

Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division



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Operation Fish and Chips Resulted in Numerous Violations

From April 22 through 24, OSP Fish and Wildlife Division, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), National Marine Fisheries Service (part of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—NOAA), and the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Ocean (DFO) sent officers to each of the three participating states to participate in a multi state investigation which was dubbed Operation Fish and Chips. The investigation took place in the cities of Portland, Seattle, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. OSP Fish and Wildlife Division had officers in Portland, Seattle, and Los Angeles.



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The purpose of this investigation was, in a multi-state jurisdictional effort, to determine from where the retail fish dealers within these cities were receiving their fish. We wanted to determine if the fish being sold within these restaurants or establishments were lawful and if they were being unlawfully transported across federal or state lines in violation of the Lacey Act. These multi-state jurisdictional teams conducted numerous fish dealer checks on site within these establishments to determine what kind of fish was on site and if it was lawfully purchased. In all, 58 Washington, Oregon, and California officers, 11 NOAA agents, two USFWS agents, and one Canadian DFO agent participated in the operation.

About 250 inspections were conducted in the three states. Officers observed a large number of federal violations and approximately 43 violations for state fish and wildlife laws in all three states. Some of these violations include, but are not limited to, No Paperwork for Fish/Shellfish in the Market Place, No Wholesale Dealers License, No Health Certification Tag, Invoices Provided are not in the English Language, Failure to Report Fish Receiving Tickets, No Fish Receiving Ticket, No Live Fish Import Permit, Product Harvested by an Unlicensed Fisherman, Commercially Sold Sport Caught Fish, Multiple Tribal Fishing Violations, and Possession of Aquatic Invasive Species.



Tilapia.

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After checking several fish dealers within the Portland area, a suspect was developed who had unlawfully transported live tilapia from Idaho to his Portland residence. This suspect was not only unlawfully selling these live tilapia to Portland retail fish dealers as live fish, but the suspect was unlawfully processing the Tilapia inside his garage and then unlawfully selling to these establishments smoked fish. The suspect was cited for **No Wholesale Dealer's License and No Live Fish Transport Permit.**

The amount of undocumented product located within the establishments within these three states was astounding. The market place is the easiest way to quickly move illegal product without documentation. In California and Washington, large amounts of abalone, sea cucumbers, fish, crab, geoduck clams, and Manila clams were found to be undocumented. This will require follow-up by state and federal officers.

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Wildlife / Hunting

Fish and Wildlife Division Seeking Public's Help in Finding Who Killed and Left to Waste Two Cow Elk and a Cow Elk Yearling

OSP Fish and Wildlife Division is asking for the public's help in solving two recent elk poaching investigations.

The first case started on April 29, when a dead cow elk was located on Seneca Jones Timber Company property in the Simpson Creek drainage south of Oakridge. The elk had been shot once and the carcass left to waste. Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher believes that whoever killed the animal had no intention of taking any of the meat. The poaching did not appear more than a day old. At this time there are no suspects in this case. Anyone with information regarding this illegal closed season elk kill investigation should contact Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher at the Oakridge work site at (541) 782-4374.

The second case started on May 4, with the investigation of a reported elk kill in the Big River drainage south of Cottage Grove. Two elk, an adult cow and a yearling cow, were shot and left to waste in a clear cut unit on Weyerhaeuser property. No suspects have been identified. Anyone who has any information regarding this closed season illegal elk kill should contact Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher at the Springfield Patrol Area Command office at (541) 726-2536.



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Abbreviations and Acronyms

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

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Wildlife / Hunting

Suspect Charged with 40 Counts

During the past several years, over a dozen deer have been found dead after they were shot and left to waste beside USFS roads north of Prineville. In August 2007, Sr. Tpr. Andrew Menlow (Bend) spotted a suspect from the aircraft spotlighting in the general area where these deer were found. When Sr. Tpr. Amos Madison (Prineville) and other Bend team members contacted the suspect, troopers found the suspect was in possession of a sawed off .22 rifle, with a home built silencer, and his vehicle had a special compartment in the trunk used to conceal the weapon. OSP Forensic Laboratory confirmed the weapon was used during the killing of some of the deer. Madison arrested the suspect for numerous wildlife-related crimes in a serial-type killing of wildlife and lodged him in the Crook County Jail on the 40 charges below. The suspect was later charged by the Crook County District Attorney with Attempted Sexual Assault of an Animal, and the aggravated animal abuse charges were dropped.



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- Possession of a Short-Barreled Rifle with a Silencer
- Tampering with Evidence (2 counts)
- Illegal Taking of Deer Closed Season (8 counts)
- Waste of Deer (8 counts)
- Hunting while Suspended (4 counts)
- Attempted Taking of Wildlife During Closed Season
- Hunting with the Aid of a Light (8 counts)
- Aggravated Animal Abuse (8 counts)

Cited for Unlawful Possession of Raptor Parts

Tpr. Kyle Elmenhurst and Tpr. Marc Boyd (Salem) investigated the unlawful possession of owl parts in the Junction City area. A suspect was identified and, after a brief discussion, the suspect produced a pair of owl talons he had severed from an owl he found dead in an orchard. The subject was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Raptor Parts**.

Juveniles Took Deer and Left to Waste

Sr. Tpr. Brad Duncan (Baker City) contacted two juveniles regarding the unlawful take of a deer on the Auburn wildlife feed site. A parent provided information and it was determined the deer was left to waste for they did not have a truck to retrieve it. Duncan cited one juvenile for **Taking Mule Deer Closed Season** and **Waste of Game Mammal—Mule Deer**.

Pet Owl Confiscated

Sr. Tpr. Dan Stinnett (Gold Beach) received information of a young lady in the Brookings area that was raising an Owl. With Sgt. Isaac Cyr's (Coos Bay) assistance, an agent from the USFWS came to Brookings and met with Stinnett. They made contact with the lady and found that she did have a barn owl. It was dropped off at a local veterinarian's office as a chick and the lady took it home and raised it. It is now an adult owl. The federal agent confiscated the bird and transported it to Free Flight, a licensed rehabilitator. The lady was warned by the USFWS and no other action was taken.

Suspect Shot Duck Closed Season with Bow

Tpr. Mark Schoenborn (Portland) responded to a residence in Boring where a witness observed a young male shoot and kill a mallard duck with his bow and arrow. The investigation revealed that the subject had indeed used his bow, along with a small game broadhead on an arrow to take the mallard duck during a closed season. The subject admitted to killing the duck from approximately 75-80 yards away. The subject was cited for **Hunting Waterfowl Closed Season**.

Failed to Check Otter

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) followed up on a trapping case. OSP received information from ODFW that a local trapper failed to check in river otters, as required. Maher contacted the trapper and learned that he had trapped three otters during the season, but failed to check them in within five business days after the season ended. He cited the trapper for **Fail to Check in River Otter** and seized the pelts.

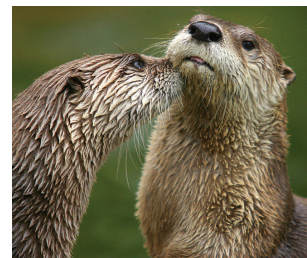


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Anonymous Tip Uncovered Truth in Residency

Tpr. Luke Schwartz (St. Helens) received an anonymous letter that a St. Helens man had purchased Oregon resident hunting licenses and tags for his son who lives and works in Washington. Schwartz contacted the St. Helens man and WDFW contacted his son. The son moved from Oregon to Washington in 1997, but he continued to purchase Oregon resident licenses and tags using his father's address. In October 2006, the son harvested a six-point bull near John Day, using an unlawfully applied for controlled hunt tag. Washington officers seized that bull's antlers. The Columbia County DA added three years onto the two-year statute of limitations for Class A misdemeanors. The suspect was cited and released for **False Application for Oregon Resident Hunting Licenses and/or Tags (x20)** (Columbia County) and **Unlawful Taking of Bull Elk—No Valid 2006 Bull Elk Tag** (Grant County).

Wildlife / Hunting

Juveniles Injured Goose and Eggs

A citizen reported two juveniles throwing rocks at a Canada goose while she was attempting to protect her nest of five eggs in the Phillips Creek Water Quality Facility in Clackamas. Sgt. Chris Allori (Portland) responded and found the goose injured. With the help of an Audubon Society volunteer, they captured the goose and transported her for treatment. Her prognosis is fair and she may lose the use of her right eye. Her eggs did not survive. The witness provided information allowing for identification of two 14-year olds who were contacted that evening. Both boys were cited to appear in Clackamas County Juvenile Court for **Animal Abuse in the First Degree** and **Harassment of Wildlife**, both Class A misdemeanors.



