

Oregon State Marine Board

Outfitter & Guide / Charter Program

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The Program Evolves...

1985-2010

- 1985 – Legislature implements OG Program
- 1987 – Program fee increased to \$50
- 1989 – Program to sunset in 1990, repealed, Charter Licensing Passed
- 1993 – Guide Association highlights illegal guiding
- 1999 – \$150 fee, biennial registration proposed, fails
- 2007 – Reciprocal fees set to sunset, repealed
- 2009 – Limited entry proposed, fails

The Program Evolves...

1985-2010

- 2011 – GAC leads strategic development process
- 2013 – Comprehensive legislation redefines Guides & Charters, sets 2016 motorboat requirement
- 2013/14/15 Rulemaking, major updates
- 2015 – HB 3498 adds sex offender and certain drug violations
- 2016 – MPBOC implemented in rulemaking
- 2017 – HB 2883 extends revocation to 60 months

Overview

- **Outfitter & Guide:** Any person who, for compensation, provides outfitting and guiding services on land or water they do not own or solely control.
- **Outfitting & Guiding Services:** Leading, protecting, instructing, training, packing, guiding, interpreting, or otherwise assisting any person in the conduct of outdoor recreational activities.
- **Activities Include:** Boating, angling, hunting, backpacking, mountain climbing, camping, rafting trips, kayak trips, Jeep tours

Primary Activities

- **Land-based guiding**
 - Hunting, backpacking, mountaineering, jeep tours, etc.
- **Water-based guiding**
 - Fishing, wildlife viewing, education
- **Charters (7 or more passengers)**
 - Ocean charters, inland charters for fishing, ecotourism



Guide Numbers

1,247 Outfitter Guides

64 Charters

Activities include:



back country	94
bicycling	49
bird watching	94
canoe kayak	178
dune buggy atv	6
equestrian ride	19
fishing	1559
hunting	191
nature eco hikes	434
other	55
outdoor youth	7
photography	150
rock climbing	39
scenic tours	318
whitewater	263
wilderness	122

Guide Advisory Committee

OAR 250-016-0090 Guide Advisory Committee; Charter Representation

(1) The Guide Advisory Committee (GAC) shall be composed of eight members from seven active organizations ...

Guide Advisory Committee Members

Gary Early – Fishing Guide
Jack Glass – Fishing Guide
Loren Goddard – Charter Operator
Aaron Helfrich – Fishing Guide

Bob Rees – Fishing Guide
Joe Rohleder – Member at Large
Bob Staples – Hunting Guide
Brian Sykes – Hunting Guide

Land Based Guiding

Primary Focus - Non-resident Hunt Tag Program

- - USFS, BLM Permit Requirements
- - OSP SIU Partnership & Funding
- - ODFW Partnership

Future needs

- - Employee Definitions
- - Updated Bonding Requirement
- - Improved Enforcement



Water Based Guiding

Primary Focus – Fishing & Rafting

- Navigable Waterway Guides – USCG licensing
- Inland Waterway Guides - MPBOC requirement
- Non-motorized Boat Guides
- White Water Guides



Charter Boat Operations

Charter Boat Program

- 7 or More Passengers for Hire
- Boats are USCG Inspected for all federally navigable waterways
- Inland Waterways: USCG Licensed Operators, State Inspected Vessels
- Lower Columbia reciprocity with Washington charters



Future Priorities

Legislation to Enhance Industry, Protect Public

- Charters
 - Charter is licensed separately from operator
 - Operator registers as Outfitter Guide (one free per boat)
 - Create Deck Hand classification, \$25 fee (now must be a guide)
- Non-Resident Hunt Tags
 - High-value tags: current bonding is inadequate
 - Employee definition: Some guides game the system

Future Priorities

Legislation to Enhance Industry, Protect Public

- Non-resident Fee: Reciprocity violates federal commerce clause
- Crowding: Is it time to “cap” guide numbers; how?
- Improve “ethics & etiquette” enforcement
- Sub-account:
Move from
General Fund



Special Thanks

The Oregon State Marine Board thanks the Oregon State Police *Special Investigations Unit* for their partnership in investigating complaints and apprehending numerous illegal guides in Oregon since this partnership began.



Questions

