OREGON STATE POLICE FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION
WEEKLY REPORT

Southwest Region
August 5, 2024 through August 11, 2024

WILDLIFE:

On August 5, 2024 Sergeant Hanigan received a call of a 5 point poached buck in the Jacksonville area. A hole was located in the neck but no other evidence was located. The homeowner was not aware of an early archery season as well as valid tribal tags in the area. Unfortunately, the buck was not salvageable. Sergeant Hanigan moved the buck to a more advantageous area for the homeowner to bury on his large property.

On August 6, 2024, Sergeant Hanigan conducted a follow-up investigation after receiving a call of a male shooting geese on the Rogue River in Jackson County. The RP happened to be filming goslings when he heard a small caliber gun shot followed by a thud. The RP zoomed in across the river where he believed he saw a male with a firearm. Sergeant Hanigan retrieved the video and was able to see what looked like a buttstock under the arm of a male entering a home. The male was contacted and admitted to harassing the geese. No dead geese were located, the male was provided with alternative methods of keeping geese from his property and warned.

On August 8, 2024, Trooper Cantrell assisted ODFW with multiple bear issues that had taken place due to damage purposes. Suspicion of unlawful take on one of the shooters who took his bear for safety issues was reported. Due to lack of evidence, it was confirmed to be lawfully taken. The meat was turned in and salvaged by ODFW. Later a bear was turned in due to damage purposes but was unsalvageable due to time without being properly processed. The elderly shooter was given education on proper processing and disposal and who to use for help if this issue arises in the future.

On August 9, 2024, Trooper Cantrell contacted a victim of a stolen travel trailer near Buck Prairie, details were gathered, and Trooper Cantrell searched BLM and National Forest in the surrounding area for any signs. Nothing was found but 4 bow hunters and 2 bear hunters were contacted, and all were in lawful possession of their tags. Trooper Cantrell and Trooper Jamison then responded to Tubs Springs off Hwy 66 for a Trespassing call. The vehicle was located, and the owner was with it and had been there for multiple days. The vehicle was disabled, and he was working on fixing a tire issue. The troopers gave the driver 24 hours to remedy the issue, or the vehicle would be towed.

On August 10, 2024, Trooper Cantrell and Trooper Jamison responded to a 55 and older community in Grants Pass in reference to a call of a cougar chasing a domestic cat around the neighborhood. Trooper Cantrell and Trooper Jamison checked the neighborhood and surrounding area but were unable to locate the cougar or the house cat.

On August 11, 2024, Trooper Cantrell responded to a call of a redtail hawk that had been unlawfully shot with a .22 cal rifle in Gold Hill. Upon arrival, Trooper Cantrell and Trooper

Jamison located the suspect and the deceased bird. The suspect was charged for unlawfully taking a redtail hawk. The hawk and the .22 cal rifle were both seized as evidence.

On August 11, 2024, Trooper Jamison received a call from a resident in Eagle Point who advised that there was a small fawn in her yard that was walking around and appearing to be calling for its mother. Trooper Jamison spoke with the reporting party and advised her not to interact with the fawn and give it plenty of space. It is normal for does to leave fawns unattended throughout the day and this fawn was likely scared out of its hiding place by something and it is calling out to let its mother know where it is. The reporting party was advised not to move the animal or interact with it and to leave the gate to her backyard open to allow its mother to come back and retrieve it.

ANGLING:

On August 7, 2024, at about 1:00 PM, Senior Trooper Evans contacted a subject angling at Empire Lake. The subject did not have an angling license and was issued a citation for the offense.

On August 5, 2024, Senior Trooper Baimbridge and Trooper Kercher conducted a joint patrol on the North Umpqua River. Several anglers were contacted, one angler was cited for angling without a salmon/steelhead harvest card and another angler was cited for angling in the prohibited area under Deadline Falls at Swiftwater Park.

HABITAT & ENVIRONMENTAL:

On August 11, 2024, Trooper Jamison was traveling eastbound on HWY 62 in Trail when he observed a male subject throw a bottle off the side of the bridge and into the Rogue River. The suspect was subsequently stopped and charged for depositing trash within a waterway.

On Friday August 9th, 2024, Trooper Gray responded with a local County Deputy to an illegal dump site on main line road owned by Green Diamond Resource Company. The Deputy recognized the name on a piece of mail left in the dump. The property from where the trash came from had a structure fire and the material that was dumped clearly came from the location. The individual who had dumped the trash was contacted and issued a criminal citation for offensive littering. The individual was also trespassed from all Green Diamond property for the following 90 days.

SHELLFISH:

COMMERCIAL FISH:

PUBLIC OUTREACH:

GENERAL LAW:

On August 7, 2024, Trooper Jamison received a trespassing complaint from the Regional Manager for Chinook Forest Management. According to the complaint, employees of Chinook Forest Management had located several game cameras on one of their properties in southern Douglas County. After collecting the suspect and witness information Trooper Jamison provided the information to members of the Roseburg Office for follow-up.

On August 9, 2024, Trooper Jamison assisted Patrol Troopers with a disturbance at Valley of the Rogue State Park. All parties agreed to separate, and no further action was required.

On August 9, 2024, Senior Trooper Rice was investigating the report of multiple vehicles abandoned on GDRC lands near Bly Mountain. One vehicle was found to be reported stolen in 2021. It was stripped for parts a mile from the closest maintained road. Sr. Trp. Rice towed the vehicle to the road where it was recovered by a tow company.

On August 9, 2024, Senior Trooper Rice and patrol troopers responded to a suspicious activity report on Highway 97 near the California state line. A male subject was reported to be lighting debris on fire and dancing around the fire, waving a metal pole. A patrol trooper arrived on scene and was able to detain the subject and knock the fire down. The subject was ultimately arrested on outstanding warrants, DWS-misdemeanor and Reckless Burning.

In the early morning hours of August 11, 2024, Senior Trooper Rice responded to a welfare check of a driver slumped over the wheel. The vehicle was located with the driver sound asleep behind the wheel with open containers of Modelo clearly visible. A patrol trooper was in the area and responded to assist. The driver was arrested for DUII.

GOV TO GOV:

MISC.:

On August 7, 2024, Trooper Jamison received a call from a homeowner in Ashland who advised him that between the hours of midnight and 2:00 AM a bear had ripped through the screen of an open window, attacked her dog causing significant lacerations to the dog's neck, and ate a bag of dog food before breaking through the screen door to get out. The dog was taken to the emergency vet where it underwent surgery to repair the damage caused by the bear. Although there was no human interaction with the bear, this incident posed a serious human safety risk. The USDA Wildlife Services Agent responded and trapped the bear the following day. The bear was euthanized and the meat was salvaged.

On August 10, 2024, Trooper Jamison and Trooper Cantrell responded to the Denman Wildlife Area off Modoc Rd, in reference to call of prohibited camping. The campers were located and warned for no parking permit and unlawful camping. The suspects vacated the area. Trooper Cantrell and Trooper Jamison contacted multiple anglers in the area and checked several

vehicles for parking permits. (2) Vehicles located in the area were found to be without the required parking permits. Both of the vehicle operators were warned for failing to display a parking permit.

On August 7, 2024, Senior Trooper Stone and Senior Trooper Bachmeier conducted a boat patrol at Ben Irving reservoir. Two boats and two stand up paddle boarders were contacted, resulting in a warning for no sound producing device and a terminated voyage with a warning for child under 12 not wearing a life jacket (3 of 4 were wearing PFD'S). The adult with 4 children on the board were escorted to the beach while being educated about carriage requirements.