

# Assessment of Registered Oregon Coast Outfitters and Guides

**T**his report is a result of research conducted to better understand the operations and needs of natural resource-based outdoor guide and outfitter businesses in Oregon. Toward that end, it

- examines data related to guides registered with the Oregon State Marine Board
- provides a summary of some basic information about registered guides in the state, including numbers, locations, and types of services provided
- references a companion report of a 2017 study that looked at the effectiveness of Oregon guides' and outfitters' online marketing and compared pricing and amenities.

This work is part of a larger effort to better understand these businesses' economic impacts, job opportunities, resource management, professional development opportunities, and marketing support. The research was conducted with the support and cooperation of Oregon Sea Grant, Oregon State University Extension, Wild Rivers Coast Alliance, the Oregon Coast Visitor Association, and Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB).

Individuals and organizations that might benefit from this report include registered Oregon guide businesses, tour operators, coastal tourism promoters, community and economic development firms, natural-resource management agencies, and researchers.

*Note: Because online marketing is often a key component to success in reaching customers, a companion study also tested the presence of guide operations in Internet search results: Survey of Online Marketing Success and Pricing for Oregon Coast Fishing Guides and Tour Operators.*



*A fishing guide demonstrates his technique. (Photo by Erik Urdahl)*

## List and Comparison Methods

This list, provided by the OSMB in July 2017, shows how many guides in Oregon and other states are registered to provide guided tours and services such as fishing, hunting, rafting, hiking, horseback riding, eco tours, etc.

Total number of guides in this list = 1,318

Total number of guides in this list located in...

Oregon.....	1,152	Colorado .....	2
Idaho.....	40	Indiana .....	1
Washington .....	76	Pennsylvania .....	1
California .....	35	Utah.....	2
Montana .....	4	Massachusetts .....	2
Alaska.....	2	Arkansas.....	1
Nevada .....	2	Wyoming .....	1

Total number of guides in this list

located in coastal Oregon ZIP codes..... 131

Of the 30 total ZIP Codes located along the Oregon coast, 20 contain guides appearing in the Registered Oregon Outfitter/Guide list.

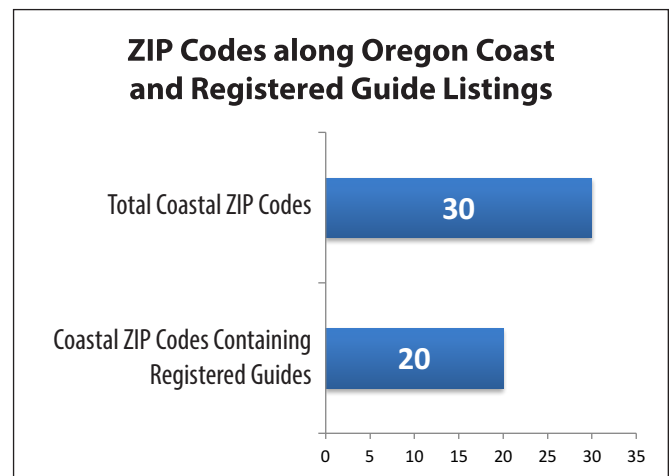


Figure 1. This chart compares the number of coastal ZIP Codes with registered guides in them to the total number of coastal ZIP Codes.



Kayaking is one of several guided activities available on the Oregon coast. (Photo by Erik Urdahl)



Figure 3 compares the total number of registered guide listings in the state of Oregon (1,152) with the number located along the coast (131).

