



OREGON STATE POLICE FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION



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*On the cover:
A Fish and Wildlife Trooper on boat patrol
on the Owyhee River*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Fish with a Cop Event - Bully Creek

Multiple Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife and Patrol Division members, along with deputies from the Malheur County Sheriff's Office, officers from the Ontario Police Department, Malheur County Parole and Probation and the Payette Police Department participated in the annual Bully Creek Fish with a Cop Event. Approximately 35 kids were present and fished with the officers. Tackle boxes and fishing poles were donated to the kids by the local Ontario Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post. Several fish were caught by the kids on the bank and on boats on the water. The event was well received and all who participated had a great time.

Sergeant Makes Connection at Troutfest

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant from The Dalles patrolled the Deschutes River in the Maupin area for Troutfest. He encountered a women's angling group that had 50+ members attending from all over the US. He made a connection with the organizer of the group and exchanged info for participating at next year's gathering.

OHA Family Day in Sisters

A Bend Fish and Wildlife Trooper spent time at the Oregon Hunter's Association (OHA) Family Day in Sisters. The Trooper spoke with children and answered questions regarding the work of a Fish and Wildlife Trooper and the type of equipment used. OHA estimated that around 70 people attended the event.

K-9 Scout Impresses Students on Field Trip

A Bend Fish and Wildlife Trooper and K-9 Scout gave a presentation to 4th and 5th graders from a local school while on a field trip to the Crooked River. Topics covered included licenses and tags, fishing regulations, differences between horns and antlers, and an overview of OSP's conservation K-9 program. The students then got to see a live K-9 demo and meet K-9 Scout.

Troopers Attend NW Mountain Challenge

Central Oregon Fish and Wildlife Troopers attended the NW Mountain Challenge at Hoodoo with the Trailer of Shame. Approximately 150 participants stopped and viewed the trailer and chatted with Troopers. Participants were happy to see Troopers at the event and expressed thanks for the conservation work.



Trooper Presents at Hunter Education Class

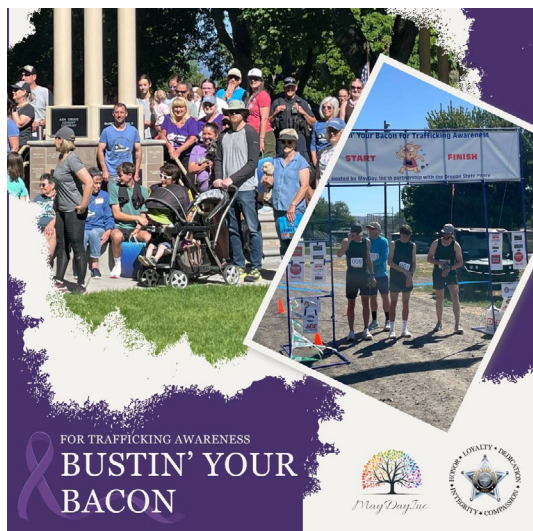
A Fish and Wildlife Trooper gave a presentation at a local Burns area hunter education class. The Trooper talked about the most common hunting violations, ATV laws, hunter safety; and being respectful to the animals, other hunters, and nature. The 14 kids in attendance enjoyed the presentation and had many questions for the Trooper.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Troopers Attend I'm Hooked Event at Hagg Lake

A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper attended and coordinated OSP's participation with the 35th annual I'm Hooked youth fishing event at Hagg Lake. This two-day event provides youth from underrepresented communities the opportunity to learn about fishing and other outdoor activities. OSP has participated in this event for several years and has a great partnership with I'm Hooked. The Trailer of Shame was on display and NW Region Fish and Wildlife Troopers interacted with the kids, handed out swag and educational materials, and answered questions. There were approximately 500 attendees and OSP's participation is always popular at this event.



Bustin' Your Bacon Event

OSP teams up with MayDay, Inc. for domestic violence awareness event. Fish and Wildlife Troopers from the Baker City worksite recently partnered with the local crisis center for a half marathon event, Bustin' Your Bacon. The event was a fund and awareness-raiser for MayDay, Inc. Troopers helped coordinate the event, which was associated with Soroptimists International of Baker County, an organization devoted to human trafficking awareness.

