



OREGON STATE POLICE FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION



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*On the cover:
A Fish and Wildlife Trooper (L) and
OSP Superintendent (R) patrolled the
McKenzie River east of Springfield,
checking salmon and steelhead anglers.
This steelhead angler agreed to pose for
a photo with his legal catch.*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



(L to R) A Tennessee Highway Patrol Lieutenant, Carolina Highway Patrol Sergeant, OSP Fish and Wildlife Trooper, and Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper at the 36th Annual Candlelight Vigil.

Trooper Attends Event in Washington, D.C.

A Central Point Fish and Wildlife Trooper attended the 36th Annual Candlelight Vigil as a representative of the Oregon State Police at the 2024 Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Fund ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Trooper Speaks at School - Crook County

A Prineville Fish and Wildlife Trooper was requested as a public speaker at Powell Butte Elementary in Crook County to explain what an OSP Fish and Wildlife Trooper does and how they do it. This was an all-day event with about 100 students ranging from first grade through middle school, with individual class Q&A. Very positive feedback was received from school employees and parents.

Troopers Conduct Event Water Safety Patrol

Central Point Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a water safety patrol on Lake Selmac in Josephine County for an event being held by West Valley High School. Approximately 100 kids from the high school attended the event where they tested several drift boats that the students had built in their metal shop class.

Sergeant Assist with Online Safety Presentation

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Sergeant assisted Lake County Sheriff's Office Deputy with talking to 5th and 6th grade students about dangers of technology, social media, and other social dangers.

Burns Trooper Returns as Guest on Radio Show

A Burns Fish and Wildlife Trooper was a guest on 92.7 KZHC Harney County Live, the local radio station for Harney County. The host of the show had reached out to the Trooper to see if he could come talk about safety for the Holiday Weekend. Numerous topics were covered including OSP's Fatal Five "Solid" for traffic safety with the increase in motorist travel over the weekend. Other topics included water safety with life jackets and whistles, and helmets for youth riders on ATVs. The host of the show was grateful to OSP for participating in the live broadcast again.

Trooper Presents at OHA Meeting

Portland and St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Troopers gave a public presentation to the Pioneer Chapter of the Oregon Hunter's Association (OHA) in Gresham. Troopers spoke about topics such as common mistakes that hunter's make in the field and how to avoid them, what to expect during an administrative check from a Trooper, recent cases where the public has used the TIP program and had received rewards, and more. There were approximately 20 people in attendance and the Troopers were well received.



Youth Fishing Event - Rowena

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles stopped by and assisted at a youth fishing event at Bikini Pond in Rowena, put on by ODFW and the CCA. Despite the rough weather a lot of young anglers and their parents attended the event. Some nice trout were caught and there were a lot of smiles to go around.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Youth Fishing Event - Camp Baldwin

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles attended a youth fishing event at Camp Baldwin near Dufur put on by ODFW and the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA). US Forest Service (USFS) was also present at the event. The weather was incredible and approximately 100 kids and adults were in attendance. Lots of trout were caught with excited kids smiling and having fun all around the lake.

Troopers Present at Trout Unlimited Event

Portland and St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Troopers gave a presentation to the Portland chapter of Trout Unlimited at Hopworks Brewery in Portland. Troopers spoke about who they are, what they do and how to contact OSP; and common mistakes seen in the field and how to avoid them. There were approximately 12 attendees, and the event was live streamed online as well.

Oakridge Outdoor School

South Valley Fish and Wildlife Troopers and a Lieutenant attended the Oakridge Outdoor School at the Willamette Fish Hatchery in Oakridge. The Troopers used the Trailer of Shame and spoke to several groups of 6th graders about being F&W Troopers, what their jobs are, and how they interact with the public while enforcing the wildlife laws.

Presentation and K-9 Demo at High School

Bend and Prineville Fish and Wildlife Troopers provided a presentation to La Pine High School students regarding the OSP F&W Division, including a demonstration of K-9 Scout's capabilities.

