

# Newsletter

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## Guiding After COVID

### What we've learned in the past year+

It seemed like it was a really bad dream that lasted way too long. Who could have anticipated the havoc that COVID would reap on the outdoor recreation world and upon our Outfitter Guide community? Trying to stay on top of the constantly changing restrictions and requirements was a daily challenge, and no one was happy about any of it. Talk about a recipe for disaster! But our guiding community rolled with the punches and persevered. One of the positives was that the general public immersed themselves in the outdoors, one of the few activities they could enjoy. The numbers are amazing when you think of the exposure to nature and our services, and the ability to influence new enthusiasts.

There appeared to be two main groups of guides during this time... those who decided it was to their benefit and safety to just take this time off, and those who figured out how to adjust their operating plans and roll with the changes. Health and safety of all participants rose to the top of the priority list. Stories have been shared of clients reporting COVID positive tests days before or days after guided trips. Gloves, masks, and wipes became the most important supply of the trip. Sanitization, availability of restrooms, and safe distancing suddenly became great concerns when organizing groups. And who had ever worried about a "unit" or "bubble" before?

While we've all experienced aspects of dealing with COVID that we'd prefer to never have to deal with again, there are some items that we should probably consider standard operating procedure going forward. Sanitization is a good thing - COVID aside, we were healthier this last year when not sharing germs. Pre-planning makes for happier customers. When we know exactly what facilities are available and what the backup plan is, everyone thinks you are awesome. Providing extra services such as individual equipment or kits can bring in extra income. A higher level of service attracts a higher level of client.

Take the time during your next slow season to make plans on how to keep the beneficial practices used during COVID in your guiding service, and raise your business to the next level.

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### Email or Mail?

This edition of the newsletter has been distributed primarily via email. If we have your email address on file, you will receive only the email version. If not, you will be mailed a paper copy. Please notify us if you have a preference, or if your email address needs to be updated.

# New GAC Members

Earlier in the year we sent out a request for nominations or volunteers for openings on our Guide Advisory Committee. We were pleasantly surprised with the number of names we received. After careful consideration, we selected six new members that we believe bring a new depth of knowledge, diversity of services, and greater representation of guiding across our state. The new members are:

- Cliff Agocs, Rock Climbing & Back Country Ski Touring guide with Timberline Mountain Guides and Smith Rock Climbing School, Bend
- Cody Cole, Hunting guide with Cody Cole Guide Service, Monument
- Mia Sheppard, Fly Fishing guide with Little Creek Outfitters & Juniper River Adventures, Maupin

- Bill Monroe Jr, Fishing guide with Bill Monroe Outdoors, Oregon City
- Jim Blount, Mountain Bike and Cycling guide with Peak Sports, Corvallis
- Jason Schultz, Fishing guide with Hells Canyon Sport Fishing, Clarkston, WA.

We look forward to working with our new members and adding their fresh perspectives to our existing committee. We would also like to thank Jack Glass for his valuable contributions to the GAC over his years on the committee. Jack has been an ardent and diligent supporter of the guide community and of fair and ethical guiding across the state for many years. Although not tall in stature, Jack leaves big shoes to fill.



## Specialized Information for the Outfitter Guide Community

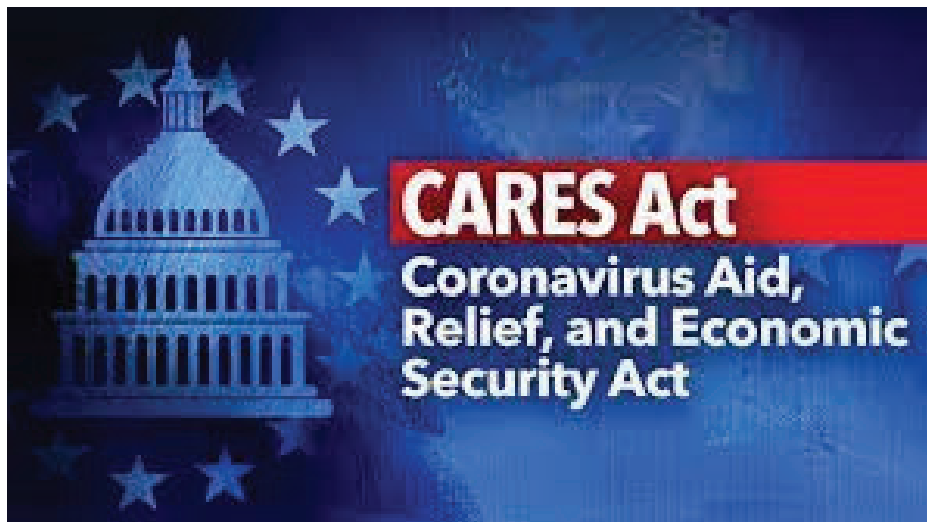
The Outfitter Guide newsletter is a bi-annual publication which is the cornerstone of the Outfitter Guide communications program. Its purpose is to cut through the clutter and provide important communications between the OG community and the Marine Board. If you have comments, feel free to submit them at: [outfitter.guide@oregon.gov](mailto:outfitter.guide@oregon.gov).

