

Electronic Fish Ticket Reporting and Catcher/Processor Regulations

Exhibit D

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Proposed Changes to Fish Ticket Reporting

- Require all fish ticket submissions to be electronic
- Remove ad valorem OAR 635-006-0215
- Clarification of limited fish seller rule
- Added definition of dock receipt



Electronic Fish Ticket Reporting History

- 2009 – PSMFC went live with an electronic fish ticket system for dealers to use
- 2011 – ODFW started receiving electronic fish tickets
- 2012 – NOAA required all federal IFQ fisheries to report fish tickets electronically
- 2015 – Columbia River gillnet fisheries mandatory electronic reporting
- 2019 – Dungeness crab mandatory electronic reporting
- 2021 – Intertidal and Dive clam mandatory electronic reporting
- 2025 – Ocean Salmon temporary rule to use electronic reporting



Value of Electronic Fish Ticket Reporting

- More timely reporting for quota managed fisheries (state/federal)
- Reduced data entry errors
- More dynamic management
- Fish ticket book printer went out of business
- Cost to print new fish ticket books may be expensive
- Fish Dealer Accounts more accurate



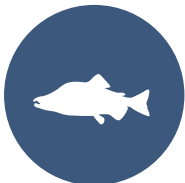
Public Outreach

Dealer Workshops



- In-person workshops
- Online instructions
- One-on-one as needed

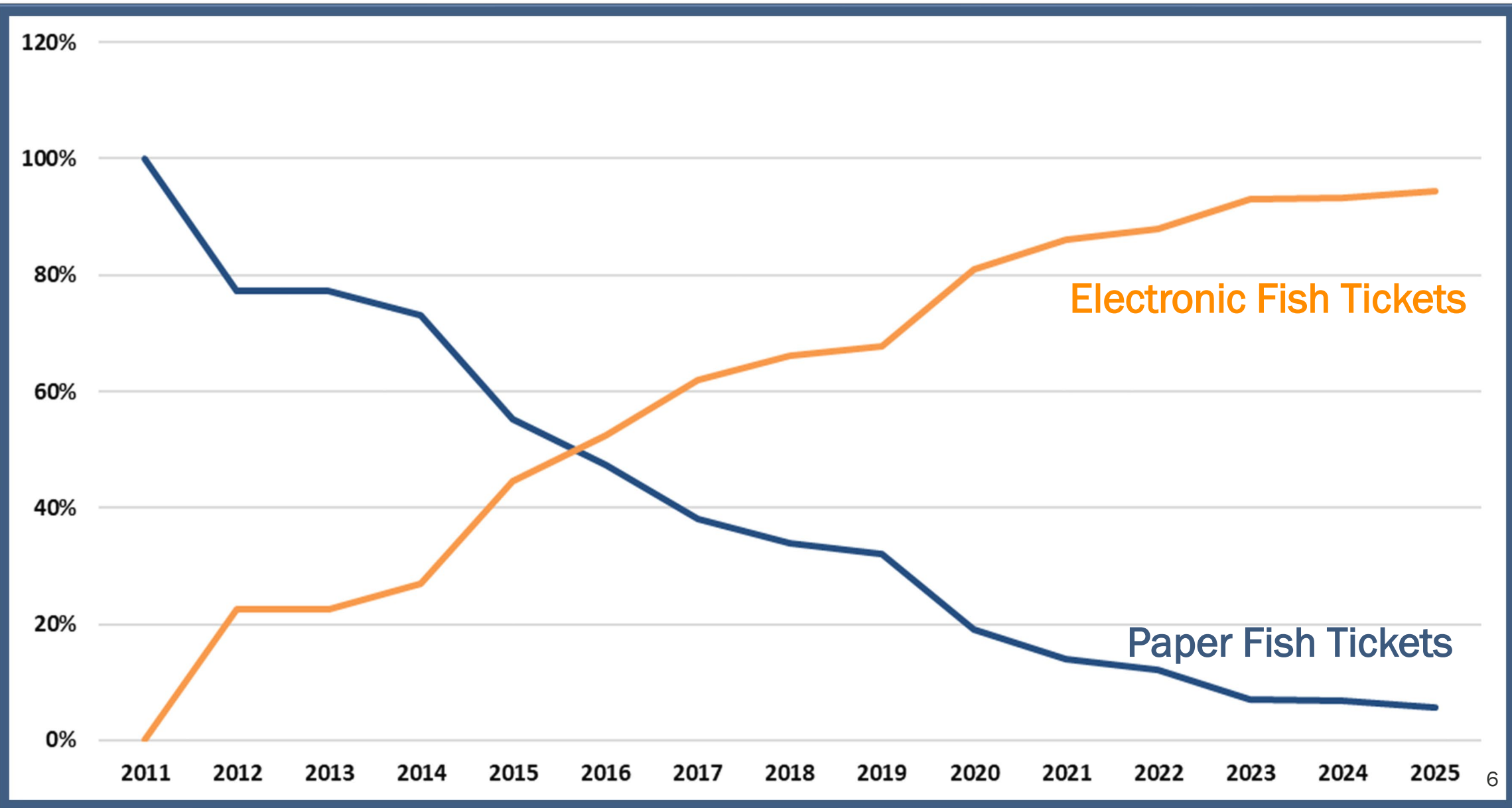
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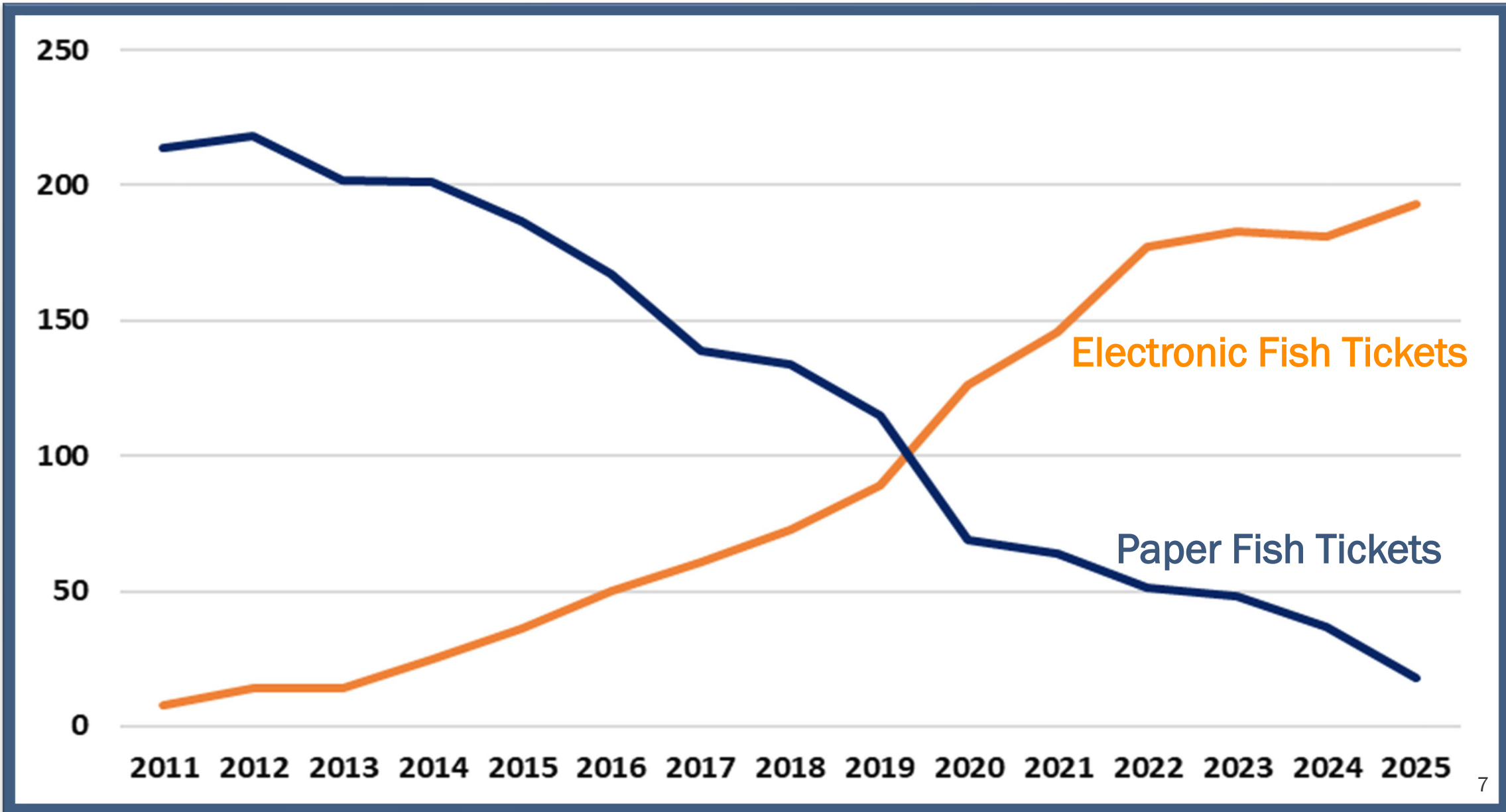
- Personal communications via phone, email, and in person
- Correspondence sent to dealers regarding change
- OSP assist dealers with questions in the field



