



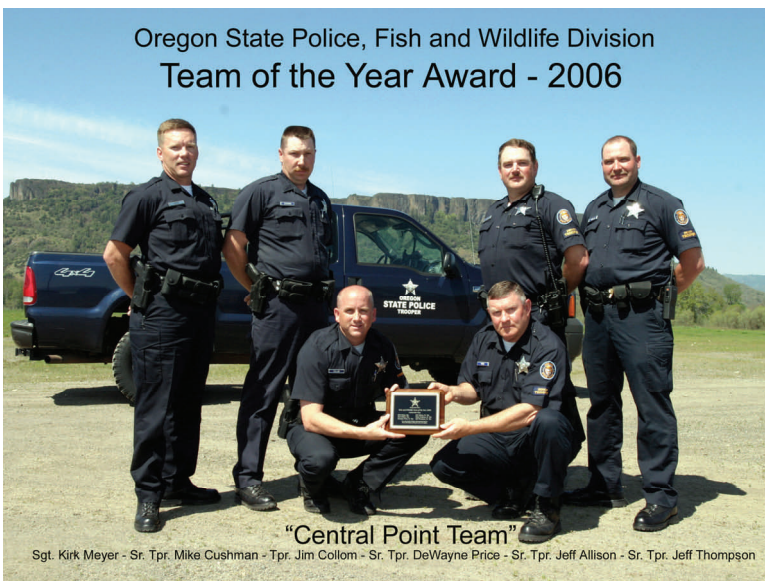
Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division

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We are the keepers of Oregon's fish & wildlife.

April 2007 Newsletter

"Team of the Year Award" – 2006 Goes To...



Oregon State Police, Fish and Wildlife Division
Team of the Year Award - 2006

"Central Point Team"

Sgt. Kirk Meyer - Sr. Tpr. Mike Cushman - Tpr. Jim Collom - Sr. Tpr. DeWayne Price - Sr. Tpr. Jeff Allison - Sr. Tpr. Jeff Thompson

Senior Trooper Jeff Allison, and Trooper Jim Collom. This experienced group has 98 years of total law enforcement service.

During 2006, the OSP Central Point Fish & Wildlife Division team investigated 370 complaints, issued over 450 violation citations, and checked more than 3200 hunters and anglers in the

being lodged on several felony and misdemeanor charges.

- Camping out in remote areas to work High Cascade buck deer season and road closures, and interagency assistance during the Diamond Lake Restoration Project and Kim family search effort.

Criteria for the award included professionalism, dedication to citizens and natural resources of our State, and team work ethic. Nominations received from the three OSP region lieutenants were reviewed to choose the team award winner.

The primary responsibility of the Fish & Wildlife Division is enforcement of fish, wildlife, and commercial fishing laws and protection of natural resources. The members of the Fish and Wildlife Division also enforce traffic, criminal, boating, livestock and environmental protection laws in addition to responding to emergency situations.

Fish and wildlife enforcement troopers from the Oregon State Police (OSP) Central Point Area Command office were recipients of the first presentation of the division's **"Team of the Year"** award for 2006. Captain Walt Markee, OSP Fish & Wildlife Division Director, made the surprise presentation Friday, April 6th, at the OSP Central Point office.

"The OSP Fish & Wildlife Division has implemented a new program celebrating and recognizing the outstanding team work by our troopers in protecting Oregon's natural resources," said Captain Markee. "We recently recognized one of our troopers with the presentation of the "Trooper of the Year" award for 2006, but just as important is the team work done by our troopers at our individual offices in conducting fish and wildlife enforcement efforts."

The OSP Fish & Wildlife Division personnel at the Central Point office are supervised by Sergeant Kirk Meyer. Team members are Senior Trooper DeWayne Price, Senior Trooper Jeff Thompson, Senior Trooper Mike Cushman,

field. Highlights of some of the cases developed by these troopers include:

- A deer poaching ring investigation in the Eagle Point area that was broken up following a two month long investigation into trophy deer being illegally spotlighted and killed in the Rogue Valley. An investigation described by one of the troopers as "the grossest, most disgusting type of poaching I've ever seen," led to a total of 130 charges, including 23 felonies, brought to the Jackson County District Attorney's Office against 8 suspects.
- An investigation into the killing of four beef cows east of Medford that resulted in the conviction of a Medford man on two felony charges.
- Assisting Washington Fish & Game officers with an investigation of a Medford-area man found elk hunting in Washington. Many antlers from poached deer and a set of elk antlers were seized.
- A deer poaching investigation led to the recovery of 9 sets of poached deer antlers and some methamphetamine that led to the suspect

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Reward



Senior Trooper Hawkins (Baker City) received a report that two plastic garbage bags were dumped off of Grey Eagle Mine Road near Baker City. The report indicated that the bags contained what appeared to be turkeys. That same day Tpr. Hawkins went to the location described and located the garbage bags. Inside the garbage bags he found two hen turkeys and one tom turkey. All three had been shot with a shotgun and only the breast meat was taken from the carcasses. A \$400 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspects. The reward is being offered by the Turkey Federation and the Oregon Hunter's Association TIP Program.

The Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division in Baker City is seeking your assistance in locating the person or persons responsible for the unlawful take and waste of turkeys.

On Thursday, April 19 Fish & Wildlife Division Senior Trooper Chris Hawkins responded to a report that two plastic garbage bags containing turkeys were dumped off of Grey Eagle Mine Road near Baker City. Senior Trooper Hawkins went to the location and located the garbage bags and inside was two hen turkeys and one tom turkey. All three had been shot and only the breast meat was taken from the carcasses. The season bag limit for spring turkey is two male turkeys or turkeys with a visible beard. It is also unlawful to waste any edible portion of a game bird.

The Oregon State Police is requesting public assistance in identifying the person(s) responsible, and a \$400.00 reward is being offered for information leading to their arrest and conviction. The reward is being funded by the Turkey Federation and the Oregon Hunter's Association Turn In Poachers Program. If anyone has any information regarding this case, please contact Senior Trooper Hawkins at the Oregon State Police Office in Baker City at 541-523-5867, or the TIP line at 1-800-452-7888. Callers may remain anonymous.

The Oregon State Police would also like to remind all turkey hunters who will be hunting for a second turkey to purchase a second general spring turkey tag if you wish to hunt in eastern Oregon. The **BONUS** turkey tag is only good in Douglas, Coos, Curry, Josephine, Jackson, Lane, Linn, Benton, Polk, and Marion counties.



Wildlife/Hunting

Florida Suspect Cited

Senior Trooper Grove and Trooper Wilson (both Ontario) completed a 2006 mule deer case involving a suspect from Florida who had a Malheur River Unit buck tag. The investigation revealed the suspect shot and killed a 4X4 buck in the Whitehorse Unit on the Oregon Canyon Ranch. The suspect was cited for **No Valid Buck Tag, Unlawful Possession of Mule Deer** and **No Written Record of Transfer**, and he left the meat with employee's of the ranch.

Suspect Tags Bobcat after Deadline

Trooper Maher (Springfield) followed up on a report from ODFW regarding an individual that had brought in a bobcat for tagging after the deadline, which was March 7th. The cat was brought in on March 25th. The suspect had forgotten to check in the bobcat until he received a reminder furtaker harvest report form. The individual was cited for **Unlawful Possession of a Bobcat without Required Ownership Tag**. The bobcat was seized as evidence.

Man Mistakes Dog for Coyote

Trooper Brooks (Salem) investigated a call of a man's dog that had been shot in the head while on Minto Rd. (east of Detroit) on USFS land. The victim was cutting wood when the suspect, who was hunting bear, shot the victim's dog in the head. The dog was a 2 year old Alaskan Malamute with a bright white mask and a collar. The shooter was cited for **Hunting from a Roadway** and **Animal Abuse I**. The shooter thought he was shooting a coyote, but discovered his error once he got to the dog. The rifle was seized.

Winged Turkey-Suspects Cited

Senior Trooper Gorman (Roseburg) contacted two suspects who were by a vehicle cleaning a turkey. The suspect who had shot the turkey had not validated his tag. Sr. Trp. Gorman noticed another set of wings over in the brush and asked if they had shot a second turkey. Both said no, only the one. Sr. Trp. Gorman then located a second cleaned turkey hidden under the suspect's vehicle. The suspect who had shot the first turkey then said that he had "winged" the second one while shooting at the first one, so he killed it too not wanting it to go to waste. The suspect was cited for **Exceeding Bag Limit** and warned for fail to validate. The other suspect was cited for **Aiding in a Game Violation**.

Man Turns Himself In

Two Ontario men mistakenly thought that turkey season opened on Saturday, and one suspect shot a tom that morning. The men proceeded to go around the local area bragging about their success. After the shooter determined his error, he turned himself in. He was issued a citation by Trooper Wilson (Ontario) for **Taking Turkey - Closed Season**, and the skinned turkey was seized along with the tail and beard. His hunting companion was warned for **Hunting Turkey Closed Season**.

Bald Eagle and Seagull Down

Senior Trooper Canfield and Trooper Kehr (both Newport) responded to a Bald Eagle complaint. According to witnesses, a Bald Eagle had snatched a seagull and was attempting to regain altitude when the eagle collided with some power lines. Both the eagle and the seagull succumbed to their injuries. The eagle was transferred to ODFW, where it will be given to the USFWS.

Trespass Complaint—Illegal Turkey Hunting

Senior Trooper Cushman received a trespass complaint from the Weimer area. A landowner reported that a vehicle stopped and shot a turkey on his property and then fled the area in a vehicle. Sr. Trp. Cushman located the vehicle in the Rogue River area, with a man and a 12 year old boy in it, and had a turkey in the back. The man shot the turkey and sent the boy to run and get it while he stayed in the get away vehicle. The turkey was seized and the man was cited for **Hunting on Enclosed Land of Another**.

