



# Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division

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

## August 2007 Newsletter

### Luke Schwartz Awarded Shikar-Safari Wildlife Officer of the Year

The Shikar-Safari Club International has honored an Oregon State Police officer as the State's top conservation enforcement officer for 2007. Oregon State Police (OSP) Trooper Luther Schwartz was awarded the Shikar-Safari Club Wildlife Officer of the Year. The award, given annually for more than 25 years to recognize outstanding game enforcement officers, was presented August 3 2007 at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting Wednesday in Salem by Shikar-Safari representative Lynn Loacker.

The annual award from the conservation-based organization honors the officer whose efforts during the previous year show outstanding performance and achievement among the state agency's 120-plus sworn Fish and Wildlife law enforcement personnel. Trooper Schwartz's selection by the Shikar-Safari Club is for his dedication, professionalism, effectiveness and personal demeanor with the public and his coworkers. The selection of the 6-year OSP Trooper placed him with a "distinguished group of officers" recognized for their outstanding performance and dedication to duty.

"Trooper Schwartz's exemplary investigative and leadership skills underscore the traits our agency prides in its officers," said Sergeant Jeff Scroup, an OSP supervisor and Schwartz's immediate supervisor. "He is extremely dedicated to the Fish & Wildlife Division and to the protection of Oregon's natural resources."

Since becoming an OSP officer in July 2000, Schwartz distinguished himself by the quantity and quality of investigations in which he has successfully detected, apprehended and provided for successful prosecution of violations of Wildlife law. In addition to regular duties, Trooper Schwartz is a member of the Mobile Response Team (MRT) wherein members of the unit train for specialized crowd control and dignitary protection details. Trooper Schwartz is also a field-training officer, responsible for training and evaluating new officers. Schwartz patrols primarily Columbia and also portions of Clatsop and Multnomah counties and works out of the Oregon State Police St. Helens patrol office.

The officer has earned recognition from his supervisors and his fellow troopers. In addition to his recognition by Shikar-Safari International, Schwartz was named in 2007 by the Oregon State Police as the Fish and Wildlife Division's officer of the year. The Six year agency veteran spends significant amounts of his time on the Columbia River and in the rural forest lands of Columbia County, and has made a number of significant big game hunting, angling, marine board (Boating) and criminal cases during his tenure. Because of his ingenuity, skill and perseverance in working big game investigations, his supervisors credit Schwartz with solving a particularly noteworthy case in which several subjects conspired to falsely apply for licenses/tags for a number of years.

Shikar-Safari Club International presents annual awards to wildlife law enforcement officers in all 50 states, 10 Canadian provinces and the territories of both nations. The club is an exclusive organization with a worldwide membership of no more than 200. The club originally formed in 1952 to provide members an opportunity to get together and talk about their hunting experiences, but has evolved into an organization that supports conservation and education through a worldwide foundation. Shikar-Safari is recognized worldwide for its efforts in the protection, enhancement and preservation of wildlife, and has placed particular emphasis on endangered and threatened species through the promotion of enforcement of conservation laws and regulations.



Trooper Luther "Luke" Schwartz (left), Shikar-Safari representative Lynn Loacker (center) Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division Commander Captain Walt Markee (right).

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# Wildlife/Hunting

## Horse Shot by 7 Year Old

Senior Trooper Frerichs (Roseburg) responded to a complaint west of Roseburg of a horse that was reportedly shot with a shotgun. Upon further investigation, it was learned that the horse was shot repeatedly with a high powered BB gun. The pellets pierced the hide of the horse and medical attention was required. The adjacent neighbor was interviewed and it was discovered that the 7-year old grandson had just received a BB gun. The horse owner decided not to pursue charges at this time provided it did not occur again.

## Trooper Tracks Suspect By Phone

Trooper Ritter (John Day) received a report of an illegal take of a doe deer that had occurred at the Deer Creek Guard Station. Tpr. Ritter contacted the US Forest Service and determined that the cabin at that location was rented by a woman from Redmond. Tpr. Ritter met with Sr. Tpr. Love in Bend and they interviewed the woman and three other witnesses, and determined that another man and woman who were staying with them had killed the deer and took a bag of meat from the animal back to the Bend area. Tpr. Ritter spoke with the man and woman by phone as they were traveling to Portland at the time. It was determined that they did take the deer closed season and removed only the backstrap and hindquarters of the animal. The male was cited for **Taking Deer Closed Season** and **Waste of Wildlife** and the woman was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

## Man Decides to take Antlers off of Road Killed Buck, That's Illegal

Trooper Halsey (Albany) received a complaint of a large set of antlers in velvet in the back of a pickup truck at an apartment complex in Albany. The investigation revealed that a male subject was coming home from work late in the evening and observed a large buck (3x4) deer that had been road struck lying in the roadway on Hwy 20 near North Albany Rd. The male subject drove back to the buck and saw the size of the antlers and decided that he would like to have them. The subject dragged the deer onto private property and took a hatchet and cut off the head of the buck. The subject then cut the skull cap with attached antlers off. Tpr. Halsey followed the subject to where the event had occurred to confirm the story. The suspect was cited and released for **Unlawful Possession of Game Animal/ To Wit Deer Antlers**.

