

Hello,

My name is Addison Beasley, I'm 18 years old, and I spent my entire childhood on the river. I first got up on two waterskis at age five, a wakeboard at six, and a slalom waterski at seven. When wakesurfing came to be popular around our area, I was overjoyed to hear I could have the opportunity to catch a wave much like the ocean in the summertime; as many watersport enthusiasts know, surfing on the Oregon coast in the summer is quite subpar. My parents worked tireless hours for years and years and continue to do so, so that our family can reap the benefits recreating out on the boat and enjoying time together. Learning to do these watersports gave me an early sense of confidence and independence I would never have learned without it. It absolutely breaks my heart to even think about the fact that my younger cousins and even my future family will not have the opportunity to visit my parents and enjoy the lifestyle they worked so hard to earn. There is without a doubt insufficient evidence pointing to the lack of safety of larger boats intended for recreation. These unjust claims, if brought to fruition, will hurt property values, local economies, and the overall quality of life of those of us who live here for reasons related to boating. These bills operate solely in the self interest of some people who fail to consider the desires of their neighbors. Thank you for your time and consideration.

-Addison