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“Animal Abuse in the First Degree” is when, except where authorized by law, a person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes serious physical injury to an animal or cruelly causes the death of an animal. “Harassment of Wildlife” is when a person chases, harasses, molests, worries, or disturbs any wildlife, except while engaged in lawfully angling for, taking, hunting, or trapping such wildlife.

Owl Rescued from I-5 Traffic



Sr. Tpr. Jeremy Richardson and Sr. Tpr. Brandi Zeckman (Patrol, Portland) rescued a Great Horned Owl injured and laying in the southbound lanes of I-5 near Wilsonville. The troopers transported the owl the Portland Audubon Society for treatment.

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Hunter Mistakenly Shot Sow Bear

Tpr. Jason Stone (Roseburg) followed up on an illegal bear kill. A hunter had shot a bear in a brushy area and determined it was a sow with a cub while retrieving the bear. The hunter left the sow and hiked out to where he could get cell phone reception and called in to report the incident and that the cub was still in the area. Sgt. Isaac Cyr (Coos Bay) and Stone met the hunter at the scene and attempted to catch the cub with no success. The sow bear was salvaged. A local ODFW biologist was called and also responded.

Subject Missed Tag Deadline

Don VandeBergh (ODFW Biologist) contacted OSP with information that a subject wanted to have ODFW affix an ownership tag to a bobcat that the subject had killed in January. The trapping season ended for bobcat on February 28 and the deadline to affix the tags was March 6. Tpr. Mark Schoenborn (Portland) met with the subject at the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area. The subject was issued a citation for **Possession of Untagged Bobcat**.

Cougar? Killed Goats

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) investigated a Cougar damage complaint in the Latham Road area, south of Cottage Grove. Two goats had been killed overnight in a field immediately behind a residence on Hull Road. The owner of the property did not see what had killed the goats, but evidence found at the scene was consistent with Cougar predation. Neighbors in the area were contacted, but no one else reported any recent sightings or damage.

Third Citation for Fence Height

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) cited the owner of a cervid elk ranch for **Failure to Maintain Type One Cervid Fence to Acceptable Standards**. This is the third citation the owner has received regarding the cervid ranch in three years. Fence height discrepancies under the eight-foot requirement and several open holes at ground level, where deer could enter the ranch field, were the primary reasons for the citation this time.

Hungry Hunters Caught with More than Poached Deer

Rct. Brent Sitowski (Klamath Falls) was kind enough to take Sgt. Randall Hand (Klamath Falls) on a weekend ride-a-long. While working the road closures, Sitowski received a call from dispatch of an in-progress game complaint. Response time to reach the area of the complaint was approximately 45 minutes. Sitowski requested the information be relayed to Klamath County SO for an attempt to locate. Only minutes later, a deputy located the vehicle. The vehicle left as the deputy turned to make contact. The vehicle was stopped a short time later with the assistance of two more deputies. The subjects were detained until arrival of Sitowski and Hand. A consent search was conducted. Located in the trunk of the vehicle were the front shoulder, backstraps, and two hindquarters of a doe deer, as well as a rifle and knife. The suspects told Sitowski that they shot the deer because they were hungry. The two suspects were then arrested and lodged at the Klamath County Jail on charges of **Taking Deer Closed Season** and **Waste of Wildlife**. The driver was additionally charged with **Driving While Suspended—Misdemeanor** and the shooter was charged with **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. While being booked, one suspect commented to the other that they should have stayed home and ate “ma’s pork ribs.”



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Wildlife / Hunting



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Investigation Revealed Illegal Antler Business

Troopers cited a Tillamook man for **Unlawful Purchase and Sale of Wildlife** and **No Antler Dealer License**, both Class A misdemeanors. Investigators stated that the antler trade has become very popular, because some antlers can be sold for thousands of dollars. The suspect bought antlers from hunters without a proper license and then created antler art. The art was sold locally or on the internet, along with full shoulder deer mounts, which are also prohibited by law.

In conjunction with serving the search warrant, troopers seized a pickup truck full of illegal antlers and found several other pieces of wildlife that had been mounted and unlawfully sold to the suspect for large sums of money. Oregon wildlife laws are to prevent the offer to sell, or the selling of, wildlife or wildlife parts, in an attempt to reduce the amount of wildlife taken illegally for profit (for the exact rule, please see OAR 635-200-0000).

Owners Warned About Dogs Chasing Wildlife

Sgt. Randall Hand (Klamath Falls) has responded to two complaints of dogs chasing deer this week in the Keno area. The owners of both sets of dogs have been contacted and warned. The owners were provided a copy of ORS that allows for dogs to be killed for subsequent offenses.

ORS 498.102 states that a dog not wearing a collar that is "found unlawfully hunting, running or tracking any game mammal or game bird may be killed at such time by any person authorized to enforce the wildlife laws." The owner of a dog wearing a collar shall be notified by a law enforcement officer. After notification, if the owner "fails to prevent the dog from unlawfully hunting, running or tracking game mammals or game birds, such dog may be killed by any person authorized to enforce the wildlife laws."



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Subject Hunted Prohibited Method and Without Tag

Jim Cadwell (ODFW, La Grande) was checking turkey hunters near Palmer Junction when he observed a subject walking through the forest. The subject provided numerous different stories as to what he was doing. Cadwell located a loaded .22 caliber rifle and an electronic turkey call the subject had hidden. He provided the information to Sr. Tpr. Daren Chandler (La Grande) who contacted with the suspect. The .22 caliber rifle was seized as evidence and the suspect was cited for **Hunting Turkey Prohibited Method** and **Hunting without a Turkey Tag**. The suspect was also warned for No Hunting License and Unlawful Use of an Electronic Turkey Call.

Cougars Struck on Highways

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) responded to a road-hit cougar complaint at 12:15 a.m. along Hwy 58 near . A large tom cougar had been hit and was still alive at the location when it was reported. The cougar was dead when Maher arrived. The cougar was picked up and will be given to ODFW in Springfield for biological study purposes.

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) received a report of a road struck cougar near Blue River. Upon arrival at the scene, a mature male cougar was found underneath the guardrail. The witness said a relative had hit the cougar with a commercial vehicle early that morning. The cougar was removed and transported to ODFW in Springfield, per their request.

Subjects Caught Shooting a Skunk

Sr. Tpr. Don Frerichs (Roseburg) came upon a vehicle stopped in the middle of a secondary road. As he approached, a subject, who was standing away from the vehicle on the road's edge, went running back to the vehicle. Upon contact, Frerichs noted the strong odor of a skunk coming from the vehicle. The subjects were found to be trying to unload a .22 pistol. It was determined that the subjects shot a skunk and put it in the back of the truck. No one had a hunting license and the driver was a convicted felon. The felon was cited for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. The other two subjects were cited for **Aiding in a Game Violation**.

Skunk spray is composed of thiol compounds, which are responsible for the odor. To remove the scent, some suggest using tomato juice or vinegar, where others say this only masks the odor. Some experts recommend using a recipe of hydrogen peroxide, baking soda, and liquid soap. The thiols are not water-soluble, even by adding soap, but the baking soda and peroxide combined makes the thiols water-soluble and, therefore, the scent can be removed. This recipe is found on internet sites like <http://home.earthlink.net/~skunkremedy/home/sk00001.htm> (Wikipedia).



Photo Credit: Pennsylvania Game Commission

Fish / Angling

Pilot Detected Boat in Closed Area

Tpr. Luke Schwartz (St. Helens) responded to the Columbia River where Sr. Tpr. and pilot Chris Culp (Salem) had observed a boat that appeared to be trolling in closed waters. Schwartz responded by boat and Culp directed him to the boat. Investigation revealed the operator of the boat had been angling for salmon on the closed river. Schwartz cited the man for **Unlawful Angling for Salmon in a Closed Area**.

Boat Struck Pilings

Tpr. Luke Schwartz (St. Helens) and Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria) conducted a boat patrol around Sauvie Island on the Multnomah Channel, Willamette River, and the Columbia River. The troopers contacted over 100 anglers, issued several warnings, and cited several anglers. They encountered a large pleasure craft partially submerged near the mouth of the Multnomah Channel and Willamette River. The boat had tried to cut in behind a wing dike and it struck several pilings, tearing a hole in the hull. Vessel assist was on scene and attempting to refloat the boat. The troopers assisted by transporting two occupants to their vehicle that was parked up river near Jantzen Beach.