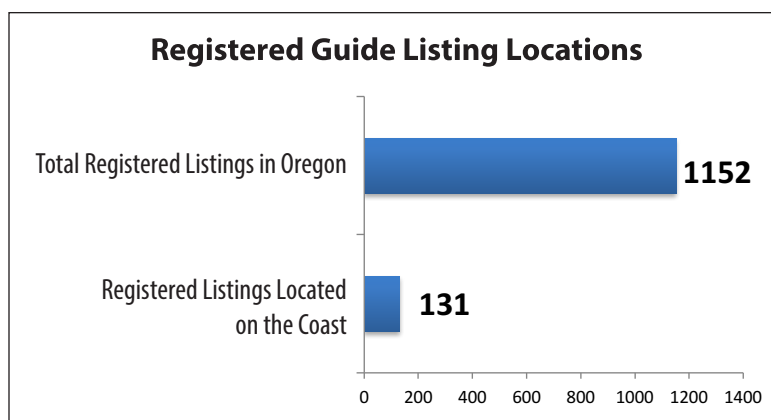


Figure 3. This graph compares the total number of registered guide listings in Oregon to the number of those on the coast, by ZIP Code.

Table 1. The number of guides registered on the Marine Board List in each coastal ZIP Code, listed from north to south.

Coastal ZIP Codes	Number of Guides Registered	Coastal ZIP Codes	Number of Guides Registered
97121	3	97366	0
97146	6	97376	1
97138	2	97394	0
97145	0	97498	0
97131	5	97439	4
97136	4	97441	0
97103	3	97467	2
97107	4	97459	4
97141	18	97420	9
97112	1	97411	4
97149	0	97450	0
97368	5	97476	0
97364	0	97465	1
97367	0	97444	21
97341	5	97415	22
97365	7	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>131</b>

The variety of products and services offered by guide businesses along the coast is somewhat difficult to determine. The guide registration application requests that applicants check a box for each of the services they offer. Table 2 represents all registered guides in Oregon but does not separate out coastal guides. It reflects experiences the guides provide but don't necessarily sell as a listed product, with a schedule and price. Thus, many of the services listed are actually amenities to paid experiences, for example, a fishing guide who offers "photog-

raphy" by letting clients take pictures or by taking a picture of a client with a fish. This is in contrast to a photo tour company, which would actually charge people for a quality, photography-based experience.

The Internet search (see Table 3) identified guide businesses offering a variety of services, and the companion report *Survey of Online Marketing Success and Pricing for Oregon Coast Fishing Guides and Tour Operators* provides more detail on these businesses and how well they are displayed in search results.

Table 2. The number of guides offering services, per data from OSMB.

	Fishing	Hunting	White-water Rafting	Back Country	Biking	Bird Watching	Canoeing	Dunes	Horse-back Riding	Nature Hike
In OR	1,168	172	180	75	32	111	125	9	26	103
Out of State	150	20	28	18	8	14	19	0	0	16
Total	1,318	192	208	93	40	125	144	9	26	119

	Outdoor Youth Program	Photo	Rock Climb	Scenic	Wild Adventure	Other
In OR	6	139	24	287	52	116
Out of State	1	20	8	33	4	17
Total	7	159	32	320	56	132

**Table 3. Business List Generated Via Online Research.** A separate list of businesses offering guided services is presented below. The business list is not the same as a registered guide list, as businesses may utilize multiple guides and guides may work as freelance or contract guides for multiple companies. (All URLs last accessed Sept. 26, 2017.)

