



# OREGON STATE POLICE FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION



**MONTHLY FIELD REVIEW**

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*On the cover:  
A Fish and Wildlife Trooper on patrol  
on the northeast side of the Sky Lakes  
Wilderness in Klamath County.*

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



## **Trooper Volunteers for Mule Deer Project**

A Burns Fish and Wildlife Trooper, his son, and a friend volunteered with the Mule Deer Foundation (MDF) at the Eagle Rock/Sanford Creek Mule Deer Winter Range project to help wintering mule deer in the Ochoco unit. The MDF teamed up with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) staff/ volunteers the Oregon Hunter's Association (OHA) Ochoco Chapter, and a local ranch owner. The MDF hosted the event and 21 volunteers showed up to assist in the projects. A winter grounds closed gate was installed along with a smooth wire wildlife friendly fence to help keep 4-wheelers and off-road vehicles out of the area during the winter. The volunteers also removed a quarter mile of doubled up barbed wire fence that mule deer had been getting caught in while attempting to cross it. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) had recently deemed the Ochoco Unit mule deer a high priority concern. The MDF advised that 126 volunteer hours went into this project and saw it as a great step in helping protect wintering mule deer in the area.



## **Hunter Education Class - Creswell**

Springfield Fish and Wildlife Troopers and K-9 Buck assisted with a field day for hunter education classes in Creswell. Approximately 60 students and parents attended. Troopers and K-9 Buck interacted with the classes giving some formal education related to fish and wildlife laws and answered questions. K-9 Buck interacted with several participants and was well received.

## **Youth Pheasant Clinic - Wamic**

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles attended a youth pheasant clinic near Wamic. Fish and wildlife questions were answered along with many friendly conversations with the Trooper. Most youth hunters shot birds and a skeet shooting competition occurred between several sharpshooter youth. Look out flying game birds... these kids can shoot!

## **Hunter Education Class - The Dalles**

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles conducted a hunter education class. There were 25 students in attendance, and all enjoyed the instruction and scenarios. All students passed and received their hunter's education card.

## **Trooper Speaks at Burns High School**

A Burns Fish and Wildlife Trooper was contacted by a teacher at the Burns High School and asked if he could speak to students in her Outdoor Activities Class. The teacher advised that she wanted to take the class outdoors for several day trips like fishing and other outdoor activities. The Trooper gave a presentation on numerous fish and wildlife laws, license requirements, gear and bait requirements, and numerous other common problems Troopers see while in the field. The class and teacher were very receptive to the presentation and asked a lot of questions including about some actual scenarios that had happened to them while in the field. The Trooper spoke to the class for about an hour and there were fourteen students in attendance.

## **Hunter Education Day - Grant County**

A John Day Fish and Wildlife Trooper assisted ODFW in a hunter education field day held in Grant County. Eleven students attended and were taught safe firearm handling along with legal and ethical hunting decision making exercise.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



## Trooper Returns to Present at Elementary School

A Grants Pass Fish and Wildlife Trooper attended “Rubber Boot Day” at Days Creek Elementary School, where he attended as a child. The Trooper answered questions from the students, showed them animal mounts and decoys, and let the kids take pictures around the jet boat. Approximately 100 students came through the Trooper’s station and it was received extremely well.

## Trooper and K-9 Buck Meet with Veterans

A Springfield Fish and Wildlife Trooper and K-9 Buck met with veterans in Eugene to discuss the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division and K-9 Program. The talk was well received and the interaction with K-9 Buck was appreciated.



## Hunter Education Day - Hood River

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles and ODFW staff held a hunter education field day at the Hood River Sportsman Gun Club. A total of 24 students attended and successfully completed the course. Troopers received several comments throughout the day from parents and students on how well the class was conducted and organized.



## Troopers Attend Pig Bowl Charity Fundraiser

A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant and Troopers from The Dalles assisted with the annual Pig Bowl charity fundraiser in The Dalles. A number of agencies were in attendance to support and raise money for three families facing significant health challenges that were selected to be this year’s recipients. Two Troopers participated in the vehicle procession escorting the families into the stadium, and other Troopers were on the referee crew for the game.

## Troopers Present at ODFW Meeting

Portland Fish and Wildlife Troopers and a Lieutenant presented at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Northwest Region meeting at Camp Namanu. Troopers covered deescalation principles for ODFW’s staff who work with the public and fielded questions about how the Oregon State Police may be of assistance in these circumstances. Troopers provided stories from the field and answered several general fish and wildlife enforcement questions.

# GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



## Osprey Rescued from Tree

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Trooper was dispatched to the report of an osprey stuck in a tree by what appeared to be fishing line. The Toledo Fire Department responded with a ladder truck that was ultimately not tall enough to reach the bird. The Newport Fire Department responded with a taller ladder truck. Members from both departments were able to secure the bird and bring it down for assessment. The Trooper removed the fishing line from the bird's tail feathers. The bird was placed along the riverside and flew away a short time later.



## Man Lost Overnight in Grizzly WMU

A Madras Fish and Wildlife Trooper was patrolling the Grizzly Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) checking archery hunters and was driving out near an ODFW stream restoration project on private property and encountered an individual who looked out of place. The man advised that he was calling elk for a buddy late in the afternoon the day prior and became lost. The man spent the night in the woods without any overnight provisions or cell phone, then heard the heavy equipment and walked to the area where he was located dehydrated. The man was given water and ride back to town.



## Trail Camera Catches Man Trespassing

A Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Trooper investigated a cellular trail camera theft on private property. The suspect was trespassing on private property, had a hunting rifle and a pistol. The Trooper identified and located the suspect a few days later and was able to retrieve the camera from the suspect. The suspect didn't have a hunting license but advised that he was up on the private property looking for a bear his friend had shot a few days prior. The friend that the suspect was referring to also told the Trooper that the suspect was not allowed on the property. The property owner requested trespassing charges be filed on the suspect. The Trooper referred charges for **Hunting Without A License Or Tag** and **Trespass** to the Tillamook County District Attorney. The trail camera was returned to the owner.

# GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



## Trooper Clears Fallen Tree Then Frees Eagle

A Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Trooper assisted the John Day team with archery enforcement operations in the Northside, Murderers Creek, and Desolation Units. Numerous contacts and camp checks were made. Violations included tagging issues and ATV violations. While patrolling the Camp Creek Travel Management Area (TMA), the Trooper located two large pine trees that had come down in a recent thunderstorm. The trees were completely blocking one of the few open roads in the TMA. The Trooper deployed his chainsaw and was able to open the road for hunters.

While in John Day, the Trooper was dispatched to the report of an eagle wrapped up in bailing twine and hanging from a 20-foot-tall pole near Dayville. He responded and located an adult osprey with one leg tangled in bailing twine. The bird was hanging upside down from the nest platform on top of a power pole. A local power company employee was able to respond with a bucket truck to assist with the rescue. The bird was cut out of the twine. The Trooper examined the bird and was able to remove the twine from its talons. It appeared to be stressed and overheated but not injured. It was left at the location to recover while its mate circled overhead.



## Troopers Tow Catamaran From Columbia River

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles received a call of a flipped over catamaran type vessel in the Columbia River near Mosier. A Patrol Trooper responded to the location on the freeway and verified that it was a boat which appeared flipped over and partially sunk. The Patrol Trooper said although it was a boat that had clearly partially sunk, he saw no one around it and the water sports folks in the area did not seem concerned about it. A Trooper hooked up the OSP patrol boat while another Trooper made several phone calls to local dispatches and marine deputies to see if there was previous information on the vessel. No significant information was obtained. Troopers launched the boat and responded to the scene. The catamaran was indeed partially sunk with the sail fully up but under water. After battling rough waters, the Troopers were able to get a Washington boat registration number. That registration number was relayed to local and state dispatches. Through some investigating a phone number was obtained for the owner. After speaking to the owner, it was learned that she was working out of the area, but her husband and a friend had been out the previous evening and that the boat had sunk on them due to a pontoon issue. The owner was able to relay that everyone was okay and that her husband was currently looking for the vessel. The husband was contacted and the Troopers picked him up at a nearby boat ramp and took him out to the vessel. After some time and extensive recovery work the catamaran was able to be towed to shore and secured for a land-based removal and repair. The owner's husband was very appreciative of the help and apologized for not calling the previous evening stating what had happened.

# GENERAL LAW & RESCUES



## Bear Cub Relocated from Backyard

A La Grande Fish and Wildlife Trooper and Patrol Trooper assisted Enterprise ODFW Wildlife Biologist staff with a bear cub that was within city limits, in an Enterprise resident's backyard tree. There was no sow near the cub, and the bear had been spotted near the elementary school days prior. The bear was tranquilized by an ODFW Wildlife Biologist and recovered by the Troopers. The bear was transported safely out of town and released in the woods.



