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White City Company Pled Guilty to Two Felony Counts Relating to Environmental Crimes

On May 23, 2008, the Jackson County Circuit Court sentenced Panel Products, LLC, owner and operator of a plywood mill in White City, to pay \$100,000 in restitution and 18 months probation for felonies involving supplying false information to an agency. This sentence of \$100,000 is the maximum monetary penalty allowed under law for the two Class C felony counts against a corporation.



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Sr. Tpr. Craig Ball is assigned to the Fish and Wildlife Division's SIU as an environmental investigator. OSP and DEQ have a collaborative partnership for conducting criminal investigations regarding environmental law-related activity in Oregon. Panel Products operates a plywood manufacturing facility under an Air Contaminant Discharge Permit (ACDP), issued by DEQ, which allows the company to dry certain species of wood. The permit expressly prohibits the drying of pine wood due to the amount of volatile organic compounds that are emitted from this type of wood and the lack of emission controls at the plant.

In 2005 and 2006, Ball investigated irregularities in the required monitoring reports Panel Products submitted to DEQ. A search warrant was executed, with the assistance of the Central Point Fish and Wildlife troopers and the EPA Criminal Investigation Division, to obtain documents and records. The investigation revealed that the company had taken at least 190 deliveries of pine to the White City facility in 2005. Although the company had not reported the drying of pine in its required permit monitoring reports, Ball discovered that Panel Products concealed that it was drying pine by labeling it as "mixed" wood in its reports.



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"They were [drying pine] at night, hiding pine when officials came by, and destroying records," said Deputy District Attorney Karen Loomis who prosecuted the case for Jackson County. "Eventually, they got caught."

The process used in drying any type of veneer, including pine, results in the release of fumes and vapors, or VOCs (volatile organic compounds) that contribute to ozone in the atmosphere. VOCs can damage soil and groundwater and pose a threat to human health by causing respiratory problems. Pine is less expensive than fir but emits approximately ten times more VOCs.

Panel Products' White City facility is located in the Medford/Ashland Air Quality Maintenance Area, which is specially regulated for ozone pollution and VOC emissions. Because of this status, VOCs need to be closely accounted for. Due to the false reports submitted, the DEQ has no way of knowing exactly what was emitted into the air from Panel Products' facility during that time.

Payment of the \$100,000 penalty will be dispersed to three entities: the Governor's Fund for the Environment, \$80,000; the Western State's Project, which trains state and local environmental regulators, \$10,000; and the state's general fund, \$10,000.

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Wildlife / Hunting

For an Animal's Best Chance at Survival, Remember to Leave Young in the Wild



Sgt. Chris Allori (Portland) responded to a Portland address after a citizen called to report he had found a deer fawn walking on a busy city street. The fawn was uninjured and had only been at the person's house for about 45 minutes when Allori arrived. Allori returned the fawn to a wooded area near the location where the fawn had been picked up. The person was warned for Unlawful Holding of Wildlife. For an animal's best chance at long-term survival in their natural habitat, please remember to leave young in the wild. If you find an animal in need of assistance, please call OSP at 1-800-452-7888 or ODFW at 1-800-720-ODFW.

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Sgt. Kirk Meyer (Central Point) received a complaint from ODFW of a subject who was holding a fawn at his Medford residence. Meyer contacted the subject who said he did have a fawn in his backyard and showed it to Meyer. The fawn was penned up in a small enclosure near other farm animals. The subject said he found the fawn while cutting weeds in the Gold Hill area the month prior, and since he did not see the fawn's mother around for a couple days, he took it home believing it to be orphaned. Meyer seized the fawn and took it to ODFW. The man was cited for **Unlawful Holding Wildlife—Fawn Deer**.

Sr. Tpr. Ken Moore (Portland) was contacted by a citizen reporting that a neighbor had a deer fawn at their southeast Portland home. Upon investigating, Moore learned that the suspect brought the deer home from California where the mother had been killed in a vehicle crash. The suspect had the deer for about two weeks. Moore cited the suspect for **Unlawfully Holding Wildlife**. The healthy fawn, which appeared to be about one month old, was taken to a rehab center.

Tpr. Michael Mayer (Heppner) and Steve Cherry (ODFW biologist) contacted a local Heppner resident who was holding a deer fawn in a makeshift kennel at his residence. The subject found the fawn while he was mushroom hunting and thought its mother abandoned it. He then loaded the fawn in his car and took it home. The subject was cited for **Holding Wildlife in Captivity**. The fawn was released near the spot it was captured.

Suspect Dispatched Domestic Goose

Tpr. Luke Schwartz (St. Helens) responded to a report of a goose that was shot off the deck of a floating home on the Multnomah Channel. Upon arrival, Schwartz learned that the species shot was a domestic goose and the shooter allegedly threatened the moorage owners, even pointing the rifle at one of them. Schwartz requested additional units respond, as the suspect was drunk and still inside his home. Sr. Tpr. Andy Moyer, Sr. Tpr. Jeromy Hasenkamp, and Tpr. Daniel Meyer (Patrol, St. Helens) responded and took the suspect into custody without incident. The suspect stated he shot the goose because he was tired of the droppings on his deck. Witnesses stated that the goose was still alive and the suspect's wife simply swept it into the river. The suspect dispatched the goose, at the request of the moorage owner. The suspect was lodged in the Multnomah County Jail for **Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Menacing, and Animal Abuse**.

Teenage Boys Cited for Waste

Sr. Tpr. Amos Madison (Prineville) received an anonymous call regarding some boys shooting a deer and then killing it with a baseball bat. He learned that five teenage boys, aged 17-18, left Prineville and drove out to the grasslands to engage in a new activity called "Whack-a-Rat." This event involves driving around after dark looking for kangaroo rats that sit in the road when blinded by the headlights, then the people get out of the vehicle and whack them with a bat. While out on this venture, a deer crossed the road in the headlights and stood up on a hillside, illuminated by the headlights. The driver fired a single shot from an old military M-1 carbine rifle, hitting the deer in the back, causing it to drop. The gun jammed and the driver pulled another rifle from a gun rack and fired two more shots to kill the deer. After everyone looked at the doe, they drove off. The shooter was cited for **Taking Deer Closed Season and Waste of Wildlife**.

Abbreviations and Acronyms

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

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Wildlife / Hunting

Criminal Citations Issued and Mounts Seized

Rct. Cliff Barden and Sr. Tpr. Brad Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) investigated a report of two 4 x 4 buck deer shot illegally in the Chetco unit during the 2007 buck deer season. The investigation resulted in 6 criminal citations to 4 individuals ranging from loaning and borrowing game tags to exceeding the bag limit on buck deer. Two sets of antlers were seized in addition to the mounted heads of both 4 x 4 blacktail deer.

Subject Warned for Selling Deer Skulls with Antlers

Sr. Tpr. Doug Shugart (McMinnville) was on patrol and observed a sign that indicated that a subject was selling antlers at a garage sale. Shugart discovered the subject had 12 illegal deer skulls with the antlers attached. The subject was an avid shed antler hunter and had found these skulls, which he described as winter kills, while looking for sheds. The skulls were seized and the subject was warned for having them in possession. Shugart also informed the subject about laws relating to the sale of antlers. [Click for the rules on selling parts.](#)



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Juveniles Cited for Trapping

Sr. Tpr. Tim Gallaher (Pendleton) responded to a complaint in the Hermiston area involving unlawful trapping. He contacted two juvenile males that had unlawfully trapped a red fox and a beaver. Enforcement action was taken for **No Furtakers License, Taking Beaver Closed Season, and Trapping Prohibited Method—Unbranded Traps.**



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Cited for Taking Deer Closed Season and Waste

Tpr. Jason Stone (Roseburg) was contacted by a Douglas County deputy who had observed a small buck deer hanging at a suspect's residence in a small outbuilding. Upon arrival, several residents were contacted. One, who was on probation, stated his friend shot the deer in the yard with a 12-gauge shotgun. As the suspect was not home, Stone contacted him via phone. The suspect said he shot the deer with a .22 rifle after it was hit by a car. Close inspection of the carcass revealed the deer was obviously shot with a 12-gauge and the meat rendered unfit for human consumption. Stone also discovered that the serial number was ground off completely of the .22 rifle allegedly used. Once the suspect returned from a camping trip, Stone contacted him at a residence in Sutherlin. The suspect then changed his story to say he hit the deer with his truck and had lied because he was driving while suspended and thought a .22 sounded more humane than a shotgun for dispatching the deer. In addition, he stated he had planned on eating the meat and was upset that it went bad. He was cited for **Unlawful Take Deer Closed Season, Waste of a Game Mammal, and Possession of a Firearm with Mutilated Serial Numbers.**

Illegally Took Turkey Vulture

Sr. Tpr. Ken Moore (Portland) was dispatched to a report of a subject who killed an unknown bird on the Willamette River near Meldrum Bar in Gladstone. He located a dead turkey vulture on the riverbank. Moore learned that the landowner shot the bird because it would not leave his yard. He was cited for **Illegal Taking of Turkey Vulture.**

