



# Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division

*Our oath of office pledges enforcement protection.*

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

**May 2007 Newsletter**

## Boater Safety

The Oregon State Police, Fish and Wildlife Division provides year round service to the boating public in Oregon, through a Boating Safety and Law Enforcement Service Contract with the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB). This year the Fish and Wildlife Division has made a goal to "Enhance a statewide BUUI (Boating Under the Influence of Intoxicants) enforcement program through coordinated training, partnerships and directed patrols". All members of the Division are receiving updated BUUI training, to include mobile intoxilyzer training, in order to better enhance our skills at detecting and removing the impaired boater from Oregon's waterways. The Division is partnering with the OSMB and County Sheriff Departments to provide specific, pre-planned joint patrols on Oregon's high use waterways. As always the Fish and Wildlife Division will continue to provide boat exams to the public and monitor boating traffic and equipment safety to ensure safe passage on the waters of this State.



### **Boat Operator Walks Past Troopers - Shows Signs of Intoxication**

Senior Trooper Cushman and Trooper Collom (both Central Point) were at Lost Creek Lake on Saturday night. At about 6:25 PM they were at the Takelma boat ramp conducting boating safety exams when they saw a boat come into the ramp. The operator of the boat was walking past Tprs. Cushman and Collom when they spoke to him and noticed signs of intoxication. The suspect was asked to complete some field sobriety tests, which he failed. He was then arrested by Sr. Trp. Cushman for **BUUI**. He was transported to Shady Cove Police Department for a blood alcohol content breath test, his BAC was .19%. He was cited and released to a friend who was sober.

### **Boat Operator Refuses to Comply with Troopers**

Trooper Lea observed a subject operating a boat on the Siuslaw, when he attempted to contact the subject in regards to obstructed registration numbers, the subject failed to come to shore. Tpr. Lea returned to Florence and obtained the Department boat. As he was launching the boat the suspect motored by him. Tpr. Lea again identified himself and the reason for the contact. The suspect said the registration numbers were fine and motored off. Tpr. Lea told him he was under arrest. Assisting officers arrived and they were able to overtake the suspect, but he continued to motor on even after numerous verbal commands. At Mapleton the suspect yielded and was taken into custody. The boat was determined to be an unreported stolen and was recovered. The suspect refused to talk, and had obvious signs of intoxication. He refused SFST's and refused the breath test. The suspect was on probation for robbery. Tpr. Lea charged the subject with: **Probation Violation, BUUI, Attempt to Elude Boat, Escape III, UUMV, Theft I, and Depositing Litter in a Waterway.**

### **Boater Cited for Under the Influence of Intoxicants**

Senior Trooper May and Trooper Schwartz (both St. Helens) stopped a motorboat on Multnomah Channel near Rocky Point Marina for Unlawful Wake within 200 Feet of a Floating Home. The operator and passenger were very visibly intoxicated. The operator consented to SFST's and failed. Sr. Tpr. May arrested him and he submitted to a breath test. The portable intoxilyzer Draeger 7410 was used on site. His BAC was .12% and he was cited and released to his wife along with the boat. He was cited for **BUUI and Unlawful Wake within 200 feet of a Floating Home.**

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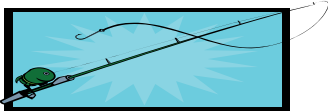
## Wildlife/Hunting

### Trespass Case -Troopers Find One Out of Two Suspects

Senior Trooper Pearson and Trooper Gunderson (both The Dalles) followed up on a trespass case in Troutdale. They were able to locate one of the two suspects. As they approached the suspect's residence, a glance in the back of his truck revealed three wasted trout. He was cited for the following crimes: **Hunting in Violation of Criminal Trespass, Hunting Turkey Prohibited Method - .22 Mag Rifle, Hunting Prohibited Area - Public Road, Hunting Turkey Without a 2007 Turkey Tag.** A .22 Mag bull barrel rifle with the inscription "Catch Me If You Can" on the stock was seized as evidence. He was also cited for the violation of **Waste of Game Fish.** The investigation is continuing into the second suspect.

### Search Warrant -3 Suspects

Trooper Kehr (Newport) traveled to Springfield to assist in a search warrant at a residence. Tpr. Kehr developed the information for the warrant. Sr. Tpr. Ashenfelter wrote the warrant, Sgt. Hulett, Sr. Tpr. Elmenhurst, and other Springfield OSP Troopers helped with serving the warrant. Final outcome was: first suspect charged with **Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Possession of Marijuana - Less Than 1oz, Taking Deer Closed Season, Hunting With the Aid of Artificial Light,** second suspect charged with: **Taking Deer Closed Season (x2) and Hunting With the Aid of Artificial Light,** third suspect charged with: **Taking Deer Closed Season (x2).** Seized from the suspects was: deer meat, a .22 cal. rifle and drug related items. The investigation revealed one of the suspects had illegally taken an estimated 20 deer in the last couple of years.