Baker City Outdoor School

A Baker City Fish and Wildlife Trooper participated in a Brooklyn Elementary outdoor school event at Phillips Ford Park in Baker City. The Trooper interacted with approximately 60 first graders, educating them on wildlife in Baker County. ODFW provided pelts, antlers, and skulls for the event, which the students loved getting to see and touch.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Trooper Presents Bike Safety Info to 4-H Club

A Lakeview Fish and Wildlife Trooper presented bike safety information to a local 4-H club. Nearly 20 children learned about wearing helmets, checking their bike to make sure they are properly equipped and rules of the road. The kids were able to ride through three different types of intersections to learn about right of way and crosswalk safety as well.

OSP and ODFW Meet with World Oregon

A Marine Fisheries Team (MFT) Sergeant and representatives from the ODFW Marine Resources Program met with an international group as part of World Oregon from the countries of Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Gabon, Morocco, Senegal, and Sierra Leone. The International Visitor Program enables cross-cultural conversations and facilitates professional knowledge exchange between Oregon communities and the world. Program activities reflect the professional interests of the visiting leaders including topics such as sustainability, management, and enforcement of west coast fisheries. While in Newport the group met with various representatives in the community to include US Coast Guard (USCG) Yaquina Bay, Pacific Seafoods, and various commercial fishing vessels.

Sergeant Attends WCCF Family Fishing Event

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Sergeant participated in a Warner Creek Correctional Facility (WCCF) annual fishing event. In total six adults in custody and 24 family members including small children took part in learning how to fish, how to clean fish, how to read angling regulations, and the importance of having such regulations. ODFW staff and the Sergeant assisted in netting the fish and untangling the lines as they took to the stocked pond.

Troopers Attend Hunter Safety Class - Lexington

Fossil and Heppner Fish and Wildlife Troopers spoke to a hunter safety class in Lexington. They explained the importance of firearm safety as well as explaining common big game and waterfowl violations. There were 14 students and eight parents who also asked questions about trespassing and ATV usage while hunting.

GDRC Cleanup Day

Klamath Falls and Lakeview Fish and Wildlife Troopers assisted with OHA's Green Diamond Resource Company (GDRC) Cleanup Day. Over 40 volunteers showed up and cleaned up a large amount of illegally dumped trash on GDRC Land in the area around Keno.

Sergeant Gives Presentation to High School

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Sergeant gave a presentation to about 10 students at Marshfield High School at a police career elective class set up by their school resource officer. The presentation covered how to become an Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Trooper and 2023 case highlights from the South Coast Fish and Wildlife Team.

K-9 Buck and Handler Attend OHA Meeting

A Springfield Fish and Wildlife Trooper and K-9 Buck traveled to McMinnville to speak at an OHA meeting located at the American Legion Post 21. The Trooper discussed the K-9 program and gave examples of cases where K-9 Buck was used. The Trooper also visited with many other people that were not part of OHA while there.

NW Mountain Challenge - Hoodoo Ski Resort

Albany and Salem Fish and Wildlife Troopers attended the NW Mountain Challenge, an archery related event at Hoodoo Ski Resort. Troopers manned the Trailer of Shame and spoke with a handful of interested candidates for the Fish and Wildlife Division and many Fish and Wildlife Division members attending the multi-day event. The event organizers stated they would like to see OSP next year and were very supportive of OSP's presence.

Sisters Rodeo Parade

A Fish and Wildlife Lieutenant, Trooper, and K-9 Scout attended the Sisters Rodeo Parade. The Trailer of Shame was pulled in the parade and won a 3rd place ribbon. Many locals were happy to see OSP Fish and Wildlife in attendance.

