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Mike Diust from McMinnville began commercial fishing in 1977. His current dory is the Native Son. He often fishes with boathand, commercial doryman, Kenneth (Ken) Henshman from Amity, Ken, who began dory fishing in 1976, is an avid high school sports fan and named his current dory Warrior Pride in honor of the Amity teams.

Albert Knopf began dory fishing in 1948. His dory, which he built in 1980, is the Kiwanda Klipper. From 1965-1970 he served in the Oregon House of Representatives. His district encompassed part of Yamhill County, including Sheridan, part of Williams, Carlton, Yamhill, and Gaston. He still serves as co-chair of the PC Dorymen’s Association.

Mike Cellers of McMinnville began dory fishing with his brother Noel in 1956. His son Rod now takes over the dory fishing business as a high school student in 1976. His dory is the Refuge.

Gary Smith, originally from McMinnville, began dory fishing in the 1950s. He and his wife Teresa now live in Pacific City in a house on McMinnville Ridge built by Frank Wortman. He is a great nephew of Bernard McPhillips. Gary’s dory was the Tyee.

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