### Necropsy Leads Trooper to Shooter

Senior Trooper Marchand (Grants Pass) received information about an injured Osprey that had been brought into the Forest Service and was taken to a local rehab place for treatment. The Osprey had to be put down. It was determined to have been shot with a shotgun. Sr. Tpr. Marchand did a necropsy and found that the Osprey had been eating gold fish. Sr. Tpr. Marchand began checking around the area and talking with private subjects that had gold fish in their ponds and located a likely suspect. While being interviewed, the suspect admitted to shooting the Osprey for eating his gold fish. The suspect was cited for **Unlawful Take Prohibited Species - Osprey.**

### Tribal Member Poaching Deer

Senior Trooper Bean (Gilchrist) was called out to investigate a case of poaching in progress near the Klamath Forest National Refuge. After a thorough investigation, it was learned that an enrolled member of the Klamath Tribe had killed a doe deer. This area is within the former boundary of the Klamath Reservation and as such, the state of Oregon has no authority. Klamath Tribal laws prohibit the taking of doe deer during this time of year and the information was turned over to tribal enforcement officers.

### Routine Stop Leads to Illegal Bear Kill

Senior Trooper Bennett (Grants Pass) responded to assist Grants Pass PD with a vehicle they had stopped at 2 AM in their city. The suspects had fresh blood on their hands and clothes. A search of the vehicle uncovered what they believed were bear parts. Sr. Tpr. Bennett responded and an investigation revealed that the suspect had shot a bear at a rural residence. The bear had been cut up and parts handed out to other suspects. The suspects admitted to shooting the bear. One suspect was cited for **Illegal take - Bear, and No Hunting License.** The other suspect was cited for **Aiding and, False Application of Resident Angling license.** Bear meat and parts were recovered.

### Bear Carcass Found -Case Continues

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) received a report of a bear carcass near Bunny Meadows Access Road in the Applegate Unit. Sgt. Meyer located the carcass down an embankment, with only the hide, head, paws and a portion of the back strap had been removed the rest of the meat went to waste. The spring bear season runs from April 1 through May 31, 2007. Evidence was collected from the carcass and scene, the case is still under investigation.



OSP F&W Trooper

## Angling

### Troopers Conduct Boat Saturation Patrol

Trooper Wilson and Senior Trooper Grove (both Ontario) organized and conducted a BUUI saturation patrol on the Owyhee Reservoir to address intoxicated and reckless/careless boat operation. This patrol was completed with the cooperation of the Malheur County Sheriff's marine patrol. The weather was not ideal and likely reduced the amount of boats on the water. The statistics from the patrol are as listed: Total Boats Contacted: 22, Total Field Sobriety Tests Performed 2, Total BERS 14 Written & 27 Visual, Total Other Arrests/Citations 18, Total Warnings 28, List of all arrests/citations by violation: **No Sound Producing Device, Insufficient Personal Floatation Devices, No Non-Resident Angling License, No Resident Angling License, No Boater Education Card, Unlawful Possession of Game Fish.** List of all warnings by violation: **No Certificate of Numbers Aboard, No Sound Producing Device, Fail to Register Motorized Boat, Insufficient Personal Floatation Devices, Angle Prohibited Method, Aid/Assist in Game Violation, Violation No Wake Zone, Fail To Use Lights After Sunset, Unlawful Possession of Game Fish, Child 12 and Under Not Wearing Personal Floatation Device.**

# Angling

## Juvenile Tries to Hide on Island

Senior Trooper May, Troopers Schwartz (both St. Helens) and Dietz (Banks) conducted a boat patrol, during which the Troopers spotted a large bonfire on Sand Island in the Columbia River right off the St. Helens Court House docks. The Troopers also observed a small boat making several trips from the docks back to Sand Island. The Troopers located the party with four juveniles around the campfire with a keg and smoking marijuana. Several other juveniles were apprehended as they approached the party. The boat shuttling the juveniles was also eventually apprehended as the operator shuttled more juveniles onto the island. One male juvenile ran from Tpr. Schwartz as he was announcing who he was and telling him to stop. The juvenile, only wearing a t-shirt and shorts, was eventually identified and was on juvenile probation. The Troopers were told that he was intoxicated and was probably going to try to swim off the island. Several of the juveniles tried to text message him but he would not answer any of the calls. Tpr. Schwartz transported two St. Helens Officers to the island and a heat-sensing device to assist in the search. All the juveniles voluntarily submitted to a breath test using the Draeger 7410 portable intoxilyzer. Six juveniles were issued citations for **MIP by Consumption**. They were all shuttled back to St. Helens and released to their parents. St. Helens Police Department was able to identify the mother of the juvenile that was still hiding on the island. The mother responded to the marina to assist with the search of her son. The U.S. Coast Guard was notified and was also going to assist in the search. Tpr. Oxenrider (Patrol Div.) also arrived to assist with the search. Three officers were dropped off on the island while the other three patrolled along the shore with Tpr. Oxenrider utilizing the heat seeking device. Tpr. Oxenrider located heat along the shoreline near a log. As the ground units closed in, the juvenile stood up and was placed in handcuffs. He was soaking wet and cold from attempting to swim to shore (St. Helens). When Troopers got him back to shore he was checked out by Medics and released. He was detained by Columbia County Juvenile and transported by St. Helens Police Department to Cowlitz County Juvenile Detention Center. He was issued citations for **MIP-by Consumption** and **Interfering with a Police Officer**. The keg of beer was seized and follow up on the keg provider is being done by OSP.

