Deer

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) conducted a knock-and-talk at a residence regarding a deer carcass found behind a locked gate on a timber company's access road, surrounded by private property owned by several landowners who had keys to the gate. A subject admitted to finding what he said was an injured deer and decided to put it out of its misery. He told Van Meter he was going to contact ODFW; but it was a Sunday, and he thought no one was there. He butchered the deer, so it would not go to waste. He later looked online and saw something about a \$6,000 fine and a year in jail, so he got scared and never called anyone. Van Meter cited him for **Possession of Illegally Taken Game Parts—Blacktail Deer** and seized the deer meat as evidence.

# Wildlife / Hunting

## Seeking Public's Help in Deer Cases

Division troopers are asking for the public's help to identify the person(s) responsible for the unlawful take of a two buck deer shot, butchered, and dumped in Lane County. OHA is offering a reward for information leading to an arrest in the first case through their TIP program. According to Tpr. Boyd (Springfield), the first crime happened on or about June 1, 2009, when the deer's carcass and head was found dumped in a plastic tarp near Daisy Street and 48th Street in a new Springfield development.

Prior to publishing June's newsletter, Springfield troopers discovered another deer poaching in Lane County. Boyd's preliminary investigation indicated the crime happened on or about July 12, 2009. The deer was found dumped at the end of Idyllwild Street off of 10th Street in Creswell. In addition to a reward of up to \$500 offered by OHA TIP reward program, an additional \$2,500 is being offered by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust for information leading to an arrest and conviction in this case. In a HSUS news release, HSUS Oregon State Director Scott Beckstead applauded the efforts of the Fish and Wildlife Division while offering their support to help solve this case. "The flippant poaching of this deer is a serious crime and shows the disregard some individuals have of wildlife," said Beckstead. For a link to the HSUS news release, please [click here](#). Photos are not yet available for the second case.

Anyone with information is asked to call the TIP line at 1-800-452-7888 or Tpr. Boyd directly at (541) 505-1063. The TIP reward is paid for information leading to the arrest/conviction of person(s) for the illegal killing, taking, possession or waste of deer, elk, antelope, bear, cougar, big horn sheep, mountain goat, moose, upland game birds, and waterfowl. TIP rewards can also be given for the illegal netting, snagging, or dynamiting of salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, or other fish as defined by statute as game fish. In addition, a reward may be issued for information that results in an arrest/conviction of a person who has illegally obtained Oregon hunting/angling license or tags.



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## Interagency Cooperation

### Hunted Raccoons Closed Season

Tpr. Boyd (Springfield) completed an investigation of night hunting passed to him from the BLM LEO. Two subjects had been contacted on Shotgun Creek spotlighting at about 11:00 p.m. near the end of May. The suspects claimed they were hunting for raccoons, but also stated they had a cougar tag. This differed from what they had told the BLM LEO. One of the suspects was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** and the other was cited for **Casting Artificial Light While Armed** and **Hunting Raccoons Closed Season**. The gun and the spotlight had already been seized by BLM LEO.

### Seal Pup Rescued

Sr. Tpr. Harris (Coos Bay) responded to a report of a juvenile elephant seal with a fishing jig stuck in its mouth at Face Rock in Bandon. The seal was very emaciated and weak. The seal was loaded into a crate and transported to the Oregon Coast Aquarium for rehabilitation. Free Flight, Marine Mammal Stranding Network volunteers, and BLM LEO Ted Gage assisted with the animal.



Photo credit: File

### Coyote Pup "Jumped In"

Sr. Tpr. Randall (Klamath Falls) was dispatched to Moore Park Marina #2 to assist a Klamath County SO Marine deputy. On arrival, Randall was advised a live coyote pup was in the floorboards of a canoe. Investigation revealed the two men had possession of the coyote pup, claiming it had just "jumped in" while they were out hiking on Buck Island on Klamath Lake. Both subjects were identified and released with possible enforcement action forthcoming. The coyote pup was returned, with the assistance of KCSO Deputy Krag, to Buck Island and released. An ODFW local biologist was contacted and agreed with the return of the pup.

### OSP and County Searched for Cougar

Sgt. Pond (Bend) responded to a residential area on the east side of Bend to assist Deschutes County SO with the report of a cougar stalking a 14-year-old boy. The boy advised he was walking home along an irrigation canal and spotted a cougar stalking him and called 911 on his cell phone. The boy was located and taken home. The area was searched and no evidence of a cougar was located. The following day, Pond gave an interview to the local TV station, Z21 News, about the cougar sighting. It was also noted in the interview that ODFW and OSP have cougar/bear attack plans in case such an event takes place. For the news story and video, please [click here](#).

