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the marine board already works to research all relevant issues and to protect everyone's rights, not just one group. They are already working on addressing things on the lower river and they recently helped come to an agreement on the upper river and just passed those new rules which should be allowed to take affect as an agreed upon solution. Instead special interest groups whose clear mission is to severely restrict and even ban wake sports continue to go around The Marine Board when the board won't do what they want, and to push bills like 2351 and 2352 which would set the stage for unfair and unnecessary restrictions on one group of people, those doing wake sports on the upper and lower river, that would in affect prevent them from having equal access to our public river.

- Bill 2351 - the Greenway bill would set the stage for the ability to ban certain types of boats and activities, even though there is no evidence or studies to show this is necessary and it unfairly targets one group of people and takes away their rights to equal access of a public waterway.

Bill 2352 - Would put significant additional financial and other burdens on anyone doing boat activities where they were towing someone. This again is clearly singling out just one group for what should be everyone's responsibility on the river, safety and education. We see people participating in all activities who sometimes do not appear to have the proper training or practice proper safety and etiquette and that includes people on sailboats, motor boats, SUPs, kayaks, jetskis, even people swimming and rafting on the river.

- If the real goal is increased education and safety on the river, which we support, that it should be addressed with all communities including non-motorized boaters, so that everyone using the river is better able to follow the rules we have in place and to know how to make better decisions based on their activities and skill level so that we can all be safe out there. - Motor boat drivers already pay significant fees to help fund the Marine Board and go through safety training to get their boaters license.

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