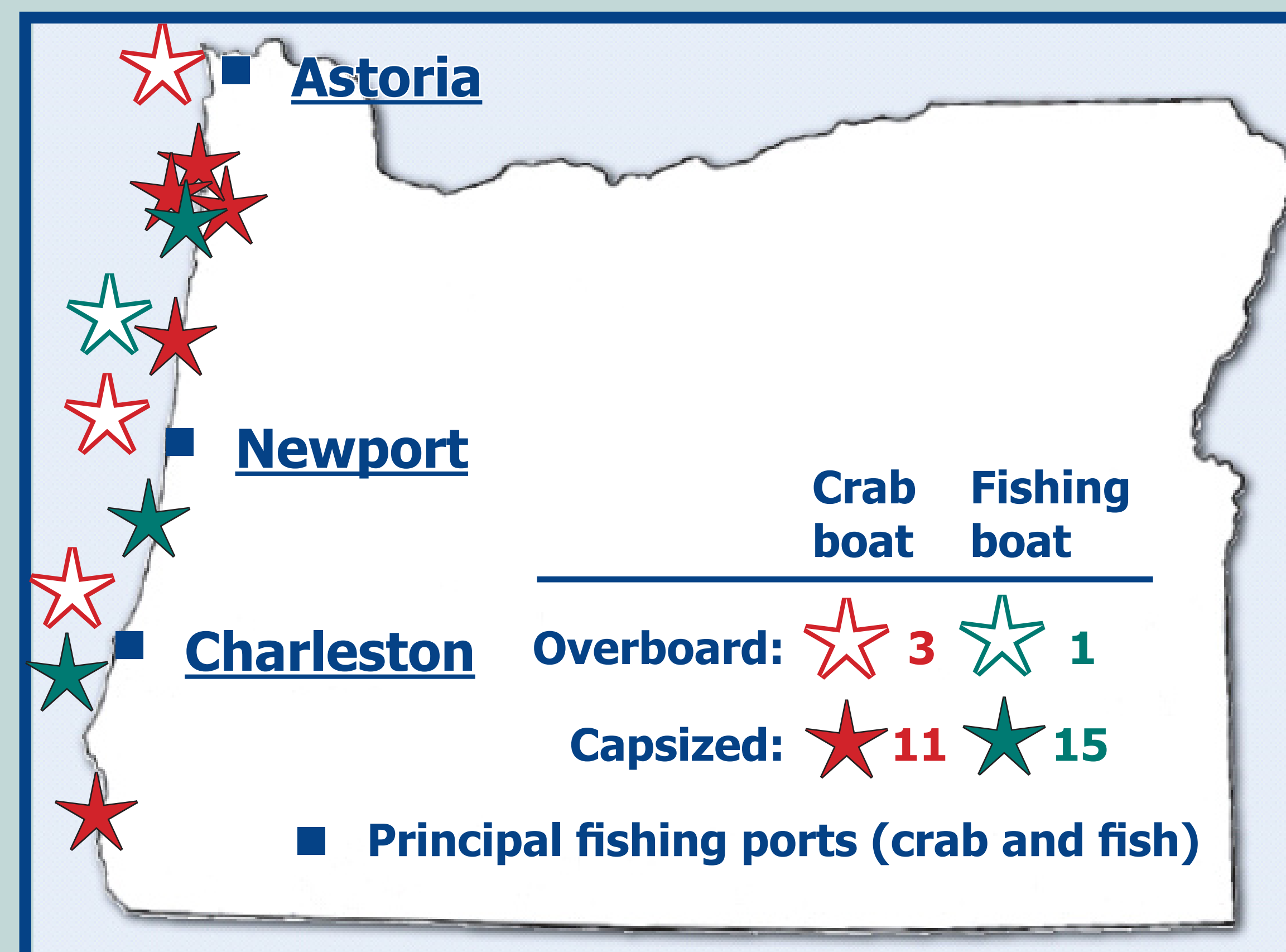


Commercial Crab Fishing in Oregon

Ocean Commercial and Charter Vessel Fishing Fatalities, Oregon 2003-2009



Crab boats

14 worker fatalities in 8 incidents:

- 3 overboard at sea
- 1 in capsized vessel in surf off beach
- 10 in capsized vessels crossing bar (6 of 10 crossing Tillamook bar at Garibaldi)

Fishing boats

3 worker fatalities, 13 other fatalities in charter vessels:

- 1 lost at sea
- 1 overboard at sea
- 14 in capsized vessels crossing bar (11 of 14 crossing Tillamook bar at Garibaldi)

CURRENT FISHING FATALITY RATES

NUMBER OF FATALITIES PER 100,000 WORKERS

- All national fisheries: **115**
- Pacific fisheries – California, Oregon, Washington: **240**
- Alaska fisheries: **105**
- Pacific shellfish fisheries: **360**
- Northwest Dungeness crab fishery: **460**
- Alaska Bering Sea crab fishery: **305**
- Alaska Bering Sea crab fishery in the 1990s: (before gear, vessel, and training safety initiatives) **770**

COMPARISON TO OTHER WORKERS

- Oregon tree fallers in logging (high risk): **260**
- Oregon log truck drivers (high risk): **240**
- All workers: **4**

REFERENCE: Commercial Fishing Fatalities – California, Oregon, and Washington, 2000-2006. MMWR, 2008;57:425-429. Reprint: JAMA, 2008;300(13):1510-1511

Crab Fishing Safety

- Attend safety drill training (contact the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission or U.S. Coast Guard for local schedules).
- Policy: Require the use of lifejackets during bar crossings in treacherous conditions (or in any conditions).
- Policy: Expand requirements for stability reports to all crab boats (currently only required for boats over 79 feet long).
- Policy: Make dockside inspections mandatory (currently voluntary).
- Policy: Consider the use of quotas to eliminate derby fishing.