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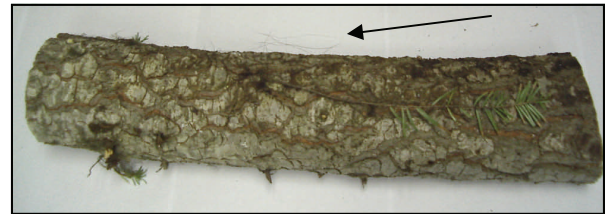
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Fish and Wildlife Has Two Additional Initiatives to Help Combat Wildlife Crime

The Division is dedicated to protecting Oregon's fish, wildlife, people, property, and environment and is determined to apprehend violators. The Division has two new initiatives to help combat wildlife crimes: DNA testing and the "Trailer of Shame." Forensic DNA analysis is a valuable investigative tool and could increase efficiency in the field and help prosecute wildlife violators. The Division was researching this need when a trooper investigating an illegal big horn sheep killing met with the Oregon Federation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS), and they asked how they could help with the case. DNA analysis support was the answer. FNAWS and Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) presented a proposal for a two-year project to evaluate the needs and effectiveness of a DNA program to user organizations. They raised \$25,000 to fund the project. The estimated cost for OSP to start its own program is \$300,000. After evaluating the proposals, the Division chose to partner with Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG) in a pilot project. IDFG is home to a premier, cutting-edge wildlife forensic program that offers a full-service biological testing program, including DNA services (species comparison, gender determination, individual identification, and time/cause of death). Although this is a pilot project, the intention is to evaluate the program's effectiveness and how the Division can proceed in the future. The two-year project will allow troopers, following strict protocol and management approval, to submit samples for high-priority cases.

An example of how DNA analysis will help can be found in a case initiated in 2007. DNA testing was crucial in identifying the suspects. Sr. Tpr. Amos Madison (Prineville) received a tip about a bear bait station. He found entrails and hair at the station and sampled them for DNA, linking them to bears at a taxidermist. Sr. Tpr. Mark Prodzinski (Madras) assisted. In August 2008, Madison cited three subjects involved. The first was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Wildlife (x 2), Tampering with Physical Evidence, Use of Bait to Hunt Black Bears (x 2), and Unlawful Taking of Black Bears (x 2)**. The second was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Wildlife, Use of Bait to Hunt Black Bears, and Unlawful Taking of Black Bears**. The third cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.



Bear hair found on bark (at arrow). Photo credit: File

The Division thanks the following contributors, as their participation makes the "bridge funding" possible: OHA State Board and the Capitol, Klamath, Ochoco, Rogue Valley, Josephine County, Hoodview, Lincoln County, Pioneer, Columbia County, and Yamhill County chapters; Oregon Federation for North American Wild Sheep; Mule Deer Foundation; Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; Oregon Bow Hunters; Traditional Archers of Oregon; Safari Club International—Santiam Chapter; and Benton Bowmen, Inc. If the two-year project proves beneficial, these and other groups hope for the funding of a permanent program.

Oregon State Fair visitors were able to see and learn about what poachers are doing to our state's wildlife resources through the debut of the new "Trailer of Shame" at the OSP display area. The 8' x 20' cargo trailer has visual examples and information to help bring home the impact of poaching. The trailer's cost was covered by money received through the "Catch-a-Poacher Fund," managed by the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Fund. "This traveling educational display was paid for 100 percent by poachers directed by the court to contribute to the fund as part of their sentence," said Captain Walt Markee, Division Director. "Poachers are wildlife thieves, taking away the opportunity of others to legally hunt the animals or the enjoyment one may have of watching some of the most magnificent animals in our state."



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work done by the Division, while also helping recruit future troopers. Following the fair, the "Trailer of Shame" will be showing up at upcoming events around the state.

After seeing similar displays, Markee assigned Sgt. Todd Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) and Sr. Tpr. Craig Gunderson (The Dalles) to research and help with the design. The end result includes taxidermy mounts from seized illegally taken animals, including a pronghorn antelope, a bighorn sheep, a mule deer, a "very large" Rocky Mountain elk; blacktail deer and large Roosevelt elk antlers; background stories accompanying the mounts with explanation of charges each poacher faced in court; and a television installed to provide information about the important

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Wildlife / Hunting

Unlawful Take of Wildlife, Searching for Suspects

Tpr. Curtis Weaver (Lakeview) is investigating the killing and dumping of two antelope into the Chewaucan River near Paisley.

Tpr. Levi Harris (Coos Bay) and Tpr. Lowell Lea (Florence) investigated the unlawful take of a cow elk near Davis Slough. The property owner's "wiener" dog may also have been killed by the suspects, but it has not been located. The elk meat was taken.

Tpr. Ryan Kehr (Newport) responded to a complaint of a poached bull elk off of the Forest Capital 2200 road east of Devil's Lake near Lincoln City. The elk had been shot with an arrow and left to waste. The elk appeared to have been dead for at least a day. A TIP reward of up to \$500 is being offered for any information leading to an arrest in this case. Contact: Tpr. Ryan Kehr, 541-270-0097.



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In early July, a yearling buck blacktail deer was shot in the neck with an arrow near Jewell off Hwy 103 in the area of Pope-Meeker Road. The deer, with the arrow protruding from its neck, was first seen in mid-July and ODFW eventually retrieved it on July 27. It appears to have suffered for about two weeks. The attempted killing of the deer was illegal because the 2008 Archery season was not open at the time. A TIP reward of up to \$250 is being offered for information leading to an arrest in this case. Contact: Sgt. Jeff Scroup, 503-325-5515 ext 33.

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) received information about an illegally killed bull elk in the Panther Creek area southwest of Crow. A bull elk carcass was located near a spur road. Only the antlers were removed. While investigating the scene, birds were seen about 100 yards away in a densely wooded area. A second bull elk (4 x 6) carcass was found. Both carcasses were shot and left to waste. No suspects have been identified. Maher is requesting citizen assistance. Contact: Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher, 541-726-2536.

⇒ Report Wildlife Violators ▪ TIP Line 1-800-452-7888 ▪ Witnesses Can Remain Anonymous ⇐

Suspect Took and Wasted Illegal Antelope

Sr. Tpr. Bob Wilson and Sgt. Eric Newman (Ontario) investigated a report of an antelope shot the Friday before the antelope opener. A witness observed a subject in the area and heard a shot. He had been watching a herd of about thirty antelope at the time and they ran off. The vehicle then drove out into the field where the antelope were and the witness observed them stop at a dead antelope. The witness then drove his ATV down to the main road where he obtained a vehicle description and license as the suspects were leaving. The witness thought they had loaded the antelope whole and left. When Wilson and Newman arrived, they located drag marks and a dead antelope that had gone to waste. Wilson and Lt. Randy Scorby (East Region) located the suspect vehicle in Jordan Valley the next day and cited one suspect for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation—Hunting Antelope Closed Season and Waste of Wildlife**. At the time the antelope was killed, the suspect had three young boys with him.



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Abbreviations and Acronyms

ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle	NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service	PCS	Possession of Controlled Substance
BAC	Blood Alcohol Content	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	SO	Sheriff's Office
BER	Boat Examination Report	ODF	Oregon Department of Forestry	SIU	Special Investigations Unit
BUII/DUII	Boating/Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants	ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	USCG	United States Coast Guard
DA	District Attorney	ODOT	Oregon Department of Transportation	USFS	United States Forest Service
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	OHA	Oregon Hunters Association	USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
JACTMA	Jackson Area Cooperative Travel Management Area	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board	WDFW	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
		OSP	Oregon State Police	WED	Wildlife Enforcement Decoy

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Wildlife / Hunting



Elk Caught in Net

Sr. Tpr. Tim Gallaher (Pendleton) responded to a residence on top of Meacham. A four-point bull elk had been caught in a volleyball net and died due to its efforts to free itself.

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Unlawful Possession of Unsealed Bobcat

Sr. Tpr. Brad Van Prooyen and Sr. Tpr. Dan Stinnett (Gold Beach) contacted a suspect in the Nesika Beach area about a possible bobcat taken closed season. They discovered the unfinished bobcat hide was not fresh, but the hide was not sealed. They cited the suspect for **Unlawful Possession of Unsealed Bobcat** and seized the hide.

Unlawful Take of Wildlife

Sr. Tpr. James Hayes (Bend) received a complaint about a subject who killed a goose with a shovel. Hayes contacted the subject and determined the subject had chased the goose down and killed it in front of several people at a construction site. He cited the subject for **Taking Canada Goose Closed Season**.

