



Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division

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

February 2007 Newsletter

Enforcement of New Commercial Crab Gear Rules

Following the implementation of Oregon's new commercial crab gear rules for the current 2006-2007 commercial Dungeness crab fishery, fish and wildlife enforcement personnel along the west coast and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) have been working off the Oregon coast and found that violations of these new rules were occurring. Numerous commercial crab pots were seized and violations were noted that are leading to several investigations.

"This joint enforcement patrol showed that violations of the new crab pot rules were prevalent coast wide." said Lieutenant Jeff Samuels of the Oregon State Police (OSP) Fish & Wildlife Division.

During the past two weeks, the OSP Fish & Wildlife Division in conjunction with Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, California Department of Fish & Game and the USCG, worked off the Oregon coast enforcing the new commercial crab pot gear rules. In addition, the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) assisted with fuel for the patrol vessels from Washington and California.

OSP Fish & Wildlife Troopers were able to identify unlawful crab gear using OSP rigid hull inflatable patrol vessels and from assistance provided by the USCG with patrol boats and air support. The patrol vessels from Washington (P/V Corliss) and California (P/V Albacore) patrolled off the coast of Oregon with OSP Fish and Wildlife Division Troopers aboard and over a period of 4 days were able to seize over 110 unlawful commercial crab pots. These crab pots were identified to at least 14 commercial crab vessels. As a result of this effort, over 200 violations were identified and one search warrant was served. Investigations are ongoing

The OSP Fish & Wildlife Division praised the multi-agency assistance. "Without the partnerships and cooperation of all the supporting agencies, this operation would not have been successful." said Lieutenant Samuels. "Our Department just does not have a patrol vessel capable of pulling commercial crab gear, nor the ability to haul this gear to shore."

Patty Burke, the manager of the Marine Resources Program at ODFW added that without a seaworthy state enforcement vessel, the Oregon State Police have been incredibly resourceful.

"They have maximized their partnerships with our neighboring states' enforcement agencies to get the job done," said Burke. "This work is a real testament to the hard work and cooperation between ODFW and OSP to implement this new regulation effectively. Without enforcement and quick responses to complaints, we cannot have a level playing field. Without that, the intent of this law to improve the conduct and value of this fishery is not possible."

Information regarding these new commercial crab rules can be found on ODFW's website at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/crab_pot or at any ODFW office.



**Patrol Vessel
"G.H. Corliss" from
Washington**

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Wildlife/Hunting

Hunting Geese out of Season

Trooper Maher (Springfield) was dispatched to a hunting complaint near Cheshire. Trooper Maher contacted two suspects, leaving private property near Territorial Highway, who admitted hunting geese. They had each taken two cacklers apiece. Both were cited for **Taking Geese Closed Season** and the geese were seized.

2006 Elk Case Concluded

Trooper Mayer (Heppner) reports an investigation into the taking of a five point bull elk by Portland residents during the 2006 elk season has been completed. Portland F&W Troopers assisted by serving citations to the involved parties for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another** (1) and **Hunting from a Public Roadway** (2).

Felon with a Firearm

Trooper Schwartz (St. Helens) responded to a report of unlawful hunting activity near Ranier. Sr. Tpr. Fargher (Patrol Div.-St. Helens) had already arrived and relayed to Tpr. Schwartz that the men had harvested a cow elk and that the men were outside of their hunt area. Tpr. Schwartz's subsequent investigation revealed that one man had a cow elk tag for a hunt area that was approximately 12 miles away. The second man was a convicted felon who possessed a .44 mag. Blackhawk pistol. Tpr. Schwartz seized the elk, pistol and rifle and cited one man for **Unlawful Taking of Cow Elk outside Hunt Area**. Tpr. Schwartz is referring the second man to the Columbia County DA's Office for consideration on prosecution for **Felon In Possession of a Firearm**.