## Dog Owner Cited

Trooper Dietz (Banks) cited a dog owner for **Allowing A Dog To Run Elk**. This occurred just north of Cornelius. A dog (which Tpr. Dietz described as looking like a wolf hybrid) chased a 4X5 bull elk. The chased elk ended up breaking both hind legs (it's not sure how that happened). Numerous people witnessed the dog chasing the elk. Tpr. Dietz had to shoot the elk and the elk meat was salvaged. The dog owner was cited for the above listed charge.

## ATV Operators are Warned

Senior Trooper Randall (Klamath Falls) & Officer Curtis Weaver (Lakeview) worked the season opening for the Gerber Antelope bow hunt. They checked a total of 20 hunters, of these 8 were operating ATVs resulting in 5 Warnings issued, 2 for ATV violations, 2 for alcohol related offenses and 1 for a minor traffic offense.

## Man Harassing Wildlife

Senior Trooper Madison (Prineville) investigated a report of a subject who was shooting at a deer in his backyard during the night. The subject was apparently angry that two deer were eating on his small willow tree. He began shooting into the ground next to them and hit one of the deer in the leg. The deer was located the next morning and was put down. The suspect was issued a citation for **Harassing Wildlife**.

## Juvenile in Compliance Father Aiding in Violation

Senior Trooper Kipper (The Dalles) received a complaint that a thirteen year old had killed a deer and did not have a tag. Sr. Tpr. Kipper located the juvenile and his father and determined that the thirteen year old did have a tag, but the deer had been shot on private property, and his father had been present. The juvenile was warned and his father was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**. The deer was seized.

## Trooper Called Homicide Scene

Senior Trooper Hayes (Bend) responded to a possible homicide scene near LaPine. The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office had set up a crime scene and called the OSP Crime Lab for assistance. Sr. Tpr. Hayes was allowed to examine the skeletal remains, which he determined to be from a bear. The scene was reopened and the remains were recovered and taken to an ODFW biologist for confirmation that it was indeed a bear skeleton. *(This is the third time Hayes has responded to a homicide scene where the skeletal remains were animal in nature. His new version forensic book has helped him in making these determinations.)*

## 17 Sets of Deer Antlers Seized

Senior Trooper Thompson (Central Point) received information of someone who had possession of some fresh velvet sets of deer antlers at a Central Point home. Sr. Tpr. Thompson and Sgt. Meyer went to the house to talk to the owner. They observed some velvet antler tips sticking out from under a tarp in the side yard. They contacted a man and his girlfriend at the residence. A consent search of the yard and the garage revealed that the man and his roommate possessed many sets of deer antlers, four of which were fresh velvet racks from this year. Evidence indicated that they had been going out and spotlighting deer and shooting them with their bows and arrows, 17 sets of deer antlers and two bows were seized. Four of the sets of antlers were fresh velvet sets taken recently. The case is still being investigated and pending charges may include: **Taking Deer Closed Season, Unlawful Possession of Deer, Hunting Grouse Closed Season and Possession of less than an ounce of marijuana**.



OSP F&W Trooper with seized Deer Antlers

# Wildlife/Hunting

## False Applications for Landowner Preference Tags

Senior Trooper Caldwell (Burns) was reviewing landowner preference applications when he noted that two separate applications appeared to be inconsistent. One applicant had the required acreage, but it was not contiguous in the correct units applied for. The second subject's stated owned acreage was over four hundred acres more than the actual deeded acreage. This Suspect also listed non-family members for antelope tags. Both were cited for **False Application for Landowner Preference Tags**.

## Warned for Road Hunting-Goes to Jail

Trooper Collom (Central Point) was checking bow deer/elk hunters in the Hershberger area of the Dixon Unit. He stopped a vehicle for road hunting and warned the driver. Later, when Tpr. Collom had radio contact with dispatch, he learned that the driver he had warned for **Hunting with a Motor Vehicle** was also **Driving while Suspended** and he was wanted on three arrest warrants from Eagle Point and Josephine County. Tpr. Collom tracked the man down at his camp and arrested him. He was transported to the Jackson County Jail and lodged. Tpr. Collom also cited him for **DWS- Violation**.

## Out of Control Arrow

Senior Trooper Pearson (The Dalles) responded to a report of a hunter accident on Mill Creek. A hunter had shot an arrow at a buck deer 30 yards downhill and missed. The arrow likely skipped off a rock at about a 75 degree angle, went up in the air over a slight rise, traveled about 110 yards, skipped off a driveway and then struck a man in the back of his boot and stuck. The man's boot was perfectly cut by the three blade broadhead, but the arrow did not cut his skin. The only injury sustained was when the man reached down to remove the broadhead and slightly cut his hand. The shooter was not charged, and the incident did not meet the criteria for a hunting accident report.