## Suspended Angler Receives Drug Charges

An Albany Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed a flashlight shining near the shoreline of the Santiam River. The Trooper located a male subject angling who he knew to be suspended from angling. The subject admitted to having a used meth pipe on his person. Subsequent to a consent search/incident to arrest search of bags and his person, additional methamphetamine was located and a prescription bottle of pills not prescribed to the subject. The Trooper seized the drugs, fishing pole, and angling related items in his possession. The subject was criminally cited for **Angling While Suspended, Possession of Less Than 2g of Methamphetamine, and Possession of Prescription: Controlled Substance**. This was the sixth time the Trooper has cited this subject for angling related violations.



## Merganser Rescued

A Lakeview Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed a merganser in Ana Reservoir that appeared to be wrapped up and struggling in fishing line. There were no boats on the lake to request assistance, so he called his wife to come and assist as her paddle board was still in the truck and ready to go. She arrived and was able to gather up the merganser and bring it to shore. The Trooper was able to cut the fishing line from its beak and leg, and the merganser was released back to the lake.



## Injured Turkey Taken to Wildlife Images

A Central Point Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to Jacksonville to retrieve and transport an injured turkey to Wildlife Images Rehabilitation and Education Center. The turkey was located and had sustained a broken leg. The bird was not the easiest to capture, but was handled and safely transported to Wildlife Images.

## Porcupine Freed from Fence - Dyer State Park

A Fossil Fish and Wildlife Trooper received a report of a porcupine at Dyer State Park that appeared dehydrated and stuck behind the fencing on a recently planted tree. The porcupine was located and appeared to be in good health and was freed from the fencing.

# WILDLIFE & ENVIRONMENT



## Unlawful Take of Bull Elk

Albany Fish and Wildlife Troopers received a complaint of a bull elk possibly shot on private property and left to waste. Troopers located the blood trail of the bull and started to track it. They located a subject who claimed his friend had shot the bull and he was trying to track it. The Troopers mentioned the broken bloody arrow in his quiver and the hunter quickly admitted he shot the bull but did not have an elk tag for the area. He possessed a controlled tag for eastern Oregon, so his friend was going to tag it for him. He explained they were hunting together but he had a better shot on the bull than the subject with the tag so he took the shot. The friend who had the elk tag arrived and claimed he had shot the bull using his buddy's bow who did not have an elk tag. Subsequent to an interview, he admitted he did not shoot the bull but was going to use his tag on it. The Troopers seized the bow and cited the shooter for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Bull Elk** and **No Big Game Tag**. The other subject was criminally cited for **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense**. The Troopers located the deceased bull elk, quartered it up, packed it out, and donated it to the Lebanon Soup Kitchen.

## Unlawful Take of Black Bear Cub

A Bend Fish and Wildlife Sergeant received a report from ODFW regarding a subject who was checking in a black bear cub weighing approximately 15-20lbs. The subject was contacted and interviewed. He stated he knew the bear was small but thought it was still legal. In addition, the subject was late in checking the bear in. The bear was seized, and the subject was issued citations for **Unlawful Take of Black Bear Cub** and **Fail to Check in Black Bear Within 10 days**.

## Search Warrant Served in Toledo

Newport and McMinnville Fish and Wildlife Troopers executed a search warrant at a residence in Toledo. The search warrant was based on an investigation involving a subject who trespassed on Starker property that is closed to public entry and harvested a bear while on the property. Investigation determined the suspect was cutting brush on an overgrown road on the Starker property so he could conceal his pickup, and then operating an e-bike in the closed area. He posted photos of the bear he harvested on social media, and Troopers were able to locate the landing in the photos. Once they had identified the landing, they located evidence of the bear kill in the area. When the search warrant was executed, a .300 Winchester magnum rifle was seized along with ammunition, the e-bike used, bear meat, skull and claws, and brush cutting equipment. The suspect was cited for **Criminal Trespass with a Firearm, Criminal Trespass II, Unlawful Take/Possession of Black Bear, and Damaging Trees or Plants of Another**.