Suspects Caught Trying to Lure Osprey with Wasted Fish

Sr. Tpr. Darin Bean (Gilchrist) was waiting to make contact for a two-pole violation when the subjects in the same boat caught two trout. They kept the trout on their lines for 1/2 hour in one case and approximately 15 minutes on the other subject. When one subject was done and the fish was dead, he threw the fish back. The other subject proceeded to finish killing his fish, with a precision nock on the side of the boat. He then cast the dead fish out in an attempt to catch a nearby osprey that was fishing. The ploy did not work and the fish was later thrown back dead. Both subjects were cited for **Waste of Game Fish**.

Suspect Caught Trying to Hide Overage by Off-duty Police Officer

Tpr. Ryan Kehr (Newport) was checking anglers at Depoe Bay. He noticed a subject in a kayak paddle to the boat ramp and walk to his vehicle. The subject then went back to the kayak and paddled out towards the bridge and out of sight. A short time later, the subject returned to the boat ramp. Kehr did not see any fishing gear and thought the subject was not fishing. At that time, an off-duty Portland Police officer pulled into the parking lot and contacted Kehr. The officer, who was on the bridge looking directly down on the kayak, stated that when the subject paddled under the bridge, he dumped two lingcod over the side of his boat. One fish floated to the bottom belly up. Kehr contacted the subject and asked if he had been fishing. The subject stated that he had caught two lingcod and showed Kehr one lingcod and one cabezon. Kehr educated the subject on fish ID and determined that both fish were legal. Then Kehr asked the subject why he had dumped two lingcod under the bridge. After a pause, the subject stated that he originally thought the limit was six but then determined that the limit was only two. The subject was cited for **Exceeding the Daily Limit on Lingcod and Waste of Marine Fish**.

Felon Caught with Makeshift Pole

Tpr. Mike Buck (Portland) was conducting angling license checks on the Sandy River at Glenn Otto Park in Troutdale. Buck contacted an angler using a makeshift fishing pole built out of a stick and round pieces of plastic taped on for eyelets. The angler was found to have a **Felony Warrant** for his arrest. The angler was taken into custody for the warrant and given a verbal warning for No Angling License.

Angler Cut Adipose Fin Off

While Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) was working the Bingham Bridge area, an adult and a juvenile angler contacted had eight trout on a stringer. The trout were checked to make sure they were adipose fin clipped. One 14½-inch trout had its adipose fin freshly cut off and the wound was still bleeding. Investigation revealed that the fish was “just” caught with a cut-off adipose fin. Maher had cited this same individual about a month ago for Unlawfully Taking a Non-adipose Fin Clipped Trout at Hills Creek Reservoir. During this contact the angler was cited for **Unlawful Possession of a Mutilated Game Fish—Trout**. The trout was seized as evidence.

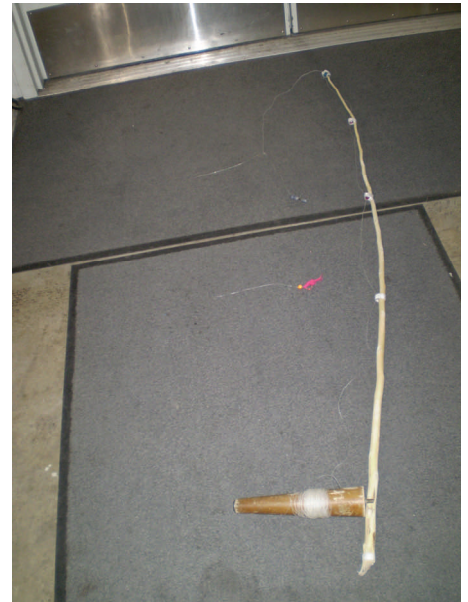


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Anglers Caught in Closed Area

Tpr. Lowell Lea (Florence) contacted a man and his son angling on Siuslaw River above tidewater. The father was cited for **Angling Closed Stream**. This was Lea's second cite to this angler for the same violation this year. Lea contacted a man angling in Lake Creek at Indiola who was accompanied by a woman and their nine-month old son. NCC checks indicated the man was prohibited from contacting the woman by a valid restraining order. Lea confirmed the order and lodged the man at Florence PD. Lea also cited him for **Angling Closed Stream**.

Fish Kept on Non-retention Day

A Bonneville Dam Park Ranger contacted Tpr. Mark Schoenborn (Portland) with information about three subjects who were angling for Chinook salmon on the tip of Bradford Island on a non-angling retention day. Schoenborn contacted the subjects and discovered that one had caught and retained a Chinook salmon and tagged it on his combined angling tag. The three subjects admitted that they were confused when they did not see anyone angling, but insisted ODFW told them that it was alright to be angling and retain Chinook salmon on Tuesdays. All three subjects were warned for **Angling Closed Area**. A citation was issued for **Unlawful Possession—Chinook Salmon During a Closed Season (Day)**. The seized fish was donated to charity.

Fish / Angling

Angler Assumed Wrong

While checking the Coast Fork Willamette River in Cottage Grove, Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) spoke to an adult with three juveniles. He noticed four trout in a puddle near the stream. The adult caught three of the trout and was cited for **Unlawful Taking of Trout When Prohibited**. Since the angler saw ODFW stocking today, he thought it was open.

Angler Tried to Impress Female

Tpr. Aaron Dietz (Banks) was working an angling closure on the Trask River near Barney Reservoir. During the patrol, Dietz was citing an angler for **Angling Closed Stream** when he saw a naked male in plain view downstream. This subject was also angling in the closed area and had got his lure stuck in a tree. The subject then fell into the river trying to retrieve his lure, so subsequently took all his clothing off to impress a female also at the camp. This subject was cited for **No Angling License and Angling Closed Stream**.

Trooper Cited Anglers, Recovered Stolen Vehicle

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield), accompanied by an OSU student, received a complaint about a person who exceeded the daily bag limit of trout at Alton Baker Pond. The first angler checked did not have a license and was cited for **No Angling License**. The next angler, the suspect, was issued a citation for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit—Trout**. He had four trout in a bucket and a consent search of his vehicle revealed five more in another bucket. All the trout had been caught that day. The patrol continued into south Lane County where an abandoned vehicle was found below Cottage Grove Reservoir Dam. A check revealed that the 1996 Acura was reported stolen out of Eugene. The vehicle was towed and the owner was notified.



A 32-inch lake trout caught on Odell Lake. Photo Credit: File

was over 30 inches. Two of the anglers on board had each caught one of the undersize fish were cited for **Unlawful Taking of Undersize Lake Trout**. Fortunately, the lake trout had been kept in a live well on board the boat and were released back into the lake.

Rockfish Taken Closed Season

Sr. Tpr. Dan Stinnett (Gold Beach) was informed of an angling violation at the Port of Brookings. Upon arrival at the Port, Stinnett contacted the ODFW fish checker and collected two Canary rockfish. ODFW said the suspect was still at the fish cleaning station and pointed him out. Stinnett contacted the angler and issued a citation for taking **Canary Rockfish Closed Season**.



Canary Rockfish. Photo Credit: Wikipedia/Stan Shebs

Quick Response Appreciated

An angler was fishing the Owyhee River and observed a subject unlawfully take brown trout. He was able to provide a photograph, vehicle description with license plate, and a description of the suspect. The witness sent all of the information via email, which was forwarded to Sgt. Eric Newman (Ontario). Within a few hours of receiving the information, Newman located the suspect and cited him for **Unlawful Possession of Brown Trout**. The witness was re-contacted and was appreciative of the quick response and action taken.

Angler Gave False Name

Sr. Tpr. Paul Randall (Klamath Falls) was dispatched to the Williamson River for reported angling violations. On arrival, Randall found four subjects angling. All four were cited for **Angling Closed Season**. While being cited, one of the subjects decided to give a false name. Randall discovered this and a short time later discovered the subject's true name and located a warrant for his arrest. The subject was lodged on the warrant and **False Information to a Police Officer**.

Missouri Warrant Revealed

Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria) contacted two anglers near Seaside, one who failed to produce an angling license. This suspect had a felony warrant for parole violation out of Missouri for Unlawful Use of a Firearm. The suspect was lodged at Clatsop County Jail awaiting extradition and cited for **No Non-Resident Angling License**.