Suspects Caught Poaching Deer

Sgt. Dean Perske (Roseburg) followed up with Sutherlin PD regarding a reported ex-con who had poached a deer the week prior. Perske determined the felon had not shot the deer, another subject had. That subject was located, contacted, and eventually admitted to shooting the deer. The first subject had traded and/or given the deer meat to many different people. Several packages of meat were retrieved from numerous residences. Perske cited the first subject for **Aiding in a Game Violation** and the second for **Taking Deer Closed Season.**

Do Not Feed the Bears—Store Food and Feed Inside

A Sandy-area woman received non-life threatening injuries when she encountered a black bear at her home. At about 11:00 p.m., the woman heard noises coming from her back porch. When she opened the door, she discovered a bear feeding on sunflower seeds stored in an aluminum garbage can. The bear swiped at her, injuring her on the arm, foot, and thigh, then ran off. At about 3:00 a.m., the bear returned but was scared off by the woman's husband who then called police. OSP and two Clackamas County SO deputies responded, but could not find the bear. The woman suffered scratches and a puncture wound. She initially treated herself and later sought medical attention at a local hospital. ODFW wildlife biologists are working with OSP and the USDA Wildlife Services to place a trap near the area of Coalman Road, northeast of Hwy 26. Because of the increase in bear and human encounters, do not feed bears or other wildlife. Feeding bears—even unintentionally by leaving garbage bins accessible—habituates them to people and makes them a public safety risk. For tips on how to reduce unintentional bear feeding, visit http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living_with/black_bears.asp.

Wildlife / Hunting

Suspect Cited, Rifle Seized

Sr. Tpr. Joel McNeerney (Hood River) received an anonymous tip of a subject who had cut up a game animal the night before and the meat would be located in the freezer on the back porch at a residence in Hood River. McNeerney and Tpr. Justin Frazier (Hood River) contacted the suspect's residence and obtained consent to search from the suspect's girlfriend, the owner of the home. In the freezer on the back porch, they found one freshly killed, skinned out bear carcass and boned out meat. They contacted the suspect at Kingsley Lake where he was camping with friends. During the interview, they seized the rifle that was used, which was located in his car at his camp. He was cited for **Taking Bear Closed Season**.

Father and Son Unlawfully Took Black Bear

Sgt. Todd Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) and Sr. Tpr. Doug Shugart (McMinnville) responded to a call from a hiker who witnessed a subject illegally kill a black bear. The complainant told the troopers he was 2 ½ miles behind a locked gate near Sand Lake when he heard three shots. He then entered a large clear-cut and saw two subjects with a black bear. Later, the two subjects left the area and were stopped on Hwy 101 by Hoodenpyl and Shugart. The illegal hunters were identified as a local Tillamook resident and his 14-year-old son. After talking with the adult, it was determined that he had illegally killed the bear. Hoodenpyl and Shugart, with the assistance of Tpr. Aaron Dietz (Banks), returned to the clear-cut and salvaged a very large male black bear. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Taking Black Bear**.

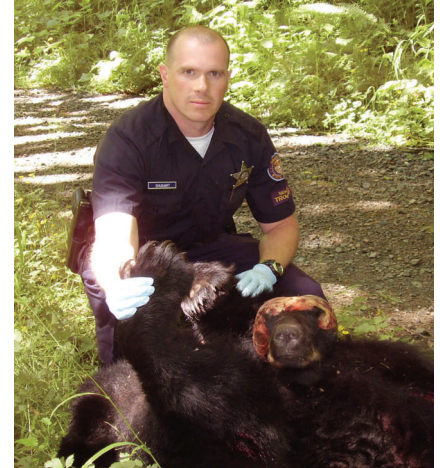


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Bear Shot for Safety Reasons

Tpr. Ryan Kehr (Newport) was checking anglers at Pacific City. Kehr contacted a subject who he had contacted a few weeks ago regarding a situation with a bear that had been shot for safety reasons and then lost in the Neskowin area. The subject stated that the bear was found the next day by a neighbor and retained. ODFW or OSP had not been notified. Kehr followed up and seized a bear head and paws from the freezer of a bait shop. He then contacted the shooter and cited him for **Unlawful Possession of Black Bear**.

Raccoon Unlawfully Trapped

Sr. Tpr. Mike Cushman and Tpr. Jim Collom (Central Point) followed up on a complaint of a subject who had a raccoon in a live trap in Grants Pass. They discovered that the subject trapped a raccoon that was near his house. He called ODFW and was told what to do with the raccoon. He did not have a permit for trapping the raccoon and he did not handle the raccoon in the manner required by ODFW. Instead, he left it in the trap to die. He was cited for **Unlawful Trapping of Wildlife without a Permit**.

—> **Turn in Poachers — Call the T.I.P. Line at 1-800-452-7888** <—

Cow Towed to Shore and Reunited with Herd

Columbia County SO contacted Tpr. Luke Schwartz (St. Helens) and Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria) asking to assist a cow which had fallen off a small embankment into the Multnomah Channel. Upon arrival, the troopers observed the small cow making laps in the river and attempting to climb the embankment. After a fierce and prolonged struggle with the beast, Tim Schwartz was able to get a few lines around the cow's belly, while Luke Schwartz "operated" the patrol boat. The cow was towed to the nearby shore where it was yarded up the beach and reunited with the observing and obviously confused herd.



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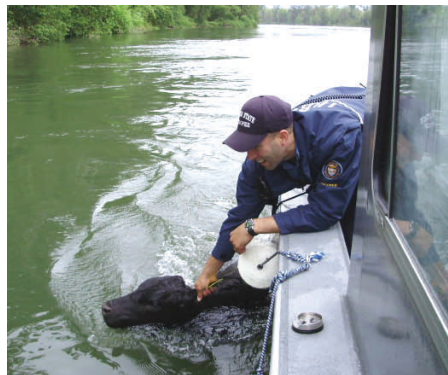


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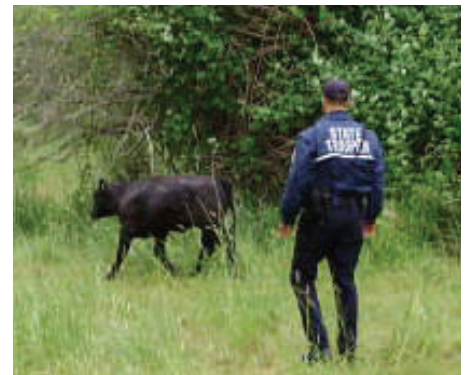


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Fish / Angling

Angler Stashed a Wild Steelhead

Tpr. Mark Schoenborn (Portland) observed an angler on the Clackamas River near Cazadero Dam land with what appeared to be a steelhead. Upon contact, Schoenborn discovered that the angler had not tagged the steelhead that was seen landed and stashed a wild steelhead in the rocks near the location where he was angling. The wild steelhead was recovered and donated to charity. The angler was cited criminally for **Illegal Possession of a Native/Wild Steelhead**.

Double-Check Regulations

Tpr. Ryan Howell and Tpr. Casey Thomas (Tillamook) contacted one adult and two juvenile anglers on Muesial Creek, which is a tributary to the Wilson River. This creek is closed to angling and is a posted salmon spawning ground. During the contact, it was found that nobody had angling licenses and all anglers were using bait, in addition to angling in a closed stream. The adult was cited for **Angling Closed Stream** and warned for No Angling License. The juvenile anglers were warned for the above violations.

Bike Patrol Resulted in Many Citations

While on a five-hour bicycle patrol at Trail Bridge Reservoir, Smith Reservoir, and Carmen Reservoir on the upper McKenzie River, Tpr. Marc Boyd (Springfield) checked about 30 anglers. He issued three citations for **No 2008 Angling License**, one citation for **Angling Prohibited Method**, and two citations for **Unlawful Possession of Falsely Applied for Resident Angling License**. Boyd made a traffic stop with the bike and the subject was cited for **Driving While Suspended** and warned for one boating and two angling violations.

Angler Cited for Using Chum

Tpr. Jim O'Connor (Astoria) contacted several anglers at the John Day boat ramp after they had returned from participating in a sturgeon derby. During conversation with one of the boat operators, a metal can was observed on the floorboard near the stern. The can had several holes punched in it with a long rope attached to the top. The operator admitted to using the device as a "chumming tool" while sturgeon angling near Tongue Point. Inspection of the device revealed that it contained bait fish and a can of cat food with holes punched in the side. The angler was cited for **Angling with the Aid of Chum**.

Numerous Citations Issued on Williamson

Sgt. Randall Hand (Klamath Falls) did a quick check of anglers on the Williamson River. One group of anglers provided information on an ongoing angling violation. Hand responded and located two subjects angling with bait. Both subjects were cited for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**. Hand then went to another known hotspot and found four more subjects. These four subjects were all cited for **No Angling License** and warned for bait violations. Hand relayed the information on the above violations to the mobile strike force. The next day, Tpr. Brent Sitowski (Klamath Falls) and Curtis Weaver (Lakeview) floated the Williamson River in pontoon boats and cited 10 subjects for either **No Angling License** or **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**.



