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Subject: Please Pass HB 4099 and HB 4138

The **Oregon Bass and Panfish Club, Inc.** was founded in 1958, sixty years ago. We currently have over 200 active members, most of whom have fished the Upper Willamette River for many years. Unfortunately, fewer and fewer of our members have been fishing that part of the River during the summer months due to increasingly dangerous conditions. Power boats producing large and disruptive wakes for wake-surfers have made it too risky to fish – by disturbing the fish, stirring up silt and violently rocking our smaller fishing boats.

Our members have also been noticing more and more shoreline erosion along both sides of the River. Given that weather and seasonal conditions have not changed all that much over the decades our Club has been around, it is our belief that the primary cause of this increasing impact on shorelines and fish habitats is larger and larger wakes.

It is our understanding that HB 4099 will further empower the State Marine Board in concert with the County Sherriff's Departments to enforce regulations already in place. And HB 4138 authorizes the Oregon State Marine Board to adopt regulations to minimize and prevent erosion requested by the Oregon Department of State Lands.

We heartily support the passage of both these Bills.

Sincerely,

Oregon Bass and Panfish Club, Inc.
by Eric Tonsager, Treasurer and Past President