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December 2007 Newsletter

Trooper, Deputy Receive Lifesaving Awards for Rescuing Missing Woman in Baker

The persistence of a **Baker County Sheriff's Deputy** and an **Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Trooper** were recognized today when both received the Department's "**Harold R. Berg Lifesaving Award**" for the efforts in finding a missing Sandy, Oregon woman last summer in the Wallowa Mountains. Today's presentation held in Baker County was a first as **Superintendent Timothy McLain**, joined by **Baker County Sheriff Mitch Southwick**, gave the award not only to an OSP trooper but also to a non-OSP officer.

In late August, early September **Doris Anderson, age 76**, became separated from her husband while they attempted to walk out of the Eagle Creek area of the Wallowa Mountains in Baker County after their vehicle got stuck on a Forest Service Road. Her husband was picked up by hunters and they returned to the stuck vehicle to find her but she was not there. She was reported missing to Baker County Sheriff's Office that day and was the subject of an extensive search by Baker County Search & Rescue for several days.

On **September 6, 2007**, **Baker County Deputy TRAVIS ASH**, who was assigned to the missing person investigation, decided to make a final return to the area to locate **Doris Anderson**. **Deputy ASH** contacted **OSP Senior Trooper CHRIS HAWKINS** at his residence that morning asking for help. They began their search, looking for signs of birds in the area that might indicate the presence of a body. Hearing but not seeing bird activity, they walked toward the bottom of the creek drainage and found her alive, lying in the brush.

Additional Search & Rescue and medical personnel responded to remove her from the area where she mostly likely would have died if not found by **Deputy ASH and Senior Trooper HAWKINS**. **Anderson** was transported to an area hospital and has since recovered and returned to her family.

"Without their investigative skills and interagency teamwork Doris Anderson would most certainly have perished," **Superintendent McLain** said. "The dedication, perseverance, and investigative effort by both of you are a credit to each Department."

Baker County Sheriff Mitch Southwick thanked the officers and many volunteers for their help. "I would like to thank again all of the volunteers who assisted with this search as well as the US Forest Service who sent fire crews to the scene for 4 days to assist. I don't think you could ever find two more dedicated officers anywhere than the two standing before you. The citizens of Baker County should feel fortunate that we have them here," **Southwick** said.

The "**Harold R. Berg Lifesaving Award**" is named after Lieutenant Harold R. Berg who died on May 10, 1975. Lieutenant Berg, while off duty, was contacted by a citizen who informed him that a boy scout was missing at Cape Lookout State Park. While attempting to search a cave near the water's edge, he was washed out to sea.

The award has been given to State Police employees who distinguish themselves by performing or reacting to a situation in a positive and professional manner which saves, or reduces the risk of loss of life of another person; and, where a strong possibility existed that if such action wasn't taken, loss of life or serious injury would have resulted. The presentation to **Deputy ASH** is the first time the OSP lifesaving award has been given to a non-State Police employee.



Photograph Source: Oregon State Police - Left to Right: Baker Co. Sheriff Mitch Southwick, Deputy Travis Ash, Supt. McLain, and Sr. Tpr. Chris Hawkins

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Wildlife/Hunting

Illegal Hunting on Columbia River Refuge

Senior Trooper Gunderson and Recruit Frazier (The Dalles) responded to the Rufus area on a hunting complaint. The complainant stated that he heard several shots and suspected that people were hunting waterfowl in the Columbia River Refuge. They located a group of seven people, five of which were determined to be hunting waterfowl in the refuge. Ten ducks and two geese were seized, and all five suspects were cited for **Hunting Waterfowl Prohibited Area - Columbia River Refuge**.

News Release from: Oregon State Police

OSP FISH & WILDLIFE TROOPERS INVESTIGATING ELK POACHING IN TILLAMOOK COUNTY

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Oregon State Police (OSP) Fish & Wildlife Division is seeking the public's help in solving an elk poaching case following the discovery of two elk shot and left to waste in Tillamook County. A reward of up to \$1,000 is offered by the Tillamook Chapter of Oregon Hunter's Association for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the suspect(s) in this case.

On December 7, 2007, OSP Troopers Howell and Guerra responded to a complaint of two cow elk shot and left to waste on a spur road off East Fork Trask Bypass about 12 miles south of Highway 6. Investigation indicates a third elk had been taken from the scene.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to call Trooper Howell at (503) 815-3362 or OSP Northern Command Center dispatch at 800-452-7888.

Trooper on Boat Patrol with US Fish & Wildlife Service

Troopers Howell and Thomas (Tillamook) were on Tillamook Bay working a goose hunter saturation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. While on a boat patrol they contacted three hunters that were goose hunting. During the contact it was found that one hunter had killed a goose and did not have a Northwest Oregon goose permit. This hunter was cited for **Hunting Without A Northwest Goose Permit** and the goose was seized. It should be noted that one of the other hunters contacted had a Dusky Canada goose in his possession, and his permit was taken by ODFW at the goose check station.

Hunting Illegally and Trespassing

Trooper Collom (Central Point) received a trespassing complaint where a spike bull elk was shot and killed on the Cascade Ranch during the muzzleloader elk season. Tpr. Collom and Sr. Tpr. Cushman arrived to find that the ranch manager had found two men who shot the elk and dragged it behind an ATV for about a mile off the ranch. It turned out that the man who shot it with his muzzleloader was not only trespassing, he did not have a muzzleloader elk tag. He said he had applied for the hunt but did not draw a tag. His buddy, who did have a muzzleloader tag, tagged the elk. The shooter was cited for **Hunting Elk Without a Tag** and the other man was cited for **Aiding in a Wildlife Crime**. Both men were cited for **Hunting on the Enclosed Land of Another and Loaning/Borrowing a Big Game Tag**.