Tpr. Travis Ring (Arlington) contacted Sr. Tpr. James Hayes (Bend) and Sr. Tpr. Darin Bean (Gilchrist) about a story he read in a hunting magazine. The subjects advised that they packed into a wilderness area on horseback last year. On opening day, a female subject shot 4 x 4 mule deer with a 30-inch rack from 400+ yards away. As bucks were running from the area, her brother shot a large 7 x 4 mule deer. The story included photographs. Ring learned her brother had a Central Oregon deer tag, but Hayes and Bean revealed he shot the buck in a unit he did not have a tag for and cited him for **Unlawfully Taking Deer without Valid Tag**. They cited the sister for **Aiding in a Game Violation**. They learned the father placed his valid tag on the buck his son had shot and cited him for **Loaning a Deer Tag**. The father contacted the magazine to have the story published.

Tpr. Jim O'Connor and Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria) responded to a report of a hunter who shot an elk on ODF property near the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. The witness guided O'Connor to the suspects' location. As O'Connor got closer to the scene, the two suspects fled on foot. Upon arrival, O'Connor discovered a three-point elk and an ATV—both abandoned. He seized both the ATV and the elk. The troopers identified two suspects. The next day, shortly after the suspect reported his ATV stolen to Clatsop County SO, Schwartz began his patrol and observed a vehicle matching the description of one of the suspects from the previous night. Schwartz contacted the individual who was exiting his vehicle. Investigation revealed the suspect shot the bull elk so his friend could tag it. Schwartz cited the suspect for **Unlawful Taking of Bull Elk** and **Borrowing a Big Game Tag** and seized his .243 rifle as evidence. He will be citing the suspect for **UPCS—Marijuana**. Schwartz and O'Connor then contacted the ATV owner. O'Connor arrested him for **Aiding in a Game Violation, Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and Initiating a False Police Report**.

Unlawful Take and Possession of Bears

Sgt. Todd Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) and Sr. Tpr. Doug Shugart (McMinnville) investigated an anonymous complaint about a subject who had illegally taken a black bear. They contacted the subject at his residence where they revealed the subject had killed the bear and then consumed the bear meat with his family. They recovered the head and hide and cited the subject for **Unlawful Possession Black Bear**.

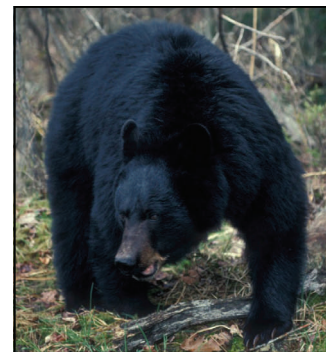


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Sr. Tpr. Randy Caldwell (Burns) was conducting a check at a local taxidermist and noted some discrepancies on the information supplied with a checked bear. Through interviews, Caldwell determined a suspect shot the bear nearby and drove into Burns to purchase the tag later that afternoon. He cited the suspect for **Taking Bear without a Valid Tag** and warned her husband for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

Tpr. Heather Van Meter (Newport) investigated a shooting complaint in the Waldport area. The complainant overheard their neighbor shoot a bear out of their backyard. A few minutes later, a conversation was overheard discussing the bear and the availability of a bear tag, then a single high-power rifle shot was heard. Van Meter and Sr. Tpr. Greg Torland (Newport) contacted the subject. They cited the subject for **Hunting Prohibited Hours** and seized his rifle and the bear.

Sr. Tpr. Jeff Allison (Central Point) worked a case involving a bear bait station off Wagner Creek. He knew who the suspect was and that the suspect had killed a bear, but he was working on catching the suspect at the bait station. His efforts paid off. He found the suspect and his brother leaving the bait station. They had just left some grain and salmon at the site to attract bears. Allison cited both for **Unlawful Baiting Bear** and the main suspect for **Taking Bear Prohibited Method—Bait**. He seized the bear meat from a butcher shop. While doing follow-up on the case, Allison cited another subject (a friend of the two suspects initially cited) for **Unlawful Bear Baiting**. This was the result of a separate complaint on this subject.

After receiving a tip from an ODFW biologist, Tpr. Ryan Howell (Tillamook) and Sr. Tpr. Doug Shugart (McMinnville) investigated a possible illegally taken bear. Howell and Shugart contacted two subjects who checked in a bear with ODFW on August 18. They learned one of the subjects had shot and killed the bear on August 17. On August 18, the subject who shot the bear picked up the second subject and they purchased a bear tag and hunting license for the second subject. They used the second subject's license and tag number to turn the hide into a taxidermist and to check the bear's head in with ODFW. The bear, head, hide and meat were seized. Located in the first subject's freezer was a second bear that was not tagged and this meat was also seized. The first subject was cited for **Borrowing a Big Game Tag—Fall Bear** and **Fail to Validate Big Game Tag—Fall Bear** and the second for **Loaning a Big Game Tag—Fall Bear**.

Wildlife / Hunting

Successful WED Operations

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) worked an elk WED from 3:00 a.m. to just after legal time in the morning. One vehicle came up the road about 1/2 hour prior to legal time. The driver stopped about 40 yards away, exited his pickup, grabbed his bow from the bed of the truck, and shot the WED decoy while standing behind his pickup's headlights. He immediately realized his error in judgment and was cited for **Hunting with the Aid of Artificial Light—Decoy Elk**.

Tpr. Curtis Weaver (Lakeview) and Tpr. Brent Sitowski (Klamath Falls) conducted a WED operation in the Interstate Unit. They set up the decoy approximately 70 yards off the road. It did not take long before a person took a shot. The troopers were amazed to see that the deer decoy was well hit. Upon contacting the shooter, it was discovered he did not have a valid bow tag. Apparently, the driver of the vehicle had the tag and deferred the shot to the suspect because he was a better shot. The shooter was cited and released for **Unlawfully Taking Deer—No Valid Tag** and his Matthews bow was seized.



WED decoy used in Maher's operation. Photo credit: File.

Property Owner Frustrated

Sr. Tpr. Wayne Merritt (Roseburg) received a complaint of an illegal deer kill from a subject who said a neighbor shot a 3 x 3 buck which crossed over the fence and died on his property. The suspect admitted shooting the deer. He had obtained a hazing permit because deer were eating his plants. He became frustrated when he tried chasing them with a stick in the dark and they would not leave. He fired shots over their heads with no effect. He then shot one with a .22 and they ran off. Merritt cited the suspect for **Taking Deer Closed Season** and explained the difference between a "hazing" and a "kill" permit.

Illegal Hunters Caught

Tpr. Aaron Dietz (Pendleton) received a trespass complaint in the Juniper Canyon area of the Columbia Basin Unit. Sr. Tpr. Richard Carter and Sgt. Tim Brown (Pendleton) assisted. They located the suspects and cited them for **Hunting Elk from Public Roadway**.

Sgt. Tim Brown (Pendleton) contacted two Nevada residents in the Whitehorse Unit north of the Nevada border. One subject was bow hunting deer and the other was spotting. The hunter had a Nevada archery tag. Brown cited the hunter for **Hunting Deer Closed Season** and warned the other for Aiding in a Wildlife Violation.

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) saw two men, dressed in camo and each holding a bow, exit a grassy area near mp 1 on Hwy 58. Upon contact, they told the trooper they were chasing bucks. One hunter said he left his license and tag at home. Maher learned that the hunter did not have a tag and cited him for **No Bow Deer Tag**.

Sr. Tpr. Craig Gunderson (The Dalles) received a report of a suspect shooting from a truck from the road onto private property without permission. The witness obtained a license plate. Gunderson developed two Portland area suspects, and after conducting interviews, he issued citations for **Hunting from a Motor Vehicle** and **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation** and a warning for Hunting Prohibited Area—Public Road. The complainant was satisfied with this action and chose not to pursue trespass charges at this time.

Suspect Only Wanted Skull

When Sr. Tpr. Walt Hawkins (Retired, Baker City) stopped to eat lunch, he observed a subject unloading what appeared to be a recently killed bear. He contacted the subject and asked him what he was going to do with the carcass. The subject told him he did not want the meat and was only interested in the skull. Believing the subject may waste the animal, he reported the information to Tpr. Brian Miller (Enterprise). Miller contacted the subject and discovered he had thrown the carcass into Bear Creek. The suspect cited for **Waste of Wildlife** and **Placing Offensive Substance in a Waterway**.

Sr. Tpr. Brad Duncan (Baker City) contacted four subjects in a vehicle custom designed to allow hunters to stand and/or hunt while the vehicle was moving. Two of the subjects had arrows ready and were actively looking for game. Three subjects were cited for **Hunting from a Motor Propelled Vehicle**, one was cited for **Fail to Register as a Sex Offender**, and one for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. Five rifles and shotguns were seized from the latter subject.

