

Guide Licenses for Columbia River Recreational Fisheries



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Presentation Outline

- Licensing authority and limitations by State
- History of guide license numbers
- Guide boat catch
- Commissioner's Discussion

Licensing Authority and Limitations Washington

- Charter Licenses are required to operate in Puget Sound, Grays Harbor, Willapa Bay, Pacific Ocean, Lake Washington or the Columbia River below the Longview Bridge.
- Salmon Charter License
 - Limited entry since 1970's
 - Authorized to fish for salmon, other food fish or shellfish
- Non-salmon Charter License
 - Authorized to fish for shellfish and food fish other than salmon or albacore tuna

Licensing Authority and Limitations Washington

- Food Fish Guide License
 - Required to fish for food fish species excluding areas covered by the Salmon Charter License.
- Game Fish Guide License
 - Required to fish for game fish species in State waters
- Fishing Guide Combination License
 - Authorized in 2016 with same limitations for food fish guide license

Licensing Authority and Limitations Oregon

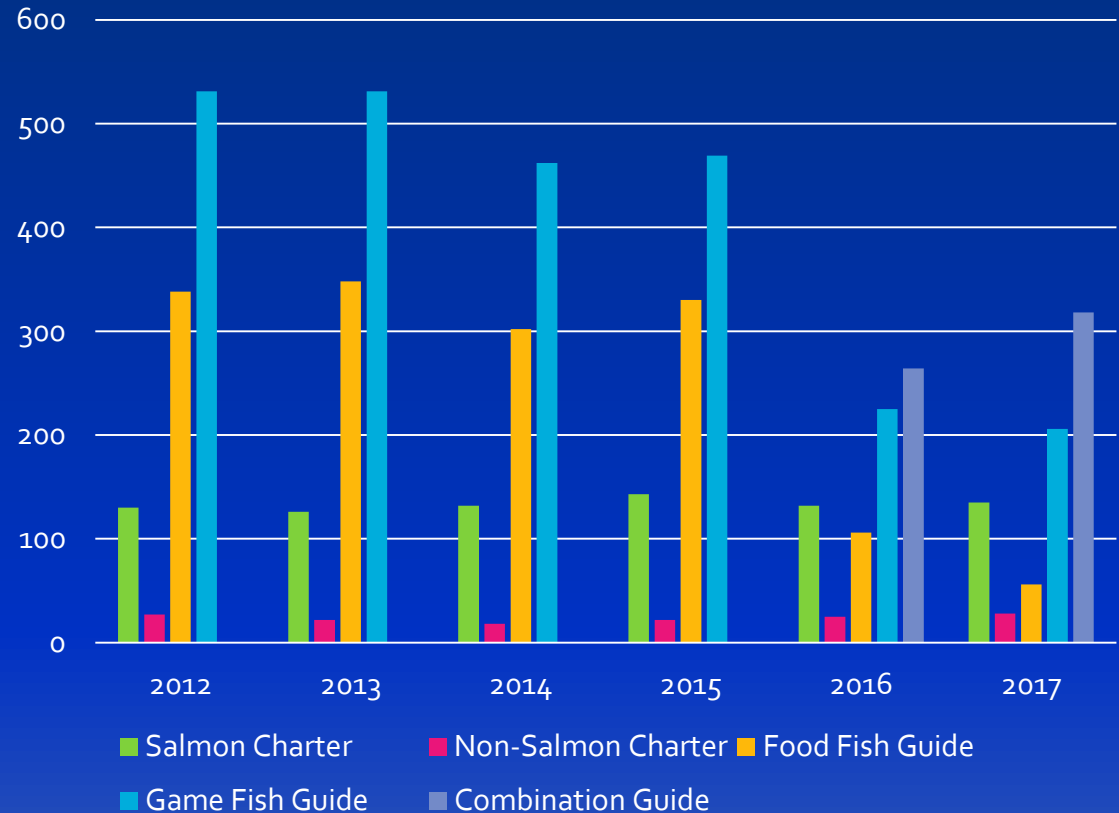
- Licensing in Oregon is managed under authority of the Oregon State Marine Board.
- OSMB registers Charter's and Outfitter Guides.
- Within Outfitter Guides there are specific registrations for "fishing guides" – no distinctions are made in Oregon for species/species groups.
- Registrations are organized based upon number of passengers and types of inspection and operations (USCG) licensing required.

