



# Guide Advisory Committee Meeting

August 6, 2025



# Attendance

Each individual GAC member and agency staff will be role called, please answer in one of the following manners:

- Present by Video
- Present by Sound Only

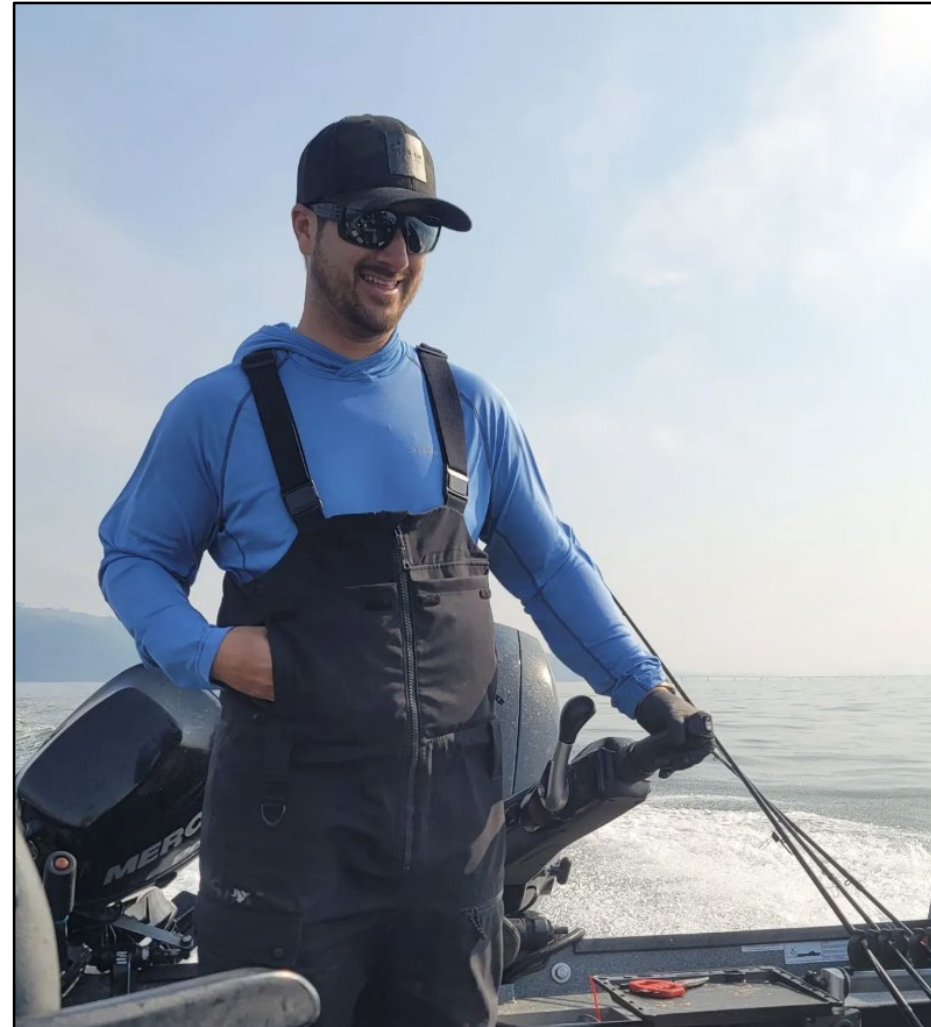
- Cliff Agocs
- Cody Cole
- Bill Monroe Jr
- Jason Schultz
- Mia Sheppard
- Jeff Keightley
- Kohr Mahr
- Jeff Miller
- Grant Scheele
- Megan Selvig
- Jack Craven
- Dana Burwell
- Cyndi Bolduc (OSMB)
- Brian Paulsen (OSMB)
- Sergeant Joe Dezso (OSP)

# Life Saver Award

## Nathan Heng

Fishing Guide

On the morning of Saturday July 12, 2025; Nathan's quick actions saved an individual's life who was struggling to stay afloat in the Columbia River.



# OG Fee Restructure Legislation

## Timeline

July 2024: Marine Board approved LC0344

August 2024: GAC reviewed LC03444

Oct 24' – Feb 25': Public Engagement

Feb 19: Public Hearing

Mar 03: Work Session

May 07: Work Session

May 16: Work Session

June 20: Governor signed.

**Public engagement and feedback from Outfitter Guide community shaped -1 amendment including removal of per employee registration fee and establishing additional Charter Guide registration fee.**

**“Charter Guide” means an outfitter and guide who:**

- (a) Possesses a valid United States Coast Guard operator license; and
- (b) Carries no more than six passengers for hire for outdoor recreational activities on federally navigable waterways

**“Crew member” means an employee who:**

- (a) Assists with angling activities, or in the operation of watercraft used for angling, while aboard a boat;
- (b) Works under the direct supervision of a charter guide, or of an outfitter and guide, who is physically present and in direct communication with the crew member; and
- (c) Is registered with the State Marine Board as a crew member

# Passed Legislation

## HB 2558 Overview

- Restructured fees so that an annual OG registration is the same for an Oregon resident and non-resident
  - The annual registration fee is **\$350**
- Established an additional fee for Charter Guides
  - The annual additional fee is **\$150**
  - Modify (simplify) “Charter Guide” definition
- Establish registration and fee for Crew Member
  - The annual registration fee is **\$50**
  - Establish “Crew Member” definition
- Increase OG civil penalties for first and subsequent violations (civil penalty not to exceed amount is **\$1,000**)