Bighorn Sheep Poached

Trooper Wilson's (Ontario) investigation of the discovery of a headless bighorn sheep carcass found by a chukar hunter in Leslie Gulch, concluded that evidence at the scene indicated that this was not a natural death. The carcass was seized and taken to Ontario. Tpr. Wilson has contacted FNAWS in Oregon and Idaho, and OHA to establish a reward for this case. A media release has been made, and the investigation is continuing.

Hunting Cougar with Dogs

Senior Trooper Bean (Gilchrist) received a report from Trooper Knapp (Enterprise) that ODFW in Enterprise had checked in a cougar near the end of January. The cougar was killed in late January and was tagged with a 2006 tag by a 12 yr. old juvenile. The juvenile and his father were from the Crescent area. Sr. Tpr. Bean interviewed the juvenile at Gilchrist School, in which at first the juvenile told a contrived story, but relented and finally told the real story. He and his dad, along with 2 other adults had been hunting in the Wallowa Area with hounds. The dogs treed the cougar and the juvenile shot and killed it. The dad later confirmed the story the juvenile had told. The father was cited for **Hunting Cougar with the Aid of Dogs, Aiding in a Game Violation (x2)** including, **Taking Cougar without a valid tag**. Tpr. Knapp followed up with the suspect in Wallowa and cited him. One suspect, who lives in Idaho, will be cited for **Aiding in a Game Violation Taking Cougar with Aid of Dogs**. The firearm, cougar carcass, photos of the cat just prior to being shot in the tree, and the hide were seized as evidence. The juvenile was warned.

Suspect Unlawfully Hunting in 2 States

Trooper Collom and Senior Trooper Cushman (Central Point) assisted the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and have been completing interviews and wrapping up a case involving a Medford suspect who unlawfully killed elk and mule deer in Oregon and Washington. In all, the Medford suspect was issued citations including: **Felon with a Firearm, Aiding in a Wildlife Crime-taking Antelope Closed Season, Aiding in a Wildlife Crime-taking Deer Closed Season, Waste of Wildlife, Taking Antelope Closed Season, Taking Deer Closed Season (x2), Unlawful Possession of Deer**. Two of the Medford mans friends' were also issued citations for: **Taking Antelope Closed Season, Aiding in a Wildlife Crime-taking Deer Closed Season, Waste of Wildlife, Taking Deer Closed Season**. This will conclude a 6 month long investigation, including a WDFW search warrant that the Central Point team served in Medford in November 2006.