## Woman Claims to have Shot Elk on Lunch Break from Work

Senior Trooper Allison and Sgt. Meyer (both Central Point) responded to a complaint of someone shooting an elk in the Sams Valley area. Sr. Tpr. Allison arrived to find three young men working on a cow elk that had been shot. The elk was tagged by the mother of two of the men. She had a damage elk tag issued to her and she was said to have come home from lunch and shot it and they were now field dressing it. Tpr. Allison determined one of the young men had shot it, not the woman with the tag. He was cited for **Hunting Elk without a Tag**. The elk was seized and donated to charity.

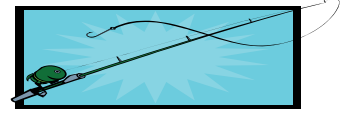
## Bear Baiting

Senior Troopers Knapp (Enterprise) and Chandler (La Grande) investigated a report that a hunter from Tucson, Arizona had killed a black bear over bait in the Summer-ville area. The hunter was contacted and it was eventually determined that the bear was indeed killed over bait. The shooter paid a local subject \$1,700 for a guided bear hunt and shot the bear from a tree stand above a site baited with bread and fat. The local subject is a licensed guide in Texas, New Mexico and Iowa but not in Oregon. A search warrant was obtained and served at his residence. As Troopers arrived, the suspect was just getting ready to leave with four new hunters he was taking out to hunt for bears. Numerous items of evidence were seized. It was determined that the new hunters paid the suspect for a guided bear hunt in Oregon. Two bear bait sites were located, one on public land and the other on private property. The suspect was cited for **Bear Baiting** (2 Counts), **Illegal Guiding** (5 Counts), **Illegal Possession of Bear** and **Aiding in a Game Violation**. The suspect's son was cited for **Illegal Guiding, Bear Baiting** and **Aiding in a Game Violation**. The owner of the private property knew of the bait site and had assisted in keeping it stocked. He will be cited for **Bear Baiting**. Sr. Troopers Gallaher and Coggins, Trooper Miller and Sgt. Tucker assisted with the case. The initial information came from an ODFW employee in Enterprise who had spoken with the hunter from Tucson as he was bragging about how he shot his bear.



OSP F&W Troopers on Horse Patrol, see news article page 7.

# Angling



## Citations Issued on Laurance Lake

Senior Troopers McNerney and Pearson (both The Dalles) worked the Hood Drainage and High Lakes. Citations were: **Angling Closed Stream x4** (West Fork Hood River), **Angling Prohibited Method - Bait x1** (Laurance Lake), **Insufficient/No Lifejackets x3** (Laurance Lake), **Possession of a Falsely Applied For Resident Angling License x1** (Kingsley Reservoir), **PCS-Less Than One Ounce Marijuana x1** (Laurance Lake), **No Angling License x2** (West Fork Hood, Laurance Lake).

## Troopers Check 116 Anglers & 74 Boats

Senior Troopers Kipper and Gunderson (both The Dalles), Trooper Carothers (Fossil) Sergeant Shortt (PSD), and Volunteers Chris Kipper and Steve Pribyl conducted a two day enforcement float trip on the Deschutes River from Buck Hollow to Heritage Landing. Sr. Tpr. McNerney and Volunteer Billy Ward assisted on the vehicle shuttles. Activities: Angler checks - 116, Deschutes River Boaters Pass Checks - 74, Guide Checks -2, Boat Exam Reports - 8, Citations: **No Deschutes Boaters Pass x2, No Personal Floatation Device x1, Warnings:** Improper Validation of Harvest Card x1, No Angling License on Person x2, Aiding in Wildlife Violation - No Juvenile Harvest Card x1, No Sound Producing Device x5, No Boaters Education Card x1, No Deschutes River Boaters Pass x5, No Certificate of Numbers x1.

## Intoxicated Man Falls Overboard

Trooper Fitch (Patrol Division) responded to Alsea Bay to assist the Sheriff's Office on a report of man overboard and reports of a boat being operated erratically by two intoxicated males. The two males were reported to be motoring in circles near the mouth of the Alsea River and appeared intoxicated. At one point, one of the occupants fell overboard. The man was able to get back into the boat. They were escorted to shore by Waldport water rescue personnel and were met by the Sheriff's Deputy. Tpr. Fitch arrived and began a BUII investigation on the boat operator. The man failed SFST's and was arrested for **BUII** and **Reckless Endangerment**. He was lodged in the Lincoln County Jail where he refused a breath test. The US Coast Guard is conducting an investigation and will be filing Federal Charges also.

## High Lakes Patrolled

Senior Troopers Love, Hayes, and Drynan (all Bend) have been patrolling the upper Deschutes River and High Lakes. They issued citations for: **No Angling License x10, Angling Prohibited Method x13, Angling Prohibited Hours x2, Unattended Line x1, Possession of Falsely Applied for Angling License x1.**

## Angler Fights Steelhead, or Not

Trooper Howell (Tillamook) observed a subject snag a steelhead. The subject brought the fish in sideways. He took the hook out and then re-hooked the steelhead in the mouth. But that's not all, the subject, making sure it was hooked solid in the mouth, let the near lifeless steelhead back out in the water, peeling out line. He then "fought" the steelhead back in. The angler proudly showed Tpr. Howell the steelhead he had just caught. Tpr. Howell then told him that he (Howell) had watched the entire episode. The suspect was cited for **Taking Steelhead Prohibited Method - Snagging** and the steelhead was seized.