# ODFW Collaboration Meeting

## Coordination Focus

- Perceived vs Actual Challenges
- Informed Data (past and future)

## OSMB Concerns

- Boating Safety
- Access & Facility Impacts

## ODFW Concerns

- Guide Catch Results (Buoy 10)
- Habitat Impacts & Angler Experience

## Regulatory Framework Hypotheticals

- Limiting Effort vs. Allocating Effort

- Similar challenges related to regulating guided fisheries in other states.
- Perception of overcrowding and user conflict are related to how people value their experience, access, and opportunity.
- Different regulatory strategies across different fisheries have varying implications.

# Outdoor Recreation Summit (Dec 24')

## Outfitter Guide Workshop

- OSMB/BLM/USFS Q & A panel

## Changing Dynamics of Outfitter Guide

- A broad look at the world of Outfitter Guides in Oregon. Starting with historical reference, noted the changes in requirements, public perspective, evolution of services offered, increasing importance of networking and social accountability, and the future impacts of guiding upon resources and inclusivity.

## Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center

- Megan Selvig presented on the Post-Fire Transformation of OCAFC integrating backpacking expeditions in 6 national forests in Oregon.

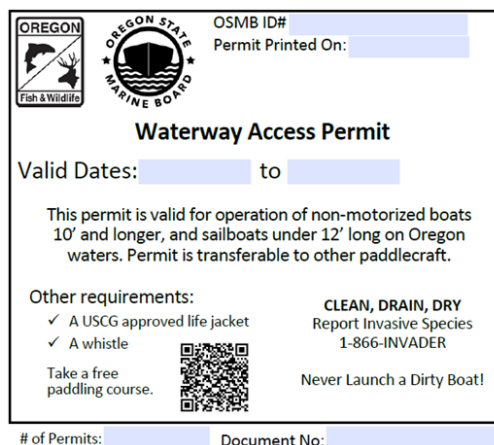


# Waterway Access Permits – 2026

Removes the “10’ and over” limitation

## Single Permits

- 7-day Permit - 2025 - \$5  
2026 - \$6
- 1-Year Permit - 2025 - \$17  
2026 - \$20
- 2-Year Permit - 2025 - \$30  
2026 - \$35



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**Waterway Access Permit**

Valid Dates: [redacted] to [redacted]

This permit is valid for operation of non-motorized boats 10' and longer, and sailboats under 12' long on Oregon waters. Permit is transferable to other paddlecraft.

Other requirements:  
✓ A USCG approved life jacket  
✓ A whistle  
Take a free paddling course.

CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY  
Report Invasive Species  
1-866-INVADER

Never Launch a Dirty Boat!

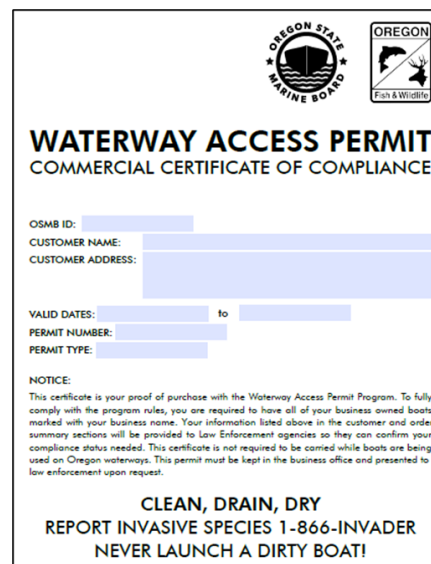
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## Discounted Commercial Permits

- 6-10 boats - 2025 - \$90  
2026 - \$100
- 11-20 boats - 2025 - \$165  
2026 - \$185
- 21+ boats - 2025 - \$300  
2026 - \$340

## Motorized Boat Registration

- 2025 - add'l \$5 per boat  
2026 - add'l \$8 per boat



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**WATERWAY ACCESS PERMIT  
COMMERCIAL CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

OSMB ID: [redacted]  
CUSTOMER NAME: [redacted]  
CUSTOMER ADDRESS: [redacted]

VALID DATES: [redacted] to [redacted]  
PERMIT NUMBER: [redacted]  
PERMIT TYPE: [redacted]

NOTICE:  
This certificate is your proof of purchase with the Waterway Access Permit Program. To fully comply with the program rules, you are required to have all of your business-owned boats marked with your business name. Your information listed above in the customer and/or summary sections will be provided to Law Enforcement agencies so they can confirm your compliance status needed. This certificate is not required to be carried while boats are being used on Oregon waterways. This permit must be kept in the business office and presented to law enforcement upon request.

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## Out-of-State Motorized Boat

- 2025 - \$20/year  
2026 - \$30/year



# Charter Guide Decals 2026

Charter Guide = Outfitter Guide with USCG Merchant Mariner Credential (6-pk license)

All oval decals will have max 6 passengers – overloading laws apply



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White Center

All Inland waters, inside jaws

6 pk – based on MMC, not boat

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Fish Center

Limited Inland (no Columbia/Willamette)

6 pk – based on MMC, not boat

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