Sex Offender from NY Receives

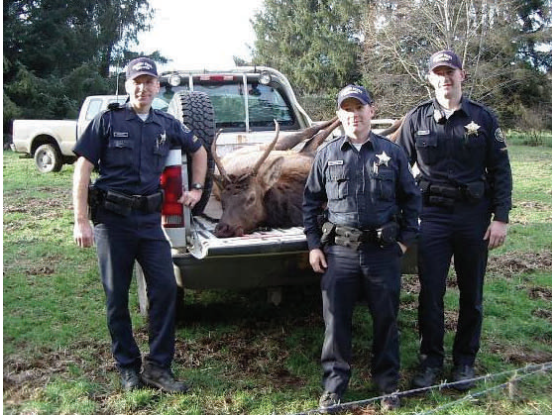
Numerous Hunting and Other Citations

Senior Trooper Maher (Oakridge) concluded his investigation regarding a wanted subject that had been poaching deer in the upper McKenzie area near Blue River and McKenzie Bridge. The investigation started around the 15th of January and numerous attempts were made to locate the suspect. The suspect was a wanted sex offender and the investigation revealed that he had stolen a person's identification which included a social security card and drivers license, while he had been staying in the Bend area. The suspect had been living under the assumed name of the person he had stolen the ID from, and had been working in the Blue River area. Parts of 2 deer that the suspect poached out of season were seized as evidence from witnesses that had received the deer. Sr. Tpr. Maher was conducting some additional follow-up on February 13, when he learned that the suspect had been arrested by Coburg PD and was currently in the Lane County Jail. When Coburg PD arrested the suspect they found the rifle he was said to have been poaching the deer with, behind the seat of his vehicle. Coburg PD also found the stolen Oregon DL, Social Security Card, hunting license and a deer and elk tag. Investigation revealed that the suspect had purchased the hunting license, western rifle deer tag and cascade elk tag under the assumed name. The victim was contacted and stated he had never bought the hunting license and tags and was not even a hunter. Sr. Tpr. Maher attempted to interview the suspect at the Lane County Jail but the suspect refused to answer any questions. Based on the investigation, Sr. Tpr. Maher charged the suspect with the following: **Taking Deer Closed Season; Unlawful Possession of Deer; Hunting With The Aid of Artificial Light; Attempt to Take Deer Closed Season; False Application for a Resident Hunting License; False Application for a Western Rifle Deer Tag; and False Application for a Cascade Elk Tag**. The suspect was also found to be a convicted sex offender from the state of New York and had never registered as required when he came to Oregon. Sr. Trooper Maher also completed the sex offender registration form with the suspect and issued him an additional citation for **Fail to Register as a Sex Offender-Felony**. Coburg PD charged the suspect with **False Info to Police, Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Attempted Identity Theft**.

Wildlife/Hunting

Suspect Swerves to Kill Geese

Trooper Brooks (Salem) responded to assist Salem PD with a driver that was reported to have intentionally swerved and killed two geese at State Street near the Penitentiary. Trooper Brooks, with the assistance of a Salem PD officer contacted the suspect at his residence. The suspect was subsequently arrested for **DUI (.16%)** and **Harassment of Wildlife** for intentionally swerving into and killing two Canadian geese.



OSP F&W Troopers with confiscated Elk

Dogs Chase and Kill Elk

Newport Fish & Wildlife Division troopers responded to a report on Slick Rock Creek Road in Lincoln County of an elk that had been chased and subsequently killed by two large dogs. An OSP trooper arrived at the scene and observed a cow elk lying in a private field struggling to survive. After receiving permission from the landowners to enter the property, another trooper arrived on scene to assist with the investigation and removal of the elk from the field. When troopers were able to get to the elk it was found deceased and appeared to have been stressed, hitting a tree while being chased by the dogs and possibly breaking its back. The investigation revealed that the dogs' owner resided at the property immediately east of the scene. Trooper Kehr (Newport) contacted the dog owner. The owner was cited and released for **Unlawfully Permitting Dog to Run a Game Mammal to wit: Elk (x2)**.

Suspect Baiting Deer

Senior Trooper Prodzinski (Madras) and Sgt. Pond (Bend) investigated a suspect who had taken three buck mule deer out of season. The suspect was baiting deer onto his property and would then shoot them with a bow and arrow from his residence. The suspect was charged with **Taking Deer Closed Season**, and **Unlawful Possession of Deer (x2)**. The deer and archery equipment were seized.



New OSP Fish & Wildlife Patrol Boat

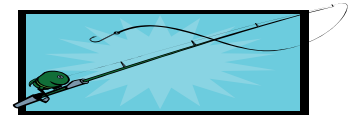


Real or Decoy? 1992 photo of Retired Sr. Tpr. Doe. Photo courtesy of Jack Baker.

Angling

Angler Refuses to Show License/Tag

Trooper Gorman and Sgt. Perske (both Roseburg) tracked down a suspect at a popular fishing spot who had refused over the previous weekend to provide an ODFW fish checker his license or tag. The suspect said the checker had checked him/it a couple weeks before and didn't think they needed to see it again, "in my opinion." The suspect was cited for the crime of **failing to allow inspection of license/tag** and advised further refusals would result in him being taken into custody. He did provide his license/tag to officers.