Convicted Felons and Illegal Hunting

An anonymous complaint was received through NCC of a poaching incident on a private ranch on the McKenzie River. Trooper Boyd (Springfield) interviewed one suspect and was able to get to the bottom of the incident. The investigation revealed the suspect who is a convicted felon, shot a buck deer on November 18 at night with a rifle while the second suspect held the spotlight. Sr. Tpr. Elmenhurst interviewed the second suspect at his residence where this suspect provided information on the incident. During the interviews it was found that a third suspect, also a convicted felon supplied the rifle. Both Sr. Tpr. Elmenhurst and Tpr. Boyd interviewed the third suspect, he took them to where the rifle was that was used and was supposed to be hidden. After an extensive search the rifle was located and seized. Tpr. Boyd cited and released the first suspect for **Unlawful Take of Buck Deer With Rifle During Closed Season, Taking Deer Prohibited Hours, Hunting With the Aid of Artificial Light and Convicted Felon in Possession of Firearm** and the third suspect for **Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. Sr. Tpr. Elmenhurst cited and released the second suspect for **Unlawful Possession of Buck Deer and Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**. The antlers from the buck along with two other sets of unlawfully possessed antlers were seized from the first suspect and the head which had been buried in the second suspect's yard were also seized.

Follow Up on Suspect -Cite Issued

Senior Trooper Allison (Central Point) had a case wherein he arrested several men back in April 2007 for several big game offenses, including **Exceeding the Bag Limit-Deer**. In that case he seized a Mauser 8mm rifle from one of the suspects. A few months later while checking the disposition of that case he learned that the same man had a 2004 conviction for **Manufacturing Marijuana**. Sr. Tpr. Allison checked with the circuit court where the conviction occurred and obtained a certified copy of the Judgment of Conviction and Sentence, which was never entered on the suspect's automated criminal history. Sr. Tpr. Allison re-contacted the suspect and cited and released him for being a **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**.

Suspect Arrested-Several Wildlife Crimes

Senior Trooper Madison (Prineville) arrested a Prineville man on numerous wildlife-related crimes following an investigation into the killing of four deer for the sole purpose of removing their antlers. The investigation of the suspect led to two other suspects who were cited for other wildlife crimes including one for the **illegal killing of a cougar**. Sr. Tpr. Madison began the investigation after elk hunters found three dead deer with heads removed on private property about 15 miles north of Prineville. A fourth dead deer with the head removed was found about 35 miles southeast of Prineville. As Sr. Tpr. Madison was examining this deer, Sr. Tpr. Prodzinski spotted the suspect driving and stopped him. During the contact he found inside the vehicle a rifle, spotlights, and knives and saw that the suspect had fresh deer blood on him. Sr. Tpr. Madison and Sgt. Pond responded to contact the suspect. During the investigation, Sr. Tpr. Madison learned that the suspect and another person from Prineville illegally killed a cougar a month ago and disposed of it over an embankment. The primary suspect currently has his hunting privileges suspended for two years. He was lodged in the Crook County Jail for the following crimes: **Theft First Degree, Taking Deer Closed Season (4 counts), Waste of Wildlife-Deer (4 counts), Unlawful Possession of Deer Parts (4 counts), Unlawful Taking of Cougar, Hunting While Suspended (5 counts), Criminal Trespass Second Degree**. The second suspect was cited to appear in Crook County Circuit Court for **Unlawful Taking of Cougar**. A third person from Prineville was cited to appear on one count of **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation**.

Wildlife/Hunting

News Release from: Oregon State Police

OSP TROOPER SHOTS AND KILLS HABITUATED BLACK BEAR IN FLORENCE NEIGHBORHOOD

Posted: December 12th, 2007 9:31 AM

An Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division trooper shot and killed a male black bear Tuesday morning in a Florence-area neighborhood after responding to a report of the bear breaking down a door and entering a home. According to the homeowner, the bear broke into his home and approached him inside his garage yesterday in addition to attempting to break into his home again this morning. Upon arrival, the trooper spotted the bear in a tree across the street from the complainant's residence. The trooper armed himself with a shotgun and asked the complainant to go inside his home. As the trooper was standing in the middle of the residential street near his pickup, the bear came down the tree and ran toward the trooper to a distance of about ten feet where it stopped. The bear continued to walk toward the trooper to a distance of approximately 3 feet, when it was shot.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and OSP are currently looking into options to remove the two other young bears that were with the bear when he broke into the complainant's home yesterday. One of these bears was seen in the same area today, headed toward the Siuslaw Elementary School playground, which was evacuated at approximately 2:30 p.m. for the safety of the students. In weeks prior to the shooting, officials had discovered a bear den nearby the school and had been in discussions with the faculty to educate students and teachers on how to

Cougar Attacks Dog at Residence

Senior Troopers Hawkins and Duncan (Baker City) responded to a residence near Baker City and assisted in locating a cougar that had attacked a dog on their front porch. Sr. Tpr. Chris Hawkins shot the cougar near the residence and it escaped into the forest. Sr. Tprs. Hawkins and Duncan, along with ODFW wildlife biologists Nick Myatt, Brian Ratliff and technician Jamie Nelson attempted to track the cougar in the snow. They ended the search shortly after midnight without locating the cougar. Myatt, Ratliff and Nelson returned early that morning and were able locate the cougar bedded down beneath a tree. The cougar, a 115-pound male, was dispatched without incident.

avoid bear interactions.