## Boat Operator Fails SFST's

Senior Troopers Hayes and Love (both Bend) received numerous complaints of a 19-foot boat operating unsafely on the Deschutes River near Dillon Falls. They located the boat and contacted the operator. The subject failed SFST's and was cited and released for **BUII** and **Possession of Less Than One Ounce of Marijuana**. Other charges are pending.

## Fishing Vessel Crashes-Skipper Flees

Trooper Harris (Coos Bay) responded to assist the USCG with the crash of the fishing vessel Jande on the North Jetty of the Coos Bay Bar. The skipper initially fled the scene of the crash, but was eventually located and arrested for **BUII** and a **Parole Violation**. The USCG handled the crash/clean-up portion of the investigation.

## Zodiac Used on Ocean Boat Patrol

Recruit Schwartz and Senior Trooper Klepp (both Astoria) used the zodiac for an ocean boat patrol. Approx. 47 anglers were checked. Citations were issued for **Angling with barbed Hooks x6** and for **Angling in the Columbia River Control Zone x6** near Buoy 10.

## Suspect Tries to Revive Illegal Fish

Senior Trooper Hoffman (Roseburg) observed a subject angling with a lure in the fly angling only area on a remote portion of the N Umpqua river. The subject caught a steelhead, put it in a plastic bag, weighted the fish down with rocks hiding it back in the water. The subject then broke down his pole and started to hike further upstream. Sr. Tpr. Hoffman called out to the subject to retrieve the fish and hiked up to his location. The subject ran back to where he hid the fish, pulled it out of the bag and pumped it in the water several times trying to revive it. When it would not revive, he shoved it out into the current and the fish floated off belly up in the water. Upon contact, the subject said he did not know if this was a "wild steelhead" or not, thought it probably survived. He was aware this was a fly angling only area. The suspect was cited for **Angling Prohibited Gear** and **Waste of Game Fish**.

## Trooper Finds Hidden Fillets

Trooper Howell (Tillamook) contacted four anglers in a boat at the Garibaldi Marina. These anglers had just returned from the ocean where they had been Coho salmon fishing. Tpr. Howell found that the anglers had four hatchery Coho salmon in their possession, and when Tpr. Howell inspected the subjects' angling harvest cards, he found that they had made five entries with no dates. A consent search of the boat resulted in finding two wild Coho that were filleted and hidden in a cooler under a seat. One subject admitted to keeping the two wild Coho knowing that the fish were wild and unlawful to keep. The suspect was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Non-Finclipped Coho Salmon**.

## Troopers Checking Anglers Dockside

Senior Trooper Stanton (Seasonal) and Trooper Spurlock (Astoria) worked the docks in Hammond and Warrenton checking for ocean and Buoy 10 recreational salmon anglers returning to the dock. Sr. Tpr. Stanton issued citations for **Possession of Undersized Chinook Salmon x4; Taking Non-Finclipped Coho Salmon x1; and Fail to Validate Angling Harvest Card x2**. Trooper Spurlock issued two citations for **Possession of Undersized Chinook Salmon**. ODFW also documented two additional cases of Taking Undersized Chinook Salmon for OSP follow-up.

# Angling

## Ocean boat Patrol Yields Cites

Trooper Stone (Coos Bay) and Trooper Lea (Florence) conducted an ocean boat patrol from Florence to Winchester Bay resulting in citations for **Angling Prohibited Method - Barbed Hooks Ocean Salmon x2, Unlawful Take Undersized Dungeness Crab x1, and Angling Prohibited Method - Using More than one rod x1**, this individual was also warned for failure to validate as well.

## Cited for Boat Violation-Warrant Sends Suspect to Jail

Senior Trooper Hayes (Bend) contacted a subject on Wickiup Reservoir for a boat inspection. The suspect received a citation for **No Boater Education Card and Expired Boat Registration**. A subsequent investigation revealed an outstanding warrant for the suspect's arrest, and he was lodged in the Deschutes County Jail.

## Trooper in Area Citing Anglers and Woman for Trash

Trooper Boyd (Springfield) watched two anglers in a rowboat tied to the 200' barrier above Leaburg Dam and casting well below the deadline. Tpr. Boyd cited both for **Angling Prohibited Area to Wit: Within 200 Feet of a Fishladder (Leaburg Dam)** and one for **No 2007 Angling License**. Just as Tpr. Boyd was leaving he saw a woman he had watched fishing toss trash on the ground about 30 feet from the water and get into her car to leave, she was cited for **Depositing Trash Within 100 Yards of Waterway and No 2007 Angling License**.