Environment/Habitat

Suspect Dumps Trash Leaves Address Behind

Trooper Kehr (Newport) located a large garbage dump in the middle of a forest road near Lincoln City. Tpr. Kehr located a name and address from a sports catalog. Tpr. Kehr made contact with an individual at the address off of the catalog. The suspect stated he didn't live there, but asked Tpr. Kehr why he was there. Tpr. Kehr told him that he was investigating a large garbage dump. Based on the suspect's reaction, Tpr. Kehr asked if he knew anything about the garbage dump. An investigation revealed that the suspect had dumped the garbage for the owner of the residence and pocketed the cash instead of taking the trash to the dump. The suspect was cited for **Offensive Littering**.

Commercial Fish

Suspect Crabbing with more than Allowed Pots

A search warrant was executed on a local fishing vessel for evidence to support the crime of **Fishing More Than the Allowed Maximum Number of Commercial Crab Pots**. Two onboard computers were "copied" by the computer forensic experts. The computer evidence has not yet been analyzed.

F&W Work with USCG

Senior Trooper Klepp, Recruits Spurlock and Schwartz (all Astoria) were onboard the Washington Fish & Wildlife enforcement vessel the "Corliss." The Corliss pulled illegal gear from Cape Falcon to Cape Lookout. Tpr. Schwartz was onboard a USCG 47' out of Cape Disappointment. Lt. Lane (Salem) flew in a USCG Jayhawk helicopter out of Air Station Astoria, plotting crab pot strings. Sgt. Thompson, Sr. Tpr. Canfield and Tpr. Urbigkeit (all Newport) assisted with the Newport RHI. Lt. Samuels (Salem), Sgt. Seaholm and Tpr. Howell (both Tillamook) used the Tillamook RHI and Trooper Guerra (Tillamook) was onboard a USCG 47 footer. A total of 18 illegal pots were seized.

Failure to Completely Off-load

Trooper Stone (Coos Bay) discovered a basket of Petrale and one large Stickleback following the off-load of a drag vessel in Charleston. The skipper had stated that they were done off-loading and that he hadn't seen the basket until Tpr. Stone did. The investigation showed the skipper believed he and the crew should be able to take some fish home among other things. The skipper was cited for **failure to completely off-load** and both deckhands warned for the same violation.

Commercial Fisher Exceeding Limit

Trooper Urbigkeit (Newport) concluded a lengthy commercial fish investigation. The investigation revealed that a suspect had landed up to nine overages in 2005. The suspect was cited for **Exceeding Limit on Lingcod** (500 lb limit, offloaded 1086 lbs), **Exceeding Limit on Dover Sole** (30,000 lbs limit, offloaded 32,379) and **Fail to Complete Logbook**. Multiple other Fish and Wildlife charges are pending. At least 10 other charges were referred to the District Attorney's office for review. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement is also bringing forth civil charges.

Five Commercial Vessels Receive 29 Violations

Troopers Cyr, Davis, Stone, and Sgt. Gifford (all Coos Bay), Sr. Tpr. VanProoyen (Gold Beach) and Lt. Samuels (Salem) assisted officers from CA on the patrol vessel Albacore to check commercial crab gear in the Brookings area. Sr. Tpr. VanProoyen got underway with the USCG on one of their 47' motor lifeboats and conducted a patrol from Brookings to almost Port Orford looking for unmarked crab buoys. During the patrol, a commercial fisherman was attempting to cross the Rogue River Bar when his vessel went dead in the water. Quick action by the USCG got the vessel in tow, and very likely preventing it from capsizing. If not for the crab gear patrol, it is unlikely the USCG would have been in the area. Other officers utilized the OSP rigid hull inflatable to look for unmarked crab gear. A total of 22 unlawful crab pots were seized during the operation resulting in the following violations being documented: 5 separate vessels involved, a total of 29 violations. Break down; **no Buoy tags (x19), no pot tags (x5), no buoy brands (x4), no cotton escape ties on one pot (x1)**. Investigation will continue in identifying the responsible parties and taking the appropriate enforcement action.