Deer Poaching Case

Senior Trooper Allison (Central Point) had been investigating a deer poaching case from November. He had received a photograph of a suspect shaking hands with another suspect at the back of a truck that had four bucks in it. The photograph had been displayed at a small country store in the Applegate Unit. Later that week, Sr. Tpr. Allison finally located the suspect when he stopped him for speeding on Applegate Road. Sr. Tpr. Allison questioned the suspect about the deer and he admitted to killing two of them. The other guy in the photograph killed the other two bucks. Sr. Tpr. Thompson arrived to assist, and after talking to the second suspect, they learned that both suspects had each given their second deer to a third suspect. That man was contacted and he admitted to receiving the meat, but he did not have any left. The deer heads were found hanging in a tree at the first suspect's residence. Sr. Tpr. Allison seized 3 of the 4 deer racks, two rifles, and some deer tags. Some additional follow up will be done by Sr. Tpr. Allison and then he will be issuing several citations to the suspects for various charges including, **Fail to Validate a Deer Tag, Exceeding the Bag Limit - Deer, Aiding in a Fish and Wildlife Offense**, and others.

Suspect Cited for Harassing Seal

Trooper Harris (Coos Bay) responded to a citizen complaint of a suspect carrying a newborn Harbor Seal by its tail. The suspect was contacted and cited for **Harassing Wildlife**.



OSP F&W Trooper with seized Deer Heads

Wildlife/Hunting

Suspect Applies for Licenses in More than One State

Senior Trooper Thompson (Central Point) received information of a suspect in Vancouver, Washington that has been purchasing resident licenses and big game tags in both Washington and Oregon for the last couple years. His Oregon hunting license had previously been revoked from 2003 to 2005 for taking a bull elk out of season in Oregon near the California border. During the revocation, the suspect moved to Vancouver, Washington. Two weeks after the Oregon hunting license revocation ended, the suspect illegally purchased a 2005 resident hunting license along with deer, elk and bear tags. In 2006, the suspect purchased a one-day angling license using his Vancouver, Washington address. A week later he purchased an Oregon Resident hunting license along with deer, elk, bear, and turkey tags. Sr. Tpr. Thompson drove to Vancouver, Washington and met with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife wardens. They contacted the suspect at his Vancouver, Washington home where they seized two sets of Oregon deer antlers. The suspect was served two citations for **False Application for a Resident Hunting License**. The case is still being investigated and additional charges are pending.

Sea Lion Shot by Angler

Sergeant Allori (Portland) and Recruit Witka (Patrol-Portland) responded to a report of a California sea lion that was shot by an angler near Coon Island (Sauvie Island). Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Columbia County Sheriff's Office and an agent from the National Marine Fisheries Service responded to the scene. The suspect and his friend had fled the area, but were later contacted on the Multnomah Channel. The suspect was interviewed by Sergeant Allori and Special Agent Mitch Fong. Investigation revealed the suspect had shot the sea lion twice. The rifle, magazine and ammunition were all seized. Special Agent Fong will present the case to a U.S. District Attorney for prosecution consideration under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Dogs Running Wild

Trooper Halsey contacted a suspect at his residence near Scio about a dog hunting complaint that occurred near Mary's Peak on April 22. Investigation revealed the suspect was "roading" his dogs so they could get exercise. One dog that was found by someone else got away from him and was gone for about an hour. The investigation also revealed the suspect was not concerned about what his dogs tracked. Trooper Halsey cited the suspect for **Allowing Dogs to Run in Gamebird Nesting Habitat During April, May, June or July**.

Hunter Cited for Allowing Dogs Running at Large

Trooper Harris (Coos Bay) observed a suspect in chest waders accompanied by two dogs wading through a marsh on the North Spit of Coos Bay. The suspect and his dogs were causing ducks to flush. The marsh had several species of nesting waterfowl present and goose nesting boxes in the area. The suspect had a spotting scope and related that he was bird watching. Tpr. Harris cited the suspect for **Allowing Dogs to Run at Large in Game Bird Nesting Habitat**.

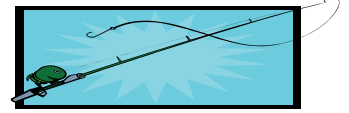
Landowner Turns in Suspects

Sergeant Newman (Ontario) received a report from a landowner of suspects hunting turkeys after hours on a Snake River island. Sgt. Newman contacted Trooper Walker (PSD-Ontario) who was on duty in Malheur County and requested he check the boat ramps near the island. Tpr. Walker checked the Starr Island boat ramp just in time to watch a boat motor by. Tpr. Walker made contact with two suspects in the boat, one of whom is a known wildlife violator from Idaho with his hunting privileges suspended through 2014. Sgt. Newman and Tpr. Marquez (PSD-Ontario) arrived to assist. As a result of the contact, Tpr. Walker cited one suspect for **Minor in Possession of Alcohol, an Outstanding Warrant (Cite & Release) for NSF Check, and Hunting Turkey Prohibited Hours**. A second suspect was arrested for **Boating under the Influence of Intoxicants, and cited for Unsafe Boat Operation and Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor**. Sgt. Newman went to the island early the following morning and located two dead hen turkeys that had been shot in the head. The turkeys were turned over to Tpr. Wilson for follow-up, and additional charges are pending for **Taking Hen Turkey Closed Season x2 and Waste of Wildlife x2**.