# Interagency Cooperation

## Man Charged with 12 Counts of Animal Neglect

Division troopers from The Dalles, Fossil, Arlington, Madras, Heppner, and Baker City served three search warrants in the Mitchell area after a month-long cooperative investigation with Wheeler County SO regarding animal neglect. BLM special agents and law enforcement rangers, a BLM horse and burro specialist, and a state veterinarian from the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) assisted. Based upon a search warrant affidavit by Tpr. Carothers (Fossil/Condon), 30 horses and two mules were seized



after an on-site evaluation was completed by an ODA veterinarian and evidence of neglect was found in each animal. Lack of hoof care was a primary issue, as well as the conditions the animals were being held in. One small pen containing several horses had about 18 to 24 inches of horse manure piled up for them to stand on. The animals were seized and transported to an undisclosed location to receive proper care, and the state veterinarian completed a comprehensive evaluation on each animal. After a review of the case, the Wheeler County DA charged the subject with 12 counts of **Animal Neglect in the Second Degree**, a Class B misdemeanor, with a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$2,500 fine. Wheeler County SO is asking those who wish to donate for the care of these animals to call 866-274-9231.



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## Search for Missing Jogger Resulted in Good News

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Springfield) worked local lakes and streams, checking boats and anglers. A good portion of the patrol was consumed by a report of an overdue jogger near Cottage Grove Reservoir. Very distraught family members flagged Maher down to report a 22-year-old female had not returned from her jog that morning after leaving camp at Pine Meadows Campground. The family drove around looking for her without success for a couple of hours. A coordinated effort was set in motion with local agencies and Springfield Patrol and Fish and Wildlife members. About an hour and a half after receiving the report, the female jogger showed up at camp safe and sound, much to the relief of the family and responding officers. She apparently missed the turn and ended up jogging all the way to the I-5 interchange before turning around. She stopped at a couple of residences in the area seeking directions back to the campground.

## Bear Determined a Safety Threat

Sr. Tpr. Frerichs (Roseburg) and Douglas County SO responded to a call about a black bear stuck in a window of a residence in Azalea. The bear was reported to be foaming at the mouth and growling at the resident inside. The bear freed itself before officers arrived on scene. While at the location, the bear returned to the residence and was shot by Frerichs as a public safety hazard. The bear was taken to the ODFW.

## Assisted at Charity Boat Race

Sr. Tpr. Moore and Tpr. Fromme (Portland) assisted Clackamas County SO with a local charity boat race "Cruisin' for Hope" held on the Willamette River near Milwaukie. OSP provided assistance with blocking river traffic from entering the race area. As the local boaters were waiting to pass through the area, Moore and Fromme conducted 19 boat safety inspections.

## OSP and USFWS Investigated Two Missing Peregrine Chicks

Sr. Tpr. Stinnett (Gold Beach) received information of a group of people who trespassed on private property and rappelled over a cliff in Port Orford to a peregrine falcon nest and removed two chicks. After interviewing witnesses and speaking with a Port Orford reserve officer, he discovered two vehicles and six people were at the nest area and that the State issued seven permits to remove falcon chicks from that nest. The permit allows the removal of one bird only and, in a multiple bird nest, to leave at least one. Documentation indicated the nest had three birds the day before the incident and only one shortly after. Four of the seven permit holders were involved in this incident. One permit holder was working as an observer at the nest site. A records check found he had arrests involving migratory birds in other states. Stinnett contacted USFWS Agent Bockstadter who was already informed of the case and going to search another suspect's facilities and interview him. As a result of the cooperative investigation, Stinnett cited one suspect for **Criminal Trespass II** and **Attempting to Take Peregrine Falcon in Violation of Permit Conditions**, forwarded the same citations to Portland for service to the person who rappelled down to the nest, and forwarded citations for **Attempting to Take Peregrine Falcon in Violation of Permit Conditions** to Bend for service to the other two suspects. The two missing chicks have not yet been located. During the investigation, officers were made aware of another nest site on a coastal island near Pistol River, a federally protected location.



Photo credit: Pennsylvania Game Commission

## Deputy Discovered False License

Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) completed a case involving a subject from Idaho. While contacting an angler in Tillamook County, a Tillamook County SO deputy checked a subject's angling license and inquired about residency. The deputy determined the subject falsely applied for his angling license and informed the subject he did not qualify for resident licenses and that an OSP trooper would contact him. Schwartz's investigation revealed the subject had falsely applied for resident licenses and tags, and had bought more resident licenses since the deputy talked to him. Schwartz cited this subject for **Falsely Applying for Hunting and Angling Licenses**. For the definition of resident, [click here for the statute](#).