Retired Sr. Tpr. Steve Schuette and Tpr. Marvin Ritter (John Day) worked the Izee area the night before the archery season opener, with Sr. Tpr. Andrew Menlow (Bend) in the air looking for spotlights. Ritter was set up, waiting for Menlow to fly over, when he observed a vehicle on the Izee-Paulina Highway. The passenger was shining a spotlight at a deer. Ritter stopped the subject. A consent search of the vehicle revealed a loaded rifle, including a cartridge in the chamber, sitting between the driver and passenger; a loaded handgun, with a cartridge in the chamber, sitting on the dash; and a second loaded handgun under the seat. Radio coverage in that area is poor and spotty, but eventually Menlow copied his transmissions and relayed information between Ritter and the Southern Command Center. Schuette, who was about 20 miles away, responded to his location to assist. The passenger was cited for **Casting Artificial Light on a Game Mammal While Armed**. The driver was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**. A spotlight and firearms were seized. A check showed he was convicted of a felony but reduced to a misdemeanor. A charge of **Felon in Possession of a Firearm** will be forthcoming.

Fish / Angling

Waste of Salmon, Steelhead, and Pacific Lamprey in the Columbia River near The Dalles

Sgt. John Katzenstein (The Dalles) responded to a report of a large amount of dead fish located at the Celilo Park boat ramp on the Columbia River. Katzenstein and Rod French (ODFW Fish Biologist, The Dalles) recovered 181 dead Pacific lamprey and 37 steelhead. All of the fish beyond salvage, including 22 gutted wild steelhead with markings indicating they were caught with a gill net. Pacific lampreys were listed in 1993 as a sensitive species in Oregon and were given legal protected status in 1996. It is widely accepted by fish managers that populations of Pacific lamprey have significantly declined. Pacific lamprey were petitioned for protection under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 2003, but USFWS determined insufficient population information existed to warrant listing. Pacific lampreys are currently the focus of much attention from fishery managers as they strive to better understand this unique species. The harvest of Pacific lamprey is not authorized in the Columbia River and is limited to federally recognized Indian tribes under permit by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission at Willamette Falls on the Willamette River and Sherars Falls on the Deschutes River. Pacific lampreys are culturally important to many Northwest Indian tribes for food and ceremonial purposes. Mid-Columbia River steelhead are currently listed as "threatened" under the federal ESA. ODFW, along with other affected agencies, tribes, and the public, recently drafted a Mid-Columbia River Steelhead Recovery Plan. One of the goals of the plan is to restore Mid-Columbia River steelhead in Oregon sub-basins to the point where their protection under the ESA is no longer needed and a range of societal benefits are met. "Considering the small size of some of the listed populations in the Mid-Columbia, actions such as this incident can have significant long term effects on the population's persistence and recovery," said Rod French, ODFW Fish Biologist in The Dalles. A reward of up to \$1,000 is being offered through the Turn-in-Poachers (TIP) Program, for any information that leads to the arrest of the suspect or suspects. If anyone has information, please contact Sgt. John Katzenstein in The Dalles at (541) 296-9646 or the TIP hotline at 1-800-452-7888. Information may be kept anonymous.



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Sr. Tpr. Les Kipper, Sgt. John Katzenstein (The Dalles), and Sr. Tpr. Craig Ball (SIU, Salem) were investigating an environmental complaint on the Columbia River just below The Dalles Dam when they received a report of an illegal gill net in the water near their location. They responded by boat, with the assistance from the US Army Corps of Engineers, into the boat-restricted zone below the dam. They located a gill net, estimated at over 100 feet, stretched from a fishing platform out into the Columbia River. The net was caught in the rocks but the officers were able to retrieve it using the boat. Over 40 salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon had been trapped in the net and gone to waste in the net in various stages of decay. The officers were able to untangle and release six live sturgeon. While retrieving the gill net, officers observed another 50-foot gill net stretched from one fishing platform to another. This net was suspended just under the surface, and the corks had been painted black to reduce their visibility in the water. This gill net appeared to have been recently deployed and no fish were located in the net. If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please contact Sgt. John Katzenstein in The Dalles at (541) 296-9646 or the TIP hotline at 1-800-452-7888. Information may be kept anonymous.



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Fish / Angling

Unlawful Take and Possession

Tpr. Ryan Howell (Tillamook) responded to Garibaldi Marina where a subject unlawfully retained a Chinook salmon south of Cape Falcon in the Pacific Ocean. Upon contact, the subject told Howell he forgot to check the fish to see if it was a coho or a Chinook. This subject was cited for **Unlawful Taking Chinook Salmon—Closed Season**.

Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria) observed several individuals snagging and retaining foul-hooked salmon from Big Creek. One individual was observed climbing out on a tree limb, placing himself directly above the salmon, to better his chances. Eventually, the individual hooked and retained a large Chinook salmon. After several minutes of entertainment, Schwartz contacted and cited the individuals for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging (x 2)** and **Unlawful Retention of a Foul-Hooked Chinook Salmon**.

Sr. Tpr. Les Kipper (The Dalles) located two undersize sturgeon (36.5" and 39") that had been dumped and left to waste near Fifteen Mile Creek. He located a Clorox spray bottle next to the fish. He lifted the fingerprints and sent them into the crime lab. The prints identified a resident of The Dalles. Kipper contacted the subject and learned he dumped the sturgeon after they had gone to waste. He was cited for **Waste of Game Fish, Unlawful Possession of Undersized Sturgeon, and Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of a Waterway**.

Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria) was investigating a report of a deer being shot and left to waste near Clatskanie. While surveying the scene, an adjacent landowner asked Schwartz if he could lend any information. During the conversation, Schwartz learned that the landowner had been fishing earlier in the day and was in possession of a sturgeon taken from the Columbia River. After obtaining consent, Schwartz located a black garbage bag in the bed of the landowner's truck. The garbage bag contained an undersized sturgeon and several packages of elk hamburger and steaks. Schwartz learned a friend caught and retained the sturgeon and also gave him the elk meat. Both the sturgeon and elk meat were seized as evidence and the subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Undersize Sturgeon**. Information regarding the elk meat was obtained and forwarded to WDFW.

During one week, Astoria troopers cited many subjects for possession of and seized several undersized and non-adipose fin-clipped salmon. Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp cited one angler for **Illegal Possession of Undersized Chinook Salmon**. An ODFW fish checker initially contacted this angler at the Hammond dock. Tpr. Tim Schwartz conducted routine angler checks at the Skipanon boat ramp. He contacted more than 40 salmon anglers, resulting in six undersize Chinook seized and several anglers cited for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Chinook**. Tpr. Jim O'Connor contacted an angler at the Warrenton Boat Ramp and issued a citation for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Chinook Salmon**. Retired Sr. Tpr. Mike Stanton was also busy with salmon angling violations at the Hammond Boat basin and ramp. He seized 10 salmon from anglers returning from the Columbia River, issued two citations for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon** and seven for **Unlawful Take/Possession of Undersized Chinook Salmon**.

During one week, Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria) contacted several anglers on Big Creek. Schwartz issued citations for **No Non-Resident Angling License, Failure to Validate Angling Harvest Card, Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging, Unlawful Retention of Foul-Hooked Chinook, and No Angling Harvest Card**. He seized three Chinook as evidence.

Sr. Tpr. Doug Shugart (McMinnville) was watching a popular snagging hole on the Wilson River when he observed an angler on the Devils Lake Fork of the Wilson River, which is closed. Shugart found the subject in possession of a cutthroat trout. Shugart successfully released the trout into the stream. He cited the subject for **Angling Closed Stream** and warned him for **Unlawful Possession**.

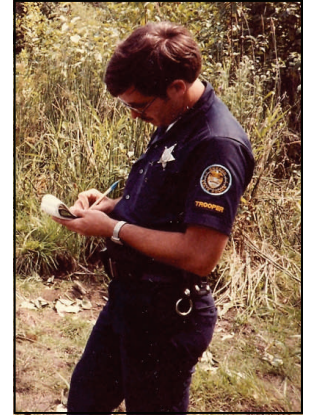


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Sr. Tpr. Les Kipper and Sr. Tpr. Craig Gunderson (The Dalles) responded to a snagging complaint on the Columbia River at the mouth of the Deschutes River. They identified three suspects, and after interviewing all three and examining the fish, they cited the first suspect for **Unlawful Retention of Foul-Hooked Chinook Salmon and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**, a second for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**, and a third for **Unlawful Retention of Foul-Hooked Chinook Salmon**. They seized two 40-pound Chinook.

Sr. Tpr. Greg Torland (Portland) was observing anglers at the mouth of the Alsea River. Two subjects angling in a boat caught and retained what appeared to be a coho salmon. He met them at the dock and contacted the passenger walking up the ramp. He inquired about how their fishing went. The passenger stated they hadn't caught any fish. He then contacted the skipper and asked if they had caught any fish. The skipper replied they had two and were caught red-handed. Upon inspection of the fish, Torland found both to be non-adipose fin-clipped coho and neither tag had been validated. Torland cited both individuals criminally for **Unlawful Possession of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**. The skipper of the boat had asked Torland the day before what his days off were so he could take him fishing.

Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria) received a report of individuals physically grabbing salmon out of Plympton Creek and taking the Chinook back to their residence. After interviewing family members of the suspect, Schwartz located the suspects at a different residence down the street. Upon contact, Schwartz located several bags containing more than eleven Chinook salmon carcasses in the back of one suspect's vehicle. Schwartz and Tpr. Jim O'Connor (Astoria) interviewed the suspects, determining that all the Chinook were removed from Plympton Creek on that day. Schwartz cited one suspect for **Unlawful Taking of Chinook Salmon, Closed Area, and Exceeding the Daily Limit of Chinook Salmon (crime)**. They seized 18 packages of salmon fillets as evidence.

Fish / Angling

Unlawful Angling Licenses and Methods

Dispatch received a report of two men attempting to snag salmon in the fish ladder at Gold Ray Dam. The fish ladder, and the compound around it, is fenced and posted no trespassing. Tpr. Stephanie Bigman (Patrol) was nearby, Sgt. Kirk Meyer was out 45 minutes, and Sr. Tpr. Mike Cushman (all Central Point) was out 15 minutes. Bigman arrived on the fish ladder side of the Rogue River. The two men snagging in the fish ladder saw her coming and swam across the river. Cushman arrived and stopped them just as they were driving off. Bigman saw two more men angling above the deadline at the same location and contacted them. Meyer was just arriving when Cushman saw three men walking on the fish ladder with surfboards. Meyer and Bigman contacted them. These men climbed fences and scaled cement walls to surf in the whitewater below the dam. In all, they cited five subjects for **Trespassing on a Fish Ladder** and two for **Angling Prohibited Area—Above the Deadline**.



Photo credit: ODFW

Retired Sr. Tpr. Scott Miller (Roseburg) observed a subject angling with bait in the fly angling only area. As he approached, the suspect bit his line off, then he denied he was using bait. The subject was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method** and **No Angling License**. Miller cited another subject angling with bait in the fly area.

Sr. Tpr. Lalo Guerra (Tillamook) checked a popular fishing spot on the Wilson River where steelhead hold up. Guerra contacted an angler who was getting ready to throw an explosive device in the fishing hole. He cited the subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—Use of an Explosive Device** and seized the devices.

Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria) contacted some anglers returning from Buoy 10 (Columbia River). Initially, they stated they possessed only three salmon. A consent search revealed they possessed three more salmon. The explanation was the boat owner's daughter caught and tagged the salmon. Schwartz learned she had not been aboard the vessel at all. He cited one subject for **No Angling Harvest Card** and **Borrowing an Angling Harvest Card** and another for **Loaning an Angling Harvest Card**. He seized two salmon as evidence.

Sr. Tpr. Swede Pearson (The Dalles) contacted an Idaho couple steelhead bank angling on the Columbia River near the John Day Dam. He had a non-resident license, and she advised she was Native American and provided her enrollment paperwork from the Navajo Nation in New Mexico. She said Idaho officers never bothered her for not getting a fishing license. Pearson explained treaty rights on the Columbia River, and she said she understood when he explained local tribes would not be allowed to go to New Mexico to partake of treaty rights there. He cited her for **No Non-Resident Angling License**.

Sgt. David Pond and Sr. Tpr. James Hayes (Bend) conducted a boat patrol on Wickiup Reservoir. They observed a couple of unattended lines and contacted a subject. They learned the subject was an Arizona resident with an Oregon resident angling license. The subject was cited for **False Application for Oregon Resident Angling License** and warned for the unattended lines. They contacted several other anglers and issued six citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait** in the Deschutes River arm of the reservoir near Sheep's Bridge. On the same patrol, in a 10-mph zone, they observed a boat speeding and checked the boat on radar at 31 mph. The subject had several children in the front of his boat and was in a shallow area. They advised the subject of the dangerous situation he was putting everyone in and issued a citation for **Boat Speeding**.

Sr. Tpr. James Griffin and Sr. Tpr. Daren Chandler (La Grande) made a three-day horse patrol into the Wallowa Mountains lake basin. They checked six lakes and observed 129 people, resulting in two warnings for No Angling License, two citations for **No Angling License**, and two citations for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Sr. Tpr. Mike Cushman (Central Point) was checking anglers at Medco Pond, near Butte Falls. He observed four bank anglers. As Cushman made a stealthy approach, one of the men saw him and threw his pole into the lake. Cushman thought that was a clue and quickly contacted him. He learned the man and two of the others did not have angling licenses. He cited all three for **No Angling License**.

Tpr. Ryan Howell (Tillamook) contacted a sturgeon angler on the Tillamook River. On arrival, he noticed the angler had a Washington-plate vehicle. Howell learned the angler moved to Oregon from Washington in June 2008. When Howell asked to see the subject's angling license, the subject gave him a resident combination license and a resident bear tag purchased July 2008. Howell cited the subject for **False Application of Resident Licenses**.

Sr. Tpr. Lalo Guerra (Tillamook) responded to a snagging complaint on the Wilson River near the confluence of the South Fork. Guerra watched two subjects attempt to snag steelhead. Guerra identified one of the anglers as a subject that he had cited last year for snagging and Guerra knew that this subject's angling license was suspended. Upon contact, Guerra took the suspended angler into custody and lodged him in the Tillamook County Jail, charging him with **Angling while Suspended**. He cited the other subject for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging** and **UCPS—Less than One Ounce Marijuana**.

Sgt. Todd Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) responded to a retention complaint at Garibaldi Marina. Upon arrival, ODFW contacted Hoodenpyl and informed him they checked a suspended angler who possessed two coho harvested from the ocean. Hoodenpyl contacted the subject who presented to him a one-day handwritten angling license with the two coho validated on the back. A record's check indicated his angling license was suspended until October 2008. The subject confessed he bought a one-day angling license because he knew he was suspended and thought he would never get checked. Hoodenpyl cited the subject for **Applying for an Angling License while Suspended** and seized both fish. Hoodenpyl also contacted the subject's girlfriend who had two coho and learned she did not validate them. Hoodenpyl cited her for **Fail to Validate Salmon on Angling Harvest Card**.

Environment / Habitat



Miners to Stay in Streambed

Sr. Tpr. Richard Carter and Sgt. Tim Brown (Pendleton) contacted multiple subjects “high banking” in Granite Creek for gold. They identified the subjects, took photos, and told the subjects to cease their activity outside of the streambed. A report will be generated and the information will be passed on to DSL.

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Marijuana Plants Harvested, No Suspects

Sgt. Mari Chambers, Sr. Tpr. Chris Culp, and Tpr. Adam Turnbo (Salem) harvested 28 growing marijuana plants off Longview Fibre property in the Niagra Road area. The grow was watered by a very sophisticated watering system. There were no suspects developed.

Company Advised How to Obtain Water Permit

Tpr. Jim O'Connor (Astoria) contacted the owner of a local logging company after receiving a complaint that the company was taking water from West Lake for their logging operation. The owner of the logging company was warned and advised of how to obtain a permit.

Suspects Cited for Causing Damage to Environment

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) worked anglers in the Upper Middle Fork Willamette River drainage and around Hills Creek Reservoir. Later in the evening, Maher found three 4 x 4 vehicles being operated off road in a timbered area near the Ferrin Bridge located along the Middle Fork west of Oakridge. The subjects were damaging vegetation and driving through a small stream. Maher contacted the operators and detained them until USFS Law Enforcement units arrived. USFS issued all three drivers federal citations for **Unlawful Disturbance to Soil and Vegetation with a Vehicle on National Forest Land**.

Dump Truck Crashed into Nestucca



Sgt. Lane Hendrickson (Patrol, Tillamook) responded to a motor vehicle crash on the Little Nestucca River. Upon arrival, Hendrickson found a fully loaded dump truck leaking diesel into the river (truck in the river). ODFW was contacted and the diesel was contained around the crash scene. There does not appear to be any loss of fish at this time and ODFW will continue to monitor the situation.

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Warned for Improper Campfires

Tpr. James Halsey (Albany) completed a 13-14 mile foot patrol into the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area in August. He hiked in at Duffy Lake Trailhead. He went to Duffy, Mowich, Alice, Jorn, and Santiam Lakes. Halsey contacted 55 people and warned several for fires too close to the lakes. Tpr. Adam Turnbo (Salem) also visited the area during the month and completed a 13-mile foot patrol into Duffy, Marion, and Mowich Lakes using USFS Wilderness Patrol overtime. He contacted approximately 60 people, issued several verbal warnings; one warning being Campfire Prohibited Area.