High School Wildlife Management Class

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper presented to the Hermiston High School Wildlife Management class. Nine students and two teachers were in attendance. After his presentation multiple students had questions about hiring requirements and employment benefits. In conversations with them, a few students were interested in the career field.

Troopers Attend Sam's Valley School Carnival

Central Point Fish and Wildlife Troopers attended the annual Sam's Valley Elementary School Carnival. This is the second year that the Troopers have attended the event, and brought a number of pelts from native Oregon species to display at the event. Kids and parents enjoyed learning about the native Oregon furbearers. Approximately 500 people from the surrounding community participated in this event.

ODFW Hunter Education - Sandy

A Portland Fish and Wildlife Trooper gave a presentation at an ODFW hunter education training in Sandy. There were approximately 10 students and three parents in attendance. The Trooper spoke about common violations seen in the field and encouraged the students to utilize the TIP line if they were ever a witness to poaching.



OSP Pilot Attends Hillsboro Airshow

The Baker City OSP Fish and Wildlife Pilot and an OSP Recruiter attended the Hillsboro Airshow, displaying the new OSP Fish and Wildlife aircraft and a new patrol vehicle throughout the airshow weekend. Troopers spoke with approximately 500 people of all ages. Everyone was extremely interested in the OSP aircraft and patrol car, as well as what OSP does as an agency. A handful of potential applicants expressed a high interest in applying for OSP. Numerous discussions were had relating to use of aircraft and the role of Fish and Wildlife Troopers within OSP along with Patrol.

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Stowaway Marmot Removed from Engine

A Central Point Fish and Wildlife Trooper assisted a citizen with a yellow-bellied marmot (the largest squirrel in Oregon) that had taken up residence in the undercarriage of her vehicle. The Trooper learned that the caller's boyfriend was an employee at Crater Lake National Park and unbeknownst to him, a yellow-bellied marmot had stowed itself in the undercarriage of his truck and hitched a ride into Medford with him. Upon arriving in Medford, the marmot made himself at home in the truck's engine bay and had chewed some of the wiring disabling the truck. Once the truck was disabled, and no longer a source of heat, the marmot decided to move on to the caller's vehicle. The caller advised that she had hoped the marmot would just leave but apparently the marmot had other plans. The Trooper responded to her residence and located the marmot tucked in the undercarriage of the vehicle. A collaborative effort from the Trooper and the caller resulted in the marmot being safely removed from the engine bay/undercarriage of the caller's vehicle. After the marmot was secured, the Trooper ensured the marmot was returned to its home in Crater Lake National Park.



Injured Barn Owl Taken to Bird Alliance of OR

A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a residence in Rainier regarding an injured baby bird. The reporting party stated the previous night someone knocked on her front door and when she opened it, nobody was there. Someone had left a blanket with a baby bird on her doorstep, which she thought might be an eagle. The Trooper took possession of the bird, which turned out to be a barn owl, and transported it to the Bird Alliance of Oregon for examination and rehabilitation.

DUII Driver Crashes on I-5

A Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a single vehicle crash on I-5 where the driver was reported to be intoxicated. Upon contact with the driver the Trooper developed probable cause the driver was intoxicated. The driver performed standardized field sobriety tests (SFSTs) and was arrested for **Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII)**. The driver consented to provide a breath sample which indicated he had a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .16%. The driver was lodged at Marion County Jail.

Trooper Rescues Stranded Motorist

A Lakeview Fish and Wildlife Trooper was patrolling Winter Rim when a stranded motorist call came out. The driver was trying to reach the Fremont Point Forest Service cabin rental and was following Google Maps. The route to the driver was blocked by a tree and deep snow a half mile from the stuck vehicle's location. After following the tire tracks in through deep water, mud and snow, the vehicle was located sitting on the frame on top of three feet of snow. The vehicle was easily pulled off the snow and followed the Trooper back to a paved road and headed back home.