## Subject Shoots Grouse from Road

A La Grande Fish and Wildlife Trooper was patrolling the Mount Emily Unit when he came around a corner and observed a couple trucks pulled over and one subject shooting a shotgun on the edge of the road. The shooter ran off the road and collected two grouse and ran back to the truck throwing the grouse in the back and shotgun inside. A "NO TRESPASSING" sign was posted about 10 yards from where the grouse were shot. The subject was contacted and stated he didn't see the sign until he ran over to collect the birds. Two 12 gauge shotgun shells were found in the roadway. The subject admitted he knew he couldn't shoot from the road, but thought the area was all public ground as the other side of the road was public. He was cited for **Taking Game Birds Prohibited Area: Public Road** and warned for **Trespass**.



# WILDLIFE & ENVIRONMENT

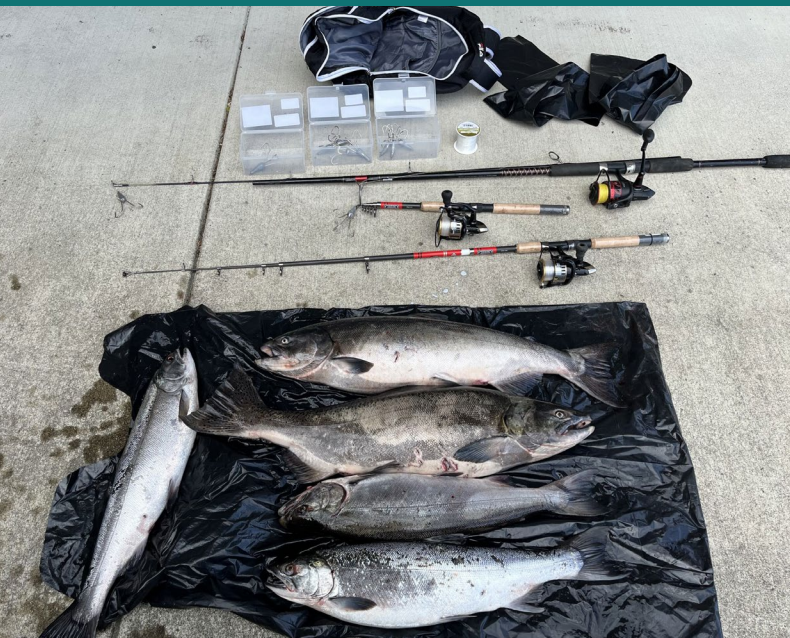


## K-9 Buck Assists on Trophy Elk Case - Mt. Hebo

A Tillamook Fish and Wildlife Trooper had a reporting party call and advise he was hunting a trophy 7x7 elk on Mt. Hebo when the bull winded him, went about 150 yards away and he heard three high powered rifle shots in the direction of the bull. The Trooper responded to the area and contacted multiple subjects who were packing out an elk. Another Trooper and a Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer also arrived to assist in the investigation. The subjects were vague about the situation, but one subject showed a picture of the bull with an arrow behind the front left shoulder. The Trooper contacted the subject who claimed they shot the elk with a bow, and the subject made statements inconsistent with the picture. The Trooper asked to see the fatal wounds on the elk and observed three gunshot wounds. The Trooper located a glove concealing multiple .308 rifle rounds and was able to locate another subject who eventually admitted he shot the bull elk three times with a rifle. The subject advised he did not have an archery elk tag (only a bear tag) and he called his friend with an archery tag, who came out and tagged the bull. Back at the landing, the Trooper cited the first suspect with **No Valid Hunting License/Tag, Take/Possession of Bull Elk, and Lend/Borrow Big Game Tag**. The second suspect was cited for **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense and Lend/Borrow Big Game Tag**. The bull elk, rifle, and bow were seized. The second Trooper was able to identify and interview the remaining suspects who were advised the District Attorney would be asked to consider charges for aiding in a wildlife crime. The meat was donated the next day to a local church and the trophy head was taken to the Astoria Office to be placed in evidence. Two days later, several Troopers and K-9 Buck searched the area to attempt to locate the spent rifle casings. The casings were not located, but K-9 Buck located a loaded .308 rifle magazine and a box of Remington .308 ammo that was hidden under a log near the kill site. The magazine and ammo were both matches to the suspect rifle. Additional charges were forwarded to the District Attorney for consideration.



# MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



## Subjects Caught Snagging in Closed Area

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper responded to a local creek that is currently closed to angling after two subjects were observed with fishing poles and salmon in hand on private property. When the Trooper arrived a male subject was sitting at a park bench near the creek acting as a lookout and would not admit to knowing anyone fishing at the creek or being there with anyone. As the Trooper walked the trail two other subjects were seen walking away from the creek through the brush. When contacted both subjects denied angling and denied knowing where the creek even was. After further investigation and questioning the subjects finally admitted to angling and took the Trooper to the area where they hide a 10' fishing pole with a very large snagging treble hook. A backpack with two collapsible 10' fishing poles rigged with the same hooks, and two plastic bags containing two Chinook (one hatchery, one wild), and three hatchery coho. Each salmon inspected was found with snagging marks. The subjects admitted to knowing the creek was closed and to snagging the fish. The two subjects were criminally cited and released for **Take/Possession of Fish Closed Season, Take/Possession of Foul-Hooked (Snagged) Fish, Fail to Allow Inspection of Angling License/Tags/Permits/Catch, Fail to Allow Inspection of Angling Gear, and No Combined Angling Harvest Tag**. The third subject that acted as a lookout and stated they were there alone was criminally cited and released for **Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense. Criminal Trespass** charges were referred to the District Attorney.

## Coquille River Boat Patrol

Coos Bay and Gold Beach Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted an ocean and river boat patrol on the Coquille River focusing on coho anglers. In the ocean one citation and two warnings were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks**; and warnings were issued for **Failing to Immediately Validate Harvest Tag and No License/Tag in Possession** after a subject was locked out of his ODFW ELS account and unable to get in.

## Sergeant Responds to ODFW Sampler Calls

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant responded to multiple ODFW sampler calls regarding ocean and river salmon violations. One sport ocean angler was cited for **Possession of Undersized Chinook Salmon** as he misidentified the fish as a coho. Another ocean angler retained over his limit of salmon as he not only misidentified a coho as a Chinook but he also thought the daily limit was two coho and one Chinook. The subject was cited for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit**. A river angler retained a wild coho thinking it was a jack Chinook and was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Wild Coho Salmon**. Lastly, a charter boat came in and one of the customers had an undersized Chinook. The subject was unable to determine which deckhand removed the fish off the line and stuck it in the fish box. Both deckhands on board admitted a mistake had been made but were also unable to determine who was responsible for retaining the fish. Additionally, it was determined that multiple subjects in the group had not tagged their fish. The subject with the Chinook and other subjects who didn't tag their fish were warned as were the deckhands. The charter boat company was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Offense: Possession of Undersized Chinook**. The fish were donated to the Newport Senior Center and the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

## Undocumented Sales Found

Marine Fisheries Team members conducted an investigation into sales of tuna, sablefish, lingcod, and other marine fish from the Port of Garibaldi to Portland. It was determined over 100 pounds of lingcod were being retailed roadside with no supporting documentation. Troopers on scene were unable to confirm the fish had been properly documented with an original wholesale dealer, so the fish were seized and donated to charity. The company acting as a retailer was cited for **No Retail Fish Dealer Records**.

# MARINE FISHERIES TEAM



## Coos, Coquille, and Umpqua River Patrols

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from Coos Bay, Springfield, and the Marine Fisheries Team conducted simultaneous boat patrols on the Coos, Coquille, and Umpqua Rivers, and the adjacent ocean waters, checking salmon anglers. Approximately 280 anglers were contacted during the saturation. Multiple citations were issued for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks, Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Tag, No Combined Angling Tag, No Valid License/Tag in Possession, Unlawful Take Coho Salmon, Aiding/Counseling in a Wildlife Offense, and Exceeding Daily Limit of Salmon**. Multiple warnings were also issued for **Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks, No Valid License/Tag in Possession, Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Tag, and No Combined Angling Tag**. Five coho were seized and donated to charity.

## Unlawful Possession of Female Crab

A Fish and Wildlife Captain and Lieutenant were checking crabbers in Tillamook Bay when they observed a group returning to their vehicle with their gear. As they made contact with the group, one of the subjects grabbed a bucket that had previously been in the back of the vehicle and started to make his way towards the bay. An inspection of the bucket revealed four undersized female crab. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Female Crab**.

## Fisherman Cited for Tampering with Crab Gear

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant cited a commercial Dungeness crab fisherman after a long-term investigation into crab pot tampering. It was determined a Newport boat had left gear fishing outside of Garibaldi after it was initially set near Cape Falcon at the start of the commercial season but had never run the gear. The gear was located at the end of May and 39 pots were seized. Upon inspection it was determined the gear had been recently bleached and re-baited by a Garibaldi fisherman not associated with the owner of the gear. The Garibaldi fisherman was cited criminally for **Tampering with Crab Gear**.