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Several Cited for Snagging

Sgt. Todd Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) responded to Three Rivers near the Cedar Creek Hatchery for a snagging complaint. Upon arrival, Hoodenpyl was able to get into the fish trap, where he observed two subjects as they attempted to snag spring Chinook salmon. Both subjects were cited for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging**.

Tpr. Casey Thomas (Tillamook) contacted an angler who was seated in his vehicle along the Wilson River at mp 28 who was "waiting" to go fishing. Thomas left the area and came back 10 minutes later. Thomas observed the same angler cast a large lead weight tied to the bottom of a large treble hook into the river. After watching the subject cast out his illegal fishing setup trying to snag steelhead, Thomas cited the angler for **Angling Prohibited Method—Snagging**. Last September, this angler was cited for snagging at the same location with a knife fashioned as a spear.

Sr. Tpr. Mike Cushman (Central Point) was watching anglers on the Rogue River below Gold Ray Dam. He saw a man attempting to snag salmon. He contacted the man and found him to be in violation of several rules. The man was cited for **Attempting to Snag Salmon**. He was warned for various other violations including Angling with Prohibited Gear, Angling Prohibited Area, and Possession of Multiple Tags. The week prior, Sr. Tpr. Jeff Thompson (Central Point) cited the same man for **Unlawful Possession of a Chinook Salmon** that had been snagged in the same area.

Sr. Tpr. Jeff Thompson (Central Point) received a report of an individual casting above the deadline at Gold Ray Dam who foul-hooked a salmon and then kept it. The subject was departing the area when Thompson found and stopped him. A fresh Chinook salmon was found in the trunk of the vehicle. The salmon had a fresh hook mark in its back and also a hook sticking out of its mouth. The fish was a wild salmon and only fin-clipped salmon may be retained. So, if you take a foul-hooked, wild fish in a prohibited area, why tag it or even have your angling license and tag with you (which he did not)? The subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession of a Chinook Salmon** and the fish was seized.

Fish / Angling

Angler Had Daughter Shuttle Fish Home

Tpr. Ryan Howell and Tpr. Casey Thomas (Tillamook) responded to a complaint of an angler exceeding the limit of trout on Town Lake. Upon arrival, the angler was gone, but the troopers were able to locate his vehicle in nearby Pacific City. They discovered the angler caught 20 trout. He was having his daughter come to the lake to shuttle the fish home, so he would not be caught with more than five at a time. The subject was cited for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Trout**.

Men Double over Their Limit

Tpr. Jim Collom (Central Point) worked Lost Creek Lake. He watched a boat with five men in it at about 6:30 p.m. They were all fishing and most of them were drinking beer. He chose to come back later in the evening, as they had just started fishing. At about 8:30 p.m., he observed only four men in the boat catching many fish. Just before the boat came to shore, Collom located the fifth man on the bank and asked him how many fish he caught. He said he was not fishing and did not catch any of the fish that were in the boat. Collom told him he had watched him fish. The man said he did not have a license. Collom checked the four men in the boat. They first said each one caught between three to four fish, making their total about 16 fish. Collom counted 33 trout on the stringer. Three of the men then admitted to catching well over their limit. One said he honestly only caught three to four fish. Collom cited three of the men for **Exceeding the Bag Limit—Trout**. The boat operator was not BUII.

Excess Trout Seized and Donated to Charity

Tpr. Heather Van Meter (Newport) observed two anglers at Thissel Pond. She contacted them as they were walking back to their vehicle with gear. Both had angling licenses. Van Meter noticed a stringer of fish on the dock where they had been fishing with what appeared to be more than 10 trout. She counted 22 trout. Van Meter re-contacted both anglers at their vehicle. She learned the fish were the anglers' and the adult had taken the extra 12 trout. The adult angler was aware of the five-trout limit and the signs posted at the lake stating the limit. The adult was cited for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit on Trout**. The extra trout were seized and donated to charity.

Anglers Caught Snagging and Wrestling Salmon

Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria) located three individuals angling on Gnat Creek near the fish hatchery. Schwartz observed two of the individuals attempting to snag a salmon, while the third used rocks and a large stick to keep the Chinook from escaping the snagging hole. After several minutes, one individual was able to snag one Chinook. The other two chased the salmon downstream, eventually jumped on top of the Chinook and wrestled it to the beach. As the salmon was manhandled, Schwartz observed that it had been hooked just forward of the dorsal fin. Two other salmon were also located on the beach near the "anglers." Upon contact, Schwartz determined that three Chinook salmon had been foul-hooked and retained and another salmon, located in one of the subject's vehicle, had not been validated. Three individuals were cited for **Unlawful Retention of a Foul-Hooked Chinook Salmon (crime) and Failure to Immediately Validate**. Three Chinook salmon were seized as evidence.

Subjects Angled above Deadlines

Sr. Tpr. Don Frerichs (Roseburg) worked the Swiftwater Park area on some complaints of subjects angling in the closed area above Rock Creek deadline. He warned two subjects who were angling above the deadline. Frerichs warned a 10-year-old boy who was angling in Rock Creek (a closed stream), which is a critical spawning stream for steelhead and Coho and spring Chinook salmon. The juvenile's mother was warned for aiding in a game violation.



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Anglers Cited for Retention of Fish

Sr. Tpr. Swede Pearson (The Dalles) and Tpr. Justin Frazier (Hood River) worked the Columbia River in the Cascade Locks area in response to widespread reports of numerous violations regarding people taking sockeye salmon with prohibited gear (weight below hook) and retaining foul-hooked salmon and shad. Three anglers were warned for Taking Salmon with Prohibited Gear and four sockeye were seized. One angler was observed to retain two foul-hooked shad and was cited for **Retaining Foul-Hooked Fish**. Numerous anglers had been observed releasing foul-hooked shad all around that angler.

While dealing with the above violations, Frazier received a report by phone from a nearby tribal fishermen about a non-tribal member who was attempting to sell sport-caught sockeye near Cascade Locks. That angler was identified and contacted. He denied retaining any sockeye, but a glance into his trunk revealed one sockeye. A five-gallon bucket of shad was observed in the trunk as well. The angler was asked if there were any additional sockeye in the bucket and he said that there were not. The man was asked to dump the bucket of shad on the ground, and when he did, another sockeye and a Chinook salmon smolt were located. The man did not have a harvest tag. They determined that another subject fishing with him retained the 10" smolt. The first angler was cited for **Unlawful Retention of Sockeye Salmon—No Valid Tag** and the second angler was cited for **Unlawful Retention of Trout**. The fish were also seized. A later examination of the fish revealed that one of the sockeye had been snagged in the belly. Later that day, two other anglers were contacted upriver and one was cited for **Angling Prohibited Method—Two Poles and No Angling License** and the other for **Angling for Sturgeon Prohibited Method—Barbed Hook**.

Fish / Angling

Angler Cited Again, Pole and Tackle Seized

Tpr. James Halsey and Rct. Ron Clement (Albany) observed a subject angling above the deadline on the South Santiam River below Foster Dam. Upon contact, Halsey recognized the subject as a person he cited weeks prior for the same violation. Halsey cited the subject for **Angling Prohibited Area** and seized his fishing pole and tackle.

Angler Cut Line to Disguise Use of Bait

Tpr. Lowell Lea (Florence) stopped by Whitaker Creek along the Siuslaw River on his way to training. He saw two subjects angling with bait. As he drove closer, one subject cut his line. Both anglers had been using worms, eggs, and shrimp. The angler who cut his line did not have a license and did not know it was Free Fishing Weekend. Both individuals were cited for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait**.

Validated Chinook on Wrong Date on Friend's Tag

Tpr. Luke Schwartz and Rct. Jay Vogel (St. Helens) worked anglers along the Columbia River at Prescott Beach. They contacted a subject who caught a Chinook but validated his tag for the wrong date. The subject pointed out that his friend also caught a Chinook, validating his tag for the wrong date. The first subject caught both fish and he had his friend tag one. He was cited for **Borrowing a Harvest Record Card** and **Continuing to Angle after Retaining a Daily Catch Limit of Salmon**. The second subject was cited for **Loaning a Harvest Record Card**.

Infant Was Not Wearing Life Jacket

Sr. Tpr. Doug Shugart (McMinnville) contacted anglers while they fished from a canoe on Barney Reservoir. During his contact, it was found that the anglers were fishing with bait, which is prohibited, and they had a 10-month old baby in the canoe who was not wearing a life jacket. Shugart issued one of the occupants citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Bait** and **Fail to Have Child Wearing PFD**.

Troopers Will Cite if Life Jackets are the Wrong Type and Fit

An **infant** or **child** life jacket should have a crotch strap, an oversized float collar, and a grab loop. USCG does not recommend taking infants under 18 pounds on a recreational boat, unless the newborn can be tested in an infant-sized PFD in a pool first. Officers will cite if children are not properly fitted.