One Commercial Crabber Caught Using 62 Crab Pots over the Limit

Troopers Urbigkeit, Klepp, Hoodenpyl and Howell, Recruits Spurlock and Schwartz and Sergeants Thompson, Scroup and Seaholm with the help of Washington Fish & Wildlife's Enforcement Vessel "Corliss" and USCG 47', initiated a commercial crab case that involved a commercial crabber fishing with more than the maximum number of crab pots and fishing with unmarked buoys. During the day long operation, 72 crab pots were seized from the ocean. Of the 72 pots, 62 belonged to one fisherman.

Six Commercial Crab Vessels Receive Several Citations

Troopers Cyr, Davis, and Lea conducted a boat patrol on the ocean between Coos Bay and Port Orford. Six commercial crab boats were boarded with the following citations being issued: **No Individual Commercial Fishing License (x7), Taking Lingcod Prohibited Method (x2), Taking Rockfish Prohibited Method (x1) and Taking Undersized Commercial Crabbing (x1)**. One deckhand was also issued a criminal citation for **Giving False Information**. During the boat patrol several strings of crab gear were checked for buoy tags.

Crabbing Without Buoy Tags

Trooper Urbigkeit and Sergeant Thompson (Newport) contacted a local commercial fisherman at Port Dock 5. Previously, two of his commercial crab pots were seized and eight additional were documented for not having buoy tags. The fisherman is currently on probation for commercial fish offenses. He was cited for ten counts of **Commercial Crabbing without Buoy Tags**.



Patrol Vessel "Albacore" from California pulling crab pots off the Southern Oregon Coast.

Shellfish

Clammer with 231 Cockles

Trooper Cyr contacted a sport clammer as he was leaving the clamming flats on Cape Arago Highway. The suspect did not have a 2007 shellfish license. Upon inspection Tpr. Cyr discovered the suspect had 231 cockles. The suspect was criminally cited for **the Unlawful Taking of Clams** and issued a violation citation for **No 2007 Shellfish License**.



Warrant Against Suspect Caught Fishing

Trooper Goffrier (Salem) was checking angling licenses at Walter Wirth Lake off of Turner Road. Tpr. Goffrier contacted a suspect in the parking lot that had been fishing but had discontinued when he realized that he was being watched. A wants check revealed that the suspect had a misdemeanor warrant for **Contempt of Court** with a bail of **\$15,000**. Tpr. Goffrier transported the suspect to the Marion County Jail where he was cited for **No Angling License** and lodged on the warrant.

Trooper On Scene of Accident Identifies Elude Suspect

Trooper Lea (Florence) was passed by a Western Lane Ambulance running code. He contacted the medics on the radio and they asked for assistance on a logging accident near Highway 36, MP 13. Tpr. Lea arrived at the location and assisted with medical treatment and transport to a Medic Unit. Tpr. Lea recognized an individual on scene from previous contacts. Records check revealed a felony warrant for **Attempt to Elude/DUI/DWS** out of Benton County. He took the individual into custody and the suspect was lodged.

Suspect Shoots at Trooper

Trooper Ritter (John Day) assisted John Day Patrol Tprs. with a **Felon in Possession of Firearm** case. A consent search of a residence was conducted and additional firearms were seized. The suspect involved was the person who had shot at Sgt. Turner in 2001.

Tips Lead Trooper to Suspect Exceeding Clam Limit

Senior Trooper Klepp (Astoria) received a tip from ODFW shellfish biologist Matt Hunter regarding an ex-commercial razor clam harvester who had just exceeded his sport limit of razor clams. Mr. Hunter had also received a tip from another digger on the beach. Sr. Tpr. Klepp was able to respond in time to contact the suspect just as he was leaving the digging area. A search of the vehicle revealed the man had harvested 29 razor clams (14 over the daily limit). He was cited criminally for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams**. The 14 clams were seized and delivered to Loaves and Fishes in Astoria.