Licensing Authority and Limitations Oregon

- As of 2014:
 - Oregon Charter is a vessel that carries 7 or more paying passengers.
 - Oregon Outfitter Guide is an operator that carries 6 or fewer paying passengers on their vessel.
- Oregon requires a “Charter Guide” decal for any guide vessels operating in the Columbia River downstream of the Longview Bridge and in the Pacific Ocean.
- Oregon Outfitter Guides provide a list of geographical areas they offer services in to OSMB when they apply (non-regulatory).
- None of the licensing information allows 100% specificity to “Columbia River” guides.

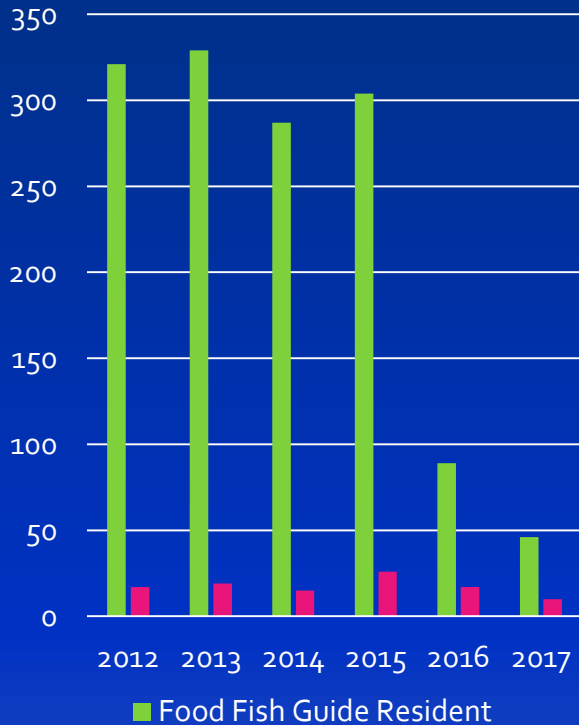
History of License Sales Washington

- Figure shows active Salmon Charter licenses (142 licenses)
- 2017 Guide Survey indicated 38.3% guided on Columbia River (554 licenses)

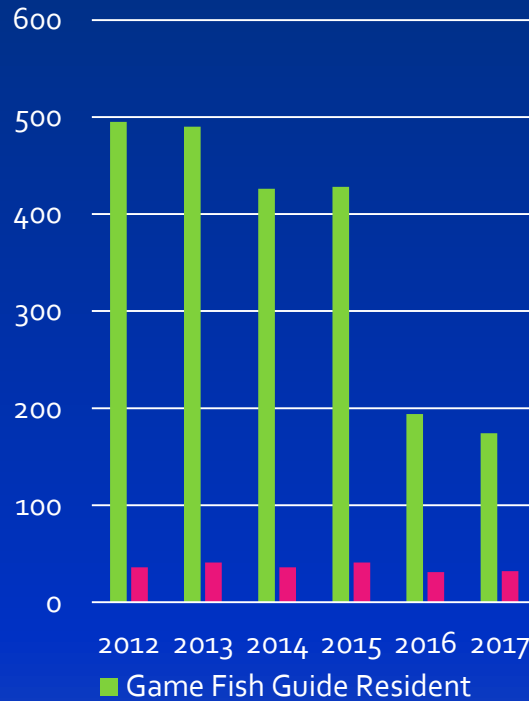


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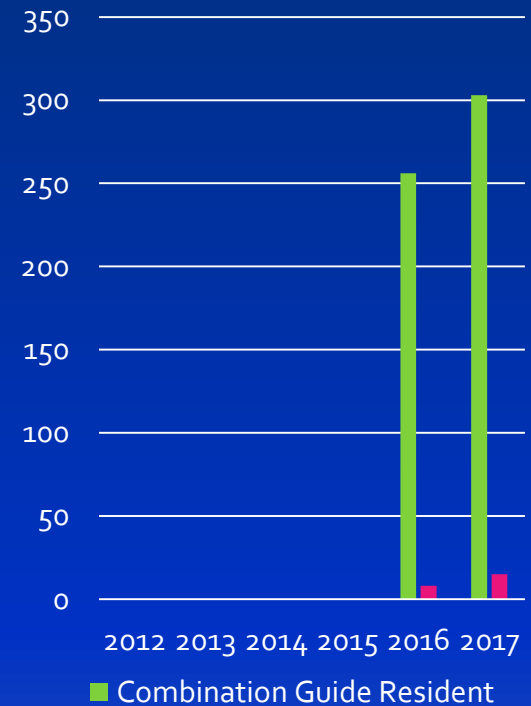
Food Fish Guides