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Troopers Help Rescue Wounded Biker

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper and Patrol Recruit Trooper were leaving the Steens Mountains and headed back to Burns when a Patrol Sergeant from Burns reported that Harney County Dispatch had received an SOS 911 emergency page from a motor bike rider who had crashed somewhere down south in the county and was badly hurt. The Trooper contacted Harney County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), and they sent him some pictures of the location of the rider. This was an extremely remote area of the Beaty's Butte Unit near the Nevada border. The biker was able to communicate that he was low on water, in the hot sun, and unable to move the bike to get to his food and water because of his injuries. The Troopers responded to the area and met up with the ambulance from Burns. The Trooper made the decision to have one of the EMS workers ride with him because of the extremely rugged terrain in that area, knowing the ambulance would not make it. The Recruit Trooper stayed with the other EMS worker with the staged ambulance. After about two and a half hours the Trooper and the EMS worker found the injured biker near Lone Mountain and the Domingo Pass. The biker was in stable condition as he had managed to put up his tent and stay out of the hot sun. The biker possibly had a separated shoulder and was unable to lift or get back on the bike because of it. The Trooper and the EMS worker were able to get the biker back to the ambulance in stable condition. The biker advised he was riding the Backcountry Discovery Routes (BDR) and knew better than to go by himself. The HCSO also later arrived on scene to assist EMS and the Troopers. This was a great ending considering the call came in late in the afternoon and the EMS worker was worried about not finding the biker in the daylight and him having to stay overnight injured, out of water, with low temperatures. The biker said that he had never been so happy in his life to see an Oregon State Trooper, and posed for a photo.

First Aid Rendered to Juvenile - Gerber Reservoir

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Trooper was conducting a shore patrol of Gerber Reservoir when he was approached by a juvenile bleeding profusely from the head. The juvenile advised he had tried to dive into the reservoir from the dock and struck the rocks under the water (low water level and signs posted to use caution). Medics were dispatched and the Trooper provided first aid under consent from the juvenile, as his parents were not on scene. He was cleared by medics and left with his grandpa who had returned to the camp.

Troopers Assist Man with Runaway Boat

Fish and Wildlife Troopers responded to an emergency call of a boater that had jumped into the Columbia River to swim after his running boat after it became free from a dock above The Dalles Lock and Dam. While running code Troopers were able to have dispatch contact the control center of the Dam and start emergency response from the US Army Corps of Engineers. The spill way which was actively spilling water was shut down and multiple employees of the Dam attempted to rescue the man from the lock's wing wall. The subject was never able to catch his boat but was luckily able to be pulled to a ladder on the lock wall just as Troopers were launching their jet boat. The subject had no injuries and Troopers along with an officer from Inter-Tribal police were able to retrieve the man's boat which had become pinned on the Dams south face wall by the wind and idling motor without going over the spill way. The man's boat was returned to the dock where he further secured and loaded it onto his trailer. The man had started his day by wanting to fish for sockeye salmon and ended it with a story and decision he hopes will never happen again.

Troopers Arrest Driver After Pursuit

An Albany Fish and Wildlife Trooper and Patrol Recruit Trooper assisted Linn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) with a driving complaint regarding a suspect vehicle continuing to drive in the opposite lanes of travel and almost causing head on crashes, including almost hitting a LCSO Deputy. The Troopers located the suspect vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. The vehicle failed to yield, and a pursuit ensued. The suspect vehicle continued to flee before the male driver lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a ditch. The Troopers took the driver into custody and the driver was issued a criminal citation for **Attempt to Elude** and an LCSO Deputy took the custody to Linn County Jail where he was lodged on **Reckless Driving** and **Reckless Endangering**.

GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



Stranded Dog Rescued from Rising Tide

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper received information that a dog was stranded on a rock in the ocean near Cape Blanco Lighthouse. The Trooper contacted the owner who stated her dog ran out to the rock on the minus low tide and when she located him the tide had come back in. She waded out to her waist in the water but was only able to get half way to him and the dog wouldn't come to her. The Trooper responded and was able to locate the dog approximately 500 yards off shore. USCG North Bend Air Station responded with a helicopter, and were able to lower a rescue swimmer down on the rock with the dog. The dog and swimmer became quick friends and both were able to be lifted off the rock in a basket and returned to the owner on the beach. The dog had been out on the rock for approximately nine hours and appeared to be in good shape except for a couple minor cuts on his paws from the rocks.

Trooper Stops DUI Driver

A Lakeview Fish and Wildlife Trooper stopped a vehicle that drove past him weaving in the road across the center line. The driver was found to be intoxicated and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUI). The driver provided a breath sample resulting in a 0.18% blood alcohol content (BAC).