1. **All boats must carry at least one USCG-approved PFD for every person aboard**, in serviceable condition, and they must not have any rips, tears or broken straps. All devices must be kept readily available for use in an emergency situation. PFDs in a storage compartment are not readily available.
2. **Children age 12 and under must wear a USCG-approved life jacket at all times while on open deck or cockpit of vessels that are underway**. Non-swimmers should always wear PFDs. All devices must be of suitable size.
3. **Persons being towed are considered on board** and there must be an approved PFD for each.
4. **Each person on board a personal watercraft must wear a Type I, II or III PFD**.
5. **Inflatable PFDs are not approved for children or high-impact sports such as water skiing or riding personal watercraft**. Comfortable and lightweight inflatable life jackets are more wearable and, therefore, expected to save more lives. Manufacturing standards were recently established for inflatables and USCG has approved several models. Boaters considering the purchase of inflatable life jackets should ensure the device has a USCG approval number on the label and that instructions are complied with. Boaters relying on inflatables that are not approved or are not being utilized in accordance with the label, will be considered in non-compliance.

For the full description of life jacket types and proper fit, please visit <http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/safety/Lifejacket.shtm>.

Subject Claimed Ignorance

Sr. Tpr. Wayne Merritt (Roseburg) observed a subject angling with two poles at a local reservoir. Upon contact, the subject said he “didn’t know” you could not use more than one pole.

Subject Hoped Troopers Wouldn't Notice

Tpr. Ryan Howell and Tpr. Casey Thomas (Tillamook) were watching anglers on the North Jetty of Tillamook Bay. When one angler caught sight of the troopers, he reeled in his line and began walking off of the jetty. Upon contact, he presented his sister's license, hoping that the troopers would not notice that it belonged to a female named Whitney. The angler was cited for **Borrowing Another's Angling License**.

Coho Anglers Cited for Using Barbed Hooks

Sr. Tpr. Scott Salisbury and Tpr. Lowell Lea (Florence) worked Coho salmon anglers in the ocean. They checked about 25 boats with 65 anglers. They had warnings for Barbed Hooks and Fail to Tag and issued two citations for **Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks** and one citation for **Fail to Validate Harvest Card**. They received one small Chinook from the fish checker that an angler thought was a Coho.

Anglers Cited at Gold Ray Dam

Sr. Tpr. Mike Cushman (Central Point) was watching anglers below Gold Ray Dam. He saw a man casting above the deadline attempting to snag salmon. He called Sr. Tpr. Jeff Allison (Central Point) to assist. As Allison was arriving, Cushman sneaked down on the suspect. The suspect had broken off his line before Cushman could get to him. His gear was believed to have been an illegal. He was cited for **Angling Prohibited Area—Above the Deadline**. Cushman found another man at Gold Ray Dam attempting to snag salmon at the deadline. Cushman and other troops have cited this man before during the season. Cushman cited him again for **Angling with Prohibited Gear** (the weight was not 18 inches above his hook).



Example of USCG-approved jackets (Cabela's)

Environment / Habitat

Arrested for Refusing to Pick Up

Tpr. Kristopher Davis and Rct. Ryan Keeler (Coos Bay) contacted a subject at the Empire Lakes area of Coos Bay after Davis observed the individual throw a beer can into the bushes. The subject refused to cooperate and was taken into custody for **Littering within 100 yards of a Waterway**. The subject was lodged in the Coos County Jail.

Man Caught Throwing “Things”

Sgt. Tom Hulett (Springfield) was checking the South Fork of the McKenzie River downstream from Cougar Dam. A man parked a small pickup and camper along the river at a popular angling spot. The man went to the camper and came out carrying “things.” He suddenly started throwing the “things” into the river. He went back to the camper for a second load. Some of the “things” he was throwing ended up on the shore. Closer examination with binoculars showed the “things” to be stuffed animals. Hulett fished the head of one of the stuffed animals out of the river and returned it to the man. The man was apparently upset at his most recent girlfriend and was teaching her a lesson by tearing her stuffed animals apart and throwing them in the river. He cleaned up his mess and was cited for **Depositing Trash in a River**.

Subject Upset at MIP, Littered

While on a boat patrol on the Clackamas River, Sgt. Chris Allori, Tpr. Mark Schoenborn, and Tpr. Mike Buck (Portland) contacted three subjects at Riverside Park. All three people were under 21 years of age and two of them were found to be in possession of a gallon of tequila. The two underage subjects were cited for **Minor in Possession of Alcoholic Beverage**. After the contact, the officers motored upstream but decided to come back downriver after a couple of minutes. They found that the three subjects had left the area, leaving behind 23 pop cans, two empty tequila bottles, and two cardboard pop containers. The three subjects were contacted a short distance downstream and investigation revealed that one of them had thrown all of the garbage down because he was upset about the MIP citation. The subject was subsequently issued a criminal citation for **Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of Water**.

Farmer Ordered to Cease and Desist for Riparian Zone Violation

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) accompanied a DSL representative and ODFW biologist to assess the damage area created by a local farmer at his property, approximately 8 miles west of Astoria on Hwy 202 on the Clatskanie River. The farmer had used large equipment to clear and remove a 90-yard swath of tree stumps and vegetation very close to the stream bank and under the usual high watermark. The week prior, a cease and desist order had been issued to the subject. DSL will refer the case to the Clatsop County Planning Department and advise them of the riparian zone violation.

Subjects Disrespected of Environment

Tpr. Adam Turnbo and Tpr. Richard Young (Salem) contacted a group after they had spent the day on Thomas Creek. During the contact, the troopers noticed that one male subject was holding a beer box with several beers missing. After breaking contact, the troopers went down to the creek and surveyed the area. They located several empty beer cans on the river bank. They re-contacted the subjects up the road and determined that the lot numbers on the cans matched those with the subject. A subject was cited for **Littering within 100 Yards of a Waterway**.

Helpful Outdoor Tips

Tip #4 – Fly Bane. Flies are repelled by stinging nettle plants. Use bunches of freshly cut stems as a repellent in food cupboards. Replace them when they dry out.

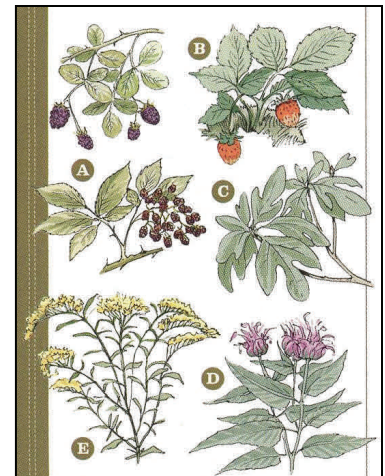
Tip #17 – Leak Repair. A leaky canoe or boat often can be temporarily repaired by applying pine pitch to the hole or leaky seam. Pine pitch, the sticky gum found on pine trees, is extremely durable and waterproof.

Tip #31 – Custom Lures. Have fish hooks and line but no bait? A strip of colored cloth, a feather, an earring, or even a spoon can be rigged on a hook to improvise a workable fishing lure.

Tip #46 – Improvised Hooks. If you find yourself in a desperate situation and are in need of food, you can construct a fish hook using a variety of materials, including needles, safety pins, nails, paper clips, thorns, a bird’s wishbone or claw, or a piece of metal cut from a can. Don’t overlook any possibility.

Tip #65 – Bugs Off. The leaves of black walnut trees contain juglone, which has pesticidal properties. This is why crushed walnut leaves can be used as a natural insect repellent to keep away flies, fleas and bedbugs. The leaves of the elderberry and sweet fern, when rubbed on the skin, also work as a poor man’s insect repellent.

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



20 | Natural Tea

Tea can be made by steeping the leaves or roots of many plants in hot water. Some have medicinal properties, but most are used simply because they taste good.

A. BLACKBERRY AND DEWBERRY: Leaves from the plants of these berries can be steeped to make a very flavorful tea.

B. WILD STRAWBERRY: A tea made from the wild strawberry plant’s leaves is exceptionally high in vitamin C.

C. SASSAFRAS: Tea made by steeping the aromatic roots in hot water has long been used as a spring tonic. One of nature’s most flavorful drinks.

D. BEE BALM, OR OSWEGO TEA: Leaves of this wild mint make a relaxing tea that is supposed to induce sleep.

E. SWEET GOLDENROD: The anise-scented leaves can be used fresh or dried to make a healthful tea.

Dispositions

Subject Received Lifetime Hunting Suspension

A subject that has been arrested numerous times by OSP Fish and Wildlife officers over the past 15 years for various game and poaching violations was the subject of a search warrant in February 2008 at his residence for more poaching incidents. Recently, the subject pled guilty to **Hunting While Suspended** and **Unlawful Take—Bull Elk**.