1978 Larry Wright on Horse Patrol N. Fork Walla Walla River. Photo by Lt. Nelson, Ret.

Angling



Suspect Tries to Play Dumb with Trooper

While attempting to locate one particular bear hunter Trooper Stone (Coos Bay), observed a suspect that he had warned for **Angling Trout Closed Season** the day before while fishing with a friend on Smith River near Vincent Creek. Upon contact, the suspect admitted to hiding the poles in the brush and stated "he hoped it would be a different officer so he could play dumb again." Both suspects were cited for **Angling Trout Closed Season**.

Suspects Caught Snagging Salmon

The Central Point Office received a complaint that three men in a gold Toyota pickup had been snagging fish in the Rogue River above the deadline below Gold Ray Dam, but they were gone before a trooper could locate them. The next day, Sr. Tpr. Price (SW Region) located the vehicle below the dam and he began watching them. They were again above the deadline. One man was angling and two others were walking the bank and spotting fish below the dam. When they spotted some fish they pointed them out to the man who was angling. He quickly changed his gear from normal salmon/steelhead angling gear to an illegal weighted treble hook that was fashioned for snagging fish. He began casting above the deadline and whipping his rod to jerk the treble hook through the water in an attempt to snag fish. Sr. Tpr. Thompson (Central Point), arrived to assist, both Sr. Tprs. contacted the three suspects. The man with the fishing rod said he was trying to snag salmon. He was cited for **Attempting to Snag Salmon** and for **Angling Prohibited Area**. The other two men were warned for aiding the first man in attempting to snag.

Angling for Salmon Smolt Illegal

Senior Trooper Gallaher (Pendleton) contacted a suspect angling at the entrance to the fish ladder on the Walla Walla River in Milton-Freewater. The suspect was using trout gear and catching salmon smolt on every cast. He noticed several dead smolt lying on the rocks near the suspects feet. Upon contact, the suspect started throwing the dead smolt back into the river. Sr. Tpr. Gallaher seized 15 dead salmon smolt, ranging in size from 4 1/2 inches to 6 inches. The suspect was cited for **Angling Closed Season - Trout, Angling Prohibited Area (Fish Ladder)** and **Waste of Game Fish**. This suspect has been caught in the past committing similar violations at the same location.

Trooper Flying over Area Helps Trooper on Ground Catch Suspect

Senior Trooper Chandler (La Grande) cited one suspect for **Angling Closed Season** after he was contacted returning from the Powder River below Thief Valley Reservoir. He was observed angling by Senior Trooper West while flying over the area, and he relayed the information to Sr. Tpr. Chandler. Sr. Tpr. Chandler also cited a second suspect for **No Angling License** at Thief Valley Reservoir.

Cited for Mutilated Sturgeon

Sergeant Scroup (Astoria), Sr. Trooper May and Trooper Schwartz (both St. Helens) conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River from Ranier to St. Helens. Two suspects were contacted in a boat off Goble with fresh sturgeon fillets in a bucket. Neither suspect had a valid angling license or harvest card. One suspect was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Mutilated Sturgeon** and **No Valid Angling License**. The other suspect was cited for **No Valid Angling License**.

Boat Patrol Ends Voyage for Anglers

Senior Trooper Edwards and Sergeant Allori (both Portland) conducted a boat patrol on the Willamette River in the Portland area. During the patrol Sr. Tpr. Edwards and Sgt. Allori issued citations for **No Angling License x2, No Combined Angling Harvest Tag x1**, warnings for: **No Life Jacket x1** (voyage terminated), **No Combined Angling Harvest Tag x2**, and **Angling with Two Rods x1**.

Little Brother Shows off Catch - Oops!

Sergeant Hand (Klamath Falls) responded to an angling complaint near the town of Chiloquin. Sgt. Hand was unable to locate the angler and began asking locals about the incident. It was learned that a local juvenile had been attempting to snag fish in the Sprague River just below the Chiloquin Dam. Sgt. Hand went to the juvenile's residence and learned he was not at home. His mother advised that he had been fishing earlier in the day but did not know where he was at that time. An eager younger brother excitedly wanted to show off the fish his brother had caught and displayed a large Lost River Sucker. The Lost River Sucker is listed as a Threatened and Endangered species. Sgt. Hand seized the fish and later issued a citation to the juvenile for **Unlawful Taking of a Protected Species**.

Suspects Caught Angling for Endangered Species

Trooper Brooks (Salem) noticed two men angling at the deadline in Mill City, under the foot bridge on the North Santiam River. Tpr. Brooks saw one of the men cast well above the deadline. Tpr. Brooks watched from about 200 yards away, high above the suspects while Tpr. Goffrier observed from the other side of the river within about 40 feet. Tpr. Brooks was able to see the actions of the suspects while Tpr. Goffrier was able to get a bird's eye view of where each of the casts was entering the stream. The troopers watched nearly 30 illegal casts between the two suspects and watching both of the men smoking marijuana from a glass pipe. The troopers contacted the two men who were subsequently cited for **Angling Prohibited Area** and **Unlawful Possession of Marijuana - Less Than 1oz**. One of the two men was also cited for **Unlawful Taking of Trout** when a consent search of the suspect's cooler revealed eight steelhead smolts (suspected to be Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed winter steelhead smolts) along with two buds of marijuana. The Marion County CEP and North Santiam Action Plan stress the enforcement of this closure regulation to protect the ESA listed winter steelhead that are presently in the stream.

