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DAVID STILES: I'm Captain David Stiles. I've been a guide for the last 12 years, this is my twelfth year guiding. I was a commercial fisherman for 10 years prior to that.

I started commercial fishing years ago. I was a captain of a 50-footer. Ah, we shrimped, crabbed, salmon fished, tuna fish, black cod, pretty much the whole gambit, and I'd done that for 10 years. Then, I happened to come by Pacific City, and stayed here for a couple of weeks, and a gentleman took me out by the name of Breezy.¹ Ah, took me out on his dory, and the next week I bought a dory. It was the *Miss Debbie*. And I started commercial fishing that boat. And, I commercialized it for three years², and I decided this is such a fantastic fishery and a unique fishery.

Ah, there's several reefs in this area, and the only people that can actually fish this area are dories. We don't have a boat ramp. We launch straight off the beach. And, so just dories basically just fish this area so it's not an overfished fishery, for starters. And launching off the beach, this is the only place in the United States somebody can come and see the thrill of launching off the beach in the surf, and then c-sliding in and, beaching it on the sand.

I wanted other people to enjoy this. So, lo and behold I got the charter license, and here we are.³

NOTES:

¹Breezy was Ortho Breazile. His dory was named *Breezy*.

²Dave now fishes the *Freedom*.

³Dave's charter company is Eagle Charters.