These bears are among a number of animals in the Florence area that have been fed by humans. ODFW and OSP have been working continuously to minimize risks and find solutions for the numerous bear-human conflicts in the Florence area. "There's a serious feeding problem in Florence that we've been battling for decades," said Doug Cottam, ODFW District Wildlife Biologist. "We are constantly trying to educate residents about not feeding, petting or encouraging bears on to their property. But until they stop, we will continue to have problems. None of us in the department or OSP want to have to kill any more bears."

Bears can become habituated to people and they can become conditioned to eating food provided by humans. An overabundance of food can result in more bears than what you would expect in natural conditions and can prevent them from entering their normal winter sleep. Once habituated, they can lose their natural fear of humans and may do things like break-in to cars and homes for food, and then must be trapped and/or killed to protect public safety. While Oregon has never had a documented bear attack on a person, in other states that have, these attacks tend to come from "habituated" animals.

"This is absolutely terrible that this bear had to be shot, but it learned these behaviors from people feeding it and treating it like a pet. With the school in the area and the dangerous habituation that this animal displayed, the last course of action for the trooper was to shoot the bear. For the sake of the animals as well as local residents, please stop feeding the bears!" implored Cottam.

Hunter Gets Two for One

Trooper Howell (Tillamook) was dispatched to a local Cloverdale dairy farm where several hunters were hunting elk on landowner preference tags. Upon arrival it was found that one subject had shot a cow elk and a spike elk with one shot. Investigation revealed that a bullet shot at the cow elk passed through and struck a spike elk standing directly behind the cow. The hunters salvaged both animals and then called OSP to report their mistake. One subject was cited for **Exceeding The Bag Limit Of Elk**, and the spike was then seized and transported to Blaine Custom Cutting.

Juveniles Throwing Dead Ducks

Senior Trooper Carter (Pendleton) received a report of two juveniles at the Pendleton High School throwing ducks at cars, and that they had broken the windshield on one of the cars. Sr. Tpr. Carter contacted the juveniles and they were both cited as follows: **Criminal Mischief II, Taking Waterfowl with No Valid State/Federal Waterfowl Validation, Waste of Waterfowl.**

Vandalized Gate-Man Looking for a Buck

Trooper Lea (Florence) located tire tracks behind a vandalized gate. He located a vehicle in the area and hiked into the unit locating a man and his girlfriend. The man was carrying a rifle and binoculars and was obviously looking for something. He contacted the suspect who was hunting for a big buck he missed during the deer season. Tpr. Lea cited the suspect for **Hunting Deer Closed Season** and **Criminal Trespass II.**

Elderly Man Attempts to Sell Mounts

Trooper Young (Salem) investigated a subject attempting to sell a Bighorn Sheep shoulder mount. The subject was an elderly male who has medical problems. The gentleman informed Trooper Young that he was selling all his mounts because they would not fit in the smaller one story house he is moving into. Trooper Young educated the man on Oregon taxidermy laws and warned him for Attempting to Sell Wildlife. He agreed to pull all of the advertisements he has in place.

Trooper Waits for Hunter to Kill Cat

Senior Trooper Frerichs and Trooper Baimbridge observed tire prints going down a posted winter range closed USFS road. They located the vehicle. One of the occupants had left to attempt to shoot a treed bobcat. Sr Trp Frerichs walked into the area and located the tree with the hounds and watched the subject shoot the cat out of the tree. After he was walking out of the area, Sr Trp Frerichs contacted him with the dead cat. The subject did not have his license and record card with him. He was cited for **Fail to Record Bobcat on Record Card.** He was warned for the motor vehicle operation in a closed area.

Wildlife/Hunting

ODFW relocates part of I-84 herd to continue bighorn sheep recovery in Oregon

SALEM, ORE.-Wildlife biologists and veterinarians from ODFW successfully captured 29 bighorn sheep from an area near Rufus yesterday and relocated the animals to Baker and Malheur counties.

The bighorns came from what is known as the "I-84 herd," because they can be seen right off the freeway, and will be used to supplement existing herds as part of the state's continued efforts to recover bighorn sheep in Oregon.

"The I-84 herd is outgrowing the habitat available," explained Steve Cherry, ODFW district wildlife biologist in Heppner. "We are moving them to new areas of the state so we can continue restoring bighorn sheep to Oregon."

The I-84 herd was first noticed in the mid-1990s; wildlife biologists believe they migrated from the John Day River Canyon after a wildfire.

Public safety concerns also played a role in the decision to move part of the herd. Drivers often stop along the freeway to look at the sheep, which is unlawful and dangerous to other drivers. Wildlife biologists are also concerned a sheep might wander out onto the freeway.

"Our maintenance crews have observed cars, sometimes several at a time, pulling over and parking right off the freeway, with drivers and passengers getting out for a look at the sheep," noted Sam Wilkins, Oregon Department of Transportation District Manager. "It's just not the best place for people to be observing sheep."