Over 30 Inches at Odell

While working along the north shore of Odell Lake, Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) contacted a boat with four occupants while they were trolling for lake trout (Mackinaw). The anglers had caught and kept three lake trout. The regulations for lake trout only allow for the taking of one lake trout per day which must be at least 30 inches in length. The three lake trout that they had kept were measured and only one of them

Native Steelhead Seized

The Portland Patrol Office received information that a resident who lives on the Molalla River was keeping native steelhead. Tpr. Mark Schoenborn (Portland) met up with the witness and observed a white male adult cleaning what appeared to be a steelhead on the bank of the Molalla River on his property. As Schoenborn pulled into the driveway, he observed the complainant carrying one native steelhead up from the river bank located approximately 35 yards from his residence. The owner of the property retained the native steelhead because he thought he could get away with it on his own property. He was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Native Steelhead**. The steelhead was donated to charity.

Environment / Habitat

Trails Need Work to Save Salmon

Sr. Tpr. Greg Torland and Sgt. Todd Thompson (Newport) toured the Mt. Baber ATV Trails on ATVs and documented 85 sites on the trail system where serious erosion and sedimentation was occurring next to Deer Creek, which is sensitive salmon spawning habitat.

Sr. Tpr. Doug Canfield (Newport) began to notify the effected landowners of the situation, which prompted them to close the trail system in the Deer Creek Basin. On April 5, Canfield and Tpr. Ryan Kehr (Newport) revisited the area and documented more sites where sedimentation is occurring. The investigation is continuing.

On April 9, Sr. Canfield and Thompson conducted a tour of the Mt. Baber ATV Trails. Representatives from Green Diamond Timber, Plum Creek Timber, Thompson Timber, ODF, ODFW, and ATV club members participated in the tour. At the conclusion of the tour, it was agreed upon that an immediate closure of the Deer Creek trail system was needed due to sedimentation into Deer Creek. The landowners urged no restoration work. The ATV club is going to hand seed the area for now. Deer Creek portion has been in use for the last 2 1/2 years.



Photo Credit: Wikipedia/Open Cage

off-highway vehicle traffic on the trail until the area dries out enough for The landowners opened the rest of the ATV riding area to the club. The

ATVs in Closed Area

Sr. Tpr. Patrick McNeilly (Retired, Central Point) was working the JACTMA road closure when he found three subjects riding ATVs as they were coming out of the closure on Long Branch Road after going mushroom hunting. It was a husband, his wife, and a friend. Their trailer was parked near a large road closure sign with maps of the road closure. They were each cited for **Illegal Motorized Travel**.

Off-road Vehicles Damaged Property

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) conducted boat patrols on Cottage Grove Reservoir and Fall Creek Reservoir. They observed two 4 x 4 vehicles mudding in a wet grassy area that was posted as closed to off-road vehicles by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The operators of the 4 x 4 vehicles were contacted and each cited for **Operating an All Terrain Vehicle in Violation of Posted Restrictions and Committing Unlawful Damage with a Class II All-Terrain Vehicle**.

Suspect Complained and Cited for Careless Driving

Sr. Tpr. Paul Randall (Klamath Falls) spent some time working in and around Spencer Creek, a highly valuable spawning tributary to the Klamath River. It is also a favorite location for off-road and ATVs. One ATV operator was located and cited for **No Operators License**. A short time later another ATV rider spun a half cookie then fishtailed his way down the road. This subject was stopped and cited for **Dangerous Operation of ATV**. During the contact, the operator complained profusely, but was issued a citation and released. The operator then drove down the road and spun a full doughnut. This time he was cited for **Careless Driving**.

Juveniles Warned for Unlawful Damage

Sr. Tpr. Doug Canfield and Tpr. Ryan Kehr (Newport) were looking at some areas that had been damaged by off-road vehicles on USFS land. At one of the locations, they contacted two juveniles who were getting ready to go mudding. The troopers discouraged the practice and warned the juveniles for Unlawful Damage, based on statements about their previous trips to the area.

Subjects Educated on Archaeological Laws

Sr. Tpr. Paul Randall (Klamath Falls) located two subjects attempting to look for archaeological artifacts with the use of tools. The subjects allowed a consent search and no artifacts were found. Randall explained the laws to the subjects. For rules on archaeological objects and sites, visit www.leg.state.or.us/ors/358.html (ORS 358.920).

Suspects Tried Hard to Communicate with Troopers

Tpr. Jim O'Connor and Sgt. Jeff Scroup (Astoria) were checking anglers and boats on Coffenbury Lake in Fort Stevens State Park. Four anglers were noted on a dock on the far side of the lake. At some point, O'Connor repositioned his vehicle and the subjects apparently recognized the pickup as a State Police vehicle, which prompted one of the four men to drop his pants to ankle level and send the universal gesture of friendship (also known as the "moon"). Immediately following this gesture, the same subject flicked a cigarette butt into the lake and then took an empty beer can and sank it in the lake. The subjects were contacted as they returned to their vehicle and the subject who had tried so hard to establish communications to the officers, was questioned about the acts constituting offensive littering. Although he would not admit to the other offensive act, investigation did reveal that he did commit the littering and he was cited for **Depositing Litter in a Waterway**.

Environment / Habitat

Heavy Silt Remains a Mystery

Sr. Tpr. Kyle Elmenhurst (Springfield) patrolled the lower McKenzie River area to attempt to determine the cause of heavy silt and sedimentation that changed the color of the river and canal. The cause was not determined and remains a mystery.

Junk Car Site Owner Cited for Water Pollution

Sr. Tpr. Doug Canfield and Sr. Tpr. Greg Torland (Newport) followed up on a water pollution complaint and contacted the owner of the old Alsea Veneer mill site. They discovered that petroleum products were entering Big Creek in several locations and the pollution was originating from 50-75 vehicles that were on the property in various states of dismantle. The owner said he receives cars from auction and his towing business and sells them to wreckers and car crushers. The owner was cited for **Water Pollution II** and **Conducting an Automobile Dismantling Business without a Certificate**.



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OSP and OSMB Plan for Removal of Gideon

Sr. Tpr. Greg Torland, Sgt. Todd Thompson, and Lt. Steve Lane (Portland) took a boat tour with Randy Henry (OSMB) of the abandoned vessel, Gideon, in Yaquina Bay across from Riverbend Marina. Plans are to have the vessel removed and removal paid for out of the OSMB's abandoned vessel fund.

Diesel Fuel Spilled into North Umpqua

Sr. Tpr. Wayne Merritt and Tpr. Jason Stone (Roseburg) responded to the scene of a truck crash where approximately 150 gallons of diesel fuel had spilled into the North Umpqua River. Photographs were taken and proper notifications were made. While returning from the crash, the troopers located a subject angling well above the closure deadline at Rock Creek. He was cited for **Angling Closed Area**.

Angler Cooperated to Avoid Littering Citation

Tpr. Jim Collom (Central Point) contacted three anglers on Lost Creek Lake, two of which did not have fishing licenses. They were given citations for no licenses. One of the anglers also tossed a beer can on the ground. After contact, the angler decided it was his best interest to pick the can up rather than receive a citation for littering.

Owner Cited for Dumping Dirt and Concrete in River

Sr. Tpr. Doug Shugart (McMinnville) and Tpr. Rich Young (Salem) completed an investigation involving pollution in the North Fork Yamhill River. A landowner had been dumping clean fill dirt and concrete on his property that borders the river. Some of the fill and concrete was found to have been dumped directly into the river. The subject was cited for **Littering Within 100 Yards of a Waterway**.

Suspect Caught Dumping and Burning Trash

Sr. Tpr. Doug Shugart (McMinnville) completed a littering investigation that occurred along the Wilson River. In early April, an angler was fishing for steelhead on the Wilson River when he found three bags of trash dumped along a parking area commonly used by campers and anglers. This angler went through the bags and located several envelopes which had a subject's name and an address on them. Shugart contacted the subject whose name was on the envelopes. Investigation revealed the subject had in fact dumped the trash. Investigation also discovered that the subject would frequently dump his trash in campsites that have fire pits hoping that campers will burn it. Shugart subsequently cited the subject for **Offensive Littering**.



Troopers helping clean up our environment. Photo Credit: File

Commercial / Shellfish

Commercial Skippers Cited for Illegal Possession

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) cited a skipper of a commercial groundfish vessel for **Illegal Possession of Dover Sole—Exceeding Cumulative Trip Limit for March-April Period.**

The excess 3,669 pounds of Dover sole was seized and sold to ODFW.

Sr. Tpr. Trygve Klepp (Astoria) cited another skipper of a commercial groundfish vessel for **Illegal Possession of Dover Sole—Exceeding Cumulative Trip Limit for March-April Period.**

The excess 4,194 pounds of Dover sole was seized and sold to ODFW.



