



# Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division

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## September 2007 Newsletter

### OSP Fish & Wildlife Troopers Receive American Red Cross Lifesaving Award

Two Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife troopers from the Salem Area Command office were recognized today for their lifesaving efforts by the Willamette Chapter of the American Red Cross during the third annual Real Heroes Breakfast. The event honored several individuals in Marion and Polk counties for their lifesaving contributions.

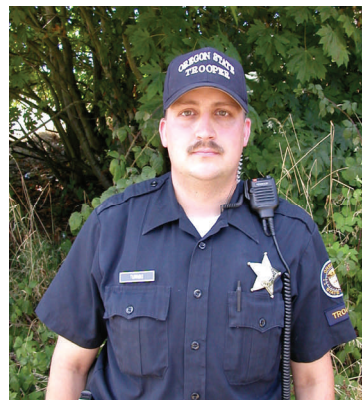
Oregon State Police (OSP) Troopers Adam Turnbo and Andrew Goffrier received the American Red Cross "Professional Rescue Hero" award which is presented to a professional or volunteer firefighter or company, or to a law enforcement agent or department whose lifesaving action goes above and beyond the call of duty.

On April 9, 2006 at approximately 12:30 p.m., OSP Troopers Turnbo and Goffrier were on boat patrol along the Willamette River when they spotted an overturned canoe with three adults hanging onto the side. All three were wearing lifejackets, which the troopers believed help them survive.

As the troopers approached the overturned canoe in fast water about mid-stream, they believed all three were hypothermic and appeared tired. Before getting to them, a 68-year old female was exhausted and lost grip appearing to struggle to stay afloat. The troopers were able to get to her and the two adult males, ages 68 and 42, and pulled them into the OSP boat. The troopers were told that about ten minutes earlier the canoe overturned as it entered a choppy section of the river. The fast current and cold temperature, approximately 41 degrees, kept the three from getting to shore. Troopers Turnbo and Goffrier notified OSP Northern Communications Center dispatch and took the three cold and wet individuals to the Independence boat ramp where they were warmed up and evaluated by medical personnel. They declined transport to a hospital.

Over one half of boating fatalities reported in Oregon last year were traced back to non-motorized watercraft. Even though accidents come about in a variety of ways, over 80% of those fatalities could have been prevented if the victims were wearing life jackets.

Troopers Goffrier and Turnbo offer this advice, "If you are going boating, plan to go in the water ~ and prepare accordingly. Wear a lifejacket, know the water conditions & temperature, know your ability in the water, prepare for an accident. That may mean wearing a dry suit in April as the snow in the mountains is melting and the water is running high, cold and fast. Be prepared."



**Trooper Adam Turnbo**



**Trooper Andrew Goffrier**

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# Wildlife/Hunting

## State Fair Display Illegal

Trooper Turnbo (Salem) responded to an anonymous complaint of a subject having a wildlife display at the State Fair containing illegal species. He contacted Biologist Rick Boatner and determined the subject was in possession of a Snapping Turtle, a green mamba, an Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake, as well as numerous other rattlesnakes and illegal frogs. He was subsequently cited and released for **Possession of Protected Species**. Arrangements were made for the subject to remove the wildlife and he will be contacted by ODFW.

## Hunting in State Park

Trooper Turnbo and Lt. Cleary (both Salem) located a vehicle off of House Mountain Road that runs through the Silver Falls State Park. It appeared that the occupant might be hunting in the area. Approx. 50 minutes later they made contact with the hunter and determined that he had been hunting in part of the state park. The subject was cited for **Hunting Prohibited Area: Silver Falls State Park**.

## Hunters Inside City Limits

Trooper Boyd (Springfield) received a complaint of night hunters inside Springfield city limits, at about 9:30pm through OSP dispatch. Tpr. Boyd observed the vehicle was still at the location and still casting his headlights on some deer in a field across the street. The driver of the vehicle had a loaded centerfire rifle on the seat next to him and claimed that he was "just looking" at the deer. Minutes later a male subject in full camo walked out of the field from the area where the deer were cited and up to the patrol truck with his bow in hand. The subject claimed that he was out in the field to spend the night then hunt in the morning. The driver of the truck was cited for **Casting Artificial Light on Game Mammal While Armed With a Rifle** and the other subject was cited for **Hunting With the Aid of Artificial Light**.