Drivers can get off at the Blalock or Philippi Canyon exits on I-84 and pull over to the side of the road. With a good pair of binoculars, the sheep can often be seen from these areas. Bighorns can also be viewed nearby along the Lower Deschutes River from Mack's Canyon Road between Oakbrook and Mack's Canyon. Typically, rams can be seen between Oakbrook and Jones Canyon from May through September and upstream of Mack's Canyon from August through October. Also, ewes and lambs can be seen near Beavertail Campground and the rims on the east side of Cedar Island from April through August.

During yesterday's operations, a helicopter was used to herd the animals before they were captured with a net fired from a specially designed gun. Once captured, the sheep were hoisted in the air by the helicopter and taken to a location where ODFW biologists and veterinarians, plus volunteers from the Oregon Chapter of the Foundation for North American Wildlife Sheep (FNAWS), processed the animals. Each bighorn sheep was disease-tested and most were fitted with a transmitter so their movements can be tracked as part of the department's ongoing bighorn sheep research. Oregon Department of Transportation staff and Oregon State Police were on hand during the operation to keep drivers moving along I-84 and assist with the capture operation.

Of the 29 bighorn sheep captured, 12 were rams, 13 were ewes and four were lambs. Nine bighorns will go to the Burnt River Canyon near Baker City and 20 will go to the Owyhee River Canyon in Malheur County. Also this week, the department plans to relocate 20 sheep from the John Day River Canyon to Riverside Wildlife Area in Malheur County and 10 sheep from the Deschutes River Canyon to French Glen in Harney County.

In addition, ODFW will capture about 30 bighorn sheep in the Lower Deschutes River Canyon and outfit the animals with transmitters so it can study this growing population. Funding for the research comes from grants provided by the Oregon Hunters Association and the Oregon and Minnesota-Wisconsin chapters of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS).

Bighorn sheep are one of the rarest game mammals in Oregon today. They were extirpated from the state by the 1940s due to unregulated hunting and their susceptibility to domestic livestock diseases. Less than 100 bighorn sheep tags are offered to hunters each year on a "once-in-a-lifetime" hunt basis. ODFW also auctions a bighorn sheep tag each year at an event sponsored by a sportsmen conservation group; proceeds from the sale benefit the management of bighorn sheep. Last year, an auctioned bighorn sheep tag went for \$120,000. Sportsmen conservation organizations like FNAWS also contribute monies to fund bighorn sheep recovery across North America.



The first successful bighorn sheep relocation in Oregon occurred in 1954, when 20 California bighorns were located from British Columbia to the Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge in Lake County. Since then, the population of bighorn sheep has grown to an estimated 3,500-3,700. A small population of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep live in the Willowa Mountains; the rest of the animals in the state are California bighorn sheep. ODFW generally relocates 20-80 bighorn sheep annually with the ultimate goal of creating healthy bighorn sheep populations in all available, suitable habitats within Oregon.



Wildlife/Hunting

Rancher Turns in Poacher

Senior Trooper Madison (Prineville) received a late evening phone call at home from a rancher that heard rifle shots near his ranch on Forest Service property. The rancher went out to the road leading out of the area and got a license plate number of the suspects vehicle as they were leaving. It took Sr. Tpr. Madison almost two hours to get to the ranch because it was at the end of his patrol area. After meeting with the rancher, Sr. Tpr. Madison followed the suspect vehicle tracks to a location where he found fresh elk tracks. After a search of the area, boot tracks were found following the elk tracks which led to a dead cow elk. While walking back to his truck Sr. Tpr. Madison found a brand new Remington .300 Ultra Mag rifle with a Leupold Vari-XIII scope hidden in a tree. Due to harsh climate conditions and lack of light, Sr. Tpr. Madison returned to his vehicle and waited for the suspects to return. The suspects did not return and in the morning Sr. Tpr. Madison continued checking the area and found another cow elk and a spike bull elk shot and left. Two weeks later the investigation led to the arrest of one suspect for **Taking Elk Closed Season (3 Counts)** and **Waste of Game Mammal Elk (3 Counts)**. One suspect was lodged in the Crook County Jail. The other suspect will have a warrant for his arrest on the same charges.



Search Warrant Reveals Several Deer Heads and More

Senior Troopers Hawkins and Duncan (Baker City) followed up on information regarding a headless buck deer on a ranch in Halfway. They were able to develop a suspect and information that deer heads were being kept in a creek near the suspect's residence. They were able to locate three fairly fresh deer heads at that location. Later that evening, Sr. Tpr's. Hawkins, Duncan and Lieutenant Scorby served a search warrant at the suspect's residence. Several sets of deer antlers and hen pheasant carcasses were seized. The investigation is continuing and charges are pending. Photo Above.

News Release from: Oregon State Police

ELK POACHING INVESTIGATION - LINCOLN COUNTY SOUTH OF YACHTS

Posted: December 18th, 2007 11:55 AM

Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division is asking for the public's help to solve an elk poaching case in Lincoln County following the discovery of two Roosevelt elk left to waste.

On December 17, 2007, Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife troopers from Newport responded to the discovery of a Roosevelt cow elk and calf left to waste 1.8 miles east of Highway 101 on the Cape Perpetua Auto Tour road south of Yachats. The investigation indicates three elk had been killed, one which had been taken from the area and a cow and calf left at the scene to waste.