Illegal to Fillet Salmon Onboard Boat

An ODFW fish checker working the Westport ramp contacted a couple of men that acted suspiciously as they came into the boat ramp. The checker ultimately contacted the suspects and found that they had a filleted salmon onboard. A guide contacted the checker and said he'd had the men on his guide boat the day before and he felt they knew this was illegal. Sr. Trooper Klepp (Astoria) contacted the suspects on the following day and interviewed the suspect that caught and filleted the salmon. The suspect was cited for **Illegal Possession of Salmon Fillets**.

Boat Patrol Yields 15 Citations

Senior Trooper Edwards (Portland) and Recruit Witka conducted a boat patrol on the Willamette and Columbia Rivers. During these boat patrols they issued fifteen citations: **Angling for Salmon Closed Area x2** (I-5 to Bonneville Dam), **Unlawful Possession of Undersized Sturgeon x1** (Oregon City Falls), **Angling with Two Rods x2** and **No Angling License x10**.

Angling

Suspect Angler Deported

Senior Trooper Hayes (Bend) was patrolling by the Crane Prairie fish trap and observed two suspects that appeared to be attempting to snag fish below the trap. He observed them catch a large trout and made contact with them. Sr. Tpr. Hayes released the trout, and another dead trout was seized. Both suspects were lodged in jail, one for **Angling Closed Stream and Illegal Possession of Trout**, and the other for **Angling Prohibited Method - Snagging and Taking Trout Closed Season**. One suspect had a hold placed on him for deportation.

Jet Skier's Cited

Trooper Collom (Central Point) was checking anglers at Lost Creek Lake when he saw a man operating a jet ski at high speeds inside the No Wake Zone near the boat ramp at Sterwart State Park boat ramp. There were many boats launching and loading at the ramp. The jet ski operator was not wearing a life jacket and he was speeding. By the time Tpr. Collom drove around to the boat ramp the man on the jet ski had come in and another man had gotten on the same jet ski and was now riding it. Both men were contacted. They were both cited for **No Life Jacket** and one was also cited for **Boat Speeding - No Wake Zone**. Tpr. Collom also gave them a short lesson on boating laws and he additionally warned them for No Boater Education Card, No Fire Extinguisher, No Boat Registration, No Sound Producing Device, and others.

Tribal & Non-Tribal Members Cited

Recruit Ring (Arlington) received information regarding a tribal and non-tribal member selling fish just below the John Day River dam. Detectives Raiser and Rosebraugh (CISD - The Dalles) responded to the area at the request of Sergeant Katzenstein and purchased a walleye and a salmon for \$60.00. Rct. Ring, Sr. Tpr. Pearson and Sgt. Katzenstein made immediate contact after the sale and cited both the tribal and non-tribal member for **Unlawful Sale of Game Fish (Subsistence Salmon)** and also cited the non-tribal member for **Angling Prohibited Method - Unattended Line**. The cash was recovered.

Anglers Panic, All are Cited

Senior Trooper Cushman and Trooper Collom (Central Point) were watching a group of 5 anglers near Lost Creek Lake dam. The group packed up after angling for awhile and they were walking back to their vehicle. When they arrived at the parking lot they obviously saw the State Police truck and they all sort of panicked and were trying to decide on how to get to their truck without being seen by the troopers. They did not know that the troopers were following them up the trail towards their vehicle. They began trying to stash items in the brush when Sr. Tpr. Cushman and Tpr. Collom stepped out and made contact. All five of the men were cited for **No Angling License** and one was cited for **Possession of Less than one Ounce of Marijuana**.



OSP F&W Troopers Checking Anglers

Suspect is Cited for Angling Offense, Then Goes to Jail

Senior Trooper Edwards (Portland) contacted a suspect angling for carp at Rooster Rock State Park. A computer check revealed that the suspect was misdemeanor suspended from driving. Sr. Tpr. Edwards cited the suspect for **No Angling License**. He also informed the suspect his driver's license was suspended. Sr. Tpr. Edwards started to check other anglers when he looked back at the parking lot and saw the suspect get into a truck and then drive off. Sr. Tpr. Edwards was able to return to his patrol truck and stop the suspect while he was still in the park. Sr. Tpr. Edwards arrested the suspect for **DWS-Misdemeanor**.

Bass Tournament a Few Citations

Sr. Trooper Maher (Oakridge) and Trooper Maher (Springfield) conducted a boat patrol on Fall Creek Reservoir. A bass tournament was also worked during the patrol, 13 boats and 21 anglers were checked. Citations were issued for: **No Boater Education Card, Allowing Unlawful Operation of PWC by Person Under 16 YOA, Insufficient Personal Flotation Devices, Expired Boat Registration, No Angling License and UPCS - Less Than 1oz of Marijuana**. Eight tournament boats and eight participants were checked. Four live wells were inspected. There were no violations. This was a small club tournament hosted by the Willamette Valley Bass Trackers. This same club had been warned earlier at Cottage Grove Reservoir for failing to properly release bass. The weigh in was attended at this tournament and the twenty bass that were weighed in were properly released.