Adventure Kayak	<a href="http://www.adventurekayak.com">www.adventurekayak.com</a>	Bandon
All Seasons Guide Service	<a href="http://www.allseasonsguideservice.net/">www.allseasonsguideservice.net/</a>	Tillamook
Astoria Fishing Charters and Guides	<a href="http://www.astoriafishing.com/">www.astoriafishing.com/</a>	Astoria
Betty Kay Charters	<a href="http://www.bettykaycharters.com/">www.bettykaycharters.com/</a>	Coos Bay
Big Dave's Oregon Fishing Adven	<a href="http://www.bigdavesfishing.com/oregon_fishing/fishing_oreg">www.bigdavesfishing.com/oregon_fishing/fishing_oreg</a>	Tillamook
Blackhawk Outfitters LLC	<a href="http://blackhawkoutfitters.com/">blackhawkoutfitters.com/</a>	Brookings
Bobber Down Fishing Adventures	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/Bobberdownguideservice/">www.facebook.com/Bobberdownguideservice/</a>	Lincoln City
Brookings Fishing Charters	<a href="http://www.brookingsfishing.com/">www.brookingsfishing.com/</a>	Brookings
Brookings River and Ocean	<a href="http://brookingsoceanfishing.com/">brookingsoceanfishing.com/</a>	Brookings
C & M Stables	<a href="http://www.oregonhorsebackriding.com/">www.oregonhorsebackriding.com/</a>	Florence
Captain's Reel Deep Sea Fishing	<a href="http://www.captainsreel.com/">www.captainsreel.com/</a>	Newport
Casey's Guide Service	<a href="http://caseysguideservice.com/umpqua-river-fishing/winche">caseysguideservice.com/umpqua-river-fishing/winche</a>	Roseburg
Cast Guide Service	<a href="http://chetcoriverfishing.com/">chetcoriverfishing.com/</a>	Brookings
Charthouse Sportfishing	<a href="http://www.charthousesportfish.com/productsgrid.html">www.charthousesportfish.com/productsgrid.html</a>	Brookings
Charthouse Sportfishing	<a href="http://www.charthousesportfish.com/">www.charthousesportfish.com/</a>	Brookings
Chinook Charters	<a href="http://chinookcharters.webs.com/">chinookcharters.webs.com/</a>	Coos Bay
Clatsop Paddle Company	<a href="http://clatsoppaddle.com/guided-tours/">clatsoppaddle.com/guided-tours/</a>	Astoria
Code 7 Sportfishing Charters	<a href="http://www.code7sportfishing.com/">www.code7sportfishing.com/</a>	Coos Bay
Columbia River Eco Tours	<a href="http://columbiarivercotours.com/">columbiarivercotours.com/</a>	Astoria
David L Johnson's Guide Service	<a href="http://www.ifish.net/Djohnson.html">www.ifish.net/Djohnson.html</a>	Boring
Dockside Charters	<a href="http://www.docksidebay.com/index.php">www.docksidebay.com/index.php</a>	Depoe Bay
Drift Northwest Fishing	<a href="http://www.driftnorthwestfishing.com/about">www.driftnorthwestfishing.com/about</a>	Tillamook
Early Fishing Inc	<a href="http://www.earlyfishing.com/wcfish.html">www.earlyfishing.com/wcfish.html</a>	Brookings

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***Business List Generated Via Online Research (continued)***