General Law

Passenger Taken into Custody

Trooper Goffrier (Salem) stopped a vehicle on Wheatland Road in Yamhill County for a traffic violation. After releasing the vehicle Tpr. Goffrier ran a wants check on one of the passengers which revealed a misdemeanor warrant for **FTA - Giving False Information** with a bail of \$5,000. The warrant also listed a caution for past **Assault 1 and 2 and Attempted Murder**. Tpr. Goffrier and other Salem area troopers stopped the vehicle after crossing Wheatland Ferry into Marion County. The passenger was taken into custody, transported, and lodged at the Marion County Jail on the warrant.

Deckhand with 3 Felony Warrants

While conducting a commercial boarding on the crab boat "Carter Jon", Trooper Cyr (Coos Bay) cited two crew members for **no commercial fishing license**. One of these crew members also had **3 felony warrants** issued from Lincoln County. The suspect was arrested and lodged in the Coos County Jail.

Suspects Shooting at USFS Sign

Senior Troopers Hayes and Love (Bend) were parked near Wickiup Reservoir when they heard some gunshots. They located the suspects who were shooting a US Forest Service road sign with a shotgun and .22 caliber rifle. Both suspects were issued citations for **Criminal Mischief II**. USFS was advised and will seek restitution.



OSP Troopers confiscated illegal crab pots according to new rules

Suspect With Felony Charges in AZ

Senior Trooper Hayes (Bend) was patrolling the Cabin Lake Rd. closure and observed fresh vehicle tracks in the snow. He contacted the suspect and issued him a citation for **Illegal Motorized Travel**. Sr. Tpr. Hayes continued following the vehicle tracks after the contact, which led him to the Cabin Lake USFS Guard Station cabin. The cabin had been burglarized and several expensive fire suppression items were taken. Sr. Tpr. Hayes contacted Sr. Tpr. Miller (Patrol Division) who located the suspect and conducted a vehicle stop and waited for Sr. Tpr. Hayes. A subsequent investigation revealed several stolen items from the cabin and a sawed off shotgun. The suspect was a convicted felon with one of his felonies a Murder II conviction in the state of Arizona. The suspect was lodged in the Lake County Jail for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Burglary II, and Theft II**.

Burglary Suspect Caught

Senior Trooper Edwards (Portland) was dispatched to a possible burglary in the Brightwood area. The suspect was reported wearing a yellow jacket and fled eastbound on Barlow Trail Road in a blue and silver van. Sr. Tpr. Edwards conducted a search of the area and found the vehicle parked off the roadway and occupied. Sr. Tpr. Edwards contacted Clackamas County S.O., and informed them he found the occupied vehicle and requested a cover unit. Once the deputy arrived on scene, Sr. Tpr. Edwards and the deputy contacted the suspect and 3 other people in the van. After conducting the investigation and interviews with the suspect and victim, the deputy arrested the suspect in the yellow jacket for **Burglary and Probation Violation**.

General Law

\$1200 in Damage to Hiking Trail

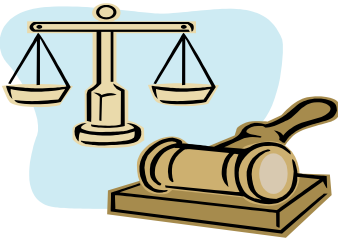
Trooper Davis (Coos Bay) responded to Shore Acres State Park to attempt to locate a vehicle that had driven on a hiking trail. The 4-wheel drive vehicle had driven past a barricade and traveled approximately one mile along a trail causing significant damage. A suspect vehicle was found later and on February 11th Tpr. Davis got a confession from two brothers. Both were cited for **Criminal Mischief 1st degree**. Damage to the trail was listed at over **\$1200**.