1981 Trooper Overall and Sgt. Daugherty on drift boat patrol on Lower Rogue River. Photo by Jack Baker, Ret.

Environment/Habitat

Local Bark Dust Business Not in Compliance

Senior Trooper Edwards (Portland) was conducting a storm water compliance check of local bark dust business, during the check Sr. Tpr. Edwards found that the company was in violation of their NPDES 1200-Z permit. Further investigation revealed the company had failed to maintain their holding ponds; this failure allowed untreated discharge of storm water to enter Deep Creek. Sr. Tpr. Edwards contacted the case officer at DEQ and informed him of the violation. DEQ issued a written violation notice to the company.

Theft of Salal Violation of BLM Permit

Senior Trooper Ashenfelter (Springfield) worked a joint saturation patrol with BLM Law Enforcement Officers in the Shotgun Creek area north of Marcola. The focus of the patrol was the unlawful taking of minor forest products and unlawful ATV off-road use. Sr. Tpr. Ashenfelter wrote two citations for **No Operator's License** and lodged an individual on a misdemeanor warrant. The charge was for **Theft of Minor Forest Products**. The suspect was actively picking salal and was in violation of the terms of his current use permit. BLM cited one driver for **Unlawful Off-Road Use** and **Theft of Forest Products x2**. They seized over 1500 lbs of salal.

Commercial Fish

11 of 12 Crab Pots Unapproved

Sergeant Thompson and Trooper Urbigkeit (both Newport) were conducting a boat patrol on Yaquina Bay. They contacted a commercial crab boat and checked the crab gear on the boat. It was discovered that 11 out of the 12 pots onboard had an unapproved or no release mechanism. The skipper of the crab boat was cited for **Improper Release Mechanism on Commercial Crab Pots**.

ODFW Detects False Records

Senior Trooper Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) contacted the owner of the fishing vessel Kona from Port Orford and issued her a citation for **Making False Application for a Commercial Fishing Permit/ Nearshore Endorsement**. This complaint originated from ODFW in Salem when they detected falsified records that had been forwarded for the renewal process.

Skippers Over on Dungeness Crab

Senior Trooper Klepp (Astoria) cited a skipper and deckhand for **Illegal Possession of Undersized Commercial Dungeness Crab**. The two men delivered 684 pounds of crab to a processor in Warrenton, 42 pounds of undersized crab were sorted from the landing (6%). On another commercial fishing vessel, Sr. Tpr. Klepp cited a skipper and deckhand for **Illegal Possession of Undersized Commercial Dungeness Crab** after the two men delivered 951 pounds of crab, 81 pounds of which was undersized (8.5%).

Commercial Fisher Over Limit

Trooper Cyr (Coos Bay) interviewed the skipper of the commercial fishing vessel regarding an overage of rockfish. The skipper was cited for **exceeding the 2 month trip limit of minor slope and dark blotched rockfish**.

Skipper in Possession of Illegal Crab Pots

Trooper Cyr (Coos Bay) contacted the commercial crabbing vessel Edge in Charleston, at the Bandon Pacific plant. During the boarding it was discovered that the vessel had numerous crab pots that were not the same as the vessel permit. Tpr. Cyr monitored the off-load of the gear and counted 112 pots that were not assigned to the crab permit on the boat. Gear was seized and 1567 lbs. of crab was seized. The skipper was cited for the **unlawful possession of crab pots** and the **unlawful taking of commercial Dungeness crab**.

OSP F&W Trooper measuring crabs



Shellfish



Clam Digger and Others Cited

Trooper Thomas (Tillamook) contacted a clam digger on Tillamook Bay in which the suspect was 93 clams over his limit. The suspect was cited for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Bay Clams**. Troopers Thomas, Dietz and Howell issued four other citations for **No Shellfish License** and **Exceeding Bag Limit**.

Clammers Over Daily Limit

Good clam tides and good weather brought out a few clam diggers, but the weekend was cold and wet. The Tillamook troopers issued 11 citations during the clam series. Most notable was a clammer that had made a couple of trips to his vehicle and had a total of 55 clams over his limit. Another digger had 38 over his limit and a couple with 20 plus over their limit. All were cited for **Exceeding the Bag Limit**.