Sergeant Rescues Osprey

A John Day Fish and Wildlife Sergeant responded to the 7th Street Park in John Day for a reported injured osprey. The Sergeant captured the osprey and cared for it in his garage until it could be transported to the Blue Mountain Raptor facility with the assistance of a Pendleton Fish and Wildlife Sergeant.

WILDLIFE & ENVIRONMENT



Trooper Checks Compliant ID ATV Riders

Ontario Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a patrol of Succor Creek Road into Leslie Gulch and down to the Owyhee Reservoir. During the patrol numerous ATVs were inspected by the Troopers. One couple from Idaho had Oregon ATV permits on their 4-wheelers and Oregon ATV Safety Cards and were gracious enough to pose for a photo with one of the Troopers.

Subjects Cited for Shooting Mourning Doves

Troopers from Madras and The Dalles responded to Clarno for reports of people driving around shooting animals. Troopers responded quickly, and arrived just as the reported vehicle was leaving the area. Troopers explained the reason for the contact to the three occupants who admitted to shooting four mourning doves. Ultimately, three citations were issued along with multiple warnings. The mourning doves were seized and further questions from the occupants were clarified.

Subject Cited for Taking Dead Head

A Lakeview Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a subject who was parked at Lost Creek Lake. The subject was in possession of a bull elk dead head that he found while mushroom picking. He was also found to have a Failure to Appear (FTA) warrant for Misdemeanor Suspended Driving. He was cited and released for the warrant and for **Unlawful Possession of Elk Parts**.

Trooper Assists WDFW by Seizing Turkey

A Central Point Fish and Wildlife Trooper assisted the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) by seizing an unlawfully taken turkey from Washington. The suspect had taken the turkey to a southern Oregon taxidermist and the owner of the business noticed something odd about the turkey and contacted the WDFW game wardens. The bird was confirmed to be unlawfully taken and the suspect was cited by WDFW.

Shed Hunters Enter into Closed Area

A Pendleton Fish and Wildlife Trooper followed up on a report of two subjects that rode horseback into the Bridge Creek Wildlife Area the day prior to the opening. It was found the two suspects had rode in the afternoon the day prior to opening and split up to shed hunt. One of the suspects made it back to camp, but the other had not due to having a difficult horse. The suspect at camp contacted Umatilla County Search and Rescue as he became concerned for his friend. His friend later made it back to camp safely. Both suspects admitted to knowingly riding into Bridge Creek Wildlife Area during the closure to get a head start on shed hunting. Both were issued citations for **Unlawful Entry on State Wildlife Areas, Refuges, and Special Areas**.

Raccoon Taken, Later Released

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Trooper received information from ODFW about a subject that had possibly taken a raccoon home. The subject rescued the animal from an event and made statements to bystanders about taking the animal home. The Trooper was able to identify the individual and conduct an interview. It was determined that she did take the animal home for the night, but quickly realized she was not able to take care of it, and returned it to the location she caught it. She was warned for the violation.

Search Warrant Leads to 59 Charges

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles followed-up with the suspects from a search warrant that was conducted on two residences at the end of March. Criminal citations were issued to the two suspects who were charged with: 34 counts of **Unlawful Take/Possession of Deer**, two **Unlawful Take/Possession of antelope**, three counts of **Unlawful Take/Possession of Elk**, 15 counts of **Unlawful Take/Possession of Turkey**, two counts of **Unlawful Take/Possession of Black Bear**, one count of **Unlawful Take/Possession of Beaver**, one count of **Unlawful Take/Possession of an Owl**, and one count of **Unlawful Take/Possession of Steelhead**.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



Commercial Boat Captain Takes Fish for Himself

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers boarded multiple commercial salmon trollers south of Cape Falcon. One boat that was contacted had two salmon on board, and the captain said he did not have any other fish on board the boat. A subsequent search of a toe on the back deck found three gallon-size Ziplock bags buried under ice. The bags had multiple lingcod and rockfish fillets in them from a total of 14 fish. The captain said he was going to take them home to eat and he knew he was not allowed to fillet and take the fish. The captain was cited for Unlawful Possession of Mutilated Marine Fish. One of the Troopers had criminally cited this same captain in 2023; when he boarded the same boat while it was trolling and found numerous fillets from undersized salmon on board.