## 2 Suspects Various Violations

Recruit Schoenborn and Trooper Buck (both Portland) observed two male subjects angling on the Clackamas River near Estacada. One of the anglers was observed snagging four Chinook salmon, three of which were wild. The other person assisted the first angler in landing all of the salmon and also threw one of the four salmon back into the river wasting it. The suspects were contacted and charged with the following: Suspect #1 was issued citations for **Unlawful Possession of Wild Chinook Salmon (3 counts), Unlawful Take of Chinook Salmon to wit; Snagging (3 counts) and Exceeding the Daily Catch Limit of Salmon (2 counts)**. All three salmon were seized and donated to charity. Suspect #2 was issued citations for **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation (3 counts), Waste of Wildlife (Chinook Salmon) and Loaning a Harvest Card**.

## Suspect Plays with Dog in Creek -Cited for Harassing Wildlife

Trooper Spurlock (Astoria) contacted two subjects at the deadline below the Big Creek Hatchery weir. One subject had been casting above the deadline. The other subject was above the deadline, throwing sticks across the creek so his retriever dog would splash into the water and frighten the fish downstream where the other subject was angling. The first suspect was cited for **Angling Closed Area - Above the Deadline**; the second suspect was warned for **Harassing Wildlife**.

## Suspect with Statewide Felony Warrant

While working along the Middle Fork of the Willamette River near the Bingham Bridge, Sr. Trooper Maher (Oakridge) was over the bank issuing a citation to an angler for **Angling with Bait Where Prohibited**. Trooper Maher (Springfield) was up on the roadway with the patrol vehicle when he saw two dirt bikes and a quad being operated on the paved two lane public road (USFS RD 21). Tpr. Maher was able to get two of the ATV's to stop and when Sr. Tpr. Maher came up the bank he stayed with them while Tpr. Maher tracked down the third ATV. One was found to have a statewide felony warrant for a sex offense and was also the suspect in numerous burglaries in the Oakridge area. Oakridge PD overheard the radio traffic and sent an officer to take custody and to interview the suspect. The wanted suspect was also found to be in possession of marijuana and was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Marijuana - Less Than 1oz**. All three ATV riders were issued citations for **Unlawful Operation of an ATV on Public Highway**. One rider was also found to have his driving privileges suspended and was also cited for **Driving While Suspended**.



OSP F&W Troopers attending Drift Boat Training

## Commercial Fish

### Commercial Vessel Lands More Than Just Fish

Trooper Stone (Coos Bay) contacted a commercial Trawl Vessel in conjunction with the coast-wide commercial salmon saturation. Both deckhands were found to not have commercial fishing licenses. A LEDS check revealed a **Felony Warrant** for one of the men while the other was an **out-of-compliance sex offender**. Both were arrested and transported to Coos County Jail where they were lodged. One was cited for **No 2007 Commercial Fishing License** while the other was warned for the same violation.

### Commercial Salmon Troller Cited

Sr. Trooper Canfield (Newport) and Special Agent Karl Helberg (NOAA OLE) conducted an Ocean patrol targeting commercial salmon trollers. Citations were issued for **Commercial Trolling Prohibited Method to Wit: More than 4 spreads per line**, and **No Individual Commercial Fishing License**.

### Deckhand Goes to Jail

Senior Trooper Hoodenpyl and Sgt. Seaholm (both Tillamook) were on the docks checking the last of the crab fisherman, as the season was ending that day. Sgt. Seaholm noted that a deckhand on one of the commercial boats had been cited earlier in the year for a crab violation by Tpr. Howell. Sgt. Seaholm checked to see if the subject had appeared on the citation and learned that he had not and that a valid warrant for **Fail To Appear** existed. The suspect was taken into custody on the warrant.

### Several Commercial Skippers Checked

Trooper Stone and Senior Trooper Lane (both Coos Bay) worked the last commercial Halibut opener in the Charleston area. The Troopers discovered three short halibut and seven mutilated skates on one boat, the skipper was cited for **Unlawful Take Undersized Commercial Halibut** and warned for the mutilated commercial fish. Sr. Tpr. Lane investigated the transient buyer who purchased the short halibut. The buyer was from out of the area and did not have an Individual Buyer's License or a Vehicle Buyer's License. He was cited for **No Commercial Vehicle Buyer's License**. While checking several limited seller commercial vessels Tpr. Stone contacted a sport boat and located 18 undersized Dungeness Crabs. The skipper was cited for **Unlawful Take Undersized Dungeness Crabs**.

## Environment/Habitat

### Suspect Helps Himself to Firewood

Senior Trooper Freeman (Roseburg) contacted a subject who was coming out of the hills with a pickup load of firewood. Upon contact, the subject said he had permission from the local timber company to cut the wood. Phone contact with the timber company found this not to be true. The subject was told to return to the site where he cut the wood and unload it there. The suspect was cited for **Unlawful Cut/Transport of Special Forest Products**.



## Shellfish

### Beach Closed to Razor Clams

Senior Trooper Klepp (Astoria) contacted seven individuals harvesting razor clams on Clatsop Beach from Warrenton to Seaside. Two citations were issued for **Taking Razor Clams Closed Season** and five suspects were warned. The beach was closed to razor clams beginning July 15. Sr. Tpr. Stanton (seasonal) also found three suspects during the week of minus tide series in possession of razor clams dug off Clatsop County beaches. All three suspects were cited for **Taking Razor Clams Closed Season** and three others were warned.