General Law

Name Check Reveals Warrant for Suspect on Escape and Robbery

Senior Trooper Frerichs (Roseburg) stopped a vehicle for a minor traffic violation. While talking with the driver, he observed a marijuana pipe and loose marijuana on the driver. The driver gave a name saying he did not have any ID with him. The suspect was taken into custody. A search revealed additional marijuana and ID in another name. A check of that name revealed an outstanding warrant for Escape and Robbery 1st out of Washington. Investigation determined this was that suspect. The suspect was taken into custody. Additional charges included **False Info to PO and UPCS-Less than oz. MJ.** The female passenger was arrested for **Hindering Prosecution, UPCS-Less than 1 oz. MJ, and Using Invalid DL.**

Suspects Steal Tractor and Flat Bed

Senior Trooper Madison (Prineville) was patrolling a road closure area when he contacted a vehicle with two occupants. During the contact he found the driver was misdemeanor suspended and the passenger had warrants out for his arrest. A subsequent investigation revealed that the suspects had stolen a John Deere farm tractor (worth \$20,000) and flat bed truck (worth \$1,500) out of Wheeler County and it was hidden a short distance away. Both suspects were lodged in Crook County Jail and charged with the following: **Suspect 1: Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, Aggravated Theft 1, Felony Probation Warrant, Misdemeanor Resisting Arrest Warrant, Giving False Information to a Police Officer, Unlawful Motorized Travel – Cooperative Road Closure** **Suspect 2: Driving While Suspended – Misdemeanor, Unlawful Motorized Travel – Cooperative Road Closure.**

Suspect Passes Trooper on Double Solid Line

A car passed Sr. Trooper Maher's (Oakridge) vehicle on a double solid line. The car was stopped on Big Fall Creek Road below Fall Creek Dam. The driver was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Coburg Municipal Court and was also issued citations for **DWS, Passing Where Prohibited, and Open Container of Alcohol.** SFST's were conducted on the driver but he was not found to be DUII. The passenger in the vehicle also had an open container of beer and was cited for **Open Container of Alcohol.**

Over 18 Cases of beer with Minors

Trooper Turnbo (Salem) and Sr. Trooper Conrad patrolled the Crooked Finger area out of Scotts Mills. One vehicle was contacted and six suspects were cited for **MIP-Alcohol.** Suspects were in possession of five 18-packs of beer. They drove into another known popular party spot and located 6 vehicles with 30+ individuals just starting a party. Nine citations for **MIP-Alcohol** were issued and one citation for **Offensive Littering.** Suspects were in possession of 15 cases of beer.

Troopers Help Malheur Co. Sheriffs Office Find Bodies on Snake River

Senior Trooper Grove and Trooper Wilson (both Ontario) were called to assist the Payette County Sheriff's Office (Idaho) with a capsized boat on the Snake River near Nagaki Island. The report indicated that one female adult and two male adults went overboard. The female swam to shore on the Idaho side, contacting a rancher who called for help. The two adult males could not swim and there were no personal floatation devices onboard. Sr. Tpr Grove and Tpr. Wilson launched the OSP boat, with Malheur County SO personnel onboard operating an underwater video camera. The first adult male was located deceased about one mile downstream of the capsized boat. Sr. Tpr. Grove and Tpr. Wilson recovered the second male, also deceased, about two miles downstream. The bodies were transported to the Payette boat ramp for transport by the medical examiner.

11 Year Old Behind the Wheel

Senior Trooper Hayes (Bend) was patrolling on a narrow gravel road near Wickiup Reservoir when a van drove past him. The operator of the van was a young child and an adult was seated next to him on the passenger side. Sr. Tpr. Hayes attempted to stop the van and the operator accelerated and turned down a side road. Sr. Tpr. Hayes contacted the adult who advised that his eleven-year-old son was begging him to drive and when he saw the OSP truck he told his son to "gas it." The adult was issued a citation for **Recklessly Endangering Another Person x 3** as there were also two other children in the vehicle other than the driver.

Intoxicated Man Opens Fire

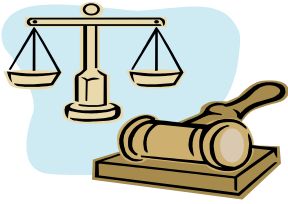
Senior Trooper Hayes was talking to some people on Coyote Butte while watching two suspects 100 yards below him. As he got into his vehicle to make contact with the two suspects he observed one of them pull out a pistol and start shooting in several directions. The couple he'd been talking to jumped and laid down for cover. Sr. Tpr. Hayes contacted the two suspects. The one who had been shooting was intoxicated. He obtained their information, and went back to the couple he had been talking with to make sure they were all right. When he went down to contact the suspects the intoxicated suspect was driving to his location. The suspect was subsequently arrested and lodged in jail for **DUII** with a BAC .16% and **Recklessly Endangering Another Person.**

Escaped Inmate Found Hiding in Trailer

Two St. Helens troopers were assisting Columbia County Sheriff's Office on a domestic at a residence when they learned both parties were at another location. Upon arriving the troopers noticed three suspects running and disappearing into a house and trailer. After negotiations, the male and female came out of the residence. The troopers later learned that a wanted suspect that had escaped from Columbia County Jail was hiding inside a trailer on the property. The troopers called for additional resources. Sr. Trooper May and Trooper Schwartz arrived on scene to assist. A command post was set up and just as it was getting dark, a small team of troopers and St. Helens Police Officers entered the trailer based on consent from the owner. The wanted fugitive was hiding in the closet and was taken into custody by OSP.