No Individual Commercial Fishing License

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted a commercial fishing captain as his vessel was offloading groundfish to a local wholesale fish processing plant. A review of the captain's ODFW commercial fishing licenses found that the captain did not have a valid 2024 commercial fishing license. This was the vessel's 10th load of the year equaling 713,663 lbs of groundfish harvested. The captain was cited and released for **No Individual Commercial Fishing License**. The Trooper had issued violation citations to three of the captain's crew members in 2023 for the same offense.

Shrimp Offloads Found to be In Compliance

Due to recent small shrimp investigations and continued concerns, a Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper monitored pink shrimp offloads in the Port of Charleston. He checked and sampled two shrimp offloads and found they were in the 140-150 class size overall which was well within the legal size limit.

Seaside Beach Clam Patrols

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted clam patrols on Seaside Beach, Clatsop Beach, and in Garibaldi. Numerous citations and warnings were issued for **Exceed the Daily Limit of Razor Clams, Exceed the Daily Limit of Bay Clams, Take Undersized Dungeness Crab, Dig Clams for Another, Fail to Retain Razor Clams as Required, and Exceed the Daily Limit of Marine Invertebrates**. Numerous clams and 190 marine snails were seized.

Trooper Seizes 31 Razor Clams

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted surveillance of razor clam harvesters during low tides. Multiple citations were issued for **Exceeding Daily Limit and Fail to Retain First 15 Clams Dug**. On one contact the Trooper observed a subject dragging a clear bag full of razor clams that appeared well over the daily limit of 15 razor clams. The Trooper observed the subject continue to dig as he walked back towards the shore. Upon contact the subject admitted to being over the limit. The subject did not have his shellfish license on him and the Trooper learned the subject had not had a non-resident shellfish license since 2022. The subject was ultimately issued a citation for **No Non-Resident Shellfish License**, and 31 razor clams were seized and donated.

Skipper Cited for Crab Violations

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper followed up with a commercial crab skipper that had crab gear deployed in the ocean without summer buoy tags. The skipper additionally had two stretches during the crab season where he exceeded the 14 day limit without making a crab landing. One stretch was 10 weeks and the other was 3.5 weeks. The skipper was cited for **Leaving Gear Set for More Than 14 Days Without Making a Crab Landing** and warned for **No Summer Buoy Tags**.

Garibaldi Clam Patrol

Astoria and Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a clam patrol in Garibaldi. Four citations were issued for **Exceed The Daily Limit of Bay Clams, and for Dig Clams For Another**. Warnings were also issued for various shellfish offenses.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Owyhee River Float Patrol

A John Day Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Troopers from John Day, Burns, and Baker City conducted a three-day enforcement float on the wild and scenic Owyhee River. Approximately 70 boater contacts were made with 29 boat inspections completed. Multiple groups expressed their appreciation for OSP being present on the river and for providing insight into current weather outlook, water flows, and guidance on navigating the most technical rapids.

Subject Cited for No Resident Angling License

A Pendleton Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed a male fishing on the bank at McKay Reservoir. The male noticed the Trooper and attempted to leave quickly with his girlfriend. The Trooper contacted the subject who denied doing any fishing even after the Trooper advised he had been watching him. The subject explained he was just practicing his casting, but not fishing. When asked about the live worms he was carrying he explained he likes to throw worms into the water to feed the fish nearby while he is practicing his casting. He later admitted to not having an angling license. The subject also had an outstanding nationwide felony warrant. He was arrested and lodged on the warrant and issued a citation for **No Resident Angling License**.