The suspect received the following sentence:

- Lifetime Hunting Suspension
- Fines and fees \$6,250
- 30 days jail (suspended)
- 36 months probation
- Forfeiture of two rifles
- Forfeiture of all other evidence seized (12 buck deer racks and six bull elk racks) during execution of the search warrant



Photo credit: Pennsylvania Game Commission / Hal Korber

Courts Fined Subject and Suspended License

Tpr. Kristopher Davis (Coos Bay) attended the trial of a subject he cited this year for **Angling while Suspended**. The subject was found guilty, fined \$500, and had six months added to his current angling and hunting license suspension.

Mining Complaint Reduced to Violation

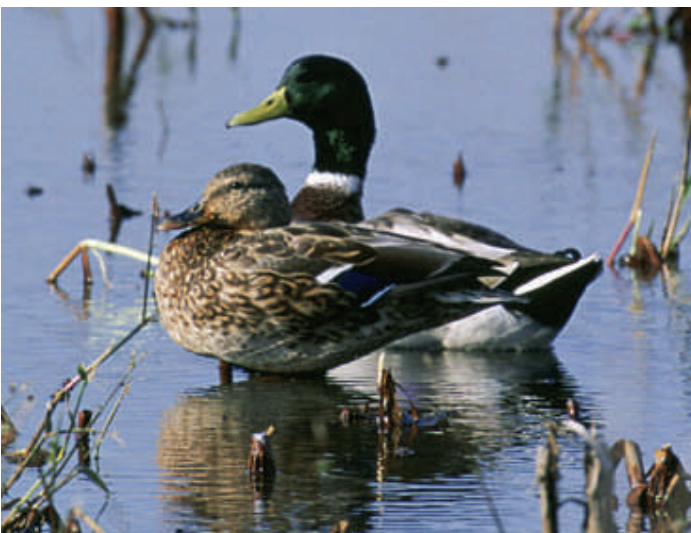
In April 2008, a man was cited by Sgt. Kirk Meyer (Central Point) for **Water Pollution II** when he was found prospecting for gold with a sluice box in Sam's Creek. This is an essential salmonoid spawning stream and the in-stream work period was not until June 15. The charge was reduced to a violation and the man pled guilty, paying a \$100.00 fine.

Guilty of Taking Doe Closed Season

Tpr. Brian Miller (Enterprise) cited a subject for **Taking Doe Deer Closed Season**. He was found guilty and sentenced to \$933 fines and fees, two-year license suspension, two years probation, 40 hours community service, and write a letter of apology to OSP.



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Subject Found Guilty of Taking Ducks Closed Season

A suspect and his father were the focus of an undercover investigation by Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) officers. They had over 500 ducks in their freezer when contacted by IDFG. This subject and his father face a number of pending charges in Idaho. In an undercover capacity, an IDFG officer was witness to two violations that took place in his presence in Oregon. IDFG notified the Ontario office. Sr. Tpr. Bob Wilson (Ontario) cited a subject for **Taking Mallard Drake Closed Season** and **Taking Mallard Hen Closed Season**. The subject was found guilty in the Malheur County Justice Court on the Oregon charges and sentenced to:

- Fines \$598 (\$299 per charge)
- Restitution \$40
- Hunting privileges suspended two years
- Forfeiture of a new shotgun (approximately \$1,000 value)

Photo credit: USFWS

General Law / Other



Trooper on patrol in 1969. Photo credit: File

Driver Noticed Drinking from Metal Flask

While returning from training in Salem, Tpr. Mike Buck and Tpr. Dirk Anderson (Portland) witnessed a driver drinking from a metal flask while traveling down Sunnyside Road near I-205. After stopping the vehicle, the driver provided false information and was detained. The passenger was in possession of driver's ID card. The driver was found to have a felony warrant for Possession of Controlled Substance Schedule I and lodged in the Clackamas County Jail.

Search Warrants Discovered Forgery and Drugs

Sr. Tpr. Chris Ashenfelter and Tpr. Marc Boyd (Springfield) stopped to buy pop at a convenience store in the Cheshire area and wound up working a forgery case involving counterfeit money. The store owner showed them the money and provided the suspect's name. They also had the suspect passing the money on video. Ashenfelter developed enough probable cause to write a search warrant for the suspect's residence. With the assistance of Springfield detectives and patrol troopers and a U.S. Secret Service agent, the warrant was served and several sheets of counterfeit money were found. The first suspect was cited for **Forgery First Degree, Forgery Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, and Criminal Simulation**. The second was lodged on a drug-related warrant. The third was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Marijuana—Less than 1 ounce**.

While conducting checks at Walling Pond, Tpr. Richard Olsen (Salem) contacted two subjects that were in a hurry to leave after seeing him. Both refused to show identification. The two left the parking lot in their vehicle in a big hurry and failed to stop when entering the roadway. When Olsen initiated a traffic stop, the male passenger got out of the moving vehicle and fled on foot. OSP and Salem PD with a K-9 searched with no arrest. The female driver denied a consent search. Tpr. Chambers (Patrol) arrived with K-9 Quincey who alerted on both doors. The vehicle was seized as evidence and a search warrant was written with the help of Det. Terri Davie and Sgt. Dale Young (Patrol, Salem). The search warrant was approved and served, revealing a small amount of methamphetamine, loaded syringes, a meth pipe, and prescriptions. Olsen lodged the female subject in the Marion County Jail for **Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine**.

Drugs Discovered on Angling Patrols

When Tpr. Richard Olsen (Salem) contacted a subject angling at a local pond, the subject said he was just leaving and had left his license at home. The subject provided false information. After the computer returned "unable to locate" multiple times, Olsen detained the man in handcuffs. An Oregon ID card in his back pocket provided correct information revealing an outstanding warrant out of Marion County for Interfering with a Police Investigation, with a bail of \$15,000. The subject was lodged in the Marion County Jail and cited for **Providing False Information to a Police Officer, Unlawful Possession of Marijuana—Less than 1 ounce, and No 2008 Angling License**.

When Tpr. Richard Olsen (Salem) checked on a vehicle at Willamette Mission Park, he noticed the passenger quickly close the glove box and stuff items into his pockets. Olsen cited the person for **Unlawful Possession of Marijuana—Less than 1 ounce**, when a consent search revealed drugs. While conducting angler checks at the park, Olsen contacted a subject whose record revealed a warrant out of Clackamas County for Contempt of Court, with a bail of \$5,000. Olsen seized the marijuana and pipe found in the subject's vehicle. The subject was lodged in the Marion County Jail on the warrant and cited for **Unlawful Possession of Marijuana—Less than 1 ounce**.

Sgt. Randall Hand (Klamath Falls) patrolled the Four Mile Rock Quarry ponds at the request of USFS because locals have a tradition of camping in the area the night before and having large parties. The cool, wet weather kept the revelers in check. One subject was stopped for Careless Driving after he fishtailed down the gravel road in front of Hand's unmarked truck. He was noticeably nervous and the passengers did not make eye contact with Hand. After some sweet talk, the driver gave up the half-gallon of whiskey that was open and hidden. After more sweet talk, the driver gave up the marijuana and pipe in his pockets. The driver passed SFSTs, but was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Marijuana—Less than 1 ounce** and warned for Open Container and Careless Driving.

Minors in Possession

Tpr. Casey Thomas (Tillamook) observed subjects seated along the Wilson River. While looking to see if the group had any angling gear, Thomas noticed a marijuana bong in between two subjects. He learned that a 16-year-old was celebrating his birthday and brought the marijuana. The group stated that the marijuana did belong to them, but they swam the river and found the bong on the other side. The 16-year-old was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Marijuana—Less than 1 ounce**. The bong was seized as found property.

Tpr. Adam Turnbo and Tpr. Richard Young (Salem) were patrolling the Thomas Creek area in Linn County. They observed three subjects swimming at a popular fishing hole. As they approached, they noticed one subject standing in the water drinking beer. When the subject noticed the troopers, he let the beer can go in the water and float downstream. Turnbo instructed the subject to retrieve the can and return to the bank. After investigation and consent searches, the troopers issued citations for **MIP—Alcohol, Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor, Possession of Marijuana—Less than One Ounce, and Depositing Litter within 100 Yards of a Waterway**.

General Law / Other

Tree Fell While Vehicle Negotiating a Curve

Tpr. Kristopher Davis and Rct. Ryan Keeler (Coos Bay) responded to an incident on Hwy 42 where a tree fell onto a vehicle. The tree landed on the top of the windshield near the pillars, collapsing the roof. The driver died at the hospital and the passenger was listed in serious condition. (The press release is at www.oregon.gov/OSP/NEWSRL/news/06_14_2008_fatal_tree_car_hwy42_mp6.shtml).

Troopers Saved Motorcyclist

Sgt. David Pond and Sr. Tpr. James Hayes (Bend) were returning from training in Salem and drove up on a crash near Mill City. Witnesses were standing around a subject who crashed his motorcycle and was launched down an embankment. The subject was not breathing. Hayes opened his airway and provided medical assistance until medics arrived and transported the subject to the hospital.

Livestock Neglected

Sr. Tpr. Phillip Grove and Sr. Tpr. Bob Wilson (Ontario) contacted a ranch on reports of animal neglect. They discovered several dead cows and calves and emaciated and malnourished livestock. They sought the opinion of a veterinarian who confirmed their findings. Family members became involved and removed the remaining cattle to a ranch in Baker County, where the cattle are now on adequate feed and gaining weight. Reports were forwarded to the DA for charges.