Troopers believe the elk were killed on Sunday, December 16th, at approximately 7:15 a.m.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to call the Oregon State Police Northern Command Center dispatch at 1-800-452-7888. Lead investigator is Senior Trooper Greg Torland. Photo at right.



Wildlife/Hunting



Forensics and Citizens Lead to Suspect

A Hermiston area resident was identified by Senior Trooper Gallaher (Pendleton) as being involved with the illegal killing of five mule deer near Cold Springs National Wildlife Refuge in November. In addition to the illegal hunting activity, the suspects also drove off road on the farm's private property damaging several agricultural fields. The arrest came as a result of analyzing forensic evidence found at the scene and numerous calls from concerned citizens with valuable information. A second suspect has been identified and additional charges are pending in the case. The main suspect has been charged with the following: **Taking Deer Closed Season (5 counts), Waste of Game Mammal (5 counts), Hunting With Aid of Artificial Light (5 counts), Criminal Mischief First Degree, Criminal Trespass and Offensive Littering.**



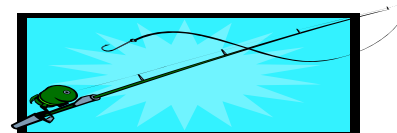
A Member of Hunting Party Turns in Other Members for Illegal Hunting

Senior Troopers Marshall Maher (Oakridge) and Martin Maher (Springfield) worked the SW McKenzie controlled antlerless elk hunt in the Little Fall Creek area. An elk decoy operation was conducted along the Weyerhaeuser Little Fall Creek mainline. The decoy was set up prior to legal hunting hours. One vehicle passed by the decoy. No violations were noted. Later in the morning a complaint was received that a hunting party that had been hunting during the Mohawk controlled antlerless elk hunt had shot and killed a bull elk on Weyerhaeuser property in the Gate Creek mainline area. A member of the party had called in to report the incident and troopers investigated the incident. A large hunting party was contacted and interviewed. Out of five persons that were there, two were found to have Mohawk Antlerless Elk tags. After separately interviewing each in the party the investigation revealed that two of the members of the party had been shooting at a group of five elk that were out in a clear cut right at the start of legal hunting hours. One of the shooters did not possess an elk tag and had been handed his sister's rifle and took two shots at the group of elk. The other shooter did have an elk tag and was found to also have taken two shots at the group of elk. Both of the subjects claimed that they were shooting at cow elk. The elk that each claimed to be shooting at were separate from one another but the shooter that had the tag claimed that there were bulls in close proximity to the cow she was shooting at and after the shots were fired a 5x6 bull elk was dead in plain view in the unit. Additional investigation revealed a blood trail leading away from where the elk had been standing. After searching the area no other dead elk were found. After examining the bull elk it was found to be neck shot. A bullet was recovered from the animal and after checking it with a caliper it was found to closely match a 30-06 bullet which was one of the rifles used. The other rifle used was a 7mm Mag which would be a smaller caliber. The 30-06 shooter was the one that had shot at a cow with the bull in close proximity. At the conclusion of the investigation the subject that was found to have shot at the group of elk without a tag was cited for **Hunting Big Game Mammal - Elk for Another**, and for **No Mohawk Controlled Antlerless Elk Tag**. The hunter that was found to have killed the 5x6 bull elk was cited for **Unlawful Taking of Bull Elk During an Antlerless Only Elk Season**. The elk was salvaged and donated to the Eugene Mission

Angling

Tribal Fishermen Illegally Sell Over 1600 Pounds of Fish

Senior Trooper Pearson (The Dalles) followed up on case from September. Two tribal fishermen from the Warm Springs Tribe, a father/son team, made six sales consisting of roughly 1,200 pounds of steelhead, 470 pounds of Chinook salmon, and 16 pounds of Coho salmon caught off the platforms at Sherars Falls on the Deschutes River to a commercial buyer at the Celilo In-Lieu site. At the time of the sale, there was no commercial selling of salmon or steelhead allowed that were taken from the Deschutes River. The older man was contacted on the Warm Springs Reservation with the assistance of Warm Springs PD and was issued a citation for the **Unlawful Sale of Subsistence Fish (3 counts)**. Sr. Tpr. Pearson was unable to locate the younger man and Warm Springs PD will attempt to locate him and issue him a citation for the same charge.



Contact with Angler Reveals Warrant

Trooper Olsen (Albany) contacted a male adult angling near the Alsea Fish Hatchery. A records check revealed a misdemeanor warrant for **Fail to Comply** out of Douglas County with a \$7,500 bail. Trooper Olsen took the subject into custody and transported him to the Benton County Jail.

Shellfish

Suspect Cited for No Shellfish License - Trooper Runs Record Check and Suspect Lands in Jail

Trooper Lea (Florence) contacted two subjects crabbing at south jetty crab dock. One suspect was cited for **No Shellfish License**. Tpr. Lea noticed a rifle in the vehicle. A records check indicated the registered owner of the vehicle was on probation for **Animal Abuse II** out of Yamhill County with a no firearms clause. A detainer was issued and the suspect was taken into custody and lodged. The animal abuse charge stemmed from a deer poaching investigated by OSP.

Commercial Fish

OSP Troopers Help in Search of Crewmember who Fell Overboard

Trooper Jason Stone (Coos Bay) took a missing person report on a crewmember that was lost overboard off of a commercial crabbing vessel. The USCG and OSP – Newport Sr. Trooper Urbigkeit and Sergeant Thompson were also involved in the case.