## Good Fishing –Greedy Anglers

Trooper Brooks (Salem) watched a male and female angling at Detroit Lake on the Blow-out Arm. Tpr. Brooks documented as the male caught six fish, one over the limit, during a 30 minute time span. The female caught two and two were already on the stringer. An investigation revealed that the two had each caught five fish a few minutes earlier at Big Cliff Lake. The two were in possession of 20 trout. A subsequent investigation revealed a marijuana pipe in the man's pocket and two buds of marijuana in the female's jacket pocket. Both suspects were cited for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Trout** and **Unlawful Possession of Marijuana – Less Than 1oz**.

## Several Citations Issued –Closed Season

Sgt. Pond and Senior Trooper Hayes (both Bend) patrolled the High Cascades area on opening weekend of angling season. Several anglers were contacted with good catch reports on Lava Lake and Wickiup Reservoir. Citations were issued during the weekend on the upper Deschutes River for **Angling Closed Season x7**. Numerous warning and contacts were made throughout the weekend. Sr. Tpr. Hayes and Tpr. Love conducted a boat patrol the evening prior to opening day and issued citations on Wickiup Reservoir for **Angling Closed Season x2**.

## Two Day Boat Patrol Yields 97 Anglers Checked and 35 Boats Inspected

Senior Troopers Gardner (Hermiston) Brown and Gallaher (both Pendleton) and Recruit Lombardi conducted two days of angling and Marine Board patrols on the Columbia River near McNary Dam, the lower Umatilla River, and the McNary Ponds. Their enforcement data is as follows: 97 Anglers Checked; 35 Boats Inspected; CITATIONS: **No Angling License x5, Angling Closed Season – Trout x4, Continue to Angle After Obtaining Bag Limit-Trout x1, Continue to Angle After Obtaining Bag Limit-Salmon x1, Angle Prohibited Method - Two Poles x1, Possession of a Falsely Applied for Angling License x1, No Navigation Lights when Required x1, Violation of No Wake Zone x1**. WARNINGS: Fail to Use Anchor Light when Required x5, No Certificate of Numbers x1, Fail to Properly Validate Harvest Tag x1, Unattended Line x1, Angling Closed Stream/Columbia above McNary-Salmon x1.

## Search and Rescue - Boat Found not Body

Senior Trooper Hayes (Bend) was assisting the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office on a search & rescue of a subject who possibly fell off of his boat and drowned. The boat was recovered idling in Wickiup Reservoir without an operator during stormy conditions. During the search, Sr. Tpr. Hayes contacted a subject in a drift boat that was partially full of water and no PFD. The subject was issued a citation for **No Personal Floation Device**.

## Angler Goes to Jail on Felony Warrant

Senior Trooper Bean (Gilchrist) was patrolling closed waters below Crane Prairie Dam when he located two suspects angling. One suspect provided a false name to Sr. Tpr. Bean and then later provided his real name. Sr. Tpr. Bean then learned that this suspect had a Felony Warrant from the State Parole Board for Abscond. The suspect was then taken into custody and lodged in the Deschutes County Jail. He was also cited for **Angling Closed Season**.

## CA Man Cited for Angling

Sgt. Meyer (Central Point) was checking anglers at Emigrant Lake. He checked a man and a 15 year old boy on the bank. The man was angling the boy was still tying a worm on his hook, neither had an angling license. The man who was already angling was from California and was asked for some identification. He produced a resident angling license that belonged to his friend. When asked why he had his friends angling license he said his friend loaned it to him since he was just going fishing one day. The man was cited for having **No Non-Resident Angling License**. The boy was warned that he is required to have an angling license also. The friend who loaned the resident angling license has been contacted and he will be cited for **Loaning an Angling License**.

## Man Throws Trout Back –Still Cited

Senior Trooper Edwards (Portland) was checking anglers at Hartman Pond at Benson State Park when he noticed a man tossing trout out of a white bucket into the pond. Sr. Tpr. Edwards contacted the man and asked him for his angling license. The man was also in possession of five trout. These five trout did not include the three trout he tossed back into the pond. The angler was cited for **Exceeding Daily Limit of Trout**.