## Goose Season Opener

Sr. Trooper Maher (Springfield) worked Cottage Grove Reservoir in the morning on the opener of September Goose season. Six hunters were checked. One of the hunters had taken a Canada goose that morning, but failed to update his waterfowl and HIP validations. He was cited for **No Resident Waterfowl Validation** and the goose was seized.

## Spotlighter's Cited

At approximately 11:15p.m., Senior Trooper Culp (Salem) was piloting the aircraft over Marion County in an attempt to locate night hunters. Sr. Tpr. Culp observed a vehicle spotlighting near Silver Falls State Park. Tpr. Goffrier responded from the Detroit area and Tpr. Turnbo was called out from his residence. The vehicle eventually stopped at a residence off Hwy 214. At approximately 12a.m., Tprs Turnbo and Goffrier made contact with five individuals. After the investigation, all suspects were determined to have been armed and one suspect admitted shooting a deer. Three suspects were cited for **Casting Artificial Light on a Game Animal While Armed**, and one suspect was cited for **Taking Deer with the Aid of an Artificial Light**. The fifth suspect was warned for Aiding in a Game Violation for allowing his friends hide the deer on his property. Six rifles were seized and the deer which had been hidden in a field near the residence was taken to the Union Gospel Mission.

## Bobcat in West Linn

Senior Trooper Moore (Portland) investigated a report of a baby bobcat that had scratched a West Linn resident. The resident captured the young bobcat because they were concerned it may have rabies. Sr. Tpr. Moore responded and found that the animal, which was a baby bobcat, had walked out of the brush following the resident's dogs into their yard. Thinking it was a small domestic cat; the homeowner picked up the bobcat and was scratched. The animal was taken to the American Wildlife Facility (re-hab facility) in Molalla and will eventually be released into the wild.

## Native Americans Cited

Sr. Tpr. Paul Randall, Rct. Brent Sitowski (both Klamath Falls) and Tpr. Curtis Weaver (Lakeview) worked a daytime decoy operation in the Thompson Reservoir area. One vehicle with 2 hunters approached and the subjects shot a total of 4 arrows at the decoy, which was set about 80 yards from the road. A night set that same night was unsuccessful, but just after the decoy operation was ended, a pickup was seen casting two spotlights in the area of Silver Creek. The occupants, all Native Americans, were several miles outside of the treaty boundary and the two passengers were cited for **Casting an Artificial Light While Armed**.

## High Lakes Patrol

Sergeant Hulett, Trooper Maher (Tillamook) and Sr. Trooper Maher (Oakridge) camped at the USFS guard station at Taylor Burn and worked boat patrols on Crescent Lake, Odell Lake and Waldo Lake. Two deer decoy operations were also conducted in the North Waldo - Taylor Burn area along the fringe of the Waldo Wilderness. Complaints had been received in the past regarding hunters on ATVs, and during the last horse patrol in the area Sgt. Hulett and Tpr. Maher found fresh high powered rifle shell casings along the Taylor Burn Road. Foot patrols were also made into several lakes in the Waldo and Three Sisters Wilderness. The following are the stats from the three day patrol: 14 Angler License Checks, 17 Boat Examinations, 15 visual boat checks, 1 citation for **No Personal Flotation Devices**, 2 warnings for No Personal Flotation Devices, 2 warnings for No Sound Producing Device, 1 warning for No Juvenile Angling License. Hunter patrols and 2 WED operations in the North Waldo/Taylor Burn area generated the following activities: 5 Hunting License Checks, 4 ATV Checks, 1 citation for **Carrying a Loaded Firearm on an ATV**, 1 citation for **Hunting from a Public Roadway**, 2 warnings for ATV rider under 18 not wearing a helmet, 2 warnings for No Operators License in Possession (both ATV riders), 2 warnings for No Hunter Education Card in Possession, 1 warning for No Hunting License in Possession.

## Nestucca Area Decoy Operation

Sr. Troopers Hoodenpyl, Guerra (Tillamook) and Shugart (McMinnville) conducted a deer decoy operation in the upper Nestucca area. At 9:35 PM a vehicle stopped, with the decoy in the headlights, a passenger got out and shot three arrows at the decoy. This shooter was cited for **Hunting Deer Prohibited Hours** and **Possession of Less Than One Ounce of Marijuana**, he was lodged on a FTA Warrant - bail \$7,500. Two other occupants of the vehicle were cited for **Possession Of Less Than One Ounce of Marijuana**.