Patrol Lieutenant Assists with Angling Case

The Roseburg Area Command Lieutenant assisted the Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Team as they were occupied on another patrol. Based on information from a citizen, it was reported that two individuals were out on the Winchester dam fish ladder angling for salmon in the ladder. The Lieutenant responded, detained and interviewed the two males and cited them for **Angling in the Fishway**.

Subjects Hide Extra Clams - Sunset Beach

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper were conducting surveillance of razor clam diggers on Sunset Beach when they observed a man with a full bag of clams count his clams and then place four in his jacket pocket. He then walked over to a female subject that was nearby and put the four clams from his pocket into her already full bag of clams. She then returned to the vehicle where she put some of the clams in a dog poop bag and placed it into a different portion of the vehicle. Upon contact it was determined the man's clam bag now contained a limit of clams, but the females still had one over the limit. When asked if there were more clams in the vehicle, she stated their dog was aggressive (which was far from the truth). She then admitted to having more clams in the bag on the passenger side floorboard. The male was cited for **Digging Clams for Another** and the female was cited for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit**.

Ten Cited on Rogue River Angling Patrol

A Central Point Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted angling checks along the Rogue River between Rogue Elk Park and at Lost Creek Lake. A total of 129 anglers were contacted, 10 of which were found to be in violation. Three subjects were cited for **Attempting to Snag Salmon** from a drift boat at Slide Hole; one subject was cited for **Violation of Leader Length Restriction** and warned for **Failure to Allow Inspection** at Casey Park; one subject was warned for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense** at Casey Park; one subject was warned for **Attempting to Snag Salmon** at Bridge Hole; and one subject was warned for angling without a valid license in possession.

Captain Cited for Undersized Crab

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted Marine Board boat inspections at Tillamook Bay. One subject was cited for having 14 undersized Dungeness crab in his possession. The captain of the boat showed the Trooper how they were measuring, and it was wrong. The Trooper educated them on measuring Dungeness crab and the captain of the boat agreed to take a citation in lieu of everyone being cited. The 14 crab were seized and set free in the bay.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING

Owyhee River Angler Checks

An Ontario Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted angler checks on the Owyhee River and the Owyhee Reservoir. Approximately 35 anglers were checked and eight were found out of compliance. Five citations were issued for **No Resident Angling License** and **No Non-Resident Angling License** and numerous warnings were issued for **No Sound Producing Device**, **Inadequate Number of Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)**, **No Waterway Access Permit**, **No Non-Resident Angling License**, and **Unlawful Take/Possession of Game Fish**.

Multiple Violations Razor Clam Patrol

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted razor clam enforcement during several minus tides. Multiple recreational razor clam diggers were contacted and citations and warnings were issued for **Exceed Daily Limit of Razor Clams**, **Dig for Another**, and **Mutilate Clams in Clam Digging Area**. On one contact a group of recreational clammers were contacted just as they were leaving the beach and were found to be in possession of three female Dungeness crabs. One subject was cited for **Take/Possession of Female Dungeness Crab**.

Columbia River Boat Patrol

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River in the Bonneville pool. Troopers contacted 14 boats and 23 anglers, and issued one marine board warning. Troopers also worked the area on the Columbia where the Wind River sport fishery boundary is extended into the Columbia River. Troopers noticed there were not boundary marker buoys in place, marking the angling boundary. Due to no boundary markers, multiple boats were extending their salmon fishery into the closed waters of the Columbia River. All boats were contacted and educated on the boundary line. Troopers made several calls to WDFW and advised them of the situation with the missing boundary markers. WDFW was appreciative of the information and was going to use their drone to fly the area and see if they could locate the missing buoys.

Subject Cited for Angling While Suspended

An Albany Fish and Wildlife Trooper checked a subject, who he knew to have an angling suspension, at a local pond. The subject claimed his 9-year-old daughter was fishing, which was contrary to the Trooper's observations. The subject was currently on both a 3-year and a 5-year angling suspension. The Trooper criminally cited the subject for **Angling While Suspended**.