# Angling

## Suspects Receive Angling and Hunting Violations

Trooper Stone (Coos Bay) located a vehicle on the South Coquille River above Powers in an area people sometimes fish for trout. Upon inspection of the vehicle, two large blood smears and two turkey feathers were visible in the truck bed. One adult male and a 16-year old male were fly-fishing for trout nearby. During contact the first suspect was asked about who killed the turkey and couldn't remember the name of who killed it. The younger suspect was separated and asked about the turkey, he admitted to shooting the turkey the day before on private property with his buddy (suspect 1). The juvenile was cited for **Unlawful Take Turkey - No Turkey Tag and Angling Trout Closed Season**. The adult was cited for **Angling Trout Closed Season and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

## Trooper Patrols Several Areas with Volunteer

Trooper Dietz (Banks) and volunteer Jim Kelly began their day assisting Tillamook Troopers Howell and Thomas working clam diggers. Trooper Dietz had issued the following citations: **Exceeding Bag Limit of Bay Clams x1, No Angling License x1** regarding an angler at Tillamook Bay, **Trout Angling Closed Stream x3** on Gales Creek, **No Angling License x3** to trout anglers at Dorman Pond, and he finished up with a group of four anglers in a motorized boat on Barney Reservoir where no motors are allowed. Three of the four had no angling licenses. One of the suspects had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant out of Yamhill County for **Fail to Appear** and this suspect was also in possession of a stolen Smith and Wesson 357 mag. which was stolen out of Portland. The suspect was lodged on the warrant and cited for **Theft I and No Angling License**. The operator of the boat was cited for **Operation of Motorized Boat in Non-Motorized Area**.

## Suspect Blocked by Locked Gate

Trooper Stone (Coos Bay) observed an angler on the East Fork Millicoma River. The man took off up river after he observed the marked pickup however, he came to a locked gate and was contacted on his way back downstream. He admitted to trout fishing and stated that he was not aware the river was closed for trout. He was cited for **Angling Trout Closed Season**.

## Suspect Using Explosives

Senior Trooper Allison (Central Point) received a call regarding a boat below Gold Rey Dam that had been igniting black powder explosives. Sr. Tpr. Allison arrived and watched the boat pull up the channel toward the 2nd fish ladder. He watched three guys walk up the fish ladder to the counting station. The operator of the boat walked down the main fish ladder and talked to a kayaker then they all went back to the boat after spotting Sr. Tpr. Allison. After a while they motored out and Sr. Tpr. Allison stopped them on the riverbank by the angling deadline. He did a search of the boat for fish and explosives and found none. He also did a BER which the boat failed and SFST's on the boat operator which he passed. One of the guys on the boat had a FTA warrant from Shady Cove (traffic). That man was arrested on the warrant and all 3 were warned for trespass on the fish ladder.

## Hidden ATV Leads to Suspects

Senior Trooper Bean (Gilchrist) found two suspects driving an ATV down a closed road along the Deschutes River. Both suspects had fishing poles with them although the Deschutes is closed to angling at this point. Both suspects stated that they knew that the river was closed. Sr. Tpr. Bean warned them for the ATV violation and allowed them to go on their way. Sr. Tpr. Bean then left as though he was leaving the area then doubled back. Sr. Tpr. Bean found where the anglers had hidden the ATV in the brush and then found both of them angling. Both suspects were then cited for **Angling Closed Season**. As a side note, both suspects were cited the day before by Trooper Hayes (Bend) for **Taking Geese Closed Season**.

## Boat Patrol –Troopers Issue Several Warnings & Citations

Senior Trooper Knapp (Enterprise), Trooper Duncan (Baker City) and Lt. Scorby (East Region) patrolled the Snake River where they checked numerous anglers. Citations were issued for **No Non-Resident Angling License x 9**, warnings for **Illegal Possession of Bass x2**, and **Angling Prohibited Method - Two Poles x1**. In addition, two written boat examinations were completed and several Marine Board warnings were issued. Troopers also obtained information from a camp on the Idaho side upstream of Sand Creek for follow-up by the US Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer regarding several scenic waterway violations.

## Suspect Swims the Trask River

Senior Trooper Hoodenpyl (Tillamook) contacted an angler at the Hatchery Hole on the Trask River. The angler had no angling license but provided Sr. Tpr. Hoodenpyl with a name. A check of the name provided came back with no information. The angler was getting nervous and Sr. Tpr. Hoodenpyl requested that Trooper Howell, who was also working in the area, to swing by. Upon Tpr. Howell's arrival, the angler took off running back down a trail and jumped into the Trask River, swam to the other side and took off. All of the Tillamook Fish and Wildlife troopers and a couple of Tillamook County Deputies searched the river's bank until well after dark and didn't find the suspect. The suspect had provided Sr. Tpr. Hoodenpyl with a name, one the deputies advised based on the name given and the suspect's description, he thought he might know who the suspect was and a check of that possible suspect showed a very close date of birth which was provided to Sr. Tpr. Hoodenpyl, and a social security number with only a couple of numbers transposed. The troopers learned where the possible suspect's girlfriend was staying who was on probation with a search clause attached. The following morning the troops went to the girlfriend's residence and located that suspect. He was taken into custody for several outstanding warrants, **No Angling License and Giving False Information**. A number of stolen items were located in the girlfriend's residence and Tillamook City Police were able to connect the suspect to a burglary and several thefts. The suspect was quite proud of the fact that he out swam the troopers. The suspect came out for the worst; he had been wearing short pants and a tank top and had blackberry scrapes all over his arms and legs.