Oregon Plan Complaints Follow-up

Sr. Tpr. Jeff Thompson (Central Point) has been investigating many complaints of push-up dams and other Oregon Plan complaints on waterways in Jackson and Josephine Counties. One involved a report of water theft from the Rogue River. A water truck was seen removing water from the river. Thompson found that the water truck had a permit for the water removal. Another complaint involved a push-up dam on Slate Creek. Some people created a push-up dam to create a swimming pool in the creek. A neighbor was in the creek tearing down the dam when the people who built the dam assaulted him. Josephine County SO responded. No arrests were made. Thompson later received the complaint regarding the dam preventing fish passage. The landowners were advised to create better fish passage and the information was given to DSL.

Environment / Habitat

Subject Caught Dumping

Sgt. Chris Allori (Portland) responded to a littering complaint that was reported by ODFW staff at the Clackamas Regional Office. ODFW employees observed a Ford Bronco with a trailer full of trash backed up next to the entrance to their office. The trash was later dumped, but the suspect left the scene, leaving his Ford Bronco behind, which had broken down. On August 29, ODFW staff alerted Allori that the suspect was back trying to repair his vehicle. Allori contacted the suspect who was charged with **Offensive Littering**.

Photo credit: File



Offensive Litterers Caught and Cited

While returning to the office, Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) cited a motorist for **Offensive Littering** after witnessing the man toss junk food wrappers out the vehicle's driver side window on Hwy 30 in the middle of a construction zone area. The motorist stated, "I was mad that I had to wait so long."

Sr. Tpr. Lalo Guerra (Tillamook) responded to a gravel pit in the Pacific City area on a dumping complaint. During the investigation, a hunting tag was located and, with the help of local citizens, Guerra was able to locate two suspects on this case. Both subjects were interviewed and cited for **Offensive Littering**.

Sr. Tpr. Swede Pearson (The Dalles) received a report on his home answering machine of a trespass and littering case in progress as the landowner was confronting the suspect. In the caller's excitement, he neglected to leave his name, phone number, or location. Pearson was eventually able to determine who the caller was and later contacted him. The landowner had caught a man dumping a bag of garbage and smoking a cigarette in an un-harvested wheat field along a private road near his residence in the Maupin area. The landowner obtained the license plate number and name of the suspect. Pearson contacted the suspect and cited him for **Offensive Littering**.

Tpr. Marc Boyd (Springfield) identified a male subject who had an unlawful camp on USFS property near McKenzie Bridge. The amount of trash and offensive substance at the site was very large with some in the water and the rest within 40 yards of Mill Creek—a native trout spawning stream. The trash included rotting garbage, a large open area covered in human waste, and various chemical containers. Boyd cited the subject for **Placing Offensive Substance in Waters or on Property of Another and Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway**. USFS evicted him from the Willamette National Forest. The subject was also told to clean the area prior to vacating the area.

Suspect Caught Cutting Down Trees

Retired Sr. Tpr. Dennis Conrad (Salem) found where someone had been cutting wood on ODF land in the Gates area. Conrad asked two local residents if they had seen a vehicle coming out with firewood. They described the suspect vehicle towing a horse trailer. Later that week, one resident called Conrad in an evening and said they just observed the vehicle go in. Conrad went back on duty and caught the suspect cutting wood. The suspect had cut down four trees and took three to four cords from the area. ODF estimated the value of the trees over \$900 and a triple stumpage value over \$2,800. Conrad will be citing the suspect with **Theft 1st Degree**.



Photo credit: MS Office

Firewood Cutting Information

ODF allows firewood cutting (for a fee) on state forestlands managed by the districts listed below. Contact the office for the area in which you are interested (click the station name to link to their website for contact information).

- [Astoria](#) (Astoria)
- [Coos](#) (Coos Bay)
- [Forest Grove](#) (Forest Grove)
- [North Cascade](#) (Lyons, east of Salem)
- [Tillamook](#) (Tillamook)
- [West Oregon](#) (Philomath)

Firewood cutting also is permitted on other public forestlands. For more information, check out [USFS](#) (this page lists all the states and their national forests and grasslands) or [BLM](#).

Source: ODF, http://egov.oregon.gov/ODF/STATE_FORESTS/Firewood_Cutting.shtml

Commercial / Shellfish

Harvester Uncooperative with ODFW

Sgt. Todd Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) responded to the beach of Cape Kiwanda where an ODFW fish sampler had contacted a subject harvesting mussels from a closed area. The subject was uncooperative with ODFW and would not provide any identification. Upon arrival, Hoodenpyl located the subject and cited him for **No Shellfish License** and warned him for **Unlawful Taking Mussels—Prohibited Area**.

Restaurants and Plants Inspected

Tpr. Larry Bowen, Tpr. Kris Davis, Tpr. Levi Harris (Coos Bay), Tpr. Lowell Lea (Florence), and Sr. Tpr. Brad VanProoyen (Gold Beach), as well as USFWS SA Houseman, conducted restaurant checks in Bandon, Coos Bay, North Bend, Lakeside, Winchester Bay, and Reedsport as part of a CEP plan. Several verbal warnings were given for not maintaining records of purchased food fish.

During the week of August 25-31, Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) completed the 8th sardine plant inspection in the Astoria and Warrenton areas. The inspections were part of his sardine action plan for 2008 to monitor several aspects of the production process, such as proper weighing of sardine whole round weight, proper weighing of by-catch, and monitoring of prohibited species (salmonid). Each plant's production method was carefully documented and will be provided to the Division. This data may assist in upcoming November management discussions with the industry regarding new policies and procedures for the 2009 season.

Commercial Fisherman Cited for Theft

Sr. Tpr. Carla Urbigkeit (Newport) cited a commercial fisherman for **Theft I**. The suspect had stolen an aluminum long-line reel off of a commercial fishing vessel, valued at over \$10,000, and sold it to a scrap yard for \$500.

Sr. Tpr. Carla Urbigkeit (Newport) received a complaint from a commercial fisherman regarding theft of crab pots. Investigation revealed a subject had stolen roughly 70 pots from multiple victims over the last year and a half. The suspect was arrested for **Theft I** and lodged in the Lincoln County Jail.

On August 18, members of the South Coast Team, led by Sr. Tpr. Carla Urbigkeit (Newport), conducted a search warrant on a commercial fishing vessel and a search warrant on a gear shed in Toledo. A total of 173 crab pots were seized. Among the evidence, 37 different vessel pot tags were found in two garbage cans at the residence/shop. A \$2,500 line coiler was also recovered from the residence, which was stolen from a Newport fishing vessel at the beginning of this summer. One victim identified 63 of the crab pots. The Lincoln County Grand Jury indicted the suspect on two counts of **Theft I**, one count of **Criminal Mischief I**, and **Waste of Commercial Caught Shellfish—Dungeness Crab**. Additional counts of Theft I and Aggravated Theft are anticipated.

Failed to Sell Tuna

Tpr. Ryan Howell (Tillamook) completed an investigation on a local fishing vessel. Investigation revealed that on August 18, the vessel left Garibaldi on a commercial tuna fishing trip. During the trip, the vessel caught and retained 46 Albacore tuna and returned to port. After arriving at port, the captain paid the crew by giving them 20 of the tuna caught, selling only 26 of the fish to a wholesale fish dealer. Howell cited the captain for **Fail to Sell Commercially Taken Tuna**.



Photo credit: NOAA

Cited for Undersized Crab

Tpr. Heather Van Meter (Newport) contacted three anglers on the South Jetty. She noticed their vehicle had a cooler and crab rings in the back of it. She received consent to search the cooler and discovered female and undersized crab. One subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crab**.

Sr. Tpr. Doug Shugart (McMinnville) and Tpr. Ryan Howell (Tillamook) watched a female angling on Tillamook Bay. Upon contact, the subject told the troopers that she was 16 years old, thinking that she did not need a fishing license at the age of 16. A short time later, the female's boyfriend was contacted. Investigation revealed his girlfriend was 24 years old and from California. They found the boyfriend was in possession of many undersized and female Dungeness crab. The female angler was cited for **No Non-Resident Angling License** and the boyfriend was cited for **Unlawful Possession Undersized Crab**.

Cited for Closed Area

Tpr. Ryan Kehr (Portland) was watching a boat at the mouth of the Salmon River. He observed the boat working two crab pots in the ocean. Kehr later contacted the vessel at the boat ramp and cited the operator for **Crabbing Closed Area—Pacific Ocean**.

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) contacted a subject and his four grandchildren digging razor clams on the closed beaches of Clatsop County. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Razor Clams Taken Closed Season** and 34 razor clams seized.

In the early morning hours, along the shores of Young's Bay, Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) observed a gill net vessel skipper deploy his gill net 12 minutes early before the 6:00 a.m. opener. The season was the 4th and last 36-hour season before Young's Bay opens 24 hours a day the following week for 60 days, until October 31. Chinook catch has been very good for select area gill netters in the bay and has generated a lot of commercial fishing activity during the last two 36-hour seasons. Klepp contacted the skipper later in the day aboard his vessel and cited him for **Fishing Salmon Closed Season (Gill Net)**.