## Bald Eagle Becomes Road Kill

Senior Trooper Don Bertram located and seized a road-killed Bald Eagle. The eagle will soon be turned over to the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Apparently the bald eagle was feeding on a road killed deer when it also became road killed.

# Wildlife/Hunting

## High Cascade Deer Season Opener

Senior Trooper Maher (Oakridge) worked the High Cascade Deer season opener in the Oakridge area. A buck deer decoy operation was conducted in the Juniper Ridge area south of Oakridge. Sr. Trooper Maher has received complaints of High Cascade Deer hunters hunting outside the controlled hunt boundary in past years so the deer decoy was set up 2.5 miles outside of the controlled hunt boundary prior to and during legal hunting hours. After daylight two subjects approached the decoy location in their vehicle. Both got out with their rifles, the passenger shot the deer decoy one time. Both hunters had High Cascade Controlled hunt tags and a controlled hunt map in their possession. Both hunters were cited for **Hunting Outside the High Cascade Controlled Buck Deer Hunt Boundary**.

## Illegal Black Bear Kill

Trooper Buck (Portland) was stopped at the intersection of Hwy. 26 and Ten Eyk Rd. in Sandy when he noticed a set of elk antlers protruding from the bed of a pickup parked in the 7-11 parking lot. Tpr. Buck contacted the pickup and located the driver when he exited the store. After conversing with the subject, Tpr. Buck revealed that the owner of the vehicle had killed the elk the day prior. While looking in the bed of the truck the hide of a black bear was spotted and the driver was questioned further. Investigation revealed the hunter had killed the bear earlier that morning and the tags for the animals were at the hunter's residence with the meat. Tpr. Buck followed the hunter to his residence to inspect the kill and the tags. The hunter was hesitant and wanted to be met at his residence later. After talking a few more minutes with the hunter, Tpr. Buck gained consent to examine the kill. Upon arrival at the residence, the hunter invited Tpr. Buck into his shop where the bear was hanging. The hunter presented his elk tag and allowed inspection of the meat from the elk located in two separate refrigerators. The hunter was unable to present a tag for the black bear. After further investigation, it was discovered the hunter had not purchased a black bear tag for the 2007 season. The hunter was cited for **Unlawful Possession of Game Mammal, To Wit: Black Bear**. The hide and meat were seized and the meat was donated to charity.

## Intoxicated Hunter

Trooper Ritter (John Day) was working the Izee area south of John Day when he saw a pickup parked in the middle of the roadway on a two-lane paved county road. There were two men in the front seat and a woman in the back seat. The front passenger had a rifle pointed out of the passenger's window. The investigation revealed that the weapon was loaded and his intent was to shoot a coyote on ranchland that he did not have permission to hunt on. The rifle and the vehicle belonged to the driver. While Tpr. Ritter discussed the incident with the male passenger and the driver, it was apparent they had both been drinking. He conducted SFSTs on the driver and subsequently arrested him for **DUII** with a BAC of .16%. The male passenger was cited outside of the jail for **Hunting from a Motor Vehicle**.

## Waste of Black Bear

Trooper Buck and Sr. Trooper Scarpone (both Portland) responded to a game complaint in the Zig Zag area. The suspect allegedly shot a black bear and wasted the game meat. The complainant also did not think that the suspect had tagged his harvest card. Upon contact with the suspect at his residence, the suspect appeared very nervous. Investigation revealed the suspect had shot the black bear and he showed Trooper's Buck and Scarpone the hide which was located in a shed behind the residence. The hide did not have a tag attached. Further investigation revealed the tag and meat were located at a friend's house in Sandy. Sr. Tpr. Scarpone requested consent, which was provided by the suspect, to look in a cooler located on the front porch of the residence. Inside the cooler was a white plastic bag containing spoiled game meat (bear). The harvest tag for the bear was located in the suspect's vehicle and it had not been validated. The suspect was cited for **Waste of Game Meat** and **Failure to Validate Game Tag**.

## Landowner Assists Troopers

Senior Troopers Torland and Canfield (both Newport) responded to a trespass complaint on the Alsea River. A landowner caught a suspect on his land that had killed a calf elk. The landowner seized the suspect's license, tag, and bow and then called OSP. The calf elk was salvaged, and the suspect was located and cited for **Hunting on the Enclosed Lands of Another**.