Traffic Stop Sends Suspect to Jail

Senior Trooper Frerichs (Roseburg) stopped a suspect for a minor traffic violation. The suspect was arrested for **Fail to Carry/ Present Drivers License.** Search of the suspect revealed a baggie of white crystal that tested positive for meth. The suspect was lodged for **PCS-Meth and Fail to Carry/ Present Drivers License.** A check of the passenger revealed he was wanted out of Curry County on a warrant for **FTA/ Negotiating Bad Checks.** He was also taken into custody and lodged.



Dispositions

Suspect Pleads Guilty to Criminal Trespass While Hunting

Trooper Urbigkeit (Newport) cited suspect for **Criminal Trespass while in Possession of a Firearm and Taking Deer During Closed Season**, suspect pled guilty and was convicted on both charges and was sentenced to: **Hunting License Suspended for 2 years, \$875 Restitution, \$500 fine, \$183 misc. fines and fees, \$133 suspended; deer was seized**, suspect forfeited a **Winchester .270** and fillet knife.

2 Suspects Agree to Plea Agreement

During the 2006 hunting season, Sr. Trooper May, Trooper Schwartz (both St. Helens) and Recruit Schoenborn (Portland) conducted a Deer WED in rural Columbia County, during which 2 suspects were contacted when I tried to shoot the WED but his gun jammed. The suspects had blood on their clothing and a subsequent investigation revealed that one suspect 1 had harvested a deer earlier in the day, however he didn't tag the deer. Suspect 2 who tried to shoot at the WED didn't have a tag at all. Additionally, the 2 suspects were involved in the unlawful taking of a Spike Elk the year prior. The suspects were cited for numerous wildlife crimes and pled guilty in the Columbia County Circuit Court as part of a plea agreement. The suspect 1 received the following: **Forfeit Rem 30.06 rifle, 2 year hunting license suspension, \$500 to OHA WED fund, \$2300 restitution to ODFW, and \$133 fines**. Suspect 2 who attempted to shoot the WED received the following: **Forfeit Rem 30.06 rifle, 2 year hunting license suspension, \$800 to the WED fund and \$1933 in fines**.

Public Relations - Interagency Cooperation

Troopers Hand Out Various Regulations

Senior Troopers Pearson and Gunderson (both The Dalles) worked a booth at the Cherry Festival handing out angling, hunting, boating and ATV regulations. They made more than 100 citizen and landowner contacts during the festival.

Helicopter Pilot is Cited for Harassment of Wildlife

Trooper Dietz (Banks) assisted U.S. Fish and Wildlife agent Phil Land on a harassment of eagle incident. There is an active eagle nest along Highway 6 near Banks. A couple days prior to April 6, an Audubon Club member was observing the nest. While observing the nest a helicopter hovered over the nest for a short period of time while it appeared that a passenger in the helicopter was taking photographs. The Audubon member recognized the helicopter and pilot. The pilot is a local nursery owner and owns the helicopter. His landing pad for the helicopter was approximately a mile from the eagle nest. After investigation by Tpr. Dietz and Agent Land; Agent Land issued a citation to the nursery business charging **Harassment of Wildlife - Eagle**.

DUII Impact Panel

Lt. Gifford (SW Region) participated as a speaker with the Coos County DUII Impact Panel. Approximately 45 people were in attendance. Lt. Gifford has been speaking on the panel since its inception in February 1993. At the recent meeting Lt. Gifford mentioned that he would be moving to Central Point and would no longer be able to speak. Other members from the Coos Bay Office Patrol Division will be continuing to participate in the program.

Trooper and Sheriffs Office Help Subjects who Sank Boat

Senior Trooper Bennett (Grants Pass) assisted the Josephine County SO with a water rescue. Some subjects had gone to retrieve a small Jon boat that they had gotten stuck, then swamped, and sank on the river. They returned with a power boat to try and retrieve the Jon boat. They got the power boat stuck on the rocks in the river. The SO's boat was used to pull the power boat off the rocks.

Trooper Gives Presentations at Elementary School

Senior Trooper Torland (Newport) provided two presentations at Sam Case Elementary. Sr. Tpr. Torland spoke to about 70 kids in two 5th grade classes. Various Fish and Wildlife topics were covered including our CEP process.

Suspect of Old Case is at OHA Banquet

Recruit Curtis Weaver (Lakeview) and Sergeant Randy Hand (Klamath Falls) attended the Oregon Hunters Association banquet in Lakeview. Recruit Weaver set up a nice display that included a very large set of deer antlers that Sr. Tprs. Randall and Cushman seized in a case a few years ago. The antlers gained a lot of attention and prompted many comments and questions. As it turned out, the suspect and many of his friends also attended the banquet as well, resulting in some rather interesting comments. Approximately 300 people attended the banquet.

Troopers at Sportsman Show Answer Hunting Questions

Trooper Buck and Recruit Schoenborn (both Portland) manned an Oregon State Police public relations booth at a local Sportsman's Show located at Mountain View Christian Church in Gresham. The troopers provided answers to many hunting questions as well as questions about the Oregon State Police, its history, divisions and recruitment. Applications were distributed to a number of interested applicants. The directors of the show gave thanks to the Oregon State Police and showed much appreciation for our attendance requesting our presence at next year's annual show.



OSP F&W Troopers at Sportsman Show

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