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Gary R. Haasch  
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Dear Mr. Haasch:

This is in response to your letter asking about the definition of a lifesaving skiff.

Oregon Standards do not define this item. Our normal procedure would be to determine if the item being used could perform the required function safely. Whether it is a rubber raft or an aluminum row boat, the critical question is can it do the job safely.

For further information contact Ron Preece at 1-503-378-3272. You're invited to see the OR-OSHA pages on the Internet at [www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osha/index.html](http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osha/index.html).

Sincerely,

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