## Protected Species Shot

Senior Trooper Hayes (Bend) received a complaint of a subject shooting a Blue Heron. During the investigation, a possible illegal deer kill site was also discovered. Sr. Tpr. Hayes applied for a search warrant for the suspect's residence and found evidence related to the illegal taking of both species and an additional suspect. The suspect wanted to talk with Sr. Tpr. Hayes and set an appointment to meet at the suspect's residence. The suspect drove by and was contacted by Sr. Tpr. Hayes and was issued several citations for, **Driving While Suspended –Felony, Aiding in a Wildlife Violation –Taking Protected Species (Blue Heron), Taking Deer Closed Season and Waste of Wildlife –Deer**. The second suspect was issued citations for, **Aiding in a Wildlife Violation –Taking Deer Closed Season and Taking Protected Species–Blue Heron**.

## Employee Cited for Hunting Employers Land

Trooper Guerra (Tillamook) obtained information that bow hunter had shot two bull elk with a rifle. The elk were killed on Stimson Tree Company land behind a locked gate. The Tillamook Stimson Mill has a lottery for its employees to obtain a key and permission to hunt on their timberland. This subject was the recipient of one of the lottery keys. Tpr. Guerra went to the subject's residence and confronted the subject. Tpr. Guerra noted a fresh 5x5 bull elk head and hanging meat at the residence. A validated bow elk tag issued to the subject was attached to the antlers. Investigation revealed the suspect shot two bull elk, a 5x5 and a spike with a rifle. A hunting companion tagged the spike elk. The shooter was cited for **Taking Elk Prohibited Method and Exceeding Bag Limit of Elk**. The companion was cited for **Aiding-Taking Elk Prohibited Method**. Both elk were seized along with a Remington model 700 25.06 rifle. The following day Sgt. Seaholm went to the kill site and obtained evidence confirming that both elk had been shot with a rifle.

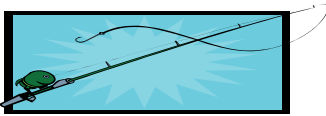
# Wildlife/Hunting

## Suspect is Son of Law Enforcement

Recruit Curtis Weaver cited a Lakeview juvenile after he repeatedly shot a deer with bow and arrows within the city limits of Lakeview. The deer was only wounded and sustained multiple hits. The deer finally went down in a ditch. Once finding the deer in the ditch, the young suspect had second thoughts and left the animal. Days later, the suspect then told some friends about this at school and one went to look at the deer. He found the deer to be still alive. At some point the deer was dispatched and the friend took the deer antlers. Curtis Weaver received some anonymous information and subsequently recovered the rack and cited the shooter for **Waste of Game Mammal**. Multiple other warn-

## Citations Issued at Youth Hunt

Senior Trooper Caldwell (Burns) and a Harney County Sheriff's Deputy contacted three adults during an area youth doe hunt. It was determined that the tag was issued to a youth that was not in the area. One subject was arrested for **Felon in Possession of a Firearm**. Another subject was cited for **Hunting Closed Season** and **Borrowing a Big Game Tag**.



## Angling

### Boat Operator Lost in Fog?

Trooper McGladrey (Newport Patrol) responded to the Coast Guard Station to assist with a possible intoxicated boat operator. The Coast Guard advised that they had been contacted by a fishing boat captain who advised that he was unable to navigate in the fog. Since there was no fog in the area the Coast Guard responded with two vessels to assist the captain. Upon contact he showed signs of impairment and eventually failed SFST's. Trooper McGladrey arrested the individual for **BUII**. He refused the intoxicilyzer.

### Illegal Angling, Gear Seized

Senior Trooper Pearson, volunteer Michele Gunderson, and Senior Trooper Gunderson (both The Dalles) conducted a covert boat patrol in the Columbia at the mouth of the Deschutes River. They contacted a boat 40 minutes after sunset with three anglers. All three were using large treble hooks on their jigs. They had a large steelhead that had a fresh wound consistent with a treble hook on its side. Fish scales were still on the hooks of the angler that claimed to have caught the fish. The suspect was criminally cited for **Unlawful Retention of Foul Hooked Steelhead** and warned for **Angling Prohibited Method - Treble Hook on Non-Buoyant Lure**. The fish and his gear were seized. The other two suspects were cited for **Angling Prohibited Method - Treble Hook on Non-Buoyant Lure**.