The missing man is identified as ANDREW JAY JESSUP HEBERT-HOPPER, age 22, from Tangent. A trooper assigned to the Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division took the report December 7, 2007 at approximately 9:30 p.m. after the 75-foot fishing vessel Zora Belle arrived in port. Interviews with the boat's crew members was consistent with previous reports provided by the Coast Guard. According to a Coast Guard news release, Coast Guard Group North Bend received a mayday call at 7:20 a.m. from the 75-foot fishing vessel Zora Belle that one of their crew members had fallen overboard and was believed to be unconscious. Coast Guard Air Station North Bend and Coast Guard Air Facility Newport both launched HH-65C Dolphin helicopter crews to the scene along with two 47-foot motor lifeboat crews from Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River. Helicopter crews were on scene in 25 minutes. The man who fell overboard was wearing yellow rain gear but was not wearing a life jacket. Weather conditions on scene were 20 to 25 knot winds combined with 13-foot seas and 10 mile visibility. The water in the area was 50 degrees. The decision to suspend the search was only made after rescuers from Station Siuslaw River and Air Station North Bend searched a 100 square mile area for over eight hours. Expected survivability in these conditions is approximately four and a half hours. Initial reports indicate that the victim was not wearing a life jacket at the time he fell overboard. Falls overboard are a primary cause of fatalities in the fishing industry according to Coast Guard marine casualty statistics. Wearing a life jacket dramatically improves survivability of man overboard accidents. Questions regarding the search efforts should be directed to Coast Guard D13 Public Affairs at (206) 220-7237.

Environment/Habitat

Indian Archeological Site Dug Up

While conducting a WED, officers located a vehicle parked on a spur road. The vehicle appeared to have been there for several hours. Later that day, the same vehicle drove past the officers' location and stopped, all four occupants were muddy. When questioned, they said they were out looking for mushrooms and antler sheds. They denied any knowledge of, or digging in, a known Indian archeological site near where their vehicle was parked. The subjects refused a consent search of the vehicle. Officers returned to the area and back tracked the subjects until the location where they were digging was located. A considerable amount of digging had occurred at the site over an extended period. Evidence, including a concealed sifting box, was found. Officers will follow up with the USFS law enforcement officers.

Environment/Habitat

Illegal Cutting of Forest Products

Trooper Skipper (Salem-Patrol) stopped a van northbound on Interstate 5 near milepost 268. After the initial contact Trooper Skipper located about 1000 lbs. of Salal and Bear Grass. Troopers Turnbo and Young (Salem) responded and determined that the suspects did not have a valid permit for the product. Trooper Turnbo subsequently cited and released the operator for **Unlawful Possession/Transport of Special Forest Products without a Permit**. The product was released to the Oregon Department of Forestry for sale.

VA Hospital Spills Fuel into River

Senior Trooper Merritt (Roseburg) responded to a reported diesel spill in the South Umpqua river at Roseburg. The spill was traced back to the Local VA hospital. An emergency generator with an automatic secondary fuel tank had a malfunction in the float valve that caused the tank to pump out 1000 plus gallons of fuel onto the ground. The fuel then went into a storm drain and into the river. DEQ, DSL, local Fire Dept, hazmat teams were all on the scene. Clean up is continuing.

Suspect Helped Himself to Firewood

Senior Trooper Martin Maher (Springfield) worked Access and Habitat in the South Valley area. He cited a suspect for **Criminal Trespass II** and **Unlawful Cutting and Transportation of Special Forest Products-Firewood** on Weyerhaeuser Property in the Brice Creek area. The suspect had loaded about 1/2 a pickup load of processor ends and didn't have a permit.



General Law

ODFW Bird Habitat Box Destroyed

Senior Trooper Drynan was patrolling in the South Paulina area and contacted two subjects who were confused on what road they were on. They were given directions on where they were and how to get back to town. After leaving them, Senior Trooper Drynan drove down the road the subjects were on for a few miles and found where they had shot and destroyed an ODFW bird habitat box with a shotgun. Sr. Tpr. Drynan was able to relocate the subjects and issued one of them a citation for **Criminal Mischief III**.

Trooper Arrests Neighbor for Firing a Weapon Over His Home

Senior Trooper Bean (Gilchrist) was off duty at his residence when he heard a gunshot below his residence that startled him. From a quick glance it appeared to be a "Domestic" in progress with a neighbor and his girlfriend. No patrols were close so Sr. Tpr. Bean dressed and responded. Apparently the neighbor had stepped from his house and fired a shot from his .308 rifle in the air to scare his girlfriend and her friend. The shot was just over Sr. Tpr. Bean's residence. Sr. Tpr. Bean later arrested the neighbor for two counts of **Menacing with a Firearm and Unlawful Use of a Weapon**. He was lodged in the Klamath County Jail. The firearm was seized. The investigation is continuing on a third subject who came by the neighbor's residence, threatened him, and kicked his front door in.

Suspect Tries to Out Run Troopers

Senior Trooper Gunderson and Recruit Frazier (The Dalles) were parked on I-84 at Mosier on the lookout for a suspect vehicle involved in a Sherman County stolen vehicle investigation, when it passed by their location at a high rate of speed. They began to follow at 90+ MPH as he pulled away from them. The suspect hit the concrete center median causing damage to the left front wheel, which caused him to slow and allowed them to catch up. The subject then made a reckless maneuver, cutting across two lanes of traffic in front of a semi to take an exit ramp. Sr. Tpr. Gunderson and Rct. Frazier conducted a felony traffic stop and took him into custody. The subject was found to have needles and heroin on his person. In addition, he had three no bail felony warrants out of Multnomah County for previous stolen vehicle issues. The suspect was charged with **DUII, Possession of a Controlled Substance - Heroin, Reckless Driving, and Three Felony Warrants**. The Sherman County Sheriff's Office stolen vehicle investigation is continuing.