Sick Juvenile Crow Rescued

Fish and Wildlife Troopers responded to a house in SE Portland to recover a crow. ODFW had received a report from a citizen who reported his neighbors had collected a juvenile crow and placed it into a cage. Contact was made with an elderly homeowner who had captured the crow and had attempted to make arrangements with the Bird Alliance of Oregon. The crow was visibly sick and possibly injured. Troopers transported the crow to the Bird Alliance of Oregon to receive a veterinarian evaluation.

Injured Eagle Taken to Bird Alliance of Oregon

A Portland Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to the report of a bald eagle being struck by a vehicle on I-84 westbound near Multnomah Falls. The caller reported the eagle was down a small embankment on the north side of the freeway toward the Columbia River. The Trooper and volunteers arrived and located the eagle. The Trooper assisted in capturing the eagle and it was found to have a broken wing. After safely getting the eagle back up the bank, it was transported by a volunteer from the Bird Alliance of Oregon to their treatment center.

Fawn Rescued from Storm Drain

A Grants Pass Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a report of a fawn stuck in a storm drain. Upon arrival the Trooper observed another fawn located in the brush near the storm drain. The mom was seen close to the area. The fawn was removed from the drain and placed near the other fawn in the brush.

WILDLIFE & ENVIRONMENT



Sergeant Helps with Fire Evacuation

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Sergeant was traveling on Highway 140 West near Rocky Point and observed a large column of smoke near the highway. The Sergeant pulled in to see several fire units on scene but also several citizens at a nearby gravel quarry pond who had decided to stay in the area. The fire had been burning for several hours but had just got active and was rapidly spreading towards the recreation site. The Sergeant assisted in evacuating citizens and put out a spot fire. The area was cleared and a few hours later the fire was contained.

Subject Kills Deer for Eating His Blueberries

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles responded to a self-reported unlawful take of a buck deer in the Hood River area. The resident reported that he killed the buck after it was on his property eating his blueberries. His intention was to scare the buck off his property by shooting it with a pellet rifle and not to kill the buck. However, the buck was not leaving the blueberries, so he continued to shoot it roughly 10 times total, with the last shot being while the buck was facing him head on. He was issued a criminal citation for **Unlawful Take of a Buck Deer**. The buck was salvaged for donation of the meat.

Felon in Possession of Firearm Shoots at Birds

An Albany Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded with a Linn County Deputy to a report of a subject shooting at vultures and eagles in southern Lebanon. The subject was contacted and interviewed. The subject admitted to being a felon and shooting at hawks, then gave consent to search his residence. Two rifles were seized. The subject was issued criminal citations for **Harassing Wildlife** and **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**.

Unlawful Take of Elk Near Granite

A John Day Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a report of a cow elk skinned and hanging at a remote property outside of Granite. Further investigation identified potential landowners and a suspect was developed. The Trooper interviewed the adult male suspect who confessed to shooting the elk. The suspect stated he shot the elk because he thought it was going to attack his dog. The Trooper and a Sergeant went to the property and found evidence that the suspect had planted clover and had mineral blocks and other attractants for elk. The suspect said he shot the elk from his back door and admitted he knew it was wrong and he should have reported it. The suspect had salvaged the elk and had it hanging in an outbuilding. The elk was seized, and he was charged with **Unlawful Take/Possession of Cow Elk**. The elk was taken to a meat processor for donation to the food bank.

Suspect Admits to Poaching Deer - Grants Pass

Patrol Troopers in Grants Pass responded to a call of a poached deer in Grants Pass. A Central Point Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to the address and made contact with the suspect. The suspect admitted to unlawfully taking the animal and was subsequently cited for **Unlawful Possession of a Buck Deer**. The deer was seized.

Late Bear Check-In

A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper was notified by the ODFW biologist on Sauvie Island that a subject had made an appointment to check in a bear but was over the 10 days he was supposed to have checked it in. The Trooper contacted the subject during the check-in and learned he had killed the bear in the Chesnimnus Unit on May 13th, but did not check it in until June 10th. The subject stated he had been bear hunting for around 19 years and knew he needed to check it in within 10 days. The man had a number of excuses for the late check-in and was subsequently issued a citation for the violation.

MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



Patrol Vessel Guardian Back on the Water

The Patrol Vessel Guardian made its first offshore patrol after being in the shipyard for an overhaul. Over the course of three days, Marine Fisheries Team (MFT) Troopers focused on commercial halibut, salmon, marine fish and crab and sport halibut, salmon and groundfish from Winchester Bay to Newport. Contacts were made in all fisheries.

- Coos Bay and Newport Troopers contacted sport halibut anglers inside Stonewall Bank Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Areas (YRCA) with halibut on board fishing for salmon. The anglers were contacted and it was determined they had not validated their halibut tags. Two subjects were cited for **Fail to Immediately Validate Tag**. They also contacted a second sport boat with halibut on board which were not validated on their tag and cited for the offense.
- A Sergeant and Troopers patrolled the Newport area targeting sport halibut fisherman. The compliance rate was less than 25%. Troopers issued 10 citations for **Fail to Validate Tag**, four citations for **Angling Prohibited Area: Stonewall Bank YRCA**; and one citation each for **No Angling Tag**, **No Electronic Tag in Possession**, **Aiding in Wildlife Offense: Unlawful Take of Lingcod Prohibited Area**. One warning was issued for **Unlawful Use of Barbed Hooks**. One lingcod was seized and donated to charity.

Boat Patrol on Yaquina Bay

Newport Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on Yaquina Bay. During the patrol, multiple people crabbing and fishing were contacted. One citation and numerous warnings were issued for **Take/Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**.

Commercial Halibut Offload Inspections

A Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Trooper was conducting inspections of commercial halibut offloads in Port Orford and found a fish dealer buying fish who had not renewed his dealers license for 2024. After looking into the case, it was determined the dealer had sent in their application to ODFW, paid all landing fees and bond but was never charged or issued the license. The dealer was warned and reminded they are not officially licensed until they receive the actual paper copy of their license.

Commercial Pink Shrimp Vessel Inspection

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted an administrative inspection on a commercial pink shrimp vessel as it was preparing to offload, and found that the two crew members on board did not have valid 2024 individual commercial fishing licenses. Both crew members thought they had licenses since they were crabbing earlier in the year on a different boat. The Trooper educated both crew members on how individual licenses and crew member licenses worked and ultimately cited both for **No Individual Commercial Fishing License**.



Trooper Poses for Photo on Beach Patrol

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted a beach patrol during the first day of the razor clam closure due to high levels of the marine biotoxin Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP). Over 75 recreational clambers and seven commercial razor clambers were contacted and informed about the closure and health risk. All razor clams were returned safely to the beach. On one contact, a recreational clammer was so happy that OSP contacted him to advise about the closure that his wife requested a photo.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Life Jackets Loaned for River Float

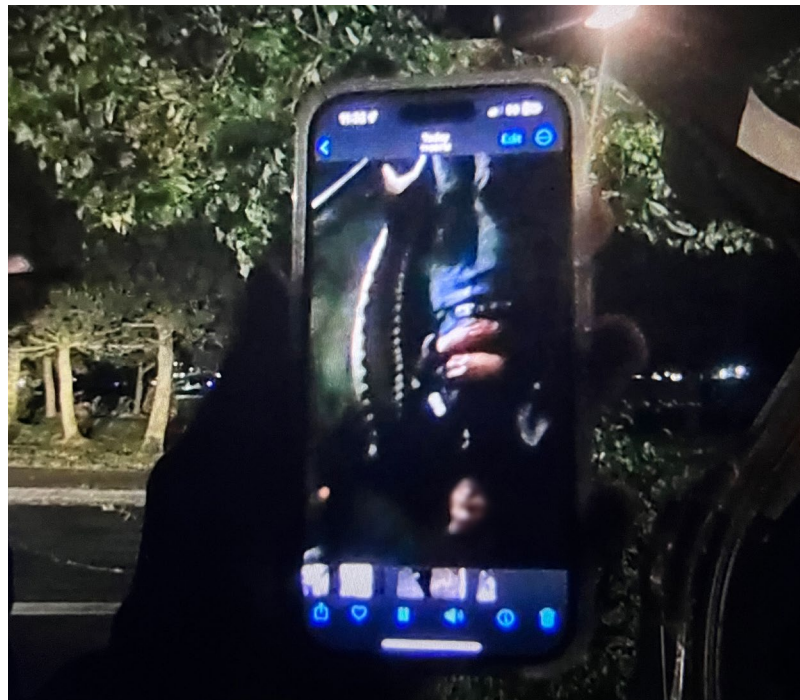
A John Day Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Trooper conducted eight angler checks and eight boat inspections at the Clarno boat launch. Two young adult boaters from out of the area were about to launch in their kayaks without life jackets. The Troopers educated them on the dangers of the river and drowning from earlier this year. The boaters were given loaner life jackets and warned for **No Personal Flotation Device (PFD)**. They were very thankful for the OSP loaner life jackets so they could complete their float. One angler from the Republic of the Congo was appreciative of the Troopers for providing bass fishing hints and John Day River access points.