## Troopers Issue 23 Citations

Senior Trooper Knapp (Enterprise) and Trooper Duncan (Baker City) worked the Hells Canyon, Oxbow and Brownlee Reservoirs during the annual "Snake Break" Memorial Day Weekend festivities. In all, 23 citations were issued for the following offenses: **Angling Prohibited Method - Unattended Line x8, No Resident Angling License x5, Angling Prohibited Method - Two Lines x4, Minor in Possession of Alcohol x3, No Non-Resident Angling License x1, Angling for Salmon Prohibited Method - Barbed Hook x1, Possession of a Controlled Substance - Less Than One Ounce of Marijuana x1**.



# Angling

## Jet Boat Patrol Observes Drift Boat

While on a jet boat patrol above Hayden Bridge on the McKenzie River, Senior Trooper Maher (Oakridge) and Trooper Maher (Springfield) observed a drift boat coming toward them. The front passenger in the drift boat was smoking marijuana. The boat was stopped and the front passenger in the boat was found to be also consuming alcohol. The marijuana was seized. The operator of the boat was found to be under 21 and had been drinking beer. The underage operator was found not to be operating under the influence but was cited for **Minor in Possession of Alcohol**. The front passenger was over 21 and had brought the beer. He was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Marijuana – Less Than 1oz** and for **Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor**.

## Suspect Attempts to Illegally Validate Tag

Recruit Schoenborn (Portland) responded to assist Tpr. Lindland and Rct. Bailey (Patrol-Portland) who had received a report of an oversize sturgeon at Rivervilla Park on the Willamette River. Both patrol troopers arrived and located the suspect with the sturgeon. Rct. Schoenborn arrived a short time later and found the angler had retained a 61 1/4 inch sturgeon that was validated at 59 1/2 inches. The sturgeon was seized and donated to charity. The angler was cited for **Illegal Possession of Oversize Sturgeon**.

## Deckhand Cited For Crabs

Trooper Howell (Tillamook) observed that a specific fishing vessel of interest was in port. Tpr. Howell found that the vessel had completed an off load of crab and the crew was getting some sleep before heading back out. He noticed a laundry basket full of crab. An investigation revealed that one of the deckhands had kept the crab out and that the crabs were for the crew. The investigation showed this crab was kept illegally. The other crew members denied any knowledge of the crab. The deckhand that had kept the crab was cited for **Failure to Sell Commercially Taken Crab to Wholesaler**. The crab were seized, weighed and sold, the poundage was 42.5 lbs.

## Suspect Clubs Salmon

Senior Trooper Klepp (Astoria) witnessed a man angling on Gnat Creek retain a foul hooked spring Chinook salmon. The man was using a (prohibited) weighted treble hook with pencil lead attached to the shank. Sr. Tpr. Klepp contacted the man immediately after he clubbed the salmon and soon found an additional two (filleted) spring salmon located in the man's backpack a short distance away in the brush. Only one salmon was validated on his tag. He was cited for: **Exceeding Daily Bag Limit of Salmon and Failure to Release Foul Hooked Salmon** while being warned for Angling Prohibited Method: Prohibited Hook, Failure to Validate Salmon Harvest Card and Illegal Possession of Mutilated Salmon Fillets. Sr. Tpr. Klepp seized the three salmon for evidence. They were later delivered to Loaves and Fishes in Astoria for charity.

## Suspect Suspended for 999 Months

Trooper Boyd (Newport) assisted Trooper McGladery (Patrol – Newport) on a traffic stop in Siletz. Located in the trunk of the vehicle was a cooler which contained 22 Bluegill. The driver had his angling privileges suspended for 999 months (from Hood River County). The passenger had no angling license. The driver was cited for **Angling While Suspended**. The passenger was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Bluegill to Wit: No 2007 Angling License**.



Old OSP Patrol Vessel

# Commercial Fish

## Skipper Receives 13 Citations

Trooper Harris (Coos Bay) and Senior Trooper Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) contacted the skipper of a fishing vessel at the port of Charleston. Sr. Tpr. Van Prooyen issued thirteen citations for **Assisting in a Comm. Fishing Violation - No Buoy Tags/Dungeness Crab**. These citations resulted in a complaint that started in January 2007 near Cape Sebastian in Curry County.

## Skipper has Overage of Rockfish & Crab

Senior Trooper Klepp (Astoria) cited a skipper of a commercial ground fish boat for **Illegal Possession of Slope Rockfish**. The skipper landed 1,085 lbs in excess of the two month cumulative trip limit. The fish were sold and a check was submitted to ODFW. On another commercial crab vessel Sr. Trooper Klepp cited a deckhand for **Illegal Possession of Undersized Dungeness Crabs**. The small landing contained approximately 6% of which was undersized crab.

## Over 4,600 Pounds of Fish Seized

Senior Trooper Klepp (Astoria) cited a skipper of a commercial fishing vessel for **Exceeding Cumulative Trip Limit of Sablefish**. The 1,656 pounds of sable fish was seized and sold to ODFW. The same skipper was cited for **Exceeding Dover Limit** from the previous weeks landing. The 3,002 pounds of Dover was also seized and sold to ODFW.