### Trooper Fishes Suspects Pole out of River

Trooper Boyd was contacted by Sergeant Hulett (both Springfield) regarding anglers possibly fishing in the 400' closed area below Leaburg dam. Tpr. Boyd responded and watched three individuals angling well within the closed area. One of the subjects saw the patrol car as it traveled across the dam toward them and he threw his fishing pole into the river. The subject who threw his pole into the river claimed that he had not been fishing. Tpr. Boyd noticed a bobber out in the current that was not moving down river and borrowed one of their fishing poles then snagged and retrieved the pole that the subject had thrown into the river. All of the suspects were cited for **Angling Prohibited Area** and two of them were cited for **No 2007 Non-Resident Angling License**.

### Trooper Keeps Watch On Anglers

Senior Trooper Maher (Oakridge) worked anglers on the MF Willamette River below Dexter Dam. ODFW was processing the last few spring Chinook salmon and were also returning adult summer steelhead back into the river via the return tube at the Dexter Hatchery. Sr. Tpr. Maher watched three anglers each take three steelhead. Those anglers made their proper tag validations after catching each fish. After those anglers left, another angler arrived and started angling. This angler was observed to catch a steelhead, kill it then keep angling without validating his combined angling harvest tag. Sr. Tpr. Maher contacted the angler and cited him for **Fail To Validate Combined Angling Harvest Tag**.

### Suspects Try To Disguise Game Fish

Senior Troopers Decker and Cazemier conducted a float patrol on the Lower Deschutes River from Mack's Canyon to Heritage Landing. During their patrol they found four freshly filleted steelhead carcasses on the bank. Three of the carcasses were from wild steelhead. A subsequent investigation took the troopers a few miles downstream to a camp where they contacted two subjects. Evidence found near the filleted steelhead linked the two subjects. The two subjects were issued citations for **Disguising Game Fish - Steelhead** and given several other warnings.

### 2006 Elk Tag Used for Fish Validation

Trooper Buck and Recruit Schoenborn (both Portland) witnessed an altercation between two male adults who were angling on the Clackamas River near the mouth. Both subjects exchanged verbal comments that led to both subjects pushing each other into the river. The altercation lasted approximately 45 seconds, and both subjects came to an agreement and shook hands shortly after. Both subjects continued to angle after the altercation. One subject, who had landed a Coho salmon earlier that morning was checked by Tpr. Buck and warned for not properly tagging his Coho. The second subject was checked a short while later, and issued a citation for **Failure to Validate Harvest Card** after possessing a Coho salmon. The second subject showed Tpr. Buck a 2006 200 series elk tag that was validated for two other previous fish and the Coho that he had in his possession. The 2006 elk tag was seized.

# Commercial Fish

## Skipper Rescued as Troller Sinks

While on an ocean boat patrol Troopers Davis (Coos Bay) and Lea (Florence) located a 54-foot commercial salmon troller sinking 10 miles south of Windy Bay. The boat was going under as they arrived. The skipper, the lone occupant of the vessel, had already abandoned ship and was sitting in a small skiff when the troopers arrived. The skipper advised the boat started taking on water approximately 2 hours earlier and he did not have time to broadcast a mayday due to the fast sinking. The commercial boat sank within two minutes of the trooper's arrival. The skipper was brought aboard the patrol boat and the Coast Guard was contacted. A motor lifeboat out of Winchester Bay responded to the scene and transported the skipper back to Winchester Bay.



## Abandoned Gillnet Pulled

Sergeant Allori, Senior Trooper Moore (Portland) and Recruit Moisan (Patrol-Portland) responded to a report of an abandoned gillnet in Multnomah Channel near its confluence with the Willamette River. The net was located, pulled to the shoreline and removed from the water. Two Chinook salmon were in the net. No markings were on the net to identify a suspect.



# Environment/Habitat

## Owner Decides to Make a Fish Pond

Senior Trooper Canfield (Newport) cited a subject for **Water Pollution II**. The subject decided to construct a "fish pond" on his property. However, the pond location was right in the middle of a wetland area and in a stream that contained cutthroat trout and salmonioids.