Subjects Cited for Angling in Closed Area

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles was checking a section of the Columbia River that is closed to sturgeon angling. He observed a boat with four subjects anchored and appeared to be sturgeon fishing with two rods. The Trooper was able to obtain a phone number for the boat captain who was called and asked to pull up his gear and return to the boat ramp. After talking with the four occupants of the boat, it was determined they fished that spot years earlier with a guide. The captain said he didn't check the regulations and didn't know the river was closed. The captain was cited for **Angling Closed Area** and **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hook**. One of the other subjects was cited for **Angling Closed Area** for the second rod.

Subject Cited for Trout Angling Violations

A Madras Fish and Wildlife Trooper was patrolling along the Deschutes River near Warm Springs. He contacted a subject and observed he had four trout on a stringer. Through subsequent investigation, the subject had been using power bait and worms to catch the trout, which is prohibited on this section of river. The Trooper attempted to revive the trout, but none were able to be released. Two of the four trout were oversized (over 13" in length) and should not have been retained. The subject was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method: Bait** and **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit** (over two trout retained). The subject was also warned for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Game Fish** as two of the four were oversized.



Subjects Cited After Posing with Sturgeon

A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a tip that individuals were angling for sturgeon after hours at the Rainier Boat Ramp. The Trooper started watching the area at around 9:00 PM. Several people were on the dock with two people actively angling well after legal hours. Contact was made at around 11:30 PM after witnessing one subject catch a six foot sturgeon and bring it onto the dock by its gills. The 6'7" tall subject then laid next to the sturgeon for pictures before releasing it. He was cited for **Angling Prohibited Hours**, **Angling with More Than One Line**, and **Removing an Oversized Sturgeon from the Water**. Another subject was cited for **No Resident Angling License** and warned for **Angling Prohibited Hours**.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Angler Checks on Owyhee River

A John Day Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Ontario Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted angler checks on the Owyhee River and the Owyhee Reservoir. The Troopers observed a subject actively angling for bass on the shore of the Owyhee Reservoir. Upon contact with the subject he admitted to not having a 2024 angling license. He was cited for **No Resident Angling License**.

Subject Cited for Angling While Suspended

A St. Helens Fish and Wildlife Trooper arrived in the area of Fish Station Road outside of Clatskanie to contact anglers along the Columbia River. The Trooper noticed a parked vehicle he knew belonged to a man whose angling privileges were lifetime suspended. The man was found walking back to the parking area carrying a fishing rod, fishing gear, and cooler containing shrimp. The man denied fishing and stated he was picking the gear up for a friend who had left it there the day before. The man was subsequently issued a criminal citation for **Angling While Suspended** and his gear seized. Two other anglers were later contacted who disputed the man's story he had not been fishing. The same man was criminally cited by Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers for separate incidents earlier in June.