Dover Sole. Photo Credit: NOAA

Commercial Skipper Cited for Unlawfully Possession Halibut and Driving While Suspended and Uninsured

Tpr. Lowell Lea (Florence) stopped a vehicle in Florence for Fail to Maintain Lane. Sgt. Todd Thompson (Newport) showed up to assist Lea with the investigation. During the contact, Lea learned the driver was the skipper of a commercial fishing vessel which had just completed a fishing trip and come to port in Newport. The skipper was en route to his residence in Charleston. A consent search of a cooler in the vehicle revealed halibut filets. The skipper admitted to catching the halibut using long line gear intended for skate.

The skipper was cited for **Driving While Suspended—Misdemeanor, Unlawful Possession of Commercial Caught Halibut—Closed Season, and Driving Uninsured.** Thompson contacted the fishing vessel and received consent to search. Thompson could not locate any additional fish on board. Several crew members denied knowledge of the halibut.

Owner and Skipper Falsely Applied for Commercial Permit

Sr. Tpr. Brad VanProoyen (Gold Beach) completed an investigation into a False Application for a Commercial Developmental Fisheries permit involving the fishing vessel seal in the Port of Brookings.

The Skipper and Owner was finally located and cited for the above charge and the case will be forwarded to the DA's office for prosecution and possibly additional charges.

Clammer 42 Over the Limit

Tpr. Ryan Kehr (Newport) contacted four people digging clams on Siletz Bay. They tried to exit the beach after they saw him checking some other subjects. They were contacted just before they reached their vehicle.

Two were warned for Prohibited Method, Sharing One Container, and one male was cited for **Exceeding the Daily Limit on Clams.** He was 42 clams over his limit of 36.

Clamming regulations can be found at ODFW's website: www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/shellfish/regulations.asp

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Interagency Cooperation

Troopers Tested New Suits at USCG Station

The Tillamook and Astoria offices trained together at the US Coast Guard station in Tillamook. The troopers received training on their new dry suits, which included a brisk swim in Tillamook Bay. All suits worked well with no leaks noted.

Multiple Agencies Raided MIP Party

Sgt. Todd Thompson (Newport) assisted the Patrol Division with a large MIP party at Beverly Beach State Park. The officers needed a pickup to haul away all of the seized alcohol. Officers from OSP, Lincoln County SO, and Newport PD cited 24 minors. Volunteers from EUDL (Enforcement of Underage Drinking Laws) assisted officers on scene with processing and assessment.

OSP and Lincoln County SO Joint Bay/Ocean Patrol

Sr. Tpr. Carla Urbigkeit (Newport) participated in a joint bay/ocean patrol with the Lincoln County SO Marine Patrol. They checked over 25 boats and split the activities.

OSP and USFWS Joint Boat Patrol

Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria) and Officer Jay Eddy (USFWS) conducted a joint boat patrol on the lower Columbia River, focusing on spring Chinook salmon enforcement. In all, over 40 anglers were contacted resulting in several verbal warnings and citations for **No Angling Harvest Card**.

OSP and Idaho Three-Day Joint Boat Patrol

Sr. Tpr. Mark Knapp (Enterprise), Sr. Tpr. James Griffin (La Grande), Tpr. Brian Miller (Enterprise), and Dave Beaver (Idaho Fish and Game) made a cooperative three-day boat patrol into the Snake River/Hells Canyon area. They made 34 angler checks, three hunter checks, five BERs, 15 Marine Board visuals, issued eight Marine Board warnings, and issued citations for **No Angling License, No Sturgeon Harvest Card, Insufficient Personal Floatation Devices, Possession of Controlled Substance—Less than Three Ounces of Marijuana, and Possession of Mutilated Game Fish in the Field**.

OSP and ODFW Conducted Deer Trend Surveys

Sr. Tpr. Mike Cushman and Tpr. Jim Collom (Central Point) recently accompanied ODFW biologists on walking routes to conduct deer trend surveys. Cushman went with Vince Oredson on a route called Slide Creek. This hike is along the California and Oregon border and is 13 miles long. They left at 5:30 a.m. and returned at 9:00 p.m. ODFW biologists have been making this same walk yearly since 1972. Collom walked a deer route with Dan Ethridge (ODFW) near the California border which took 16 1/2 hours. These deer summer in Oregon and winter in California near Copco Reservoir. They counted almost 200 deer, saw one 2 x 2 (with one antler), and Collom only flicked 75 ticks off himself. The temperature was unseasonably hot.



Photo Credit: File

OSP and ODOT Chased Cattle off I-5

Sr. Tpr. Kyle Elmenhurst (Springfield) assisted ODOT units with several head of cattle that got loose on the shoulder of I-5 northbound near mp 201. The cattle were easily chased back into the fenced area they came from. The rancher was identified and contacted.

OSP and Columbia County SO Searched for Suspect

Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria), Tpr. Luke Schwartz (St. Helens), and Tpr. Jim O'Connor (Astoria) assisted Columbia County SO in searching for an attempted murder suspect in the Mayger area. OSP responded by boat and searched the Columbia River shore from

OSP and Idaho Served Search Warrant

Sr. Tpr. Bob Wilson (Ontario) worked with Idaho Fish and Game in serving a search warrant on an unlawful waterfowl guiding operation. The suspect was guiding hunts on the Snake River and was using over limit ducks as training aids for his dogs. In addition to numerous Idaho charges (it is unlawful to guide for waterfowl in Idaho), Wilson cited the suspect for **Taking Ducks Closed Season** (Two Counts).

OSP Assisted ODFW, Crashed by Semi on Return

ODFW requested OSP assistance in providing a boat so that they could be transported to lower Columbia River islands to check goose nests. For about six hours, Sr. Tpr. Ken Moore (Portland) assisted ODFW personnel. This was the first time they rode in a heated cabin boat and, since the boat is a jet drive and can be beached, they did not need to wade ashore at each island. The OSP boat made their job safer and much more comfortable than in the past. As Moore was driving back to Portland, on I-5 in Washington near mp 9, he was rear-ended by a semi that did not see that Moore had slowed for traffic. Moore did not require medical treatment. The kicker motor was destroyed and the stern, jet outdrive, electronics, and trailer all received considerable damage. Washington State Police investigated the crash and cited the other driver **Following Too Close**.

General Law / Other

Suspect Burned Vehicle

Sr. Tpr. Jeff Thompson (Central Point) went to a familiar address in Josephine County with DEQ for another violation. This time it was for unlawful burning of a vehicle. The torched vehicle had tires and other unknown items loaded onto and into the vehicle.

Female Attempted Suicide

Sr. Tpr. Richard Carter (Pendleton) assisted Sgt. Mike Turner (Patrol, Pendleton) on a report of a suicidal overdose female subject barricaded in her room. Upon arrival, the subject was taken into custody after a brief struggle and transported to St. Anthony's Hospital for mental evaluation.

Family Locked Behind Gate

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) received a call from a Little Fall Creek area resident who reported a female and three small children who locked themselves behind a Weyerhaeuser gate. Maher responded to the scene and found them in a car behind the Little Fall Creek main line gate. The driver told the trooper she had taken her kids for a drive in the area and the gate was open. She failed to heed the signs posted at the gate, which prohibit unauthorized access to the private property. When she tried to leave the area she found the gate had been locked. She was cited for **Criminal Trespass II**.

Suspicious Person Arrested

Tpr. Curtis Weaver (Lakeview) received a tip on a suspicious person, as a result of an earlier contact by Tpr. James Hayes (Bend). Hayes had contacted the subject and ran a check on him, which revealed no matches. Hayes relayed the information to Weaver. The next day, Weaver located the suspect's vehicle, as it traveled near Summer Lake. Probable cause was developed and a stop was made. The driver stated that he did not have a license. When asked where he was from, the driver stated "I think I am from Mississippi." Weaver arrested and lodged the subject for **Failure to Carry and Present Operators License** as well as **False Information to a Peace Officer**. The man was later positively identified through fingerprint records, which also revealed an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

Suspect Ditched Motorcycle and Attempted to Elude on Foot

Tpr. Tim Schwartz (Astoria) attempted to stop a motorcycle for Failure to Display Plate on Hwy 202. Upon identifying Schwartz, the operator accelerated at a high rate of speed. Schwartz began pursuit, exceeding speeds of 80 mph. After travelling about four miles on Hwy 202 toward Astoria, the motorcycle turned east onto Christians Lane and then travelled through a residential area at speeds over 50 mph. The pursuit continued for two more miles before the motorcycle turned down a dead end gravel road. The suspect ditched the motorcycle and entered a dense forest on foot. Schwartz waited for a cover officer before searching. Sgt. Andrew Merila (Patrol, Astoria) located the suspect hiding under a large log. The suspect was lodged in the Clatsop County Jail and charged with **Felony Elude, Misdemeanor Elude, Reckless Driving, DWS—Violation, Driving Uninsured, and Fail to Display Vehicle Plate**.