Suspect Tries to Elude Troopers

Trooper Halsey (Albany), Recruit Olsen, and Sgt. Heider (both Salem) were meeting on Hwy 20 east of Lebanon when they saw a motorcycle operator approach without a helmet. The troopers signaled the operator to stop, but he looked at them and then accelerated away. A short pursuit ensued at speeds of up to 100 mph before the troopers lost the suspect. Investigation led them to a residence nearby where the suspect was located a short time later. He was lodged for **DUI, Attempting to Elude, Reckless Driving** and on an outstanding warrant.

Suspect with BAC of 2.2

Recruit Ring (Arlington) and Senior Trooper Gunderson (The Dalles) located an intoxicated driver after several driving complaints. After failing to yield for several miles, and driving in a reckless manner, the suspect stopped in the roadway blocking the lane. The suspect was unable to perform field sobriety tests and was lodged at NORCOR for **DUI**, with a BAC of 2.2, he was also cited for **Reckless Driving** and **Open Container**.



Defense Council Argues Case

Senior Trooper VanProoyen (Gold Beach) appeared in Curry County Circuit Court in regards to an unlawful off load of Commercial Crab back in January of 2006 involving the Fishing Vessel "Seal" which had no Oregon Dungeness Crab permit. During this trial, defense council argued that the Oregon State Court had no jurisdiction as the case involved California Crab not Oregon Crab. The defendant was found guilty and fined \$1,000.

Arizona Resident Hunting Illegally in Oregon

In December 2006, Sgt. Hulett (Springfield), Sr. Tpr. Schleicher and Lt. Lane (Salem) investigated a cow elk taken out of season east of Coburg. Sgt. Hulett cited the suspect who was an Arizona resident. He was sentenced for **Taking Elk Closed Season** in Lane County. He was fined **\$366** (fine and assessment), **\$1,500** restitution for the elk. Forfeited a scoped muzzle loader and hunting license suspension for 2 years.

OSP Trooper with speed radar equipment

Dispositions

Guide is Fined and Suspended

Trooper Guerra contacted a suspect on the Nestucca River who was operating a drift boat. The drift boat displayed a 2006 guides license. On this contact, he had two clients aboard. Tpr. Guerra inquired about the 2007 license and the suspect told Tpr. Guerra that he was licensed for 2007 and had merely not attached the new 2007 license to his boat and had left his 2007 guides license at home. Tpr. Guerra warned the suspect for not having/displaying his current licenses. It was known to Tpr. Guerra that the suspect had been actively guiding prior to this contact. The contact occurred over a weekend and on the following Monday, Guerra contacted the Marine Board and learned that the suspect had moments earlier requested applications for 2007. So, the suspect did not have his 2007 licenses, etc. as told to Tpr. Guerra. Tpr. Guerra cited the suspect for **No Guides License** as a result of the information and earlier contact. Tillamook Justice Court Judge Lemery holds guides to a high standard and suspended the suspect's angling license for not being truthful to Tpr. Guerra during the contact. This is the second guide in as many years, that the judge has suspended for not being truthful to an officer during a contact. The judge also fined the suspect **\$299**.

Two Hunters Receive Jail Time

An individual cited by Sr. Trooper Maher in October 2006, for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Hunting with the aid of a Light** was sentenced in Lane Circuit Court. **Felon in Possession sentence: 15 Days in County Jail, 36 months probation, Prohibited from hunting during probation, Hunting with aid of Light sentence: 24 Months probation (concurrent), 2-year hunting license suspension, \$300 fine, \$174 in assessments.**



Public Relations - Interagency Cooperation

Troopers Present at Sports Show

Senior Trooper's Thompson, Cushman, Allison, Trooper Collom, Sgt. Meyer (all Central Point), Lt. Williams, and Senior Trooper Price (SW Region) all worked various shifts at the Jackson County Sports Show. The troopers were in a booth that was paid for by ODFW and shared with OSP. The OSP portion of the booth featured four sets of trophy Black-tailed deer antlers, pictures and news articles from the Eagle Point Deer Poaching Ring which was nabbed by the Central Point Fish and Wildlife team last year. Troopers working the booth saw many people stop by and comment on the deer antlers, and the good work that was done in making the poaching case.