### Skipper Takes Crab Pots from Others

Troopers Howell and Thomas (Tillamook) interviewed and cited a commercial crabber for several violations. The crabber had been the skipper on another crabbing vessel earlier in the year. During the Whiting Operation, Tpr. Thomas had contacted this skipper, when he was skipper of another boat, and found that he was over on his weekly trip limit of sable fish. The fisherman also knew that he was over and tried to get the dock weighman to adjust the fish ticket to reflect a legal limit instead of the actual weight. The case took some time to put together and Tpr. Thomas had been looking for the skipper for a couple of months. This skipper was now in Garibaldi and Tpr. Howell had received information that this skipper had taken four other crab fisherman's pots and had been fishing those pots for awhile. Tprs. Howell and Thomas were able to confirm that this skipper was indeed using other fishermen's pots. This fisherman was cited for the **Overage on Sablefish, Solicitation** (when he tried to get the dock weighman to change the fish ticket) and for **Possession of Crab Pots Not Belonging to the Fishing Vessel**.



## General Law

### DUII Suspect Out of Control

While working USFS Terwilliger Hot Springs, Trooper Boyd (Springfield) cited multiple subjects for **Open Container**, one of the suspects threw a beer can out the window of the vehicle on USFS road 19 nearly at the feet of Tpr. Boyd while he was on a traffic stop. He cited one suspect for **Depositing Trash Within 100 Yards of a Waterway**; cited two suspects for **Unlawful Possession of Marijuana – Less Than 1oz** and assisted USFS LEO Griffin with a combative DUII suspect and followed LEO Griffin to Springfield PD at his request to administer the breath test. The test was refused and the suspect who was out of control, threatening both officers, and at one point spit in the LEO's face. The suspect was lodged in the Lane County Jail for **DUII, Assault III, Disorderly Conduct** and was additionally cited for **UPCS Less Than 1oz of Marijuana** by LEO Griffin.

### Driver Flees Scene Identified by his Passengers

While patrolling the McKenzie River near Blue River Trooper Boyd (Springfield) noticed an eastbound vehicle being operated in a reckless manor and running opposing traffic onto the shoulder of the roadway. Tpr. Boyd attempted to stop the vehicle but the vehicle continued at speeds reaching 85 mph, the pursuit continued for about 12 miles and ended at the trail head of Castle Rock on USFS ground where the suspect tried to negotiate the narrow trail with his vehicle and quickly became stuck on the steep ground. The driver fled the scene on foot and failed to comply with verbal commands, the female adult and female juvenile were detained and it was found that the two repeatedly asked to get out of the vehicle and were scared for their lives, the driver would not stop and let them out. No action was taken on the females and as they were victims, the driver who the females identified had an outstanding felony warrant with no bail set out of Oregon P&P. The driver will be charged with **Attempt to Elude Police/Motor Vehicle, Attempt to Elude Police on Foot, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering** and may be charged with **Kidnaping in the Second Degree**. The vehicle was towed from the scene and the passengers were given a courtesy transport home by Tpr. McClain. Sgt. Brewster and Sr. Tpr. Schleicher assisted in the containment of the area for the arrival of USFS LEO Eivers and her K-9. The suspect was not located but he is known and so is his possible location.

### Troopers on Horse Patrol Help Campers in Remote Area with Theft

Sergeant Hulett and Trooper Maher (both Springfield) were on horse patrol and rode horses out from Taylor Burn Guard Station to North Waldo campground. While riding along the Taylor Burn road they were contacted by a citizen that had been camping at Taylor Lake. The camper reported that there had been some thefts from some of the campers at the lake during the night. Sgt. Hulett and Tpr. Maher notified Sr. Tpr. Maher of the theft complaint and Sr. Tpr. Maher drove to Taylor Lake to investigate the complaint. Upon arriving at Taylor Lake, Sr. Tpr. Maher contacted two different camp sites that had items taken. One of the groups had already done a little investigation of their own and had tracked the suspects footprints in the dust back to their camp site and had confronted them about the thefts. A cooler with food was recovered and was taken back to one of the victims. After obtaining the initial information Sr. Tpr. Maher contacted the theft suspects. As Sr. Tpr. Maher approached their camp he observed one subject quickly put something in his pants pocket and watched another individual throw something in front of a vehicle at the camp. Sr. Tpr. Maher found that all of the subjects in the suspect camp were under 21 but were over 18 yrs old. The subject that quickly put something in his pocket was found to be in possession of marijuana, the item that was thrown in front of the vehicle was found to be a beer can containing beer. Sr. Tpr. Maher issued two citations for **MIP - Alcohol** and one citation for **Unlawful Possession of Marijuana – Less Than 1oz**. Sr. Tpr. Maher also recovered one bottle of alcohol that was taken from one of the victim camps. Neither of the victim camps wanted to pursue any charges for theft since they had their items returned. The victim camps seemed to be very pleased with the OSP response to the situation in such a remote area.