Several Subjects Arrested for DUII

While patrolling the north bank of the Rogue River Sr. Tpr. Brad VanProoyen (Gold Beach) stopped a vehicle for Failure to Drive Right. Subsequent investigation determined the subject was under the influence. VanProoyen arrested the subject. The subject blew a .10 % BAC.

Sr. Tpr. Chris Culp, Tpr. Adam Turnbo, and Tpr. Richard Young (Salem) conducted a boat patrol on the Willamette River from Salem to Newberg. They contacted two bank anglers fishing for sturgeon. One subject was found to be angling without a license and was also a minor in possession of alcohol. The second subject had purchased the alcohol and knowingly provided it the minor. The troopers issued citations to one subject for **No Angling License and Minor in Possession of Alcohol**. The other angler was cited and released for **Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor** and then arrested for a felony warrant out of Washington County for DUII. Sr. Tpr. Doug Shugart (McMinnville) responded to the scene and lodged the subject in the Yamhill County Jail on the warrant.

Sr. Tpr. Chris Ashenfelter (Springfield) was patrolling the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area parking lots when he noticed a vehicle stopped in the road. As he approached, the vehicle failed to dim its headlights. Ashenfelter pulled up next to the vehicle and noticed the driver was visibly intoxicated. He told the driver to turn off the vehicle, but the driver started to drive away. He turned around and was able to stop the vehicle. The driver was arrested for **DUII**, his third.

Sr. Tpr. Darin Bean (Gilchrist) was following a vehicle that had just left the Wickiup Dam area. Bean was looking for probable cause to stop the vehicle, when a passenger threw beer cans and garbage out the window. On contact, the driver and the passengers appeared under the influence of alcohol. A check showed that the driver did not have a driver's license—it was criminally revoked. He failed the HGN test. He has four DUII convictions in the last two years. He refused the intoxilyzer and was lodged on the **DWR—Misdemeanor and DUII—Felony**. A passenger was cited for **Depositing Refuse near a Waterway**.

Tpr. Luke Schwartz (St. Helens) was the only trooper on duty in St. Helens when a non-injury DUII accident occurred on Hwy 30 near mp 43. Schwartz responded and Rainier PD and Columbia County SO assisted. While Schwartz was putting the driver through SFST's, the passenger, who was also very impaired, decided to walk out into traffic. When the officer's tried to stop him, he became uncooperative and was arrested for **Disorderly Conduct**. The driver was also suspended and on probation with a "No Alcohol" stipulation and detainer warrant was issued for **Contempt of Court**. Several driving complaints had been called in on this vehicle, including reported speeds of 100 mph, and St. Helens PD had probable cause to arrest the driver from an earlier incident. The driver failed the SFST's and was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Jail, where he provided a .10% BAC. Schwartz cited and released the driver for **DUII, Reckless Driving, and Reckless Endangering**, but lodged him on the detainer warrant. St. Helens PD arrived at the jail and charged the driver with an additional count of **Reckless Driving**.

General Law / Other

Stop Revealed Felony Warrant

Tpr. Richard Olsen (Salem) stopped a vehicle on Hwy 99 and Madrona in Monmouth for a minor traffic infraction. The passenger of the vehicle returned through dispatch with a felony warrant out of Lincoln County for **Criminal Mistreatment I** with no bail. Olsen lodged him the Polk County Jail.

Check Discovered Warrants

On Quartzville Road near mp 8, Sr. Tpr. James Halsey and Tpr. Heather VanMeter (Albany) contacted two subjects camping in a car. A records check revealed that the female subject had a felony warrant out of Lane County for ID Theft (x3) and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle with \$50,000 bail. The female subject was lodged in the Linn County Jail on the warrant.

Female Deceased at Scene

Sr. Tpr. Scott Salisbury (Florence) covered a fatal crash on Hwy 101 near mp 183. He was first on scene. A motorcycle driven by a female was heading north around a right curve and drifted into south lane. She hit head on with a Buick. A young man was starting CPR. Salisbury assisted with the CPR until the medics arrived. The female was pronounced deceased at the scene. Her husband was following her and saw the entire event. Sr. Tpr. Will Ayres (Patrol, Florence) and Lane County SO assisted. The driver of the car had minor injuries.

Sailboat Tipped Over, No PFDs

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Springfield) observed a sailboat while working Dexter Reservoir. The boat appeared to be over 12 feet in length and did not have an identifying number or validation decals. While watching, the sailboat tipped over on its side. The three occupants turned it upright and got it sailing again. Maher noticed that the boat only had one Type IV throwable device on board and no wearable life jackets. Maher contacted the operator when it came into the dock and discovered that the boat was unregistered and there were no PFD's. The operator was cited for **Insufficient Personal Flotation Devices** and warned for No Boat Registration and No Sound Producing Device.

Stranded After Boat Fire

Tpr. Adam Turnbo and Tpr. Richard Young (Salem) were dispatched to a boat fire with three occupants stranded on the river bank. The boat and occupants were about ten miles downriver from Salem. The fire had extinguished itself and the occupants were not injured. They towed the boat upriver to Wheatland Ferry boat ramp.

Target Shooter a Felon

Sr. Tpr. James Hayes (Bend) was patrolling China Hat Road and observed two subjects target shooting with an AR-15 and a .357 pistol. During the contact, one of the subjects, who had a clean shaved head, remarked that Hayes did not recognize him from a contact last summer. During that contact, the subject had long hair and received a citation for No Angling License. Hayes' discovered the subject is a multi-convicted felon. The subject was lodged for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**.

Speeding Boat Stopped

Sr. Tpr. Doug Canfield and Tpr. Ryan Kehr (Newport) were patrolling South Beach Marina when they stopped a small boat traveling at a high rate of speed and on plane in a no wake zone. Upon contact, they discovered the boat was unregistered and the operator did not have a boater's card, a sound producing device, or a Type IV personal flotation device. The operator also had misdemeanor warrant for his arrest. The operator was cited for **No Boat Registration** and lodged by Newport PD.

Troopers Responded to Dispute

Sgt. Isaac Cyr (Coos Bay) and Tpr. Josh Young (Patrol) responded to a domestic violence call in the Empire area. The dispute involved a male and female and the female was severely injured. The officers arrested the male who was combative towards the officers and attempted to escape custody. The male was lodged in the Coos County Jail on numerous charges including **Assault III Domestic, Assault IV Domestic, Menacing Domestic, Kidnap II, Harassment, Attempted Escape III, Interfering with Making a 9-1-1 Report, Attempted Assault on a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest, and Attempted Arson I**.



Photo Credit: File

Say No to Drugs

Sr. Tpr. Doug Shugart (McMinnville) and Tpr. Richard Young (Salem) assisted USFW on a search warrant of a Woodburn home. During the search, they found two marijuana plants which were being grown by a renter of the homeowner. Along with the plants, several small quantities of dried marijuana and smoking devices were located. The plants and paraphernalia were seized and the subject was cited and released for **Manufacture of a Controlled Substance**.

Sr. Tpr. Lalo Guerra (Tillamook) was off duty with his wife when he saw three subjects using marijuana in an area where his family frequently walk. With the assistance of the Tillamook County SO, the vehicle was contacted and a consent search revealed Marijuana and Methamphetamine inside the vehicle. Guerra subsequently lodged two adults in the Tillamook County Jail charging them with **Possession of Controlled Substance Marijuana/Meth**. The third subject, a juvenile, was released to the Tillamook County Juvenile Department with charges of **Possession of Controlled Substance Marijuana/Meth**.

Tpr. Richard Olsen (Salem) stopped a vehicle for a minor traffic infraction. The driver returned through dispatch with a misdemeanor warrant out of Polk County, as well as DWS misdemeanor. Olsen took the driver into custody. During the arrest, Sgt. Andy Heider (Salem) noticed a syringe in the vehicle's visor. A probable cause search revealed methamphetamine, stolen credit cards, a pistol, burglary tools, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia. Both occupants lodged in the Marion County Jail and charged with **PCS—Methamphetamine (x2), Felon in Possession of Firearm, Possession of Burglary Tools, DWS Misdemeanor, and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana—Less Than 1 Ounce**.