Deschutes River Boat Patrol

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles were on patrol near the Heritage Boat Ramp on the Deschutes River when they noticed two subjects on a boat motoring around Moody Island towards Moody Rapids and back to the boat ramp. While watching the boat a fishing line could be seen trolling. Contact was made with the couple as they beached their boat on the sand bank below the boat ramp. The couple were told that angling from a floating device on The Deschutes River was not allowed. During the contact it was additionally discovered that they had been trolling worms and had come up into the Deschutes after being blown off the Columbia due to rough water conditions and did not realize they were in violation. The female angler admitted that she had been fishing the same gear, but her pole had become snagged, and she had broken off prior to contact. Resident angling licenses were obtained from the couple. During the contact it was further discovered that they lived in Washington State. When asked about the resident angling licenses they stated that they had gone to Sportsman's Warehouse in Clackamas and the person behind the counter had looked up their information and said he had located them in the system and sold them angling licenses using what was in the system. The ODFW database had an old Oregon address that the couple admitted they had not lived at in two years. The couple claimed they did not understand what they had done by purchasing resident angling licenses. It was ultimately explained to them that it was their responsibility to inform the clerk of the new address and buy the correct nonresident angling licenses. Both subjects were issued violation citations for **Possession of Falsely Applied for Licenses** and the male subject was additionally issued a citation for **Angling from a Floating Device in a Prohibited Area** and warned for **Angling with Bait in a Prohibited Area**.

Diamond Lake Fishing Tournament

A Roseburg Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Troopers conducted a morning shore/boat patrol on Diamond Lake during the annual Black Bird Trout Derby fishing tournament. Over 150 boats were on the lake. Numerous angler and boat contacts were made. In addition to several minor Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) warnings, three subjects were cited for two rod violations, a boat owner was cited for operating an unregistered boat and another boat operator was issued a warning for a speed violation on the lake.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Three Halibut and Four Fishing Rods Seized

Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Troopers contacted a boat with three subjects as it returned to port in Charleston. The subjects denied catching any fish, but one of them had tagged a Pacific halibut. The subject who tagged the halibut said he didn't realize the fish was thrown back by the boat captain, and the group again denied having any fish on board. A consent search of the fish hold under a rubber mat revealed nine Pacific halibut, only one of which was tagged. The group was interviewed, and they all stated they hadn't paid attention to how many halibut they caught, and thought they were legal. Each member of the party was cited for **Exceeding Daily Limit of Halibut** and **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Tag** and were warned for **Failure to Allow Inspection of Catch**. Three Pacific halibut were seized and donated. The four rods and reels used during the trip were seized as evidence.

Shore Patrol on McKay Reservoir

A Pendleton Fish and Wildlife Trooper conducted shore patrols on McKay Reservoir. During the patrol he observed an adult female fishing on the bank. When she noticed the patrol pickup she immediately reeled in and walked back to her vehicle. She admitted to not having a license and was issued a citation for **No Resident Angling License**. After the contact it was found her vehicle had a flat tire, so the Trooper used a mobile air pump and got her back on the road.

Subjects Cited for Suspended License/No License

A Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper was conducting a shore patrol at Hagers Grove Pond in Salem. During that patrol he noticed two male subjects actively fishing. He spoke with the subjects, and discovered the male subject was suspended indefinitely for failing to pay restitution on a previous criminal angling offense, and the other subject did not have an angling license. The Trooper ran the suspended subject's info and discovered he had a warrant out of Marion County. The Trooper issued the subject a cite and release for the warrant and criminally cited the subject for **Angling While Suspended**. The other subject received a citation for **No Resident Angling License** and both rods were seized as evidence.



Juvenile Shows Off First Brook Trout

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper and Patrol Recruit were patrolling the Steens Mountains and stopped at Fish Lake for angler checks. A Mother and three kids were contacted; where a son had just caught his first Brook Trout off a brand-new fly rod, they got the day before. Mom explained that her son had taught himself to cast and tie the fly on the line by himself. The family was happy to see the Troopers and the young man was happy to pose for a picture with his fish and the Recruit.