Field Guide Service	petercfield@gmail.com	Astoria
Findlay's Guide Service	findlaysguideservice.com	Astoria
Fins, Feathers, & Furs	www.finsfeathersfurs.net/	Tillamook
First Pass Outfitters	firstpassoutfitters.com/	Astoria
Fish Oregon	www.fishoregon.com/coquille-river-fishing.asp	Bandon
Fish Seward Alaska, Inc	www.fishsewardalaska.com/	Brookings
Fishing Charters	www.garibaldifishingcharters.com/	Garibaldi
Fishing with Rye	www.fishingwithrye.com/RYE/Home.html	Brookings
Five Star Charters	5starcharters.com/	Gold Beach
Gale Force Guides	www.galeforceguides.com/	Warrenton
Garibaldi Charters Deep Sea Fish	www.garibaldicharters.com/	Garibaldi
Gold River Guides	bansemerfishing.com/#eat-together	Brookings
Haystack Fishing	haystackfishing.com/	Pacific City
Helen's Guide Service	www.helensguideservice.net/	Gold Beach
High 5 Fishing	www.facebook.com/High5Fishing/	Astoria
High Life Adventures	highlife-adventures.com/	Warrenton
Huck's Guide Service	www.hucksguideservice.com/	Tillamook
Hunting Fish Charters	www.facebook.com/Huntingfishcharters/	Florence
Indigenous Adventures	indigenousadventures.wixsite.com/fishing	Coos Bay
It's All Good Guide Service	itsallgoodguideservice.com/	Astoria
J Taylor Guides	fishchinook.com/	Gold Beach
Jack Duncan	jd-anglingadventures.com/wp/about-us/	Coos Bay
Jack's Guide Service	www.jacksguideservice.net/html_files/contactus.html	Brookings
JB & Water Sportfishing	www.jbandwater.com/indexframeset.html	Garibaldi
Joe Whaley's Guide Service	roadtrippers.com/us/brookings-or/activities/joe-whale	Brookings
Kayak Tillamook	kayaktillamook.com/	Tillamook
Kelly Short Outdoors	www.kellyshortoutdoors.com/	Astoria
Kelly's Adventures	kellysadventures.com/	Astoria
Kelly's Brighton Marina	kellysbrightonmarina.com/	Rockaway Beach
Kenny's Tightline Tackle and Char	www.facebook.com/pg/KennysTightlineCharters/pho	Seaside
Kenton D Bansemer Fishing	bansemerfishing.com/#eat-together	Brookings
Kerri Lin Charters	visitgaribaldi.com/business-directory/kerri-lin-charters/	Garibaldi
Keys to the Outdoors	keystotheoutdoors.com/	Bandon
King Fishers Guide Service	www.facebook.com/pages/Kingfisher-Shane-guide-s	Brookings
Lance Fisher Fishing	lancefisherfishing.com/locations/astoria/	Astoria
Lee Darby's Fishing Guide Servic	www.leedarbysfishing.com/contact	Bay City
Legal Limit Outdoors	www.legallimitoutdoors.com/contact-us.html	Westport
Liebert's Guide Service	www.facebook.com/LiebertsGuideService/	Hammond
Linda Sue III Charters	www.ls3charters.com/	Garibaldi
Marine Discovery Tours	marinediscoverytours.com/	Newport