Subject Suffered Seizure During Arrest

Tpr. Brian Miller (Enterprise) was checking anglers at the Bob Creek campground near Hells Canyon Dam when he learned a subject had a warrant from Multnomah County. The subject was taken into custody, and before he could be placed into the patrol car, he suffered a seizure. Life Flight transported him to Ontario Hospital. Tpr. Javier Marquez (Patrol, Ontario) resumed custody upon the subject's release.

Subject Attempted to Flee on Foot

Sr. Tpr. Darin Bean (Gilchrist) contacted a subject for Disorderly Conduct that was observed on Hwy 97 near mp 142. The subject gave a false name and ran on foot. Bean used chemical agent on the subject and took him into custody. He learned the subject had a felony warrant out of Deschutes County for Abscond. He lodged the subject on the warrant and charged him with **Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, and Giving False Information.**

Anglers Trespassed Criminally

Turner PD was investigating a call of a suspicious vehicle at one of their city parks. They determined the subjects had been trespassing. The information was forwarded to Tpr. Adam Turnbo (Salem) who discovered the subjects had walked from the city park down some railroad tracks and onto private property to angle in some ponds. He contacted the landowners who requested he cite the subjects for trespassing. One subject had a suspended angling license. Turnbo issued both subjects citations for **Criminal Trespass First Degree and Second Degree** and one subject for **Angling While Suspended.**



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Pit Bull Attacked

Tpr. Curtis Weaver (Lakeview) got bit by pit bull while checking anglers. He sprayed the dog and used his boots to ward him off. The dog and Weaver enjoyed the OC.

Suspects Charged with UUMV

Tpr. Marvin Ritter (John Day) assisted John Day Patrol with a stolen vehicle call. They found the vehicle crashed and abandoned. They located two suspects and lodged both in the Grant County Jail. They charged the driver with **Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Fail to Perform the Duties of Driver—Property Damage, and DWS—Misdemeanor** and the other with **Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and Probation Violation** on an original UUMV charge.

Cited Again for DWS

Sr. Tpr. Mike Cushman (Central Point) was working the Elk Creek area when he saw several vehicles on Elk Creek Road. One driver was the same subject Cushman cited for DWS the week prior. The subject and some of the other drivers must have recognized Cushman because, when he turned around to initiate a stop, the other drivers pulled over to let the subject go by. When Cushman caught up to the vehicle, people were shuffling around to try and convince him that someone else was driving. Cushman cited the subject for **DWS.**

Felons Possessed Weapons

Sr. Tpr. Don Frerichs (Roseburg) stopped a subject for a minor traffic violation. The subject presented an Oregon driver license and stated it was suspended for DUII. While talking with the subject, Frerichs noticed a knife handle sticking out of his pocket. The knife was found to be a dagger. A check revealed that the subject was a convicted felon. The subject was taken into custody and cited for **DWS—Misdemeanor and Felon in Possession of a Restricted Weapon.**

Sr. Tpr. Brad Duncan (Baker City) contacted a man while he was cutting firewood. The man spoke about hunting, the rifles he used, and the tags he intended to buy for the year. A subsequent records check revealed he was a convicted felon. Sr. Tpr. Brad Duncan, Sr. Tpr. Chris Hawkins (Baker City), Sgt. Eric Newman (Ontario), and John Matye (USFS LEO) served a search warrant on the subject's residence for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**, which produced three firearms. Reports were forwarded to the DA for charges.

Commercial / Shellfish



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Skipper Cited for Taking Yelloweye

Tpr. Kristopher Davis (Coos Bay) and Tpr. Lowell Lea (Florence) contacted a commercial fishing vessel as it returned to the Port of Charleston. The vessel had been participating in the commercial halibut opener. A check of the catch revealed several yelloweye rockfish. The



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retention of any yelloweye rockfish is prohibited and the skipper was issued a citation for **Unlawful Taking Commercial Yelloweye Rockfish**. The fish were seized and then sold. The following day, the skipper was warned for Possessing an Undersized Halibut.

Skipper Cited for Exceeding Limit of Rockfish

Sr. Tpr. Greg Torland and Tpr. Heather Van Meter (Newport) were contacted by ODFW fish samplers at the South Beach Marina regarding a boat that had exceeded their limit of rockfish by six. The sampler had taken the extra fish and information on the skipper of the boat. The angler had already left the area and returned home. A report will be forwarded to Portland/Salem troopers to issue a citation for **Exceeding Daily Limit on Rockfish**. The extra rockfish were seized and provided to charity.

One Crew Member Cited, One Lodged in Jail

Tpr. Lowell Lea (Florence) contacted a commercial fishing boat while up on the dock at Winchester Bay. Initially, the skipper was unable to find his crew licenses. Lea obtained names of the crew. A records check revealed one crew member was a Fugitive from Justice out of Idaho for Burglary. The skipper eventually located a license for the wanted crew member. He also located a license for the other member. That subject was cited for **No Individual Commercial License**. The subject wanted out of Idaho was lodged in the Coos County Jail.

Skipper Given Coordinates to Collect Gear

Tpr. Kristopher Davis (Coos Bay) contacted the skipper of a commercial fishing vessel in regards to a case that Sr. Tpr. Richard Lane (Coos Bay) had been investigating. Several complaints had been made about commercial crab gear being left in the ocean and never being fished. A check of the suspect vessel found no commercial crab landings for the season. Lane and Sgt. Isaac Cyr (Coos Bay) checked the area in April and confirmed the gear was in strings and appeared to not have been fished in a long time. The skipper stated he looked for the gear twice, having run part of the gear once, but did not catch any crab. Davis cited the skipper for **Deploying Crab Gear in the Ocean without Making a Landing within 14 Days**. The skipper was given the coordinates for the gear and advised that he could either fish the gear or remove it.

Skipper Unlawfully Took Lingcod

Sr. Tpr. Brad VanProoyen (Coos Bay) contacted a commercial fishing vessel in the Brookings Harbor. During his contact, he discovered the vessel had **Unlawfully Taken Commercial Lingcod**. The skipper was cited for the offense.

Cited for No Commercial Fishing Licenses

Tpr. Larry Bowen, Tpr. Levi Harris (Gold Beach), and Tpr. Lowell Lea (Florence) checked several commercial halibut boats. They issued three citations and two warnings for **No Individual Commercial Fishing License**. One fisherman was arrested on a felony warrant.

Subject Found 140 Over Limit of Shore Crab

Tpr. Ryan Howell and Tpr. Casey Thomas (Tillamook) worked clambers on Tillamook Bay. Three different subjects were contacted without shellfish licenses, who each had 20 clams. All three subjects were cited for **Unlawful Possession of Bay Clams—No License**.



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A fourth subject, who was contacted near the parking lot, stated she had not dug any clams yet as she did not have a shellfish license. With sand on her boots and multiple coolers in her vehicle, the subject offered for the troopers to search her vehicle to prove she did not have any clams. No clams were found, but a bucket containing 150+ shore crabs was located and seized. The subject was cited for **Exceeding the Daily Limit of Shore Crab** and warned for No Shellfish License. There are several species of crab. For information on crabbing—species, regulations, and limits—please visit <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/shellfish/regulations.asp>.

Commercial / Shellfish

Clammers Way over the Limit

Tpr. Ryan Kehr (Newport) worked Siletz Bay. Several warnings were issued for clam-related activities and two subjects were cited for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit on Clams** (34 and 40 clams over).

Man Dug Clams for Another

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) cited a recreational razor clam digger for **Digging Razor Clams for Another**. The man had previously dug his limit of 15 razor clams and was in the process of digging numerous additional clams for his family members.

More than 50 Percent out of Compliance

Sr. Tpr. Doug Shugart (McMinnville), Tpr. Ryan Howell, and Tpr. Casey Thomas (Tillamook) worked clam diggers on Netarts Bay. They contacted 40 clam diggers, with 26 of them not in compliance. They issued 28 warnings for numerous violations and citations for **Fail to Retain Broken Clams**, **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Bay Clams** (x2), and **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Snails**. They seized 36 clams (20 of which were broken) and 90 snails.

Sablefish Overage

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp and Tpr. Jim O'Connor (Astoria) worked local fish plants and docks during the second commercial halibut season. Three vessels were inspected upon delivery. One warning was issued for a 75-pound overage of sablefish. The fish was processed and sold. No halibut violations were encountered.

Clams Released Back into the Bay

Tpr. Levi Harris (Coos Bay) contacted a clam digger at the South Slough of Coos Bay who had 307 cockle clams. The digger was cited for **No Commercial Clam Digger Permit** and warned for **No Bait Dealer's License**. The clams were seized. In this case, the clams were still alive and could survive if returned to the bay. The suspect helped Harris "release" the clams back into the bay. If they would not have been alive or able to survive, they would have been sold to a bait dealer and a check issued to ODFW. The sport regulations allow unbroken butter, cockle, and littleneck clams to be returned (high-graded) because they have a high survival rate if returned. All other clams have to be retained; except commercially, undersized razor clams have to be returned with the hinge oriented towards the ocean. There is also a size limit for gapers on a dive permit.