## Dealer Cited for Failure to Submit Fish Tickets

A Newport Fish and Wildlife Sergeant contacted a commercial bait dealer who was not submitting clam fish tickets within the required one business day. Over half of the fish receiving tickets submitted for 2024 were late by multiple days. The dealer had also failed to submit monthly dealer reports on time to ODFW. The dealer was cited for **Failure to Submit Fish Tickets** and warned for the late dealer reports.

## Tuna Fisherman Wastes Shark

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper investigated a commercial tuna fisherman who caught and retained a blue shark that was never landed to a wholesale fish dealer and later spoiled. A Fish and Wildlife Sergeant saw the commercial boat moored in Newport, contacted the captain and issued a citation for **Failure to Sell to Wholesale Fish Dealer** and a warning for **Waste of Commercial Fish**.

## Commercial Fishing Violations

A Fish and Wildlife Lieutenant followed up on several commercial coho landings south of Cape Falcon. In one instance a dealer had submitted the wrong number of coho landed which showed the fisherman had exceeded the 25 coho landing limit. A check of records showed the fisherman was within the weekly limit but had signed the fish ticket indicating an overage. The wholesale fish dealer was warned for **Fail to Maintain Proper Fish Dealer Records** and the fisherman was warned for **Falsifying Commercial Fish Report**. Two other fisherman (who had no prior violations for the offense) were warned for **Fail to Call in Prior to Landing Commercial Salmon**. Another fisherman had made a salmon landing but had not purchased their Salmon Troll Permit. The fisherman was cited for **No Salmon Troll Permit**.

# SHELLFISH & ANGLING



## Sergeant Seizes 22 Salmon - Clatsop County

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Sergeant responded to the Big Creek County Park after receiving information of three subjects angling in the closed stream. Upon contact, one of the subjects was actively attempting to hide their angling rods in the brush after being warned of law enforcement presence by another subject. Initially, the three subjects denied having angled, but quickly admitted they had and retrieved the again full fish bag and a large backpack full of salmon from the brush on the riverbank. After returning to the vehicle the men admitted they had more fish in the car. A large cooler was found in the trunk full of salmon. The three men had a total of 22 salmon and were all cited criminally for **Unlawful Take of Salmon Closed Season** and several other offenses. Their angling rods were seized as evidence and the 22 salmon were seized and donated to charity.

## Lower Columbia River Boat Patrol

Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol along the Lower Columbia River checking commercial salmon tangle net vessels as well as recreational salmon anglers. Numerous commercial boats were contacted with no violations observed. One boat was observed with two subjects, who immediately began reeling in their rods when they saw the Troopers approaching. A subsequent check revealed both subjects were using barbed hooks and they had retained one Chinook salmon. One of the subjects stated he did not possess an angling license or a harvest card. Citations and warnings were issued for **No Resident Angling License, Angling Prohibited Method: Barbed Hooks for Salmon, Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Card, and No Combined Angling Tag.**



## Troopers Float Deschutes River

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from The Dalles conducted an enforcement float on the Deschutes River from Beaver Tail to the mouth. During the two-day float, 29 anglers and four guides were checked. Warnings were issued for **No Columbia River Basin Endorsement and No Valid Electronic Angling License/Tag in Possession.** The Troopers also informed anglers of the wildfire upriver and the closures caused by it.

## Subject Cited for Netting Salmon - Eagle Creek

A Salem Fish and Wildlife Trooper received information regarding multiple suspects actively netting coho salmon in Eagle Creek at night. The Trooper responded to the area and contacted one adult male subject who was in possession of a large fishing net and a bag which contained two coho salmon. The subject admitted to netting two coho salmon after observing multiple ODFW signs indicating the stream was closed. The subject admitted to knowingly using the large net to scoop the fish out of the shallow pools. The subject was issued a criminal citation for **Angling Closed Stream, Angling Prohibited Method: Netting, and Take/Possession of Coho Salmon.** Two coho salmon and a large fishing net were seized as evidence.

# SHELLFISH & ANGLING



## Subjects Caught Angling in Closed Area

An Astoria Fish and Wildlife Trooper received information of a group of subjects entering a closed creek with fishing equipment. Upon arrival to the creek, the subjects were actively reeling in a Chinook salmon. The Trooper assisted in releasing the salmon attached to the line and conducted a consent search of a nearby cooler revealing two additional Chinook and one coho salmon. Three subjects were each cited for **Angling Closed Area** and **Unlawful Take/Possession of Salmon**. Three salmon were seized and donated to the local food bank.

