

I believe that HB 4099 should be sent back to the Oregon Marine Board to work out a solution.

I believe the best solution, that everyone would support, is opening up the river again to all boats, but requiring wakeboarding and wakesurfing to “try” to stay 150 or 200 feet from docks or shorelines. It would be important to make it clear that this is only for this activity, and others should “try” to stay at least 100 feet from docks a shoreline. I say this, because inevitable if the ruling is not clear some folks will put a unauthorized buoy out 200 feet, becoming a hazard. Additionally, I say “try” because on a couple of days a year it would not be possible to stay at those distances, without being too close to other boaters. Frankly, on those days the riverfront homeowners are not using the river for wakeboarding and wakesurfing. Lastly, if any new laws or rules are enacted one of they should be to make riverfront homeowners with docks, maintain their property. Currently there are several docks on the river that will become a hazard when they finish falling apart due to lack of proper maintenance.

We appreciate your time in hear and reading these comments.

Thanks,

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