Cleanup of Umpqua River Estuary

Trooper Harris coordinated a trash removal effort on the Umpqua River Estuary at Winchester Bay. This was Tpr. Harris's 2006 CEP plan. Tpr. Harris, Tpr. Cyr, Tpr. Davis, Tpr. Stone, and Sgt. Gifford (all Coos Bay) were assisted by 9 volunteers, including members of the Gardiner STEP program and a local guide. In approximately 4 hours, the team collected approximately a ton of garbage including about a dozen tires, a 55 gallon drum, several large pieces of Styrofoam, and many bags of miscellaneous garbage. The Port of Winchester Bay provided free launch passes for the boats involved and the use of a large dumpster to get rid of the garbage. Les Schwab took the tires and rims without charge. The trash was collected, loaded onto boats, then shuttled to the ramp where it was loaded into pickups and transported to the dumpster. The effort received numerous positive comments from the Port of Winchester Bay, tourists in the area, locals, and was covered on the local news by KCBY.

Trooper Gives Presentation at Bass Club

Senior Trooper Madison (Prineville) gave a public presentation at a Central Oregon Bass Club monthly meeting. Approximately 20 members were in attendance and asked several questions on whom to contact to report violations. The membership was very concerned about angling violations and wanted to do their part in assisting OSP.

Commercial Deckhand Arrested

Trooper Davis (Coos Bay) spent an overnight trip aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Steadfast. During one boarding of a commercial crab boat two of the deckhands were found to not have individual commercial fishing licenses, both suspects were cited for the offense. While trying to positively identify one of the suspects, 2 warrants were located for the suspect's arrest. Per the issuing county, the suspect was cited and released. The end of the trip was topped off with Tpr. Davis being flown off the deck of the Cutter by a Coast Guard helicopter.

Sgt. Gives Presentation at Shriners Club

Sergeant Hand (Klamath Falls) attended a Shriners Club Dinner and gave a half-hour presentation about the Fish and Wildlife Division. Approximately 20 people were in attendance.

Two Day Fishing Derby

Sergeant Perske and the Roseburg team were involved with assisting ODFW with a fishing derby which lasted two days on the Umpqua River. This fishing derby is also utilized by ODFW to help collect brood stock for the hatchery program on the Umpqua River system.

Hunter Safety Class

Trooper's Bennett and Marchand (both Grants Pass) conducted a local hunter safety course with approximately 25 students attending the class.

14th Anniversary of DUII Impact Panel

Sergeant Gifford (Coos Bay) participated as a speaker with the Coos County DUII Impact Panel. There were approximately 50 people in attendance. The program celebrated its 14th anniversary and Sgt. Gifford has been a frequent speaker since the program's inception.

Salty Dogs Convention

Senior Trooper Canfield and Sgt. Thompson (both Newport) provided a presentation at the 2nd annual Salty Dogs convention hosted by Oregon Coalition for Educating Anglers (OCEAN). The Salty Dogs are a subgroup of IFISH.Net. Over 50 anglers were present for the talk. The troopers addressed questions that were previously proposed by the Salty Dogs membership. It was a very productive exchange and the troopers look forward to being invited back next year.

OR & WA Work Together

Sergeant's Scroup (Astoria) and Allori (Pendleton) attended a meeting with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Sergeants from Vancouver to the Columbia River mouth. The meeting was called to discuss interagency patrols focusing on the Columbia River gillnet fisheries which are currently underway and extending into the spring of this year. The meeting was very productive and interagency patrols to share resources and manpower will begin immediately. Future meetings will invite Fish and Wildlife Division troops from both sides of the river.



OSP F&W Troopers at Sports Show in Jackson County

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REWARD

UP TO \$10,000

**PAID FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE
ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE POACHER(S)
THAT ILLEGALLY KILLED A CALIFORNIA BIGHORN
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