# Public Relations

## Events, Presentations, and Meetings

Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) talked with about 30 ODFW stream survey employees regarding personal safety reporting suspicious activities.

Sr. Tpr. Halsey and Tpr. Burkholder (Albany) assisted with the Foster Lake Fishing Derby. About 1,200-1,500 children and adults attended.

Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) gave a presentation to the OHA Lincoln County chapter regarding poaching and the WED to about 20 members.

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) displayed the Trailer of Shame at Coffenburg Lake during an event for foster children. Over 50 children participated.

Rct. Vogel (St. Helens) worked the Trailer of Shame at an event at Trojan Pond for foster children. The booth was well received.

Sr. Tpr. Cushman (Central Point) updated 35 members on local poaching incidents at the Rogue Valley OHA chapter monthly meeting.

Tpr. Stone and Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) assisted ODFW with the Rock Creek Hatchery Kids Day, where disabled children are allowed to angle in the hatchery pond for trout.

Retired Sr. Tpr. Bertram did a ride-a-long with Sr. Tpr. Niehus (Klamath Falls). Bertram was gracious enough to volunteer his time to introduce Niehus to some Klamath County landowners.

Tpr. Boyd and Rct. Imholt (Springfield) spoke at a hunter safety class in Alvadore. About 40 people attended the one-hour class on firearms, trespass, fish, wildlife, ATV, and boating laws. Interaction was good.

Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) gave a presentation at a Lincoln County hunter safety class about the Division and discussed laws and ethics with the students. About 20 parents and students attended.

Sr. Tpr. Salisbury (Florence) and Tpr. Goldsmith (Patrol) gave a safety presentation to about 60 Girl Scouts at the Elks Park near Mercer Lake. Goldsmith filled out OSP ID kits and fingerprinted many younger kids.

Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) gave a one-hour presentation to a hunter safety class at Gold Beach FD and discussed the WED program, hunter ethics, and outdoor survival and answered questions. Seven juveniles and one adult attended. The presentation was well received.

Sr. Tpr. Schwartz (North Plains) and Sgt. Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) displayed the Trailer Of Shame during a Department of Human Services (DHS) event at Henry Hagg Lake, where volunteers took foster children fishing. About 68 children attended and the trailer was well received.

Tpr. Young (Salem) participated in the Detroit Lake Junior Police Fishing Derby. Officers and employees from several agencies assisted the derby's 14 participants. All children caught their limit and left for home with five dressed and cleaned trout.

Sr. Tpr. Maher (Oakridge) was asked to speak about fish and wildlife enforcement issues at the annual US Army Corps of Engineers ranger training at the Dorena Grange. He discussed issues on Corps lands and at Dexter and Fall Creek Dams and reviewed angling regulations.

## Trooper Received Professional Hero Award

Along with Sutherlin PD Officer Mills, Tpr. Baimbridge (Roseburg) received a Professional Hero award at the Red Cross' Local Hero's banquet for responding to assisting a subject out of the burning house before it became totally engulfed in flames. This was a crime scene where the adult son stabbed both parents (the mother died from the stab wounds and her body recovered from the burnt residence), then set the house on fire to cover the crime. The subject was caught in California and is awaiting trial on Murder, Attempted Murder, and other charges. Please [click here for the NR Today article](#).

## Troopers Assisted with Free Fishing Weekend Events

Tpr. O'Connor (Astoria) assisted ODFW and Oregon State Parks with a Coffenburg Lake Free Fishing Weekend Kids Derby. About 100 kids participated. Oregon State Parks received positive public comments.

The South Coast Team participated in Free Fishing Weekend events. Sr. Tpr. Kehr (Newport) worked the Salmon River Fish Hatchery event with over 100 kids attending. Sr. Tpr. Urbigkeit (Newport), Volunteer Staples, and Volunteer Wilson attended the Big Creek Reservoir event with over 100 children participating. Tpr. Van Meter (Newport) worked the Fall Creek Hatchery Thissel Pond event with over 300 attendees. Sr. Tpr. Salisbury and Sr. Tpr. Lea (Florence) participated in the Cleawox Lake event, which was also well attended.

Sgt. Pond (Bend) and Volunteer Spencer assisted ODFW with activities at Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery on the Metolius River. Almost a thousand people attended the event, toured the facility, and visited several angling-related booths. Children 10-years-old and younger fished in one raceway and the famous acclimation pond, home to trout up to 10 pounds. Pond and Spencer noted many happy anglers, and some children caught trout weighing several pounds. Governor Kulongoski was present and assisted his grandson in catching some trout.



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