SHELLFISH & ANGLING



Overnight Pontoon Boat Patrol - John Day River

Prineville and Bend Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted an overnight patrol on the John Day River using pontoon rafts. They contacted 39 individuals, conducted 13 boat inspections and checked 10 anglers. Activities included one citation for **No River Pass**, two warnings for **No River Pass**, one warning for **No PFD**, and one warning for **No Angling License**. A group cited while floating the river on a multi-day overnight trip was contacted at Burnt Ranch Rapids. The first raft contacted advised their scenic boater pass was in another boat up stream, when that boat was contacted the operator advised he didn't have it. The first boat operator then advised he might have a screen shot of it. There was no image located and a citation for **No Scenic Boater Pass** was issued. Two warnings were issued to the other boat operators for **No Scenic Boater Pass**.

Yelloweye Rockfish Seized

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a report from an ODFW fish checker of a subject who was in possession of a yelloweye rockfish, which is prohibited species with no open season on the Oregon Coast. The subject was warned for the violation and the fish was seized and released to ODFW for research purposes.

Bull Trout Caught on Laurence Lake

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles contacted a group of subjects at Laurence Lake on free fishing weekend. Although licenses were not required, Laurence Lake has a sensitive stock of bull trout and no bait is allowed. During the contact the Trooper talked with the subjects and asked to inspect the trout they had caught to ensure that there were no bull trout or other native trout in their catch. A bull trout was located in a cooler laying on several cold ice bottles below three hatchery trout. The Trooper questioned the group and a female subject said she had caught the fish approximately one hour prior on her first cast. The subject had no idea what kind of trout it was but knew it looked different than the others she had seen caught around her. The bull trout was able to be revived and released. The female subject was issued a violation citation for retaining the bull trout and the group was educated on the sensitive nature of the fishery. The female subject admitted that they would have taken the fish home had the trooper not checked them. It is estimated that there are only approximately 100 bull trout left in Laurence Lake.



Suspended Anglers Caught Fishing

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a TIP that a known suspended angler was fishing Olalla Reservoir. Two Fish and Wildlife Troopers went to the reservoir and identified the angler's truck with an empty boat trailer connected; and another vehicle that belonged to the brother of the original suspended angler. The brother is also known to be suspended from angling for previous violations/contacts. Both anglers were observed fishing from the boat and when they pulled the boat from the water both anglers were placed under arrest and lodged in Lincoln County jail for **Angling While Suspended** and **Take/Possession of Game Fish**. One trout and bass were found in the boat. Three fishing rods, tackle, two fish, drug paraphernalia, and a gaff/spear were all seized.

CASE DISPOSITIONS

Subject Found Guilty in Linn County Case

In October 2023, 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. In May 2024, a Linn County Circuit Court Judge found the subject guilty of **Unlawful Take Buck Deer** (Misdemeanor). The subject received:

- 3-year hunting license 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 Benton County Case

OSP received information about a possible crime of Hunting the Enclosed Land of Another in Benton County during the 2023 any legal weapon general western buck season. A Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper interviewed the suspect and determined he had knowingly shot at a buck on private property. The buck was never recovered, and the suspect received a criminal citation for the offense and his rifle was seized. The suspect pleaded guilty to the crime of **Hunting the Enclosed Land of Another** and received:

- 12-month of probation
- 3-year hunting license suspension
- \$100 in fines
- Forfeiture of his rifle

Subject Pleads No Contest in Licensing Case

In December 2023, an Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper cited a subject for **Hunting While in Possession of a Falsely Applied for Angling and Hunting Licenses and Big Game Tag**. The subject had been living in Washington State when he obtained Oregon Resident licenses and tags. He pleaded no contest and received:

- 3-year hunting and angling license suspension
- \$1,280 in compensatory fines to ODFW

One Suspect Pleads Guilty in Marion County Case

OSP received information on a possible unlawful take of buck in the Santiam unit in Marion County. A Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to the gate where the suspect vehicle was located. He contacted the two suspects who stated they hadn't killed anything but were trying to get a doe tag filled. The Trooper noticed blood on one of the suspects hands and after further questioning he admitted to taking the buck unlawfully. The suspect's tag was a 615 Willamette tag. The subject received a criminal citation for **Take/Possession of Buck Deer**, and the second suspect also received a criminal citation for **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense**. The suspects showed the Trooper where they had hidden the buck, and the buck was seized along with the suspect's rifle. The second suspect pleaded guilty to **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense** and received:

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





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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

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 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)

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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