# Environment/Habitat

## Suspects have Pickup Full of Dirt and Rocks

Trooper Halsey (Albany) contacted two subjects driving down the Calapooia Mainline who had filled their pickup bed full of dirt and rock. The subjects explained that they were taking an ore sample looking for gold and "Holly Blue Agates." Tpr. Halsey took photos of the pickup and obtained their personal information. Upon further investigation of the site from which they obtained the dirt and rock, it was on Weyerhaeuser land. The two had removed a large portion of a bank near a road, which had caused somewhat of a slide. They had also dug out underneath a large stump that appeared it would most likely slide down onto the road when the ground becomes saturated. Tpr. Halsey re-contacted the two suspects and cited and released them for **Criminal Mischief II**.

## Fuel Oil Spill Kills Trout

Senior Trooper Price (Central Point) assisted with a report of a fuel oil spill in Gilbert Creek in Grants Pass. A welding company had a 700 gallon fuel oil tank that held diesel used for heating the shop. The tank was set on wooden timbers and the tank had about 300 gallons of diesel fuel in it when one of the timbers gave out and the tank tipped causing a pipe to break and the fuel to spill out. The fuel ran through ditches and culverts and into Gilbert Creek. OERS was initiated. Sr. Tpr. Price located many dead fish and crayfish along the creek as he walked the creek to determine the extent of the effect of the spill. ODFW biologists counted many dead fish, including rainbow trout and steelhead, many crayfish and other aquatic life. Damage estimates have not yet been determined and the case is still being investigated.

## Landowner Ordered to Pay Hefty Fines

In 2006 Sr. Trooper Canfield (Newport) investigated a fill and removal case on a Newport area landowner. The case was referred to DSL and DSL has issued a consent order to the landowner. The landowner was ordered to pay a fine of **\$3,600**. He was also ordered to pay the Mid-Coast Watershed Council **\$30,600**. In addition, he was ordered to fund a restoration project on the banks of Olalla Creek. DEQ is also involved in the case and is still investigating.

# Shellfish



## Cited for Exceeding Limit -Mussels

Trooper Kehr (Newport) cited two suspects angling off of the rocks in Depoe Bay. One was cited for **No Angling License**. The other angler was cited for **Exceeding Daily Limit on Mussels**. He had 163 mussels in a cooler, the daily limit is 72.

## Waste of Crab

Troopers Davis and Harris (both Coos Bay) patrolled Coos Bay with the sled. They cited one group of crabbers for **Failure to Retain Edible Portions of Red Rock Crab**. The suspects had pulled 20 pinchers off the crabs without keeping the whole crabs. The troopers cited another suspect for **Unlawful Taking Female Dungeness Crab** after discovering the suspect had them hidden in a cooler. Tpr. Davis then approached a bank angler who turned his back and removed the hook from the spoon he was using in an attempt to hide it. The angler was cited for **No Angling License**.

## Suspect Attempts to Hide Razor Clams

Sergeant Scroup (Astoria) contacted a subject as he returned to his vehicle during a minus tide series on the Clatsop County Beach. The subject had just separated out five clams from his bucket which he told Sgt. Scroup were broken and that he didn't want to waste them by not taking them. These clams added to those in the bucket put the subject four clams over his daily limit. As the subject tried to convince Sgt. Scroup that he should receive a warning and not a citation, he consented to a search of his vehicle for additional clams. And 29 additional clams were found behind the driver's seat, which placed him over the limit by 33 clams. The suspect had been cited twice previously for being over the limit of razor clams and therefore was cited criminally for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit on Razor Clams**.

## If Broken You Must Count as Take

Senior Trooper Hanson assisted with working the clam tides on Clatsop beaches. He cited two suspects for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams** and one suspect for **Taking Part of another's Bag Limit of Razor Clams**. Sr. Tpr. Hanson went to the Seaside area to work the clam tides. One suspect was cited for **Exceeding the Daily Bag Limit of Razor Clams**. A second suspect was cited for **Fail to Retain 1<sup>st</sup> 15 Clams Dug** when he was witnessed throwing approximately five clams into the surf. The suspect said the clams were 'broken' and he didn't want to take them.

# General Law



## Suspect Drives up to Trooper

Senior Trooper Bean (Gilchrist) was doing some follow up investigations near Summer Lake when the suspect drove up. Sr. Tpr. Bean knew that this person's license was revoked. The suspect was then cited and released for **Driving while Suspended - Revoked (Felony DUII)**.

## Known F&W Suspect

Senior Trooper Gorman (Roseburg) observed a well known local suspect that has several pending F&W court cases drive by his location. A routine check showed that the suspect was wanted for fail to appear on another case and was Driving While Suspended. The suspect was contacted at his residence, taken into custody and lodged.

## ATV Violators

Senior Trooper Carter (Pendleton) issued two citations and three warnings for **Operating ATV in Violation of Posted Restrictions**.