Dispositions

Seven Suspects Convicted in Columbia Gorge Sturgeon Racketeering Case



Photo Credit: Wikipedia/Cacophony

Approximately one year ago, OSP Fish and Wildlife Division completed the investigative portion of a complex case, Operation Caviar, involving the unlawful take of undersized and oversized sturgeon from the Columbia River. The result of the investigation indicated that sturgeon and the caviar from their roe were being sold for personal profit. Recently, the prosecution portion of this investigation was completed. OSP Fish and Wildlife Division's Special Investigation Unit and many troopers were involved in the case and worked long hours undercover. This resolution is an example of the quality working relationship that OSP has with the USFWS. The following reflects the accumulative number of defendants and dispositions:

- Suspects convicted: 7
- Felony Racketeering: 3 counts
- Unlawful Possession of White Sturgeon: 1 count
- Unlawful Sale of White Sturgeon: 3 counts
- 240 months probation
- 329 days in jail or house arrest
- 420 hours community service
- Drug and alcohol treatment: 1 count
- \$7,750 paid to ODFW
- \$3,500 paid to OSP
- \$9,490 paid to Catch-a-Poacher Fund
- \$1,837 paid in miscellaneous fees and assessments

Suspect Convicted for Poaching Deer, Taxidermist Volunteered to Make Mount for Display Purposes

This buck was poached in October 2007 by an individual when he noticed it feeding out of his bird feeders in the backyard. Since the subject had not filled his bow tag, he thought he would kill it and then put his tag on the deer. During the investigation, troopers obtained photos of the buck while it was still alive.



Photo Credit: File

A taxidermist volunteered to mount the buck for law enforcement display purposes to show the public how the State of Oregon consistently loses trophy animals from poaching. Crook County Circuit Court convicted the suspect who received the following sentence: \$300 court costs, \$800 civil restitution to ODFW, \$250 to OHA TIP program, and two-year hunting suspension.

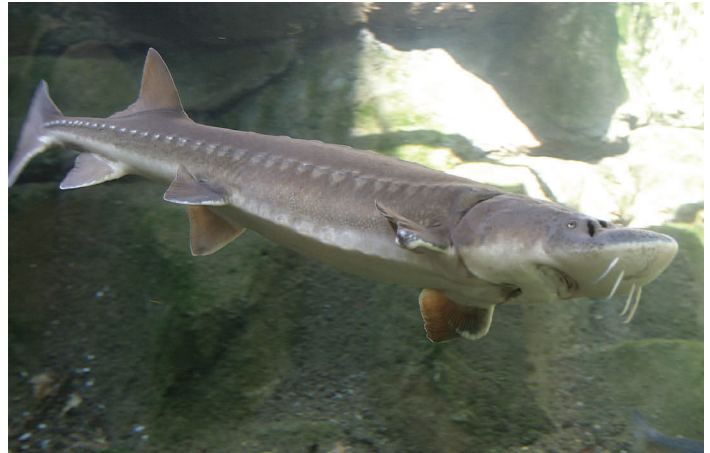


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Suspect Convicted in Taking Closed Season

In November 2007, a local Union County subject was cited for **Taking Whitetail Deer Closed Season** and three counts of **Taking Turkey Closed Season**.

The court disposition is as follows:

- \$1,588 fines, fee, and restitution
- Two years probation
- 20 hours community service
- Forfeit a .30-06 and .22 caliber rifles
- Two-year hunting license suspension



Photo Credit: Pennsylvania Game Commission

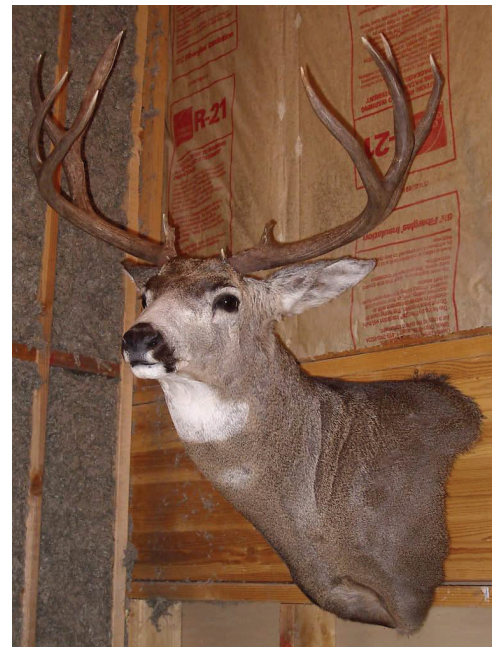


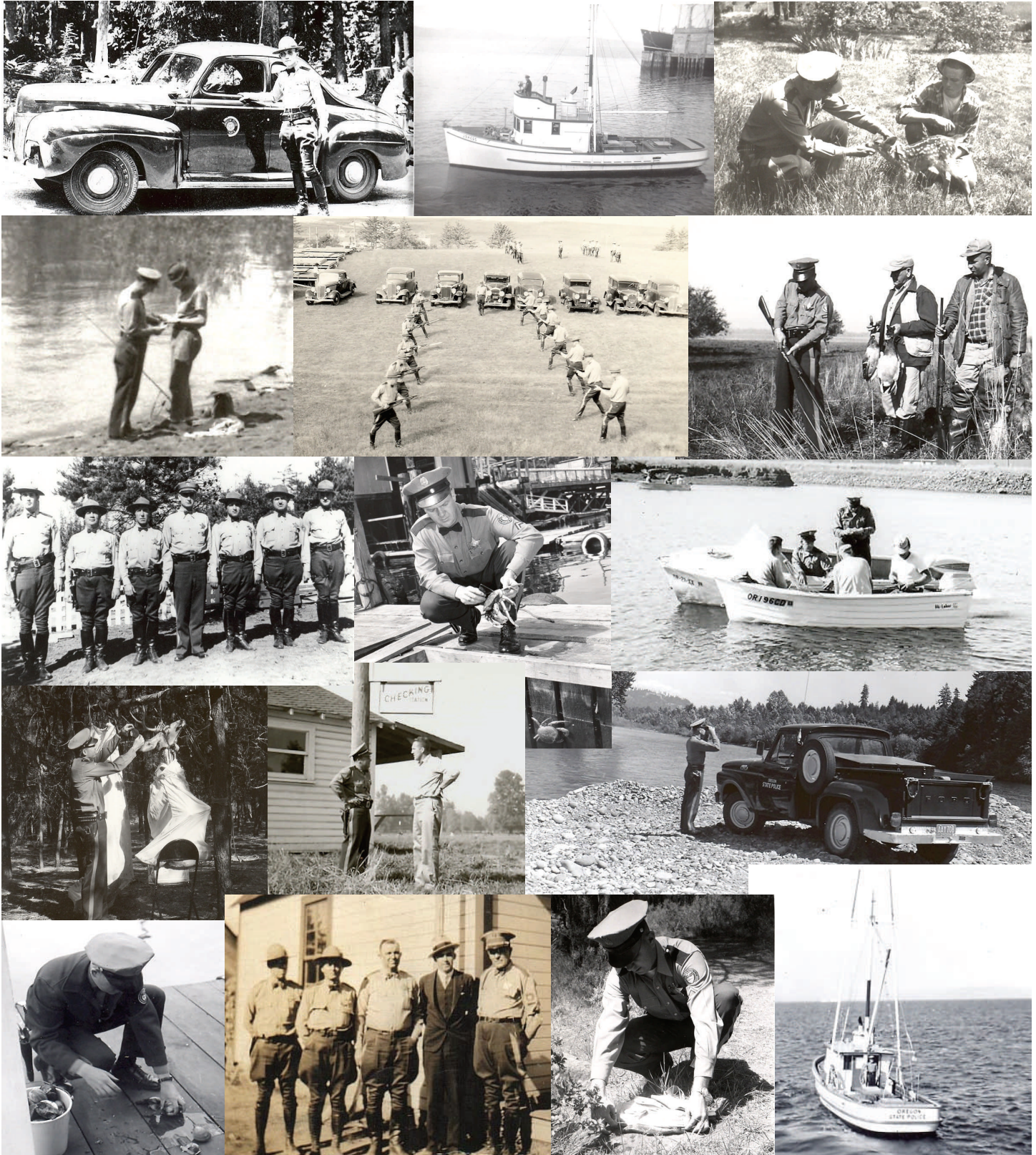
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Public Relations

Junior Fishing Day Eventful

Tpr. Richard Young (Salem) assisted ODFW with a Junior Fishing Day at the St. Louis Ponds north of Salem. The event is part of ODFW's Youth Angling Enhancement Program (YAEP), designed to introduce young people to the fun of fishing. For more information on this or other programs, visit www.dfw.state.or.us/outdoor_skills.