Too Many Gaper Clams

Tpr. Kristopher Davis and Rct. Cliff Barden (Coos Bay) patrolled clammers on Coos Bay, resulting in two citations for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Gaper Clams**.

Crew Member not Licensed

Sr. Tpr. Carla Urbigkeit and Tpr. Heather VanMeter (Newport) observed an undersized commercial halibut being offloaded from a vessel. They monitored the rest of the offload and it was fine. One crew member was cited for **No Commercial Fishing License**.

Over 500 Shellfish Seized

Tpr. Ryan Howell and Tpr. Casey Thomas (Tillamook) patrolled Tillamook Bay on a low minus tide. They contacted 24 clam diggers, with 14 of them not in compliance. Eight citations and 13 warnings were issued for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit** (x 12), **No Shellfish License** (x 4), **Fail to Retain Broken Clams** and **Unlawful Possession of Female Dungeness Crab**. A total of 187 clams, 98 mussels, 87 crab, and 200+ snails were seized during the patrol.

Rockfish Seized

Tpr. Kristopher Davis (Coos Bay) and Rct. Cliff Barden (Gold Beach) contacted a commercial fishing vessel as it returned to the Port of Brookings. The vessel was found to have made an illegal combined crab and rockfish trip. The rockfish were seized, and the skipper was cited for **Unlawful Taking Commercial Rockfish**.

Skipper Cited for Exceeding Limit

Sr. Tpr. Richard Lane and Sgt. Isaac Cyr (Coos Bay) contacted a halibut vessel as it was preparing to offload in Charleston. Sablefish was also retained on the trip. They monitored the offload and discovered the skipper was 161 pounds over his limit. The skipper was cited for **Exceeding the Weekly Landing Limit of Sablefish**.



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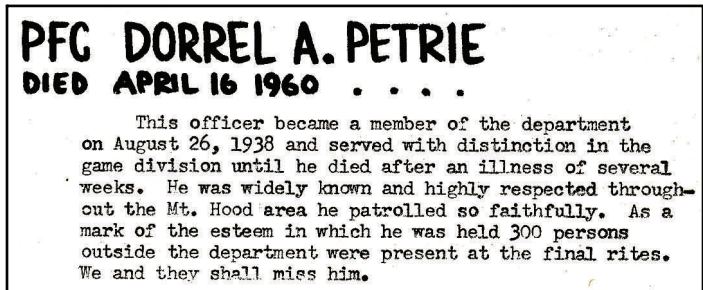
Excerpts from Fish and Wildlife Stories Submitted by a Former Trooper from the 1950-60's

A frequent deer poacher, who lived outside of Estacada, was originally from Arkansas and also a maker of moonshine. He was very friendly and always cooperative whenever we came to his place regarding illegal killing of deer. Liquor Control Officers were never that fortunate. They could not find where he had his still. One time, when I was writing him up for killing a deer, he asked me if I wanted some "white lightning" and, if so, I might sometime look under a wooden orange crate down the road. I did and, sure enough, there was a gallon of moonshine, but I could not prove how it got there. The only problem we had with this person was that a deputy sheriff who worked at the jail came to me and asked that we quit arresting him. I asked why and was told that while sitting in jail, he held classes for the prisoners on how to poach wildlife and make moonshine.

On another occasion, I was riding with Officer Eugene Cofer, my recruit coach, in Multnomah County. We were out late one night working an area for poachers. We were using a Jeep assigned to the office. We pulled into a field and parked towards the back of the area. We were sitting there for quite a while when we saw a vehicle coming towards us. The car pulled directly in front of us with its lights on bright. A person got out of the car and pointed a gun at us and said in a shakey voice, "Don't you move, I am a reserve deputy sheriff. Don't you move." We were in uniform, so we thought we would step out and identify ourselves. The shakey voice again said, "Don't you move or I will shoot. A sheriff's car is coming." We decided it was best not to move. A Multnomah County Sheriff arrived and walked up to us. We identified ourselves and he told the shakey voice to put down his gun. Come to find out, shakey voice was 92 years old and we came away feeling lucky that he hadn't shot us.

One time, I received a radio call to investigate someone dynamiting the Molalla River to catch fish. Officer Dick Coleman assisted. After we had rounded up the violators and put their stuff in the back of our trucks, we proceeded to take them to the Justice of Peace in Molalla. My violator was becoming increasingly agitated. I asked him why and he explained that in the backpack in the bed of Dick's pickup was still dynamite with caps installed. The radios in our patrol vehicles were the Dynamotor type so I couldn't use the radio. I drove as fast as I could to catch Dick and finally got him to stop. He jumped out and asked why. When I explained, we both gave a sigh of relief that neither of us had used our radios.

In 1957-58, our marine equipment was a 14-foot heavy wooden boat with a 5 hp motor. This limited our working the Willamette and Columbia Rivers. A couple of officers had their own boats, which we would also use. One occasion, Officer Tony Krivak and I went in his boat to work the Columbia River below Bonneville Dam. It was a real nice day and Tony decided to water ski as we went upstream, looking at boats and fishermen. At one location, we saw some boats anchored together fishing. I swung in close so we could see how many lines were in the water. We then went on up river, changed clothes, and drifted back down. We boarded them and made several arrests for fishing with more than one line per person. On another occasion, Officer Dorrel Petrie and I drifted the Clackamas River below Rivermill Dam using Petrie's boat. We dropped wooden poles (with large spikes driven into them), attached to thin cables and rock anchors, into deep holes to deter poachers from illegally gillnetting in the river. This proved even more successful in one case where the hole was closed to sport fishing—the pole became like a Christmas tree decorated with bright fishing lures that anglers had used.



"There are so many stories it seems difficult to choose just a few. I considered myself very fortunate to have been a member of and worked with dedicated officers of the Oregon State Police. Throughout my law enforcement career, I always spoke with pride of the Department of State Police and their personnel," said Bill Dickinson, who was assigned to Fish and Game/Commercial Fisheries from 1957 to 1968, before moving on to USFWS Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, which later became NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service.

In Memoriam



William M. Hall entered service on July 1, 1959 for duty in Florence for the game division. On July 1, 1961 he transferred to Prineville, until granted military leave in September 1961. He served in the Armed Forces with honor and distinction and returned to OSP on October 1, 1963, assigned to Corvallis. On May 7, 1967, while on a game patrol near Junction City, he swerved off the highway to avoid striking a small girl on a bicycle, lost control of the vehicle, and was thrown to the pavement. He died four days later. Hall was remembered as having distinction to duty and great courage.

Donald T. Welp entered service on July 1, 1959, after receiving a degree in Fish and Game Management at Oregon State University. He was assigned duty in Baker and transferred to Gold Beach in 1963. Part of his duties included operating boating equipment in order to check anglers. On November 16, 1967, when returning from a boat patrol on the Rogue River with Officer Wayne Krieger, the boat swerved suddenly, throwing both men into the water. Welp drowned. Welp's friends and associates remembered him as having devotion to duty and a friendly manner.



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Loading boat at the conclusion of a game patrol.

Excerpts From the Annual Reports of the 1960's

This past winter there was an unusual amount of snow especially in the western and southeastern part of the state. Big game animals in those areas were found to be in dire need of food. In an attempt to save starving deer and elk, enforcement officers, in cooperation with Game Commission personnel, distributed food pellets to herds of game animals. It is difficult to judge the effect of such a program, however, it is believed that many animals were saved.

Members have taken an active part in assisting youngsters in obtaining the required certification in the safe handling of firearms. Because the law is new, having become effective January 1, 1962, special emphasis has been placed on aiding the young hunters to meet the requirements of the Act. Due to the fact that a large percentage of hunting accidents involves juveniles it is hoped that proper training will help reduce these casualties.

A considerable portion of the enforcement officer's time is employed each year in the patrol of streams, lakes and the off-shore territorial waters of the state. To aid in this work the department purchased the first jet-propelled boat. The speed and maneuverability of this equipment and its ability to operate in shallow water makes it especially suited for our need.



Increasing numbers of coho salmon (silver salmon) migrate upstream and congregate at the racks on the hatchery streams. These fish, in excess of what is needed at the hatchery and for natural spawning on the stream, are transported by the State Game Commission and the State Fish Commission for release in streams in the coastal area where fish runs of that species are low and in some instances are nonexistent. The presence of these fish in the streams requires attention of enforcement personnel.



On January 1, 1968, the use of the Oregon Uniform Game and Commercial Fish Citation and Complaint form became effective. It has been well accepted by enforcement members as it eliminates the necessity of obtaining a formal complaint from the District Attorney. There would also be a reduction of the work of that official. The explanation on the reverse side of the summons is an aid to the defendant in disposing of the case for in many instances he may reside several hundred miles from where the citation was issued, and he may choose to dispose of the case by mail or telephone.