# General Law

## Exhausted Man tries to Cling to Buoy

Sergeant Allori, Sr. Trooper Edwards (both Portland) and a federal fisheries agent pulled an exhausted, hypothermic man from the middle of the Willamette River who resided in Tualatin. All three officers were conducting a routine fisheries patrol on the Willamette River near Elk Rock Island in Milwaukie, when they encountered the subject. While Sgt. Allori was operating the boat upstream, he noticed a person in the water who appeared to be trying to grab a hold of a buoy in the middle of the Willamette. Motor-ing closer to the buoy they saw that the subject was trying to grasp a hold of the buoy, but that he could not hold onto it. The subject was wearing jeans, t-shirt and tennis shoes and had no life preserver or any other flotation device, the subject was thrown a type four flotation cushion and then had to be pulled onto the OSP patrol vessel by the two officers. The subject was transported to the Milwaukie Boat Ramp where rescue personnel attended to him and then transported him to Milwaukie Providence Hospital. He had a core body temperature of 92° upon his arrival at the hospital and was treated for hypothermia and was also evaluated for a possible mental hold. The subject told Sgt. Allori and Sr. Tpr. Edwards that he had been hiking on Elk Rock Island when he thought someone was firing a weapon at him (this was later found to be fireworks). He then entered the river and started swimming and was at least two hundred yards from the nearest shoreline although he would have had to swim upstream to reach this location.

## Trooper Checking Illegal Campsite finds Motor Home with Stolen Tags

While checking on an illegal campsite on the Chetco River, Senior Trooper Stinnett (Gold Beach) contacted the occupant of a motor home that was displaying stolen tags. The registered owner had an outstanding felony warrant out of Curry. Sr. Tpr. Stinnett checked the identification of the occupant and found that he was not the registered owner, but he had 3 misdemeanor warrants out of Klamath Falls. Sr. Tpr. Stinnett removed the stolen tags and arrested the occupant for the warrants. The suspect said the owner was in town looking for gas and would return. As of this date Sr. Tpr. Stinnett is still trying to locate the owner.

## Lotus Dealer Gets Attention of Trooper

Trooper Allison (Central Point) was following up on a garbage dumping case near Hwy 140 and USFS Road 37. He happened to have his speed detection radar with him when he saw a small yellow car went speeding down Hwy 140. He checked the car at 104 MPH. He activated his lights and the car stopped. It was a new Lotus car and the dealer was demonstrating for a potential buyer what a new Lotus car can do at high speeds. Tpr. Allison demonstrated to the potential buyer how high speed driving catches the attention of OSP Troopers when he cited the driver for **speeding over 100 miles per hour.**

## Sailboat Runs Aground in Newport

Three people were not injured after their 31-foot sailboat ran aground early Wednesday morning just north of the north jetty in Newport. The men were able to get to shore after calling a "May Day" to the Coast Guard, and they will be attempting to re-float the sailboat at high tide. On May 23, 2007 at 1:53 a.m. skipper PETER W. SIEGEL, age 47, from Cannon Beach, of the sailing vessel "Evening Star" called for help to the Coast Guard after the boat ran aground just north of the north jetty. The three occupants set anchor about 30 yards from the beach. At about 3:00 a.m. the skipper and two crew members got into their dinghy and paddled to the beach. SIEGEL has told the Oregon State Police that he will attempt to re-float the vessel at high tide. The two crew members were identified as BOB BERRY, age 53, from Astoria, and MICHAEL METZNER, age 45, from southeast Portland. The three met reportedly set sail from Illwaco, Washington on May 22nd at 4:00 a.m. and were enroute to Newport.

## Trooper Finds Knife Blade from Stabbing

Senior Trooper Moore (Portland) received information that the Columbia Co. SO was investigating a stabbing that occurred around 2:00am on 04-29-07 somewhere on Collins Beach. The victim survived the attack and was giving a statement to investigators, where the attack took place was unknown. On the same day of the stabbing, Sr. Tpr. Moore went to the Sauvie Island Collins beach area looking for the crime scene and found a broken bloody knife blade that had been used in stabbing the victim in the back. Sr. Tpr. Moore secured the area and turned it over to the Columbia Co. SO when they arrived.

## Trooper Assists with Wanted Fugitive

Senior Troopers Gallaher and Brown (both Pendleton) assisted the Patrol Division Troopers in the apprehension of a wanted fugitive on the North Fork of the Walla Walla River. The suspect was captured after a foot pursuit in heavy brush. A second suspect was also cited and released for **Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine and Marijuana).** The wanted suspect is an armed career criminal and will also be charged with the possession of ammunition (.357 round) by Federal authorities.

## Driver Attempts to Elude – Puts Elementary School in Lockdown

Trooper Turnbo (Salem) and Recruit Skipper (Capitol Mall) were northbound I-5 near MP 258 when they observed a vehicle with numerous traffic violations. They initiated a stop and the vehicle traveled about a 1/2 mile before yielding. As the troopers approached the vehicle, the driver drove off. They pursued the vehicle to Portland Rd. where the passenger exited the vehicle at an intersection. Tpr. Turnbo detained the passenger while Sgt. Heider continued the pursuit. The vehicle was followed into Salem where Sgt. Heider eventually called off the pursuit due to the vehicle passing into oncoming traffic. The vehicle was spotted at Kennedy Elementary School in Keizer and the school was temporarily locked down. A perimeter was set-up around the neighborhood of the school by OSP, Salem PD, and Keizer PD. The suspect was taken into custody by Keizer PD and lodged by Tpr. Turnbo at the Marion County Jail for **Attempt to Elude-Felony, Attempt to Elude-Misdemeanor, DWS-Misdemeanor, Reckless Driving** and held on a Parole Violation Detainer. The suspect fled because he thought he had a warrant out for his arrest which in fact he did not have.