## Subject Cited on Eagle Creek Patrol

A Portland Fish and Wildlife Trooper patrolled the lower section of Eagle Creek, in the area of Bonnie Lure State Park, which was closed by ODFW. The Trooper worked the closure and assisted ODFW with educating the anglers of the closure. The Trooper contacted 15 anglers and cited one subject for several violations including **Possession of Snagged Salmon** and **Possession of Wild Steelhead**. The fish were seized.



## Troopers Donate Seized Fish to Food Bank

A Fish and Wildlife Trooper from The Dalles responded to a call for service that was relayed by an ODFW creeler. The creeler reported that he had contacted a subject during his duties at Sherar's Falls on the Deschutes River who was in possession of two oversized trout. The Trooper contacted the subject who had waited at the location. The subject said he had been targeting Salmon but caught the trout instead. The subject said he did not realize there was a size limit on the Deschutes and admitted he had made a mistake in keeping the trout. The subject was issued a violation citation for **Take/Possession of Oversized Trout**. Later in the day Troopers donated the trout and two steelhead from an unrelated case to a local area food bank.

# SHELLFISH & ANGLING



## Subject Cited for Illegal Crab Sales

Fish and Wildlife Troopers from the Albany office conducted an operation to catch an individual that was advertising crab for sale. A meeting was set up with the subject and he showed up trying to sell 14 Dungeness crab and two green crab. The crab were seized as evidence and the individual was criminally cited for **Unlawful Take of Crab and Sale/Barter of Sport Caught Fish or Shellfish**.

## Coos River Boat Patrol

Coos Bay Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Coos River, which coincided with the annual salmon derby. Angler pressure was high, and catch rates were decent. Several warnings were issued. Additionally, one vessel was contacted and it was determined a subject had retained his two adult salmon for the day, but was still fishing, trying to catch jack salmon. The subject was cited for **Continue Angling after Catching Daily Limit of Fish**. Another vessel was observed catching a salmon, and was contacted about 15 minutes later after it returned to the boat ramp. The subject who caught the fish hadn't tagged it, and stated he didn't because they were rushing back to the boat ramp to get the fish weighed for the derby. The subject was cited for **Fail to Immediately Validate Harvest Tag**.

## Seven Subjects Cited for Snagging Salmon

A Grants Pass Fish and Wildlife Trooper observed seven people attempting to snag salmon after multiple reports had come in from concerned citizens in the area. The Trooper contacted the subjects and observed one salmon that wasn't tagged and one salmon that had clearly been snagged. Both subjects forfeited their salmon and the fish were donated. All seven subjects were cited for **Snagging**.

## Joint Agency Columbia River Saturation Patrol

A joint saturation patrol was conducted on the Columbia River from the Warrior Rock Deadline to Bonneville Dam. The primary focus of the patrol was to cross train amongst agencies and contact and inspect registered guides/outfitters. Participants included five Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Officers and two boats, five Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Troopers and two boats, five United States Coast Guard Crew Members and Boarding Officers and one boat, two Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Licensing Staff Members, the Oregon State Marine Board Outfitter Guide Program Coordinator, two Clackamas County Deputies and one boat, and three Columbia County Sheriff's Office Deputies and one boat. In total approximately 214 anglers were contacted, and 34 guide boats and 28 recreational boats were inspected. Multiple citations and warnings were issued varying from **Angling Closed Area/Stream to Expired Fire Extinguishers**. One Chinook was seized from a guide boat because the subject did not have a harvest tag and was using barbed hooks. The Chinook was later donated.

## Multiple Subjects Cited for Angling Violations

A Hermiston Fish and Wildlife Trooper contacted 10 anglers at the Irrigon Fish Hatchery. One subject had made an attempt to pinch his barb but the barb was not fully collapsed, he was warned for **Prohibited Method: Barbed Hook** and remediated the barb, however the subject did not have his combined angling tag in possession or his Columbia River endorsement. The subject was cited for **No Combined Angling Tag in Possession**. Another subject had a blue fox spinner that had a treble hook with barbs on each of the hook points. The subject was cited for **Prohibited Method: Barbed Hook**.



Oregon's fish and wildlife populations depend on us.



# 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

## 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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