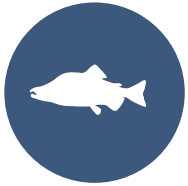
95% of fish tickets are submitted electronically



91% fish dealers submit fish tickets electronically



Summary of Changes

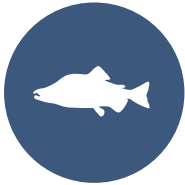


Require mandatory electronic fish ticket reporting for all commercial fisheries

- Website can be accessed via phone, tablet, or computer
- A cell phone app is currently being created
- Create consistent submission timelines across all fisheries

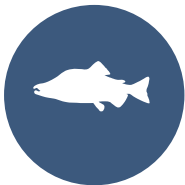


Summary of Changes



Remove ad valorem rates in 635-006-0215

- Rates are set in Oregon Revised Statutes
- Removed to reduce redundancy
- Removed for efficiency



Clarification of limited fish seller rule

- Corrected wording to reflect current industry practices





- Allows dealers to record landings information on something other than a computer
- Eliminates need to have phone, tablet, or computer onsite at the time of landing
- Consistent with current practice

Signature of Dealer

Ticket Number	
Landing Date	
Comercial Lic #	
Boat Document #	
Boat Name	
Fisher Name	
Port/Gear	
Crab Areas	
Area/Days Fished	

Signature of Dealer

Catcher/Processor Regulations

- Requires electronic fish ticket reporting
- Allows for weighing at sea prior to landing



Background

- Vessels fish off the coast of Oregon and transit back to Washington.
- ODFW was approached by C/P company to inquire about the possibility of C/P vessels landing in Oregon.
- Oregon Administrative Rule requires pounds to be weighed on ODA certified Scale.
- C/P vessels use flow scales to weigh fish.
- Sufficient for federal management reporting.
- Loss of revenue to ODFW, ports, local businesses.



Solution

- ODFW filed a temp rule in 2024
- Worked with ODA to ensure compliance with rules
- Worked with OSP on concerns
- Increased ad-valorem to ODFW and increased revenue for ports and coastal communities
- Develop permanent rules



Conclusion

- Positive feedback from local ports
- Catcher/Processor companies would like to continue the opportunity
- Successful for ODFW



Thank you!



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