

Opposition to HB 4138

To whom it may concern,

My wife and I moved to the northwest from NYC so that we could enjoy the great outdoors with our two children. I grew up in Long Island enjoying the water tubing, waterskiing, and later wakeboarding. It is my hope that my two boys can grow up enjoying the same experience.

Unfortunately, regulations in NY often get in the way of enjoying towable water sports. With many of the restrictions in Long Island, places like Reeves Bay went from being a place to ski, to a place where drunks park their yachts to booze it up. These people use their money and influence to horde entire areas of the bay (via towing regulations and mooring permits) so that they can raft up and drink. Or, in some cases, mansion owners along the shore complain because they don't want the common folk driving by their multi-million dollar homes. I would hate to see the same thing happen here.

Unfortunately I cannot be there today as I have work. I hope that you take this matter seriously and keep our waterways open so that all can enjoy them, not just the elite.

Thanks,
Dave Smith