### Suspects Attempt to Steal Guns from Bi-Mart

Senior Trooper Madison (Prineville) assisted Prineville PD with an all agency request when an alarm was triggered at the local Bi-Mart store. Two suspects were attempting to steal guns and were attempting to exit from a roof top location. A SWAT team was called in and took the subjects into custody.

### Suspect Asks Too Many Questions-Goes to Jail after Search

Trooper Stone (Coos Bay) contacted a watchman for an unlawfully possessed buck deer skull in his camp in the Smith River basin. During the conversation the suspect asked if a convicted felon could possess a "stun gun". An investigation and resulting consent search of the camp trailer revealed a loaded shotgun, loaded rifle, and a fully operational "stun gun" device. Tpr. Stone confirmed the individual is a convicted felon and obtained consent to search the suspect's vehicle for weapons. An overwhelming odor of green marijuana emanated from the truck resulting in the discovery of a Ziploc bag half-full of green marijuana buds (approx. 2-3 ounces), a pipe, scales, over \$1000 cash, and an additional paper grocery bag wrapped in plastic two-thirds full of green marijuana (approx. 4-6 ounces). The suspect eventually admitted to having a grow in the area and indicated that he had just harvested two weeks prior. Information was forwarded to the local narcotics team. The suspect was arrested and charged with **MCS, PCS, DCS-Marijuana and Felon in Possession of Firearm (2 counts)**. The above items were seized as evidence and the suspect lodged in Reedsport Jail.

### Campers Refuse to Comply with BLM Law Enforcement

Senior Trooper Lindberg (Madras) responded to assist a BLM Law Enforcement Officer who could not get compliance/attention from a group of twelve campers on the other side of the Lower Deschutes River. Sr. Tpr. Lindberg crossed the river using a one-man pontoon boat and issued the group leader a citation for **Violation of Fire Restriction**. The group was very uncooperative as well as the group leader. A further investigation revealed that the group gave false information regarding the citation. The suspect was contacted two days later while pulling his boat out at Heritage Landing and subsequently lodged in jail for **Giving False Information to a Police Officer**.

### Five Juveniles Lost While Hiking

Trooper Davis and Trooper Harris (Coos Bay) assisted Coos County Sheriffs Office in a Search and Rescue near Bullards Beach State Park. Five juveniles got lost in thick brush while hiking in the area and utilized their cell phones to call for assistance. The juveniles were found and escorted out of the area before dark.

## General Law

### Driver Stopped has Several Open Containers of Wine

While patrolling the Mt. Hood National Forest, Senior Trooper Pearson stopped a vehicle on the 17 Road because the operator was not wearing his seat belt. He located a Mason canning jar ½ full of wine next to the driver and an open bottle of wine and numerous unopened bottles of wine in a large cooler on the passenger seat. Sr. Tpr. Pearson (The Dalles) arrested the suspect for a **Probation Violation** warrant on a prior DUII and for **DUII**, and cited him for **Open Container and Driving While Suspended - Violation**. The suspect's BA was .08% two hours after the arrest.

### Trooper Finds Truck Submerged At Boat Ramp

Sergeant Hand (Klamath Falls) responded to a vehicle submerged in the water at the Klamath Wildlife Area boat ramp. Klamath County Dive and Rescue was additionally requested. While awaiting the arrival of Dive and Rescue, Sgt. Hand entered into the river to check the cab of the pickup truck. No bodies were found in the cab. Dive and Rescue arrived moments later and thoroughly searched the vehicle and surrounding waters, finding no one. The vehicle was recovered from the water. As it turned out, the vehicle was involved in a hit and run the night before and a short while later the vehicle was reported by its owner. The initial case was filed with Klamath County Sheriff's Office and Sgt. Hand turned over the recovery process to them as well.

### Large Marijuana Grow Found

Sgt. Newman, Sr. Trooper Grove, Trooper Wilson (all Ontario), Sr. Trooper Chandler (La Grande), Sr. Trooper Caldwell (Burns), Sr. Trooper Hawkins, Trooper Duncan (both Baker City), and Lt. Scorby (East Region) assisted the Malheur County Sheriff's Office and BLM with a large Marijuana grow operation in the Whitehorse Unit on BLM lands. The estimate for the Marijuana grow was over 20,000 plants. Three California Bighorn Sheep heads were discovered in the Marijuana grow (two rams and one ewe), and the investigation into the illegal take will be completed by Sr. Tpr. Grove and Tpr. Wilson.

### K-9 Unit Called to Scene

Senior Trooper Carter (Pendleton) while working spotlighters in the Pendleton Area, he was advised that Pendleton PD was in pursuit of a black BMW. He observed the suspect vehicle fleeing south on Tutuilla Road, made a felony stop and held four suspected gang members until cover units could respond. A K-9 unit responded and hit on the vehicle, and a subsequent search discovered over one ounce of methamphetamine, numerous plastic baggies, and an electronic scale. Pendleton PD arrested three subjects on **Reckless Driving, Attempt to Elude, Outstanding Warrants and Possession & Delivery of a Controlled Substance** charges.