Game Fish Guides

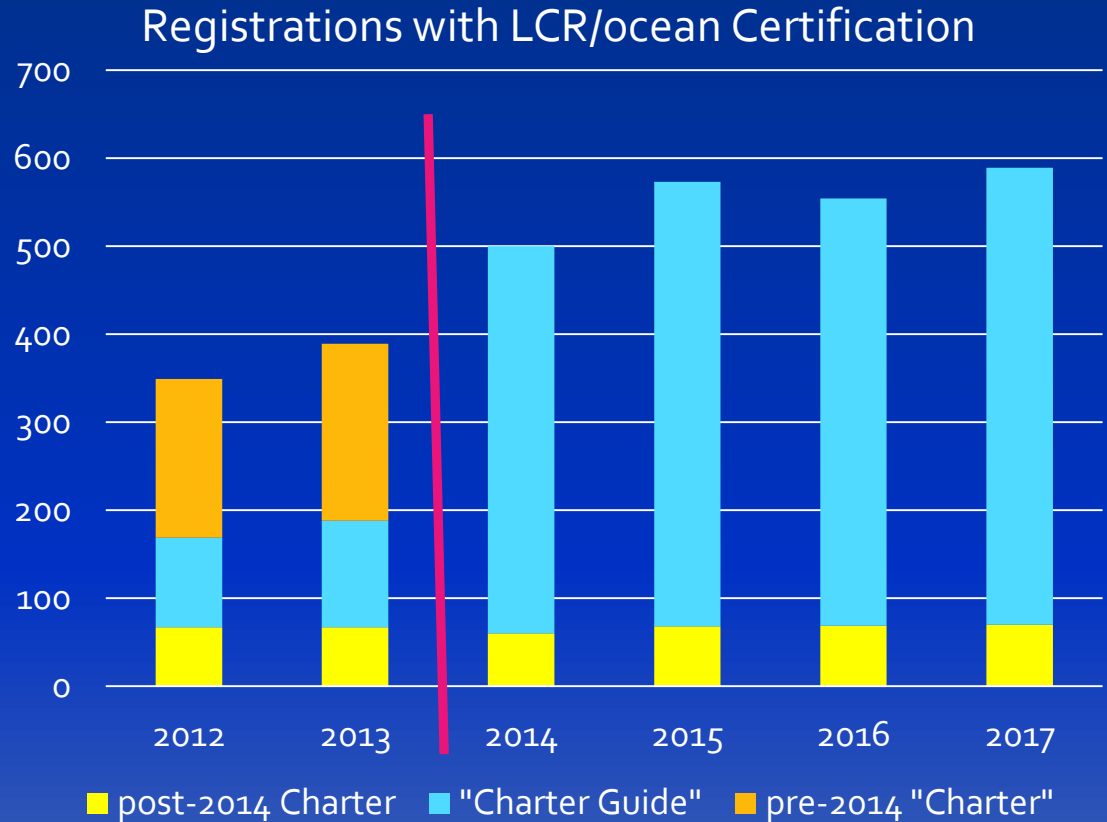


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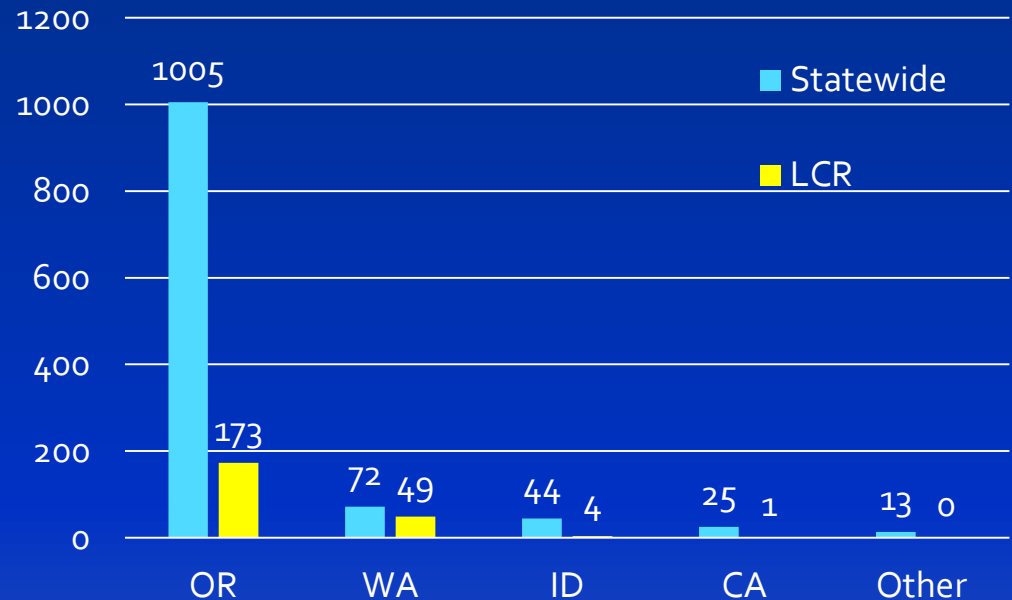
History of License Sales Oregon

- Definition of Charter changed in 2014
- Assume 67 of post-2014-definition "Charters" were present in pre-2014 period (yellow)
- Remainder of Charter prior to 2014 assigned to "Guides operating under pre-2014 Oregon Charter License" (orange)
- MAXIMUM number of guides certified to operate in LCR and ocean
- ~519 of 1,159 registrations



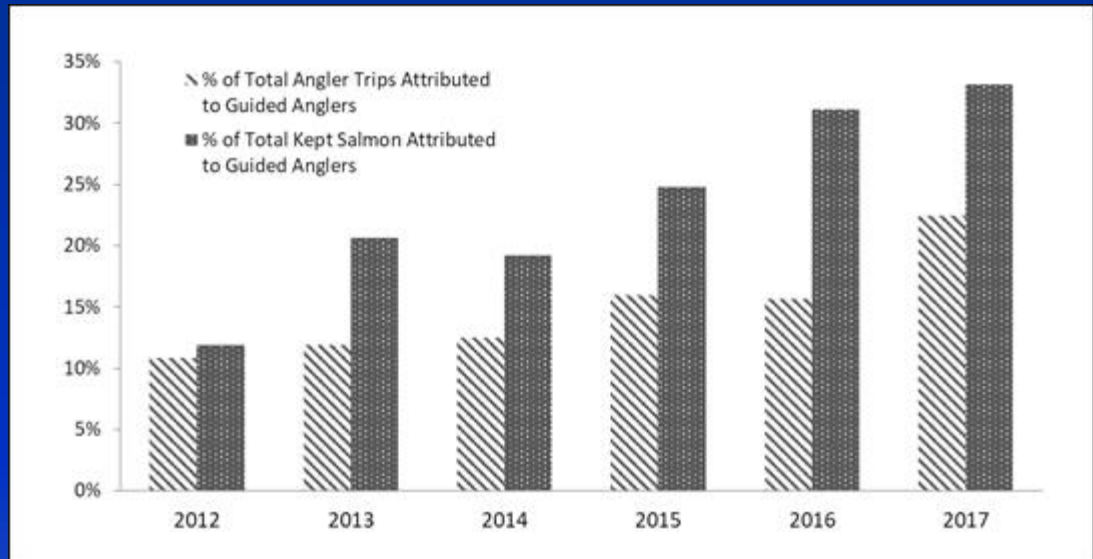
History of License Sales Oregon

- Resident/non-resident Oregon Fishing Guide registrations
- “Statewide” - all registrations; (N = 1,159)
- “LCR” – registrations specifying L Columbia River as an area of operations; (N = 227)
- 220 listed “Pacific Ocean”
- Registrants can and do list multiple areas within a year



History of Guide Boat Catch Columbia River

- Washington and Oregon don't require reporting of guide effort and catch directly
- Effort and catch estimated using creel survey
- Washington considering guide logbooks to collect this information



Percentage of angler trips and kept Chinook and Coho in the Buoy 10 fishery attributed to guide anglers, 2012-2017 (from Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission March 2018 meeting Exhibit G).

Questions/Commissioner's Discussion