### Guide Advisory Committee Members

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## 2nd Round of CARES Act Funds

### Online meeting to discuss additional relief funds distribution

The first round of CARES Act Funding totalling \$18,263,349 was distributed on Jan. 29, 2021 after receiving 411 claims requesting \$48,526,677 (more than double the amount available.) 106 claims were rejected, and after capping the maximum claim amount, they were able to process 304 payments for approximately 58% of the requested claim amounts since claims greatly exceeded the available funds. Oregon Outfitter Guide claims totalled approximately 8% of the funds distributed.

Last month the NOAA Fisheries announced a second round of funding of \$13 million to be administered by ODFW. Oregon must develop a spending plan for NOAA approval, making improvements to streamline the system used in Round 1. ODFW will host a public virtual meeting to gather feedback and address any questions or concerns on June 21st at 5:30pm at <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1608269328>. These CARES Act relief funds are specifically targeted at marine fisheries and fisheries for anadromous species. Sign up for updates at <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/CARES/index.aspx> as they become available.



**Report Illegal Guides & Outfitters**  
503-378-2633

**Recent Disciplinary Actions**

| Name                    | Date    | Action               | Reason                                   |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Randall Nelson          | 2/17/21 | Suspension           | Firearms restriction                     |
| Robert Fazio            | 2/18/20 | Suspension           | Per court order                          |
| Dustin McGroarty        | 10/1/20 | Denial               | Unlawful taking of Wildlife, court order |
| Carl Burge              | 5/6/20  | Conditional          | Multiple F&W violations                  |
| Newport Hookers Charter | 5/10/21 | Stipulated Agreement | Public Safety Concerns                   |

# Law Enforcement Update



- Astoria Fish and Wildlife Troopers conducted a boat patrol on the Columbia River near the Warrior Rock deadline. A licensed Washington guide was cited for Angling Closed Area and his client was cited for Failing to Immediately Validate Harvest Card. Three citations and a warning were issued for Angling Prohibited Method-Barbed Hooks and two warnings were issued for Angling Closed Area. Four paddle boarders were issued warnings for not having personal flotation devices (PFDs) and were given a courtesy ride to the beach.
- The Oregon State Police looked into a complaint of an unlicensed guide who was advertising fishing trips on the Willamette River in Multnomah County. After an

investigation, the guide was contacted as he was taking customers fishing and was issued a criminal citation for Guiding without a License.

- The Oregon State Police received another complaint of an unlicensed guide advertising illegal fishing trip at Bob Straub State Park, in Tillamook County. The guide was contacted as he was taking customers fishing and was cited criminally for Guiding without a License.
- The Oregon State Marine Board received a guide application from a subject the Oregon State Police had cited criminally the previous year for Aiding in a wildlife offense. On their 2020 guides application, the subject marked they had no previous citation's or wildlife convictions in the last two years. After an investigation the subject was cited criminally for Making False Statements in Application/ Guide's License.

**Published as a special condition at sentencing:**

To the Guides and Hunters of Oregon,

We, James Fagan and Kristian Willman are writing to share with you our recent missteps as professional guides and the consequences that have followed, and to offer our apologies to the hunting community.

