

NO on HB4099 & HB4138...

Hi my name is Zak Nichols. I am a homeowner and an avid boater on the Upper Willamette River. I worked hard and saved up for a very long time to purchase my boat and dream home on the Upper Willamette River. We were searching and waiting for several years for a home in that area to become available because of how much time we spend on the river. We've also put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into fixing up our home and dock to allow us to enjoy the river more. This is the outdoor, active lifestyle and environment I want my son and daughter to grow up in. This Bill would heavily effect my family's summertime activities.

This would also effect all my neighbors that live on the water. We don't just sit and look at the river, we are on their docks and on our boats every chance we get during our very very short season.

I also believe pushing the majority of the boats on the river into a small confined space will be extremely dangerous. Cutting out 20 miles of space to spread out will greatly increase risk of boat collisions. We have a short summer season and my experience shows the very high water in the winter bringing full size trees down the river poses a much higher instance of damage to the shoreline and docks than anything I have experienced from boat wakes.

This bill would also have an impact on how I provide income for my family. The shops that sell the boats that this bill is trying to shut down are all clients of mine. The talk of this bill has already impacted their sales, which directly impacts mine. Not only does it effect my families income but it would also impact my co-workers and their families income along with all the businesses that we do business with.

I am a very STRONG NO on HB4099 & HB4138."

-Zak Nichols