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Mario's Guide Service	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/pg/FishMarioGuideService/about">www.facebook.com/pg/FishMarioGuideService/about</a>	Brookings
Master Guides	<a href="http://www.masterguidesfishing.com/">www.masterguidesfishing.com/</a>	Astoria
Mytime Outfitters	<a href="mailto:gettingmytimein@gmail.com">gettingmytimein@gmail.com</a>	Coos Bay
Newport Marina Store	<a href="http://nmscharters.com/">nmscharters.com/</a>	Newport
Newport Tradewinds Deep Sea	<a href="http://www.newporttradewinds.com/">www.newporttradewinds.com/</a>	Newport
Northwest Ecotours & Guide	<a href="http://www.northwestecotours.com/">www.northwestecotours.com/</a>	Newport
Ocean Fish Charters	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/pg/OceanFishCharters/about/?re">www.facebook.com/pg/OceanFishCharters/about/?re</a>	Brookings
Old Dog Sportfishing	<a href="http://olddogsportfishing.com/">olddogsportfishing.com/</a>	Brookings
Oregon Beach Rides	<a href="http://oregonbeachrides.com/">oregonbeachrides.com/</a>	Manzanita
Oregon Fishing	<a href="http://www.oregonfishingadventure.com/page-rates.html">www.oregonfishingadventure.com/page-rates.html</a>	Brookings
Oregon Tuna Charters	<a href="http://oregontunacharters.com/deep-sea-tuna-fishing/gariba">oregontunacharters.com/deep-sea-tuna-fishing/gariba</a>	Tillamook
Oregon Whales	<a href="http://www.oregonwhales.com/oregonwhales2.html">www.oregonwhales.com/oregonwhales2.html</a>	Depoe Bay
Osprey Fishing Adventures	<a href="http://www.ospreyfishingadventuresoregon.com/">www.ospreyfishingadventuresoregon.com/</a>	Newport
Ossie's Surf Shop	<a href="http://www.ossiessurfshop.com/">www.ossiessurfshop.com/</a>	Newport
Pacific Charter Services	<a href="http://www.pacificcharterservices.com/">www.pacificcharterservices.com/</a>	Charleston
Pacific City Fishing	<a href="http://pacificcityfishing.com/">pacificcityfishing.com/</a>	Pacific City
Pacific Wave	<a href="http://www.cleantlinesurf.com/">www.cleantlinesurf.com/</a>	Warrenton
Pat Abel Guide Service	<a href="http://www.patabelguideservice.com/">www.patabelguideservice.com/</a>	Tillamook
Port of Astoria	<a href="http://www.portofastoria.com/Shore_Excursions.aspx">www.portofastoria.com/Shore_Excursions.aspx</a>	Astoria
Pro Fish Guide	<a href="http://profishguide.com/">profishguide.com/</a>	Tillamook
Prowler Charters	<a href="http://prowlercharters.com/fishing/">prowlercharters.com/fishing/</a>	Bandon
RBV Adventures	<a href="http://charterfishingastoria.com/fishingcharters.html">charterfishingastoria.com/fishingcharters.html</a>	Astoria
Rick Howard Guide Service	<a href="http://www.howard5.net/rhguide/">www.howard5.net/rhguide/</a>	Bandon
Riverhawk Guide Service	<a href="http://riverhawkguideserviceonline.net/">riverhawkguideserviceonline.net/</a>	Lincoln City
Robert a Cobb's Reel Fishing Trip	<a href="http://www.cobbreelfish.com/">www.cobbreelfish.com/</a>	Reedsport
Rogue River Guide Service	<a href="http://www.rogueguide.com/">www.rogueguide.com/</a>	Gold Beach
Russel Fishing Company Inc	<a href="http://www.russellfishingcompany.com/pacific-northwest-fis">www.russellfishingcompany.com/pacific-northwest-fis</a>	Brookings
Safari Town Surf	<a href="http://safaritownsurf.com/">safaritownsurf.com/</a>	Lincoln City
Salmon King Lodge	<a href="http://www.salmonkinglodge.com/Rates.html">www.salmonkinglodge.com/Rates.html</a>	Brookings
Sand Dunes Frontier	<a href="http://www.sanddunesfrontier.com/map.php">www.sanddunesfrontier.com/map.php</a>	Florence
Sandland Adventures	<a href="http://www.sandland.com/">www.sandland.com/</a>	Florence
Sean P Clemens Guide Service	<a href="http://www.clemensfishing.com/">www.clemensfishing.com/</a>	Brookings
Seaside Helicopters, LLC	<a href="http://www.seaside-helicopters.com/">www.seaside-helicopters.com/</a>	Seaside
Sharkys Charters	<a href="http://sharkyscharterfishing.com/">sharkyscharterfishing.com/</a>	Coos Bay
Sideline Guide Service	<a href="http://www.sidelineguide.com">www.sidelineguide.com</a>	Bandon
Siggi-G Ocean Charters	<a href="http://www.siggig.com/">www.siggig.com/</a>	Garibaldi
Siletz Bay	<a href="http://www.fws.gov/refuge/siletz_bay/">www.fws.gov/refuge/siletz_bay/</a>	Lincoln City
Skookum Fishing Charters	<a href="http://skookumfishingcharters.com/">skookumfishingcharters.com/</a>	Astoria
Sky's Guide Service	<a href="http://www.skysguideservice.com/salmon/">www.skysguideservice.com/salmon/</a>	Portland
South Coast Tours	<a href="http://www.southcoasttours.net">www.southcoasttours.net</a>	Gold Beach