On October 4, 2020, in violation of ORS 496.695, three (3) of our clients were hunting outside of our immediate supervision. Two of our clients had non-resident guide tags drawn by us. Another client had a tag drawn by someone else but sold by us. We wrongfully treated these tags as "self-guided" hunts, without the intention of supervising their hunting activities.

It is our strong belief that Wildlife Laws are in place to care for the game we seek and the land on which they thrive, and

to protect other hunters, land owners, and local communities. By violating one of these laws, we have done a disservice to all those involved and we offer our sincere apologies. Furthermore, we have entered a guilty plea to formal charges of Aiding in a Wildlife Violation in Harney County, Oregon. We have been fined \$2,000 each and have paid the fees without argument. These monies will go to the Oregon Hunters Associations Turn-in-Poachers Fund and to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

It is our hope that, in sharing our experience, other sportspeople will familiarize themselves carefully with Oregon's Wildlife Regulations, be conscientious in complying with these laws, and work diligently to uphold them. We are dedicated to doing so as we move forward.

Our most sincere apologies - James Fagan & Kristian Willman

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## Engine Cut-Off Switches



A new Federal law went into effect April 1st, 2021 requiring the operator of a boat with an Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) to use it on all navigable waters of the US. The law applies to any motorized vessel with 3+ hp and less than 26' in length, while operating on plane, or above displacement speed. The ECOS can utilize a lanyard or bungee link or can be an electronic wireless device to connect the operator with the engine controls. This new law will be enforced by the US Coast Guard. Any questions should be directed to their website at <https://uscg-boating.org/recreational-boaters/engine-cut-off-devices.php>

## Upcoming Events

**June 21st: CARES Act Online Meeting**, 5:30 pm <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1608269328>

**June 22nd: Travel OR Google/Locl webinar**, 12:00 pm

**June 29th: Webinar - How to Create Engaging Social**

**Media Content on a Budget**, 12:00 - 1:00pm Register with Travel Oregon

**August 6th: ODFW Commission Meeting** 8:00am

**October 27th, OSMB Board Meeting**, Bend

## Join Travel Oregon's "Why Guides?"

Oregon-based tour guides, operators and outfitters are invited to join the Why Guides registry through the end of 2021 to help Travel Oregon tell the story of why guides are a valuable way to experience Oregon. To date, the registry has connected Travel Oregon with guides to appear in local news segments, be featured in editorial content on [traveloregon.com](http://traveloregon.com), and participate in upcoming Why Guides videos. Registry participants are also being featured in targeted media pitches, travel agent trainings and on social media with more marketing and promotional opportunities on the way.

Participation in the Why Guides registry will allow TO to showcase your business across Travel Oregon marketing, promotion and media efforts such as newsletter and website stories, local news segments, social media promotion, media pitches., industry spotlight features., inclusion in photo and video assets, domestic and international trade and consumer sales promotions, and participation in future familiarization tours for trade and/or media. While specific promotions are not guaranteed, your participation in the Why Guides registry will help tell the story of why guides will be one of the most memorable and sustainable experiences of a visitor's trip to Oregon. Visit Travel Oregon for more information, program goals and to register.

## Did You Know?

- **Boat Launch Parking/Docking** - We have received complaints about guides claiming that their status as a business gives them priority parking or dock use privileges. This is NOT accurate - Outfitter Guides have no special privileges in launch parking lots, nor on courtesy docks or ramps, even if you have a business license for that county, city or launch. Please show the public respect by sharing these busy sites fairly.
- **Halibut Fishery Licenses** - If you guide for halibut in Oregon, you are required to obtain an International Halibut Fishery License. Guide boats fall under the definition of "charter vessel" which is "a vessel used for hire in recreational (sport) fishing for Pacific halibut, but not including a vessel without a hired operator." You can apply online for the free license at: <https://www.iphc.int/management/fisheries/commercial-fisheries/license-application-information-license-types>.
- **Google Business Profile** - More than 90% of internet searches happen on Google! Join Travel Oregon and Portland-based company Locl to maximize your Google My Business Profile listings and have updates fed to Travel Oregon's database. Go to Travel Oregon to register for their June 22nd webinar at 12:00pm.

**Got Questions? Check out our website: [www.BoatOregon.com](http://www.BoatOregon.com)**