Suspended-Deported Alien also Failed to Register as Sex Offender

Senior Trooper Urbigkeit (Newport) stopped a vehicle in Newport for an unsafe pass. Upon contact the driver was suspended and also a deported alien that had failed to register as a sex offender. The suspect was arrested and lodged in the Lincoln County Jail for **Failure to Register**.

Suspects Cut Down Power Poles to Steal Power Lines

Senior Trooper Oriet and Trooper Dietz (Banks) assisted in the arrest of two suspects that were involved in the theft of aluminum electrical transmission line from a remote power line belonging to West Oregon Electrical along Hwy 26 in Clatsop County. This has been an ongoing investigation that Sr. Tpr. Oriet has been involved with. Subjects had cut down six to seven miles of power poles along a remote section of power line that was de-energized and had removed the wire from the power poles. After removing the wire the subjects would transport the wire to Portland where it was sold. On December 8, Sr. Trooper Oriet had been watching the area closely and had found that the subjects were in the area removing more wire and requested the assistance of Tpr. Dietz, Sr. Tprs Dave Rzewnicki, Dee Rzewnicki, and Tpr. Holznagel. The subjects were subsequently stopped in the vehicle upon leaving the area and arrested for **Criminal Mischief I** and **Theft I**. Inside the vehicle was a load of stolen wire, a chainsaw, and a bolt cutter. The suspects were transported to the Clatsop County Jail where they were to be interviewed and lodged on the above listed charges. West Oregon Electrical has documented over 1 million dollars in damage and theft from their transmission line and power poles.

General Law

Driver Speeds Passed Stopped Trooper

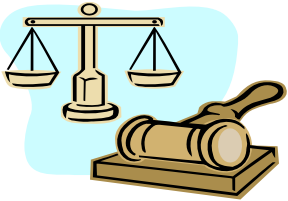
While on a traffic stop on Hwy 213, Sergeant Allori (Portland) observed a white van drive close by him at a high rate of speed. Sergeant Allori quickly returned to his patrol vehicle but the white van was nowhere in sight. Thinking it may have gone northbound on I-205, he proceeded in that direction and caught up to a white van, pacing it at 78 mph hour as it weaved within its lane of travel. The vehicle was stopped and the driver subsequently arrested for **DUII**. The driver was lodged in the Clackamas County Jail for **DUII** and also cited for **Refusing Breath Test** and **Exceeding Maximum Speed**.

Sleeping Suspects Caught for Stealing Vehicles

Trooper Halsey (Albany) contacted two subjects sleeping in a vehicle near MP 8 on the Upper Calapooia Road. A records check revealed the vehicle was reported stolen out of Aumsville two days earlier. The male subject was arrested for **Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle (UUMV)** and **Driving While Suspended - Misdemeanor**. The female subject was arrested for **UUMV**. The male subject was on probation for **UUMV** and had been arrested on December 4th for **UUMV** as well. Both subjects were transported to the Linn County Jail where the male subject was lodged on a detainer from his PO.

Two Motorcycles Speed Recklessly

While heading to the office in his marked patrol truck Trooper Boyd (Springfield) was passed by two motorcycles at well over 100 mph on I-5 NB in a 50 mph construction zone. The motorcycles also had passengers. The motorcycles passed vehicles and changed lanes recklessly and rode wheelies as they accelerated away from Tpr. Boyd who was traveling at a speed governed by his vehicle with lights and siren on. The two bikes finally yielded as they came into traffic where Tpr. Boyd was able to overtake them. Both riders were cited and released for **Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering, ESL 105/50 (Construction Zone)** and one of them was cited for **No Operator's License**.



Dispositions

Suspects from Idaho and Oregon Receive Sentences

On October 18, Trooper Boyd (Springfield) traveled to Portland to interview one of the suspects of an elk poaching case from information that he received from a Confidential Informant in 2006 to end a 10 month investigation. Tpr. Boyd worked with the Idaho Fish and Game Department after he received a TIP on October 17. Warden Primrose called Trooper Boyd and told him that he had contacted the main suspect in the case at an elk camp near McCall, Idaho and was able to gather the last piece of information that Trooper Boyd needed to finish his end of the investigation. Simultaneously at about 7:30pm (pst), Tpr. Boyd and Sr. Tpr. Pearson contacted the suspect in Portland and Warden Primrose contacted the other suspect who lives in Washington at his camp in Idaho during a snow storm. The Portland suspect was less than cooperative but the Troopers were able to get information that the six point elk that he had tagged in Idaho in 2006 was killed by the suspect that Warden Primrose was interviewing. The Warden had made arrangements to have his girlfriend staged at a location in the mountains near McCall where she had cell service and close enough to the location of the camp that she could relay messages from Tpr. Boyd over the radio to him as he was away from his vehicle on foot. After receiving the information from the Troopers, Warden Primrose was able to get information from the suspect in Idaho about the two six point bull elk that he had killed in 2006. The suspect in Idaho will be charged in Idaho for **Exceeding Bag Limit on Bull Elk** and other charges not yet set, his gun was seized and he was ordered to remain in Idaho for his upcoming appearance in court. The suspect in Portland will be charged in Idaho for **Loaning/Borrowing Bull Elk Tag, Unlawful Possession of Bull Elk** and the

six point antlers were seized at his father's house in Astoria by Sgt. Scroup who was contacted late the same night to assist in the case. The Portland suspect's father who was also involved may face charges of **Aiding in Idaho** and Trooper Boyd will cite him for **Unlawful Possession of Rocky Mountain Bull Elk**. The shooter in this case had been cited in Idaho before while hunting and was cited by Sgt. Thompson in Newport for **Failure to Immediately Validate Bull Elk Tag also in 2006**.