Dispositions



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During Spring 2007, a subject was involved in taking two turkeys after hours. The turkeys were left to waste, and the subject did not have a valid license. The subject's failure to comply with the court sentencing resulted in Sr. Tpr. Bob Wilson (Ontario) and Sr. Tpr. Greg Walker (Patrol, Ontario) arresting the subject on six warrants, five for the following game violations: Hunting/Shooting Prohibited Hours, No Resident Hunting License, Waste of Game Bird (x 2), and Taking Turkey Closed Season.

Sr. Tpr. Kreg Coggins (Enterprise) cited a subject for two counts of Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another last deer season. The subject received the following sentence in the Wallowa County Circuit Court: three-year hunting license suspension, 40 hours of community service, \$800 fines and fees, and written letter of apology to the victims.

Ret. Cliff Barden and Sr. Tpr. Brad Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) worked a loaning/borrowing deer case earlier this year. All four individuals pled guilty and received the following:

- Subject 1: Unlawful Game Tag Lending, \$750 fine
- Subject 2: Unlawful Game Tag Lending, \$750 fine
- Subject 3: Unlawful Game Tag Borrowing and Exceeding Bag Limit Blacktail Deer, \$500 fine, \$800 restitution to ODFW, two-year hunting license suspension, and blacktail mount forfeited
- Subject 4: Unlawful Game Tag Borrowing and Exceeding Bag Limit Blacktail Deer, \$500 fine, \$800 restitution to ODFW, two-year hunting license suspension, and blacktail mount forfeited

Sr. Tpr. Joel McNerney and Tpr. Justin Frazier (Hood River) cited a subject for Taking Black Bear Closed Season on June 13. The subject pled guilty in Hood River County Circuit Court and was sentenced to: 10 days in jail, forfeit the weapon, two-year hunting license suspension, 18-month probation, \$800 restitution to ODFW, \$67 fees and assessments, and pay the supervision fee.

Helpful Outdoor Tips

#12. **Cold Trail.** If you're hunting the morning after a heavy frost, don't bother following game tracks that have frost crystals in them. They were made the night before or sometime prior to the frost.

#15. **Easy-Carry Antlers.** Shed antlers make great rattling horns, but those with long tines often snag brush and are cumbersome to carry. Remedy this by sawing off the long points, leaving just four inches of antler extending beyond each fork. The shortened antlers still make loud, realistic sounds when clashed, and they're easy to transport in your pack or a game pocket.

#30. **In a Scrape.** To better gain the attention of a rutting buck in your hunting area, take soil from a scrape in another area and place it in a scrape near your stand. The foreign scent will cause the buck who made the scrape near your stand to think another has entered "his" territory. Don't leave any human scent.

#92. **Use A Good Ol' Staff.** Walking staffs have many uses for the woodsman. With a staff in hand, you can carry heavy loads across steep slopes, rocks, and bogs with confidence. When crossing marshy areas or streams, you can use a staff to probe for hidden obstructions and deep spots. The staff holds back bushes, stinging plants, spider webs and other things in your path. Best of all, the staff can save your energy on long treks. By leaning on it, you can take some of the weight off your feet. You'll find other uses for your staff as well. Use it as a support for a camp tarp or wash line. Reach with it to retrieve food sacks hung out of reach of bears. Slip it behind you and hoist your pack to give your back a break. Use it to pry up logs and rocks so you can see what animals live beneath. Your staff can lift a hot pot off the fire or replace a broken tent pole. Mark it with feet and inches for measuring things in the field. A staff is handy in emergencies as well. Use it to reach a friend who's tumbled into the water. Roll two staffs in a blanket to make a stretcher. A staff can support you if you fall through ice. Or you can use it, if needed, as a crutch.

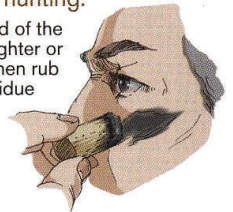
—Keith Sutton, "Basic Training 101 Simple Skills"
Outdoor Life, May 2008



86 | Cork It

Use a cork from a wine bottle to camouflage your face when hunting.

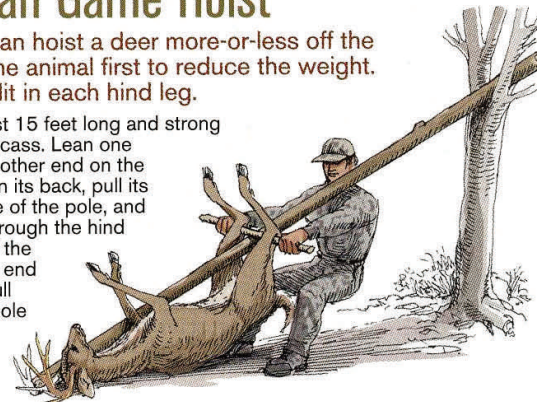
Slide the end of the cork with a lighter or match, and then rub the black residue on your face.



23 | One-Man Game Hoist

In a pinch, one man can hoist a deer more-or-less off the ground. Field-dress the animal first to reduce the weight. Next, cut a gambrel slit in each hind leg.

Find a straight pole at least 15 feet long and strong enough to support the carcass. Lean one end in a tree fork with the other end on the ground. With the animal on its back, pull its hind legs up on either side of the pole, and insert the gambrel stick through the hind leg slits on the top side of the pole. Then, grasping each end of the gambrel, push or pull the game up the leaning pole until it's off the ground. Tie the gambrel to the pole to secure.



General Law / Other

Drugs Continuously Found on Patrols

As Tpr. Marc Boyd (Springfield) was travelling through Springfield, he noticed a vehicle stopped in an intersection. The vehicle's three occupants told him the steering was stuck. Boyd noticed the ignition had been punched and a screwdriver was now the key. Springfield PD units and Tpr. Ryan Hockema (Patrol, Springfield) arrived and told Boyd the vehicle had been involved in suspected drug deals in the local area. The driver was cited for **DWS** and **Driving Uninsured**. A consent search revealed meth and the two passengers were cited for **UPCS—Methamphetamine** and the vehicle was impounded.

Tpr. Lowell Lea (Florence) stopped a vehicle for Careless Driving and Fail to Drive Right. The driver was very nervous and claimed to be "looking for mushrooms." Lea noticed items in the vehicle associated with marijuana cultivation and they were near a location where complaints have been received about marijuana grows. Lea saw a small portion of green leafy material in a paper bag behind the seat. A consent search of a backpack resulting in a seizure of about 4 ounces of marijuana and \$1,320 cash. The suspect was lodged in Douglas County Jail for **Unlawful Manufacture of Marijuana, Unlawful Delivery of Marijuana, and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana**.

While on USFS grant patrol overtime in the Blue River area, Tpr. Marc Boyd (Springfield) contacted multiple subjects in the Saddle Dam camping area. Boyd cited three for **MIP** and one for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**. One of the subjects cited was very intoxicated and when asked for his ID, the subject searched his car for about three minutes before he realized the car he was searching was not his. Boyd was able to find the car and with consent opened the door to retrieve the suspect's identification. On the driver's side seat, Boyd found a marijuana pipe which contained marijuana. The suspect was cited for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

Tpr. Mike Buck (Portland) witnessed a vehicle flashing its headlights and slowing as it approached his marked patrol truck which was stationary on Hwy 26 at mp 38. The vehicle appeared to be flagging the trooper down. As the vehicle approached and pulled in behind him, Buck exited his truck and contacted the vehicle. The driver stated they were on their way to go fishing on the Sandy River and missed their turn. They only stopped at this location to turn around. Buck inquired about the flashing headlights and the driver stated he was using his emergency brake to slow down and it shorts out his headlights when he does so.

While at the driver's window, Buck could smell an overwhelming odor of marijuana and consent was received for a search of the vehicle. Upon exiting the vehicle and prior to frisking, the passenger, who Buck recognized from an arrest on an earlier date, indicated to Buck marijuana was in the cargo pocket of his shorts. The evidence was secured and the driver was then asked to step away from the vehicle. Upon pat down of the driver, a plastic bag containing marijuana fell from inside the pant leg of his shorts onto the ground. The driver's only response was a short sigh. Buck cited both the driver and passenger for **UPCS—Less than One Ounce of Marijuana**. The driver also stated he did not have an angling license. Buck suggested purchasing one prior to fishing to avoid further fines. The driver stated he was "really bummed out" and was "going home."



