

I have been a Willamette riverfront homeowner since 2009. My neighborhood is dominated by original homeowner families (1960's and 1970's). After moving in, I was shock to learn how "anti-wakeboarding" my group of neighbors were. "D\$%# wakeboarders" were, to this group, the root cause of all the problems associated with the river. I'm certain that my homeowner group is the genesis of the entire anti-wakeboarding effort.

In addition to being an avid wakeboarder, I standup paddleboard (daily), my 6 and 4 year old kayak several times a week, and my family spends most weekends down on the dock with our 3 dogs in tow. Not once have we felt unsafe due to wakeboard boat traffic. Proponents of the bills have cited safety as a reason for support. Any correlation between increased risk and wakeboard boats specifically is preposterous.

The proponents of have claimed to have conducted a survey of riverfront homeowners. I am not aware of any "opposed" riverfront owners who have asked to complete referenced survey. Interesting?

Finally, my main concern centers around the potential economic fallout from these proposals. HB4099 and HB4138 would make riverfront property far less valuable to buyers in the largest and fastest growing segment of the water enthusiast market (wake-sports!).



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