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Sovereign Maritime	<a href="http://www.sovereignmaritime.com/">www.sovereignmaritime.com/</a>	Astoria
St. Laurent Guide Service	<a href="http://stlaurentguideservice.com/">stlaurentguideservice.com/</a>	Pacific City
Sturgeon Frank's Guide Service	<a href="http://sturgeonfrank.com/">sturgeonfrank.com/</a>	Portland
Sully's Guide Service LLC	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sullys-Guide-Service/424177874286078">www.facebook.com/pages/Sullys-Guide-Service/424177874286078</a>	Reedsport
T & S Guide Service	<a href="http://tsguide.wixsite.com/tsguideservice">tsguide.wixsite.com/tsguideservice</a>	Tillamook
Tackle Time Bait and Charters	<a href="http://www.tackletime.net/">www.tackletime.net/</a>	Warrenton
Tacklebuster	<a href="http://www.tacklebustersportfishing.com/">www.tacklebustersportfishing.com/</a>	Depoe Bay
The Fish House Outdoor Co.	<a href="http://www.fishhouseguideservice.com/contacts/">www.fishhouseguideservice.com/contacts/</a>	Hebo
Tidewater Adventures	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/tidewateradventures/">www.facebook.com/tidewateradventures/</a>	Tillamook
Tidewind Sportfishing	<a href="http://tidewindsportfishing.com/">tidewindsportfishing.com/</a>	Brookings
Tight Lines Sport Fishing	<a href="http://www.sidewindercharters.com/">www.sidewindercharters.com/</a>	Tillamook
Tiki Charters	<a href="http://www.tikicharter.com/">www.tikicharter.com/</a>	Astoria
Tillamook Air Tours	<a href="http://www.lcbiz.com/LCBOApril99/whale.html">www.lcbiz.com/LCBOApril99/whale.html</a>	Tillamook
Tillamook Eco Adventures	<a href="http://tillamookecoadventures.com/">tillamookecoadventures.com/</a>	Tillamook
Total Fisherman	<a href="http://www.totalfisherman.com/astoria-oregon-fishing-charte">www.totalfisherman.com/astoria-oregon-fishing-charte</a>	Astoria
Tradewinds Charters	<a href="http://tradewindscharters.com/index.html">tradewindscharters.com/index.html</a>	Depoe Bay
Travis Sallander Fishing Guide	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Wild-Rivers-Fishing-208106299199775/">www.facebook.com/Wild-Rivers-Fishing-208106299199775/</a>	Brookings
Triple C Outfitters	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Triple-C-Outfitters/163185">www.facebook.com/pages/Triple-C-Outfitters/163185</a>	Astoria
Tyson D Crumley's Guide Service	<a href="http://fishgoldbeach.com/where-to-fish/">fishgoldbeach.com/where-to-fish/</a>	Gold Beach
Wavecrest Discoveries	<a href="http://wavecrestdiscoveries.com/">wavecrestdiscoveries.com/</a>	Coos Bay
Western Waters Fly Fishing	<a href="http://www.westernwatersguideservice.com/i/226-fly-fishing">www.westernwatersguideservice.com/i/226-fly-fishing</a>	Brookings
Whale's Tail Charters	<a href="http://www.whalestaildepoebay.com/">www.whalestaildepoebay.com/</a>	Depoe Bay
Wild Rivers Fishing	<a href="http://www.wildriversfishing.com/coquille.html">www.wildriversfishing.com/coquille.html</a>	Brookings
Winchester Bay Charters	<a href="http://www.winchesterbaycharters.com/">www.winchesterbaycharters.com/</a>	Winchester Bay
Yaquina Bay Charters	<a href="http://yaquinabaycharters.com/fishingblogs/">yaquinabaycharters.com/fishingblogs/</a>	Newport

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## Summary

This report, in conjunction with the companion study about online marketing effectiveness, pricing, and amenities, fills a gap in available knowledge about guided fishing and tour businesses in Oregon, specifically coastal Oregon. This information can help in providing economic growth assistance to these businesses and communities.

For additional information, please see the companion report, *Survey of Online Marketing Success and Pricing for Oregon Coast Fishing Guides and Tour Operators*. You can find these reports and others online at <http://tourism.oregonstate.edu>

To register as a guide or to look up guides and charters, visit <http://bit.ly/2j7mI9W>

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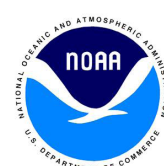
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