Wallowa Lake Boat Patrol

Enterprise Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on Wallowa Lake. During the patrol 17 boat inspections were conducted and 58 contacts/license checks were made. Two warnings were issued for **No Sound Producing Device**, and three warnings were issued for **Fail to Carry Angling License on Person**.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING

Memorial Day Weekend OR/ID Joint Patrols

Over the Memorial Day weekend Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Troopers and Idaho Fish and Game Conservation Officers saturated the impoundments of the Snake River conducting boat patrols and worked below Hells Canyon Dam conducting foot patrols for Salmon anglers. On the Oregon side, 321 anglers were checked with 58 warnings issued and 27 citations issued, with four illegal takes detected (undersize bass). Citations issued were for:

- Five citations **No Two Rod Validation**
- 11 citations **Fail to Attend Rod/Line While Angling**
- Two citations **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense**
- Two citations **Take/Possession of Undersized Fish**
- Four citations **No Resident Angling License**
- One citation **No Columbia Basin Endorsement** (Salmon Angler)
- Two citations **Inadequate Number of Personal Flotation Devices**

Sergeant Nabs Repeat Offender

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Sergeant observed a subject count his razor clams, look around suspiciously, and bury an extra clam before returning to his vehicle. Upon contact the subject lied several times about burying the clam, before eventually admitting to it. The subject was found to have been cited for the exact same offense by the Sergeant in 2015, and the citation notes contained the exact same lies the subject told on his current offense. When asked if he had ever had a F&W citation before the subject said he had not. The subject was issued a citation for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Clams**.

Subject Cited for Sturgeon Fishing - Gilbert River

A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper was watching a man fishing in the Gilbert River at Big Eddy and saw him catch and release a sturgeon. When the man was contacted, he was found to be angling for sturgeon using two rods. It is illegal to fish for sturgeon in the Gilbert River and there is currently a bait restriction in the Gilbert River and only flies and lures are allowed. The man was subsequently issued citations for **Angling Closed Area** and **No Non-Resident Angling License** and warnings for **No Combined Angling Tag**, **No Columbia River Basin Endorsement**, **Angling Prohibited Method: Bait**, and **Angling with More Than One Rod**.

Subject Cited for Taking 30 Female Crab

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a call regarding a man taking female crab on the beach in Seaside. After speaking to the reporting party directly, the caller provided several cell phone photos of the suspect. Upon arrival, the photos matched a man who was observed walking into the dunes carrying a visibly heavy grocery bag full of female crab. When initially asked if he knew any of the crab regulations, the man stated he had no idea, but after seeing all the crab on the beach he figured he would get all he could since he had a shellfish license and no one else was taking them. Thirty female crab (No males) were found to be in his bag. He was subsequently cited criminally for **Taking/Possession of Female Dungeness Crab**.

Salmon Snagging at Trask River Hatchery

Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Troopers responded to a snagging call at Trask River Hatchery. The reporting parties advised that a male foul hooked a Chinook salmon by its belly and kept the fish. The Troopers arrived on scene and checked the suspect's catch. There was a fresh wound on its stomach consistent with a hook mark. The suspect claimed he hooked it in the mouth and showed a hole in its mouth. The hole in its mouth was consistent with a knife wound and was a hole where they put their fish stringer through to keep the fish in the water. The suspect kept lying saying he hooked it in the mouth. Another party member advised she had a video of the fish being caught and landed. The video clearly showed the fish foul hooked where the reporting parties said it was hooked, and it matched the wound on its stomach. The suspect was criminally cited, and the Chinook was seized.

Subjects Cited for Angling Prior to Legal Time

A Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed two subjects angling near Rock Creek on the North Umpqua River fishing prior to one hour before sunrise. Both were violation cited for **Angling Prohibited Hours**.

Seaside Beach Shellfish Patrol

While working the beach in Seaside over Memorial Day weekend, an Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper issued numerous citations and warnings for shellfish violations that included **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams**, **Digging Clams for Another**, **Failure to Use Own Container for Clams**, **Illegal Possession/Taking Female Dungeness Crab**, and **No Non-Resident Shellfish license**. A total of 48 clams were seized and later donated to charity, and three crab were released back into the water.