Disposition from Idaho Court on subjects that Tpr. Boyd interviewed for Idaho Fish and Wildlife here in Oregon. Both pled guilty:

Suspect #1: **1 year license revocation, 180 days in jail with 178 suspended 2 to serve, \$1,666.00 in fines, 2 years probation w/no further violations; any violations must be reported to the court within 72 hours.** Suspect #2: **\$583.00 fines, 1 year probation, 5 days in jail 5 days suspended.**

The Idaho suspect was sentenced to:

Maximum fines on both charges a total of around **\$3,100.00, a 5 year hunting license revocation. The judge also advised the suspect that he is suspended in all the violator compact states, 180 days in jail with 150 days suspended for 30 days to serve** starting immediately, the 300 Ultra Mag rifle is forfeited to the state, **4 years probation.** During this time the suspect is not to be in the field, at hunting camps/hunting, trapping, etc., all law Enforcement contacts during this time must be reported to the court within 72 hours.

Public Relations - Interagency Cooperation

OSP Troopers Work with Washington Fish and Wildlife Officers on Commercial Crab Pots

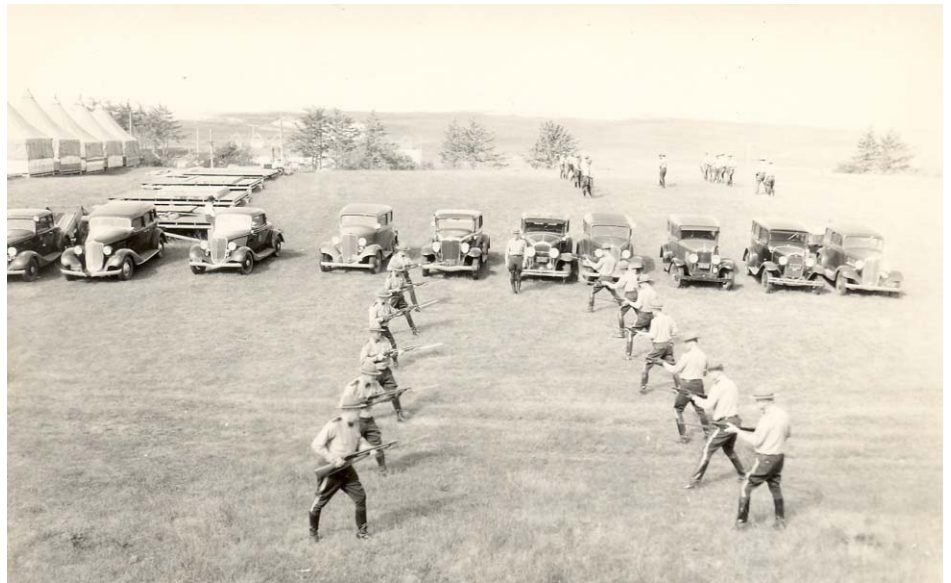
Senior Trooper Klepp (Astoria) assisted three WDFW officers aboard the LE Vessel "Corliss" in retrieving 70 commercial Dungeness Crab pots in the Pacific Ocean just south of the Washington/Oregon border near the mouth of the Columbia River in Oregon waters. Information based on a helicopter flight in which WDFW Officer Brett Hopkins was onboard revealed the Washington licensed crab vessel had laid out two strings of commercial crab pots prior to the Dec. 1st 8:00 A.M. opener. The skipper of the vessel will be cited for violating the **LE 200 Dungeness Crab Permit Agreement (No Oregon Crab Permit)** and **Deploying Dungeness Crab Pots Closed Season**. This was another example of a great cooperative effort by the North Coast Fisheries Task Force working together in the Pacific Ocean. The pots were delivered to Westport Washington and seized as evidence.

Several Law Enforcement Agencies Shop with Over 400 Children for Christmas

OSP staff along with Dept. of Corrections, Salem PD, Keizer PD and Marion County Sheriff's Office shopped with **400** area children. This year's event had an increase of 100 children from last year. The non-profit organization **Law Enforcement For Youth** was very happy with the turnout of law enforcement and professional staff. There were approximately 120 members to shop or assist with activities this year; OSP had 30 staff participate. Lt. Lane and Sgt. Chambers also participated in the event.

Troopers Fly with USCG

Senior Trooper Lane (Coos Bay) participated in a USCG night flight checking for commercial crabbers pulling their pots prior to the December 1st opener. The flight covered the area from the Umpqua River Bar to south of the Gold Beach Bar. Over 40 commercial crab vessels were observed, no violations were located. Tpr. Davis participated in a flight earlier in the day.



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Oregon State Police conducting vehicle search

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