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Several Cited for DUII and BUII

Tpr. Brent Sitowski (Klamath Falls) was rolling towards a cold poaching complaint on the backroads of Klamath County when he overtook another vehicle rolling slowly. Unexpectedly, the driver stopped his vehicle and then stepped out with a cold beer in his hand. Upon seeing Sitowski, the driver jumped back into his vehicle (with the beer) and began to drive away. Sitowski made a traffic stop. After SFSTs, the driver was arrested for **DUII**, BAC 0.10%.

Sgt. Randall Hand (Klamath Falls) was concluding his weekend shift filling in for missing troops when he noticed the vehicle in front of him was displaying some erratic driving. Hand followed and continued to observe the driving. A traffic stop was made as the vehicle approached Klamath Falls. The driver admitted to being at a party and having four beers. Sgt. Robert Fenner (Patrol, Klamath Falls) responded and took over the DUII investigation. Former injuries prevented the driver from completing any SFSTs. The subject failed some verbal tests and was arrested for **DUII**, BAC 0.17%.

Troopers from Coos Bay, Gold Beach, and Florence conducted a BUII saturation on Tenmile Lake, Loon Lake, and Winchester Bay. Tpr. Lowell Lea (Florence) worked an evening boat patrol with Sgt. Isaac Cyr (Coos Bay) on the Umpqua River. They checked a boat crabbing near the ocean. The operator had obvious signs of intoxication and they possessed numerous undersized crabs. A check revealed the operator had a felony warrant out of Lane County for **Parole Violation**. Lea arrested the operator for the warrant. Cyr drove the boat with its intoxicated passenger to the dock. The operator refused SFST's and a breath test when transported to Reedsport PD. He was lodged on the warrant and cited for **BUII**.

Sr. Tpr. Greg Torland (Newport) was at South Beach Marina checking anglers when he was flagged down by a passing boater. They reported an intoxicated operator entering the marina. Torland located the boat tied off to the end of F dock. Both the operator and passenger were so intoxicated they almost fell out of the boat when Torland contacted them. Torland physically hauled them out of the boat and onto the dock, as they were unable to put life jackets on at his request. Once he got them seated on the dock, Torland helped them with their life jackets. Both subjects had to be physically escorted off the dock onto dry land. Sr. Tpr. Bob Shawver (Patrol, Newport) arrived and performed SFST's on the operator while Torland interviewed witnesses. The operator was arrested for **BUII**, BAC 0.18 %.

General Law / Other

Group Effort Saved Rafter

A subject from Redmond, Washington was attempting to negotiate Colorado Rapids on the Deschutes River, approximately five miles upstream from the Columbia River, when he was hit by a large wave and thrown from his boat. He was not wearing a life jacket and was washed downstream. He quickly became exhausted and was not able to reach the bank of the river. A nearby angler heard his calls for help, and he was able to wade out and grab the subject, keeping his head above water and preventing him from being washed further downstream. However, he was unable to bring the subject, who by now was completely exhausted, to the bank of the river due to the swift current. At that time, Sr. Tpr. Les Kipper (The Dalles) and OSP volunteer Jack Lefond were conducting a boat patrol on the Deschutes River in a Department jet boat. Kipper and Lefond were alerted to the emergency by the angler calling for help. Kipper got out of his boat, put a life jacket on the subject, and pulled him to the riverbank. A nearby fishing guide assisted Kipper by transporting the subject in his boat to Heritage Landing boat launch near the mouth of the Deschutes River. The subject was met by personnel from Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue at the boat launch. The subject was transported to Mid-Columbia Medical Center in The Dalles where he was treated and released.



Photo credit: File

Suspect Caught Reckless, Endangering Others

Sr. Tpr. Greg Torland (Newport) responded to a crash on Hwy 20. A landowner was cutting trees next to the highway and fell an alder tree onto a car. No one was injured, but it caused moderate damage to the vehicle. The suspect was cited for **Reckless Endangerment**.

Sr. Tpr. Ken Moore (Portland) was flagged down by a subject on Fish Creek Road in the Mt. Hood National Forest, about 15 miles east of Estacada. The subject reported she had been beat up by her live-in boyfriend and he had taken her car. The suspect returned a few minutes later and was taken into custody after investigation revealed he had indeed assaulted the female victim. The suspect was lodged in the Clackamas County Jail for **Assault IV—Domestic Violence**.

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) conducted boat patrols on Cottage Grove Reservoir and Fall Creek Reservoir. They checked 20 anglers, contacted 24 boats (including those involved in a bass tournament), and issued seven citations. At Fall Creek Reservoir, they contacted two irresponsible PWC operators. They operated in excess of 5 mph slow no-wake zone within 200 feet of the shoreline. They also used the jet spray from their machines to splash each other and a person on the bank. At one point, one operator fell off of his machine and the other continued to spray him with his jet exhaust while he was in the water. They also operated in front of the Fall Creek Dam spillways. They issued both PWC operators citations for **Unsafe Boat Operation**.

A boating complaint was also received during the patrol. A pair of anglers in an anchored boat on the upper end of the reservoir got into a confrontation with another boater who was pulling an inner tube close to them. During the confrontation, words were exchanged and the boater pulling the inner tube closely circled the anglers with his boat, which heated the exchange between the parties. The boater pulling the inner tube was operating a jet boat with an outboard motor. As a parting gesture to the anglers, he backed up to them on the water, trimmed his motor up, hit the throttle, and sprayed the anglers with water from his jet exhaust. Both parties involved in the complaint were interviewed, and the operator of the jet boat cited for **Reckless Boat Operation**.

Troopers Assisted with Rescue

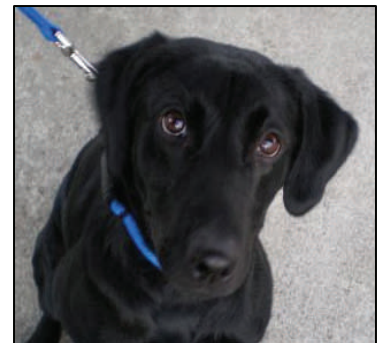
Sr. Tpr. Robin May (St. Helens) received information from Longview Fibre security personnel of a subject operating a motorcycle unlawfully on their property in violation of road closures. May was in short pursuit with the subject when the chain on his cycle broke. The subject was arrested for **Attempt to Elude** and **Criminal Trespass**.

Metal Gates Damaged, Stolen

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) investigated the damage/theft of four metal gates on Weyerhaeuser property in the Siuslaw Road and Lorane areas. One gate was completely removed (torch-cut) from a spur road in the Carpenter Bypass system. Two near Siuslaw Road and one on Tucker Creek had center sections cut out. The estimated repairs are \$3-4,000 per gate. No suspects have been identified.

Speeder Stopped, Multiple Arrests Made

Sr. Tpr. Swede Pearson (The Dalles) stopped a vehicle for speeding (82 mph) on Hwy 197 near Tygh Valley. The driver told him he had no identification and provided a name and date of birth that matched the vehicle registration. During contact, he arrested a passenger on two outstanding warrants for methamphetamine possession and delivery. A search of the passenger, incident to arrest, revealed a wallet in his pocket that contained an identification card showing the true name and date of birth of driver. Pearson arrested the driver for **DWS—Misdemeanor**. Both the driver and passenger had large amounts of cash in their pockets, and Sr. Tpr. Scott Rector (Patrol, The Dalles) arrived with Brogan (K-9) who alerted to the vehicle. A search of vehicle showed several areas that appeared to have been tampered with, in relation to areas that could conceal items, but no contraband was located.



Brogan. Photo credit: File

Interagency Cooperation

Joint Patrols, Assistance, and Investigations

The South Coast Team assisted LINT with the take down of a marijuana grow in north Lincoln County and removed over 500 plants.

Sr. Tpr. Lalo Guerra (Tillamook) assisted the Tillamook County Narcotics Team and the OSP Swat Team on several search warrants in the Tillamook area concerning marijuana eradication.

Tpr. Lowell Lea (Florence) was dispatched to Peace Harbor Hospital in Florence to assist the Lane County SO with a two-injury ATV crash. Lea contacted the operator of one of the ATV's who exhibited signs of intoxication. The rider consented to take SFSTs which he failed. He was cited for **DUII**. LCSO completed the report.

Sgt. Kirk Meyer (Central Point) was called to the scene of a search warrant where Jackson County SO and Sr. Tpr. Blain Allen (Bomb Technician) were searching for counterfeit money and explosives and found some game meat in the freezer. Meyer seized a box of meat and cited one man for **Unlawful Possession of Game Meat—No Tag**.

Sr. Tpr. Doug Canfield (Newport) assisted the USCG with a sunken vessel in Yaquina Bay. He provided a platform with the RHI so environmental damage could be assessed. Canfield assisted in locating the owner of the vessel and worked with the Port of Newport, DSL, and the USCG to coordinate removal and disposal.