CASE DISPOSITIONS

Subject Pleads Guilty in 2022 Elk Case

An Enterprise Fish and Wildlife Trooper received notification from the Wallowa County District Attorney's office that a case involving the **Unlawful Take of a Bull Elk, Take Prohibited Method, and Take Prohibited Area** from September of 2022 was settled. The subject pleaded guilty and was ordered to:

- Pay reduced restitution
- 5-year hunting suspension
- 10 days in jail, among other penalties

Subject Found Guilty in Linn County Case

An Albany Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a witness who observed an individual shoot a buck deer on his private property. The subject was cooperative and admitted to shooting the buck on private property. The deer and rifle were seized. A Linn County Circuit Court Judge found the subject guilty of **Unlawful Take Buck Deer (Misdemeanor)**. The subject received:

- 3-year hunting suspension
- \$1,000 compensatory fine to the TIP fund
- \$1,000 fine
- Forfeiture of the deer
- Rifle returned to the defendant

Subject Pleads Guilty in Trespass Case

In January, a Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper issued a criminal citation to a suspect who illegally trespassed onto Weyerhaeuser land and shot a spike buck during the general western buck season in Polk County. A witness had seen the suspect on the Weyerhaeuser land shoot the buck and drag it to his motorcycle. When the Trooper interviewed the suspect, he admitted to seeing the no trespassing sign, but believed he was allowed to trespass since he owned stock in Weyerhaeuser. The suspect's rifle and the spike antlers were both seized. He was issued citations for **Criminal Trespass, Take/Possession of Buck Deer, and Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass**. The suspect pleaded guilty to the Take/Possession of Buck Deer charge and received:

- \$1,000 in fines
- 3-year hunting license suspension
- 18 months probation





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Turn in poachers.

Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) Cash Rewards

- \$2,000 Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat & Moose
- \$1,000 Elk, Deer & Antelope
- \$600 Bear, Cougar & Wolf
- \$300 Habitat Destruction
- \$200 Illegally obtaining Oregon hunting or angling license or tags
- \$200 Unlawful Lending/Borrowing Big Game Tag(s)
- \$200 Game Fish & Shellfish
- \$200 Game Birds or Furbearers
- \$200 Spotlighting
- \$200 Snagging/Attempt to Snag

Oregon Wildlife Coalition (OWC) Cash Rewards

Birds
 \$500 Hawk, Falcon, Eagle, Owl, Osprey
 All other protected avian species: see category below for listed species

Mammals
 \$500 Cougar, Bobcat, Beaver (public lands only), Black bears, Bighorn Sheep, Marten, Fisher, Sierra Nevada Red Fox

\$1,000 Species listed as "threatened" or "endangered" under state or federal Endangered Species Act (excludes fish) (e.g. wolf, wolverine, kit fox, red tree vole, Canada lynx, sea otter, Columbian white-tailed deer, California brown pelican, western snowy plover, California least tern, northern spotted owl, marbled murrelet, short-tailed albatross, streaked horned lark, yellow billed cuckoo, leatherback sea turtle, olive ridley sea turtle, Oregon spotted frog, green sea turtle, loggerhead sea turtle)

ODFW Preference Points Rewards

- 5 Points Bighorn Sheep
- 5 Points Rocky Mountain Goat
- 5 Points Moose
- 5 Points Wolf
- 4 Points Elk
- 4 Points Deer
- 4 Points Pronghorn Antelope
- 4 Points Bear
- 4 Points Cougar

Oregon Outfitters & Guides Association Cash Rewards

\$200 Acting as an Outfitter Guide for the Illegal Killing of Wildlife, Illegally Obtaining Oregon Hunting or Angling Licenses or Tags, or Illegally Offering to Act as an Outfitter Guide as defined in ORS 704.010 and 704.020.



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