No weather condition, however, made the impact on hunting as did the hurricane storm that struck the state on October 12, 1962. Extensive damage was done to property and forests particularly west of the Cascade Range. Roads in the timbered area were closed by down trees and practically eliminated deer hunting the remaining nine days of the regular season. The bird seasons which opened on the following day were likewise affected. Each year a large number of hunters from the populated centers in the Western part of the state travel to the northeastern counties for the good pheasant shooting.

The development of boating equipment capable of navigating almost any type of water has opened up streams that were previously considered too treacherous to navigate by most fishermen. The rising popularity of the snowmobile has opened up a new avenue of enforcement. Harassment of game animals by snowmobile operators prompted the state legislature to enact a law declaring it a violation for the operator of such equipment to harass, chase or annoy any game animals or birds or domestic animals. The trail bike has made it possible for more persons to reach remote areas. Pack horses and helicopters have made wilderness areas accessible to the hunter and angler.



The steady increase in the population growth of the state of Oregon is reflected in the annual sales of hunting-angling licenses by the State Game Commission. The increase in hunters and anglers coupled with additional man made fishing impoundment and added roads into the remote areas of the state tends to add to the enforcement work load. The increase in personnel over the past several years has only caused the ratio of license holders per officer to remain relatively static.

Game and commercial fish enforcement continues to be a challenge to members as the work load becomes greater with the steady increase in the number of hunters and anglers. Enforcement in connection with the increased take of salmon in the coastal waters and in the bays of the coastal streams continues to demand the attention of personnel during the summer months. Dory type boats are provided for patrol purposes in those areas.

Interagency Cooperation

Trooper Recognized for Outstanding Service



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Tpr. Travis Ring (Arlington) and Marine Deputy Cliff Jett (Sherman County SO) responded to a report of a windsurfer that was exhausted and stuck on a sandbar on the Columbia River near Rufus. Water conditions were extremely hazardous, including 50 to 60 mph winds, but both officers attempted to respond with the SO boat to assist the windsurfer. Prior to their arrival, the subject quit breathing and his friends attempted CPR to revive him. The subject was deceased by the time they arrived. The subject had a heart attack. Despite hazardous weather, they were able to recover the body and the two subjects that had been with him.

Ring received a plaque from the Sherman County SO for assisting in the recovery. The plaque read, "On May 7, 2008 under extremely hazardous conditions, and with winds from 50-60 MPH, you performed an outstanding service, without regard to personal safety, to the citizens of Sherman County by initiating a water rescue of a windsurfer in distress. You are commended for your outstanding service."

Joint Patrols, Assistance, and Investigations

Sr. Tpr. Chris Ashenfelter (Springfield) assisted the BLM with a marijuana eradication west of Junction City. Approximately 3,000 small plants were uprooted. No arrests were made.

Tpr. Aaron Baimbridge (Roseburg) did a boat patrol along with sheriff's office marine deputies at Diamond Lake. They checked 65 anglers, resulting in three citations for **No Angling License** and several warnings for minor boat equipment violations.

Sr. Tpr. Mike Cushman (Central Point) obtained a search warrant for a Grants Pass home regarding some hunting crimes that occurred over the last several years in Montana. Game wardens from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (MFWP) served the search warrant along with Lt. David Gifford, Sr. Tpr. Mike Cushman, and Tpr. Jim Collom (Central Point). Several deer and elk antlers were seized, along with other evidence supporting charges that will be filed in Montana.

Tpr. Luke Schwartz and Rct. John Vogel (St. Helens) were conducting a boat patrol on the Columbia River and Multnomah Channel, when they were requested to respond to a local moorage to assist Columbia County SO with a report of an assault with a firearm involved. A couple was inside their floating home watching television when a neighbor's dog ran into their house and attacked their cat. They were able to get the dog back outside. The homeowner retrieved a pistol to shoot the dog if it came back inside their house. The dog's owner arrived and confronted the homeowner, who was still holding the pistol. The dog's owner took his dog and went home and told his older brother and friends. The older brother and friends returned and confronted a floating homeowner who they thought was the one who had the pistol. They were wrong and ended up assaulting a different homeowner. Three men were arrested on assault charges by the Columbia County SO.

Sr. Tpr. Ken Moore (Portland), with the assistance of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office Dive Team, recovered a stolen 2006 Mazda 3 dumped in the Clackamas River at McIver State Park.

Tpr. Brian Miller (Enterprise) conducted a two-day drift boat patrol with BLM on the Grande Ronde River resulting in the following: 166 total contacts, six angler checks, 67 boat checks, one angling warning, four river permit warnings, and four river permit citations.

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) used the Zodiac Hurricane to conduct an ocean patrol with a WDFW officer and a USCG boarding officer from Cape Disappointment. They checked five boats and issued three citations for **Angling Prohibited Method—Barbed Hooks** and one citation for **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Rockfish**, seized three black rockfish. They issued several warnings for Angling with Barbed Hooks, Failure to Immediately Validate Angling Harvest Card, and two warnings for Expired Flares.

Tpr. Levi Harris (Coos Bay) assisted SA Bauer with several follow-up investigations. Subjects were contacted regarding overages, Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) incursions, Harassing a Seal Pup, Shooting a Sea Lion, and Attempting to Sell Walrus Tusks. SA Bauer seized a set of walrus tusks that were offered for sale in North Bend and will refer some of the charges to the federal attorney. The officers also called an ambulance for a man having difficulty breathing unrelated to their investigations.

Tpr. Michael Mayer (Heppner) participated in a joint enforcement effort with Officer Jon Horn (WDFW) on the Columbia River near Umatilla. They received a report of a gill net in the Columbia River near the McNary Dam after the close of the commercial season at 6:00 p.m. At approximately 9:00 p.m., two tribal members and one non-tribal member were observed retrieving the net from the water by Mayer and Horn. They contacted the three subjects after they returned to the boat launch. Both tribal members were cited for **Commercial Fishing Closed Season**. A Chinook salmon was seized. The non-tribal member, who is also the harbormaster at the Umatilla Marina, thought he was being a Good Samaritan by helping the tribal members pull their net from the water. He was warned and educated on the matter. One of the tribal members was also found to have a valid Umatilla County Warrant for **Criminal Mischief Second Degree**. He was lodged in the Umatilla County jail.

Interagency Cooperation / Public Relations

Troopers Escorted War Ships to Portland from Astoria, Assisted with Rescue of Coast Guard Crew

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Portland) and a volunteer used the 24' Hurricane Zodiac to assist with the escorting of various war ships up the Columbia River from Astoria to Rainier. The ships were all en route to Portland for the Rose Festival.

Tpr. Luke Schwartz (St. Helens) and Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria) picked up the escort and assisted the Multnomah County SO with the escort on to Portland. Just west of the Longview Bridge, the troopers encountered a disabled USCG Auxiliary 28 foot fiberglass boat which had struck a submerged wing-dike. The vessel was taking on water while stuck on the pilings. USCG Station Cape Disappointment was notified and the craft was eventually removed from the pilings at high tide 6 hours later with the assistance of two tug boats. Klepp assisted with the boat, while Tim and Luke Schwartz assisted by transporting several USCG personnel upon the disabled boat to the nearest launch.

Sr. Tpr. Ken Moore, Tpr. Mark Schoenborn, Tpr. Mike Buck, and Tpr. Dirk Anderson (Portland) also assisted with fleet protection of the military vessels on the Willamette River in Portland.



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Classes, Presentations, and Tournaments



OSP vehicles and OSP airplane on display at Klamath Falls air show. Photo credit: File

Sr. Tpr. Jeff Thompson (Central Point) spoke at the June OHA meeting. About 30-40 members attended.

Tpr. James Halsey (Albany) assisted with the fishing derby at Foster Reservoir. There were no violations.

Troopers Thomas and Howell spoke to a group of students who were taking hunter's education in Tillamook County.

Sr. Tpr. Mike Hanson (Portland) gave a public presentation at a hunter safety class at the American Legion Hall in Portland to 35 people.

Tpr. Ryan Kehr (Newport) participated in the Salmon River Hatchery Free Fishing Weekend event. Over 100 kids participated.

Tpr. Curtis Weaver (Lakeview) participated in a kids' day at Upper Cottonwood Reservoir. He gave a presentation on boating safety.

Sgt. Chris Allori and Tpr. Mark Schoenborn (Portland) gave a public talk to a Portland Chapter of the OHA. About 35-40 people attended.

Sr. Tpr. Jeff Thompson (Central Point) attended a meeting with many other resource agencies, including DSL, DEQ, Jackson and Josephine County Code enforcement, and others—about 25 people in all. Oregon Plan issues were the topic of discussion.

Sr. Tpr. Doug Canfield, Sr. Tpr. Carla Urbigkeit, and Tpr. Heather Van Meter (Newport), along with fish and wildlife volunteers, participated in the Big Creek Reservoir Free Fishing Weekend event, hosted by the Northwest Steelheaders. Over 150 kids participated.

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