Tpr. Marvin Ritter (John Day) drifted the John Day River for anglers and boaters with ODFW John Day Fish Biologist Tim Unterwegner. They conducted six angling license checks; issued one warning for No Angling License in Possession and three for No PFD; cited one person for **No Angling License** and six for **No Sound Producing Device**; and performed six written and four visual BERs.

Sgt. Chris Allori, Sr. Tpr. Ken Moore, and Tpr. Mike Buck (Portland), along with several Clackamas County SO Deputies, conducted a BUUI saturation patrol on the Clackamas River. As a result, they contacted several groups of people at Riverside Park on the river. The following were the results from these contacts: three citations for **Furnishing Alcohol to Minor Arrests**, ten for **MIP—Alcohol**, one warrant arrest for **FTA/Theft III**, and one warrant arrest for **Dangerous Drugs**.

Tpr. Dirk Anderson (Portland) responded to a call for help heard by a subject across the river on the Washington side of the Columbia River near Bonneville. The victim suffered an apparent heart attack, about 300 yards west of the Tanner Creek parking area. Anderson and Park Rangers administered CPR and used an AED in attempt to revive the person. A fishing boat was commandeered and the victim was transported to Army Corps of Engineers Navigational Locks dock, while CPR continued. Cascade Locks Fire Department EMTs arrived and employed advanced life saving techniques to no avail. The victim had parked his car on I-84 westbound near mp 39 before hiking in to angle for sturgeon. Ironically, the subject's brother died under similar circumstances, suffering a heart attack while fishing.

Roseburg troopers worked the Upper North Umpqua drainages assisting the USFS with road closures and evacuations from campgrounds due to forest fires.

Tpr. Kris Davis (Coos Bay) responded to a complaint from an ODFW fish checker in Winchester Bay. The fish checker seized a native coho salmon from a fishing guide. With assistance from Sr. Tpr. Bill Harris (Retired, Coos Bay), the guide was contacted and cited for **Unlawful Take of Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho Salmon**.

Tpr. Marvin Ritter (John Day) assisted the Grant County SO with a single-vehicle fatal crash. The driver was traveling westbound on the Izee–Paulina Highway near mp 41, with his six- and nine-year-old daughters. He ran off of the roadway, over-corrected, crossed both lanes of traffic, and went down a long, steep embankment. The nine-year-old was pronounced dead at the scene. The father and the six-year-old were treated and released at Blue Mountain Hospital.

Sr. Tpr. Randy Caldwell (Burns) and the Harney County SO investigated a complaint involving hunters who were trespassing. The hunter trespassed with a film crew in order to observe some elk. Upon contact, the film crew was very cooperative as they were from an out-of-state production company and were not aware the hunter did not have permission. They seized the film as evidence, cited the subject for **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass**, and warned his son.

Sr. Tpr. Brad VanProoyen (Gold Beach) worked a couple of days on patrol with the USCG Chetco River Station. Citations were issued for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit on Rockfish, Unlawfully Taking Non-Adipose Fin-Clipped Coho**, and **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks**. One vessel had its voyage terminated for numerous safety violations and it was escorted back to port. Several marine board inspections were also completed.

In response to multiple complaints from the citizens in Blue River about drug dealing, Tpr. Marc Boyd (Springfield) and Detective Spencer (Springfield PD) with INET conducted a knock and talk at a suspect's residence. Boyd and Spencer received consent to search the residence. They seized all of the records, packaging material, scales, a multitude of smoking devices, almost 3/4 of an ounce of marijuana, and collected other evidence. Boyd cited the suspect for **DCS Marijuana and Endangering the Welfare of a Minor**.

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp and Retired Sr. Tpr. Mike Stanton (Astoria) used the 26-foot RHI boat to provide a platform to assist two workers from the USDA who needed to conduct an inspection of the Astoria Meagler Bridge over the Columbia River. The inspection was necessary to document the number and kinds of birds and bird nests inhabiting the superstructure of the bridge. Cormorants, swallows, gulls, and bird nests were recorded. That information will be used to obtain a permit to later remove the birds and nests when it comes time to repaint the bridge in Spring 2009.

Interagency Cooperation / Public Relations

Sergeant Received Shikar-Safari Conservation Award

Shikar-Safari Club International honored Sgt. Todd Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) as the state's top conservation enforcement officer for 2008 by awarding him the Shikar-Safari Club Wildlife Officer of the Year. The award—given annually for more than 25 years to recognize outstanding game enforcement officers in all 50 states, 10 Canadian provinces, and the territories of both nations—was presented August 8, at the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting in Salem by Shikar-Safari representative Lynn Loacker. The conservation-based organization honors the officer whose efforts during the previous year show outstanding performance and achievement among the state agency's 119 sworn Fish and Wildlife law enforcement personnel. Hoodenpyl's selection by the Shikar-Safari Club is for his commitment to fish and wildlife enforcement and protection, placing the 13-year OSP veteran with a "distinguished group of officers" recognized for their outstanding performance and dedication to duty. Hoodenpyl supervises Fish and Wildlife troopers currently assigned at OSP work sites in Tillamook, Banks, and McMinnville. The club originally formed in 1952 to provide members an opportunity to get together and talk about their hunting experiences, but has evolved into an organization that supports conservation and education through a worldwide foundation. Shikar-Safari is recognized worldwide for its efforts in the protection, enhancement and preservation of wildlife, and has placed particular emphasis on endangered and threatened species through the promotion of enforcement of conservation laws and regulations.



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Meetings and Presentations

Tpr. Jason Stone (Roseburg) did a presentation at a local hunter safety class to approximately 20 students.

Sgt. Todd Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) did a PowerPoint presentation during the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's banquet in St. Helens.

Tpr. Mark Schoenborn (Portland) did a presentation at a hunter safety class at Firwood School in Sandy. Approximately 80 people attended.

Lt. David Gifford (Central Point) gave a presentation to the local OHA Chapter on how to be better witnesses regarding violations they encounter in the field. Approximately 50 members attended.

Sr. Tpr. Kyle Elmenhurst (Springfield) aided with field-day training of a hunter's safety class of 24 students at the Cottage Grove-Eugene Sportsman Club.

Sgt. John Katzenstein (The Dalles) attended the "Welcome Aboard Ceremony" for the new USCG Auxiliary detachment in The Dalles. Approximately 50 people attended.

Tpr. Ryan Kehr (Newport) provided a presentation to Camp Westwind staff. Camp Westwind, a children's camp, has been experiencing problems with bears, cougars, and trespassers. Kehr gave them advice and contacts for dealing with the problems.

Tpr. Ryan Kehr (Newport) gave a presentation to the Kiwanis Club in Lincoln City. The talk included what it takes to become a State Trooper, dealing with urban wildlife, and how OSP uses the WED to catch poachers. The talk was very much appreciated, and they asked Kehr to come back soon for another talk.

Troopers Floated with the Governor

Governor Ted Kulongoski and his wife floated in their canoe, for a total of 28 river miles, with "Paddle Oregon 2008," on the Santiam and Willamette Rivers. Sr. Tpr. Chris Culp and Tpr. Adam Turnbo (Salem) floated with the Governor to provide any needed assistance and to help with any safety issues. About 100 people participated.

OSP and ODFW Working Together at Diamond Lake

Lt. David Gifford (Central Point) worked with ODFW at Diamond Lake while they electro-shocked for shiners recently discovered in a trap net. Ten shiners were collected as evidence and will likely be tested for DNA at a later date. The number captured each night is starting to decline. They removed 600+ shiners in a few weeks. ODFW said they trap yearly to monitor fish populations. Golden shiners can reproduce in Diamond Lake and were in the lake for years prior to the 2006 treatment. ODFW biologists said they do not know how the shiners got into the lake, but they are a popular baitfish. Anglers using live fish for bait is illegal in Oregon.

Per ODFW, "Education and enforcement are the keys to keep invasive fish out of Diamond Lake, and ODFW, the Umpqua National Forest, and the OSMB have been conducting invasive species prevention education through signs, brochures, and contacts with lake visitors ... Campground hosts, creel surveyors, and agency personnel routinely talk to visitors and check boats. All boaters are reminded to launch a clean, dry boat and never use live baitfish."

In August, Tpr. Jim Collom (Central Point) organized a saturation patrol on Diamond Lake. Collom, Sr. Tpr. Mike Cushman, Sr. Tpr. Jeff Allison, Sgt. Kirk Meyer, Lt. David Gifford (Central Point), Tpr. Jason Stone (Roseburg), Tpr. Brent Sitowski (Klamath Falls), and Sr. Tpr. Brad Bennett (Grants Pass) checked many anglers and asked people to call if they suspected anyone of using live baitfish. They worked all of the ramps and in patrol boats. No one contacted had live baitfish. Anyone witnessing a violator should call OSP at 541-440-3334. Witnesses should get, if possible, a description of the person, vehicle, or boat, along with a boat number and license plate number.



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