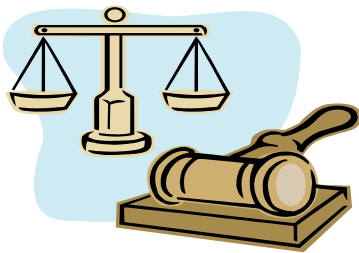


### Marijuana Grow Located Under Kitchen Floor

Sergeant Thompson, Sr. Trooper Torland, Trooper Urbigkeit, Trooper Kehr, and Sr. Trooper Canfield (all Newport) assisted the LINT Team with a large indoor Marijuana Grow. The grow consisted of over 300 plants. Half of the grow was in a dugout location under the residence that was accessed through a hole cut in the floor. The other half of the grow was accessed through a hole cut underneath the sink in the kitchen. It was a labor intensive operation as the entire contents of the grow had to be relayed out of the two small access holes.

### Troopers Help Out at Girl Scouts Camp

Sergeant Allori and Sr. Trooper Hanson (Portland) worked with the caretaker of Camp Namanu (Girl Scouts of America) concerning a problem area with trespassers crossing their property use to access the Sandy River. A total of 16 people were cited for **Criminal Trespass II**.



## General Law

### Sight Seer Is Cited

Trooper Turnbo (Salem) was called out to the Abiqua area in regards to a subject locked behind a private timber company gate. Tpr. Turnbo located the subject who had entered the property during the day "sight seeing" and was locked behind the gate. He was subsequently cited/released for **Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree**.

### Missing Female Found Alive

Senior Trooper Hawkins (Baker City) teamed up with Baker County Deputy Travis Ash to locate a female that had been lost in the Eagle Cap Wilderness for nearly two weeks. After speaking with family members again, the officers determined that she had to be in the bottom of a drainage. The officers heard ravens in the area as they searched the drainage. Deputy Ash responded to a location where he heard voices and discovered the lost female. She was transported to St. Elizabeth's hospital in Baker City by Life Flight.

### News Release from: Oregon State Police

OSP SEIZES OVER 1,000 MARIJUANA PLANTS FROM REMOTE MARION COUNTY LOCATION

Posted: September 15th, 2007 8:47 AM

Over 1,000 marijuana plants have been pulled after being found by a hunter a week ago on private property about 14 miles northeast of Scotts Mills in Marion County. There are no suspects identified in this case.

On September 8, 2007 a hunter came upon a marijuana grow site on Longview Timberlands LLC property northeast of Scotts Mills. The hunter originally thought there were about two dozen plants and contacted an Oregon State Police (OSP) trooper the next day. The hunter guided two troopers to the area but they were unable to find the location. With the assistance of an OSP airplane the next day, the troopers returned to the area and located the site.

A total of 1,064 marijuana plants have been pulled. There is no estimated value available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Oregon State Police Trooper Adam Turnbo at (503) 378-3387 ext. 234.

## Dispositions

### Tribal Member Fails to Appear, Trooper Arrests Member with Warrant

In July of 2006, Senior Trooper Knapp (Enterprise) cited a Nez Perce tribal member for selling subsistence salmon. He failed to appear and a warrant was issued for his arrest. In July of 2007, Senior Trooper Knapp located that subject and lodged him on the outstanding warrant. The defendant agreed to the following disposition: **12 Months Probation; 32 Days – Jail; \$883.00 Fines/Fees; and Pay Court Appointed Attorney's Fees.**

## Public Relations - Interagency Cooperation

### Trooper Participates with USCG

Senior Trooper Van Prooyen (Gold Beach) participated with a joint agency boat patrol with USCG station Chetco River out of the Port of Brookings/Harbor. During this patrol five separate commercial Crab violations for illegal gear left in the ocean were detected. Two sport Salmon anglers were cited for **Angling Prohibited Method - Barbed Hooks**, and two sport crab pots were seized that were located near the entrance to the Chetco River, further investigation pending.

### Trooper Gives Tips to USFS Employees

Senior Trooper Maher (Oakridge) attended the USFS Middle Fork Ranger District staff meeting in Oakridge. Sr. Tpr. Maher discussed the upcoming fall hunting seasons and gave the USFS employees tips on what to watch for regarding illegal hunting activity. Sr. Tpr. Maher also provided an activity summary regarding the USFS contract in the Oakridge and Fall Creek areas for summer DUII and MIP enforcement.

### Trooper Talks about Hunter Ethics

Sergeant Hulett made a presentation to a Hunter's Education class in Creswell. There were about 22 students and 10 adults attending. The talk centered on hunter ethics and safety.

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