### Fire Restriction Violations

Senior Trooper Frerichs (Roseburg) was working private property on Callahan Ridge in response to complaints of fires in the restricted use area and closure of fire season. At around 12am, he observed a large bonfire with 8 suspects. Three citations for **Violation of Restrictions-Fire season** and 2 MIP citations were issued. The suspects were advised to extinguish the fire and the entire area was cleaned up.

### Felon Tries to Hide from Trooper

As Senior Trooper Frerichs (Roseburg) was citing an ATV rider, he observed a vehicle driving down Steamboat Creek road at a high rate of speed. The operator was forced to stop when he came upon Sr. Tpr. Frerichs and the ATV stopped on the bridge. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs made contact and recognized the driver as a multi-convicted felon out of Glide. Sr. Tpr. Frerichs observed two rifles in the front seat and the driver was arrested for **Felon in Possession of Firearms**. It was learned later that the driver had observed Sr. Tpr. Hoffman further up on Steamboat Creek Road and was attempting to hide because of the weapons.

### Bomb Found in Glove Box

Trooper Schwartz (St. Helens) conducted a traffic stop for Detective Hasenkamp (Portland) on a car that Det. Hasenkamp had suspicion of DUII. It was apparent that the driver was impaired from some sort of controlled substance. The driver performed standardized field sobriety tests and failed. Tpr. Schwartz arrested the driver for **DUII** and a search of the vehicle incident to arrest revealed meth, marijuana, oxycodone, vicodin and several other prescription medications issued to other persons, and an explosive device in the glove box. The explosive device is known as a railroad torpedo. The device was seized and destroyed by the OSP bomb squad. The female driver worked for the railroad company and lawfully possessed the device. She was transported to the Columbia County Jail where she provided a .00% BAC and a urine sample before being evaluated by a DRE. The driver was cited and released to the jail for **DUII-CS, Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance-Oxycodone** and **Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance-Vicodin**.

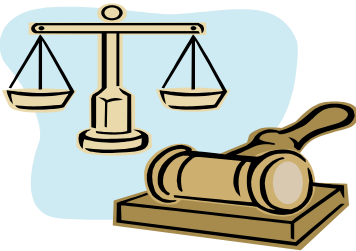
### Car Found in 18 Feet of Water

Trooper Lea (Florence) and Trooper Stone (Coos Bay) were called to assist Lane County Sheriff's Office to investigate tire tracks on Sweet Creek Rd leading into the Siuslaw River. An elderly female was missing in the area. They used the sled to search the river when they found some car parts in the river, and dredged the bottom with a boat anchor, the vehicle was found in 18 ft. of water. A Lane County Sheriff's Office diver found a deceased female occupant in the passenger seat of car. Lane County Sheriff's Office handled recovery of the vehicle using our sled as the dive and recovery platform. A diver, Lane County detectives, two patrol Tprs. and Mast Brothers Towing responded to recover the vehicle. Lane County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident.





1930's photo of OSP F&W Trooper on Patrol



## Dispositions

### Suspect Hunting Within City Limits

On April 2, 2007, the Clatsop County Circuit Court Judge Cindy Matayas convicted a suspect of the misdemeanor offense of Hunting Inside City Limits of Warrenton. The suspect was caught in the act of actively hunting elk in November 2006 inside the city limits of Warrenton after he fired his rifle toward a bull elk just after the herd had crossed Hwy 101. Officers often find evidence of illegal kills in the area but rarely catch the shooters in the act. This time, however, the suspect was witnessed by Sr. Trooper Mike Stanton (Retiree) as he fired his rifle and pursued the herd. A short time later the suspect and a male companion were apprehended by Sr. Tpr. Klepp just after the incident. The suspect was fined \$107 and his hunting privileges were suspended for two years. No elk was believed to be taken during the incident.

## Public Relations - Interagency Cooperation

### OHA Cleans Up Dump Sites

Trooper May (St. Helens) assisted the Columbia County Chapter of Oregon Hunters Association with a cleanup of illegal dump sites on the Whitney/Clark Road system off Apiary Road, near Rainier, Oregon. The focus of the clean up was clearing large dump sites in front of the Longview Timber company gates and dump sites on their property. Approximately 20 people participated in the clean up and a large amount of garbage was cleared from the area.

### 38' Sailboat Hits Buoy-Operator BUII

The USCG called OSP for assistance with a suspected intoxicated boater. The operator of a 38 ft. sailboat struck the #9 Navigation Buoy on Yaquina Bay. The USCG boarded the vessel and discovered that the operator was displaying signs of intoxication. Sr. Tpr. Shawver and Sgt. Vanderberg (Patrol Division) responded to South Beach Marina. The operator failed SFST's and was taken into custody for **BUII**. He refused the intoxilyzer, and was lodged in the Lincoln County Jail.

### BBQ Held for Youth Antelope Hunters

Sergeant Hand (Klamath Falls) attended a barbecue hosted by Oregon Hunters Association for the tag holders of youth antelope tags. The barbecue is held every year the night prior to the youth antelope hunt. Sgt. Hand gave a presentation on Antelope hunting tactics and an overview of laws that are often violated when antelope hunting.

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