Troopers Invited to Talk on Radio

Sr. Tpr. Martin Maher (Springfield) and Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) were invited to participate in an hour long radio talk show in the morning. The radio show was hosted by Jerry Allen with KUGN 590. The topic of discussion was the opening day of trout season. Numerous persons called in with questions during the show.

Trooper Assisted with Informational Video

Tpr. Ryan Kehr (Newport) participated in the making of an informational video with Sheridan Jones, OSP Fish and Wildlife volunteer, and Jim Rice, Marine Mammal Stranding Network Coordinator. The video is to inform people when walking on the beach what to do when they encounter marine mammals and other wildlife that appear to be stranded or injured. The video is scheduled to air soon on the Lincoln City information channel.

Trooper Boyd Received Recognition Award

Tpr. Marc Boyd (Springfield) received a Law Enforcement Recognition award from the Eugene Delta Rotary Club. Each year the Eugene Delta Rotary Club honors an officer from the Eugene PD, Springfield PD, Lane County SO, and OSP. Boyd was selected for the honor by Springfield Area Command supervisors.

Over 100,000 Chinook Fin Clipped

Sr. Tpr. Lalo Guerra (Tillamook) assisted fin clipping of over 100,000 spring Chinook at the Whiskey Creek Fish Hatchery, sponsored by the ODFW and the Tillamook Anglers Association, with about 200 to 250 volunteers assisting. ODFW commended Guerra for representing OSP in a very professional manner and said that many there thought that having OSP at this event was a great idea.

OSP and ODFW Helped Communicate Reg Changes

Sr. Tpr. Kyle Elmenhurst (Springfield), accompanied by Erik Moberly (ODFW Fish Biologist) patrolled the McKenzie River from Armitage Park to Leaburg Lake. The purpose of this patrol was to spread the word about the daily bag limit of Chinook salmon. All of the old signs were removed and new signs were posted. Additionally, stores along the McKenzie Highway were contacted and flyers were posted.

ODFW Offers Outdoor Skills and Education for Outdoor Enthusiasts of All Ages



Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW)

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman is an award-winning outdoor skills program. Workshops teach introductory hunting and shooting skills, fishing and other outdoor activities in a supportive and nonthreatening atmosphere. Ten thousand women each year are given the opportunity to learn from patient and enthusiastic instructors.



Hunter Education

ODFW is committed to providing a quality and diverse hunting education program for all ages and skill levels. Our goal is to make opportunities available that promote Oregon's hunting heritage through basic and advanced classes, youth clinics, and other hunting and trapping activities. There are also many opportunities available for volunteers to be involved within our hunting education programs.



Youth Angling Enhancement Program (YAEP)

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation invite you to introduce youth to the fun of fishing through the Youth Angling Enhancement Program. YAEP offers a host of fishing opportunities at stocked ponds throughout the state. On-site volunteers provide equipment, teach children how to bait and cast, and help kids "reel in" their catch. The program provides a unique opportunity for children to learn how to fish and discover just how much fun it can be!



The Aquatic and Angler Education Program

The Aquatic and Angler Education Program introduces aquatic ecology and sport angling to the public. Emphasis is placed on youth-oriented programs. Awareness and understanding of aquatic systems and the relationship these systems have to sport angling is provided. The goal of the Aquatic and Angler Education Program is to provide youth with an understanding of aquatic ecosystems, and to develop the skills, knowledge and responsibilities associated with angling. Sport angling offers youth a healthy and fun recreational activity that can be shared for a lifetime with friends and family.

- For more information on these programs, please visit ODFW's website at www.dfw.state.or.us/outdoor_skills ▪

Public Relations

Meetings and Presentations

Tpr. Mike Buck (Portland) conducted a hunter's education talk at Tri-County Gun Club in Sherwood. A total of 27 students, four instructors, and 11 adults attended.

Tpr. Curtis Weaver (Lakeview) attended a banquet held by the Lakeview chapter of the OHA. Weaver maintained a small booth at the banquet and answered questions from the attendees.

Sgt. Randall Hand (Klamath Falls), Lt. David Gifford (Coos Bay), and Capt. Walt Markee (Division Director) attended the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife External Budget Advisory Committee meeting in Klamath Falls. Approximately 20 members of the public also attended.

Sgt. Larry Tucker (La Grande), Sgt. Tim Brown (Pendleton), and Lt. Randy Scorby (Baker City) attended the annual coordination meeting in Walla Walla, Washington between the USFS, WDFW, and ODFW. Numerous topics were discussed, including proper signage for road closures and the effects of shed antler hunters on wintering herds of deer and elk. Law enforcement officers from WDFW and the USFS were also present and participated in the discussions.

Sr. Tpr. Swede Pearson (The Dalles) and Tpr. Travis Ring (Arlington) gave two public talks. The first was at the OHA Youth Turkey Clinic in the White River Wildlife Area. Approximately 100 youth and adults attended the clinic. They spoke about the importance of enforcing wildlife and other natural resource laws and how they could be good witnesses and work in partnership with us. The second talk was given later in the day on basically the same topics to a hunter safety class in Wamic. Approximately 20 youth and adults attended.

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) attended the Oakridge Community Safety Fair. He displayed the Oakridge North River patrol boat and answered questions regarding boating safety. Maher also coordinated with the US Army Corps of Engineers and obtained a supply of water safety coloring books that were handed out to local area children that attended the event. About 20 children and three adults came and saw the display. Other participating agencies at the event were the Oakridge Police and Fire Departments.

Sr. Tpr. Larry Johnson (John Day), Tpr. Marvin Ritter (John Day), and Lt. Randy Scorby (Baker City) attended a Grant County Wildlife Advisory Committee meeting in John Day. Ryan Torland and Kevin Blakely (ODFW) gave presentations on deer and elk management objectives, proposed tag numbers, and the new rules pertaining to cougar and bear agents for ODFW. The discussion mostly revolved around cougar management and different ways to address the growing population. The committee voted to research funding for a wildlife agent in Grant County, possibly partnering with a neighboring county. The committee will meet later in April to

Sr. Tpr. Brad Bennett and Sr. Tpr. Marty Marchand (Grants Pass) did a presentation at a local hunter safety class for approximately 25 students.

Tpr. Jim Collom (Central Point) attended a hunter education meeting and gave a talk to students on game laws and regulations and some of the issues that happen around here locally.

Sgt. Kirk Meyer, Sr. Tpr. Jeff Thompson, and Tpr. Jim Collom (Central Point) all attended the BUII refresher put on by the OSMB at the Jackson County marine office. In attendance were Jackson County marine deputies, deputies from several other counties, and BLM rangers.

Sr. Tpr. Mike Cushman (Central Point) updated the OHA members at their April meeting on what the local OSP Fish and Wildlife team has been doing. There was a very large turn out for the meeting, over 100 people. Not sure if the large turnout was because they knew Cushman was speaking or if it was because the local chapter was raffling off youth turkey hunts at a local ranch for the upcoming youth turkey season?

Sgt. Todd Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) met with Kelly Dirksen, Fish and Wildlife Coordinator with the Grand Ronde Tribe. During this meeting, they discussed OSP enforcement issues on Tribal land and surrounding federal land. It has been requested for OSP (Hoodenpyl) to provide a presentation to the Grand Ronde Tribe about the OSP Fish and Wildlife Division and the WED program. Hoodenpyl will continue communications with the Tribe and will set a date for the presentation.

Sr. Tpr. Scott Salisbury (Florence) provided a public talk to all the 5th graders at Siuslaw Elementary School on responsible angling. The students are doing an ODFW workbook (similar to hunter education) in the classes and they asked Salisbury to talk to them about angling. There were about 100 kids and some really good questions and stories. The students are planning a trip to Honeyman Lake during Free Fishing Weekend to enjoy all the activities put on by ODFW/State Parks/STEP. Salisbury will go to assist.

Sr. Tpr. Marshall Maher (Oakridge) gave a boating and water safety presentation to the Oakridge Elementary School third grade classes. Maher talked to the students about the proper wearing of life jackets and general safety around the water. An OSP North River patrol boat was also on display. These were the last two classes to receive the instruction as part of a water safety program that was being conducted by the Oakridge Elementary School. The other grades were given the presentation earlier in the month. There were about 50 third graders in attendance.

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