Sailboat Evening Star ran aground

## General Law

### Suspect Refuses to Hand Over Marijuana

Senior Trooper Maher (Oakridge) and Trooper Maher (Springfield) were preparing to take the jet boat out at Armitage Park on patrol. Sr. Tpr. Maher saw two suspects sitting on some rocks along the river. One had a marijuana pipe in his hand and was preparing to smoke from it. Sr. Tpr. Maher contacted the suspect and asked him to give up his marijuana. The suspect became agitated and tossed his marijuana pipe in the river. The suspect then got out his additional marijuana that was in a film canister and emptied it in the river. Sr. Tpr. Maher cited the suspect for **Littering in a Waterway**.

### Trooper Checks Angler - Lands in Jail

Trooper Howell (Tillamook) contacted an angler on the North Jetty of Tillamook Bay. The angler seemed somewhat uneasy with the contact, leading Trooper Howell to believe if the angler belonged to the license he had provided. A check revealed he was the correct person and had two outstanding warrants held by Multnomah County for **DWS and Abscond**. The suspect was lodged in Tillamook County Jail.

### ATV Rider is Air-Lifted

Recruit Weaver (Lakeview) attempted to work the high lakes area but spent much of his time dealing with ATV issues. After leaving the area and going off duty, an ATV rider crashed on his ATV and needed to be air-lifted. Sgt. Hand assisted the Lake County Sheriff's Office with clearing and securing a landing zone for the helicopter. Lake County SO is also planning to investigate this incident further as alcohol appeared to be a factor in the crash.

## Dispositions

### DA Drops Illegal Charge



A suspect cited by Senior Trooper Madison (Prineville) who was feeding a buck deer in his back yard, shot the buck deer with a bow was sentenced in the Crook County Circuit Court. The deer ran off the property and died on the neighbor's property. He was cited for **Taking Deer Closed Season and Waste of Wildlife**. The suspect pled guilty to the waste charge and the DA's office dropped the Illegal take charge. The court imposed the following sentence: **Fine - \$200, Restitution to ODFW - \$800, 24 Month Hunting License Suspension, Forfeiture of Archery Equipment (Bow, Arrows and Case, approximate value \$500)**.

## Public Relations - Interagency Cooperation

### OSP Trooper Receives Award

On the evening of May 7, the American Legion Post 10 held its Public Safety Awards and Appreciation Banquet. The annual event recognizes law enforcement and fire personnel of the year from Albany-area departments. This year's recipients were Oregon State Police Trooper James Halsey, Albany Police Officer Dan Kloss, Albany Fire Lt. Brian Vorderstrasse and Linn County Sheriff's Deputy Matt Rae. Trooper Halsey, a seven-year veteran of the Oregon State Police, is the East Linn County Fish and Wildlife Trooper. He previously worked as a patrol trooper out of the Oregon State University office. Trooper Halsey is a field training officer and has worked with several recruits. He is a member of the Mobile Response Team and a former member of the Disaster Response Team. Trooper Halsey always has a positive attitude and has been referred to as the "go-to guy," according to his supervisors. "He is highly independent and serves as a leader not only with his peers but also within the community," his supervisors wrote.

### Troopers Assist in Burglary

Sgt. Thompson and Troopers Urbigkeit and Kehr (all Newport) assisted the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and Newport Patrol Troopers with a burglary call in the Eddyville area. One of the suspects had been recently released from jail and was the suspect of a lengthy man hunt earlier in the year. Newport Fish & Wildlife Troopers detained one suspect and recovered two rifles from the burglary shortly after arriving on scene. The residence of the other suspect was surrounded. Contact was made and he eventually gave himself up by coming out of the residence.

### Trooper Participates in School Classes

Senior Trooper Maher (Oakridge) participated in the 2007 Oakridge Outdoor School. Sr. Tpr. Maher presented five classes on the duties of a fish and wildlife officer and wildlife laws to 66 sixth graders from the Oakridge, Lowell and Creswell Christian School. Sr. Tpr. Maher has participated in this program since 1996.

### Trooper Speaks at Hunter Safety Class

Senior Trooper Elmenhurst (Springfield) spoke to a Hunter's Safety class at the Mohawk Grange. Big game law and hunter ethics were topics of discussion. There were about 12 students and five adults attending.

### Trooper Assists with Kids Fishing Event

Trooper Urbigkeit (Newport) assisted with a kids fishing event at Eckman Lake in Waldport in which ODFW stocked the lake with trout for the event. About 200 kids were present.



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