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To whom it may concern,

As a personal watercraft user and a commercial boat operator in Oregon I have learned that the content in bills 2351 and 2352 intends to set additional restrictions on watercraft and wakes created by watercraft. Even though the Oregon State Marine board has recently addressed these issues and handled them reasonably the same advocates are now trying to introduce legislation to further their single agenda. The most disappointing issue of this legislation is that users want to limit others from enjoying the same public resource they do. We all as a community have different ways of enjoying our resources which is based on the principles of free choice.

River users should focus on inclusion and sharing the great resources we have in this state. Motorized water craft allow disabled users access to rivers along with a different experience that for some is more comfortable, safe and enjoyable. They also provide important recreational opportunities for families and tourists. Additionally these boats have a substantial economic impact by increasing tourism and encouraging out of state spending and visitation. Other important economic impacts include sport fishing and water sport activities.

Limiting our resources is not the answer. The public must learn to work together and that everyone has a right to enjoy these areas and to enjoy their selected activity. We should not limit our economy or user groups to large areas of our public resources.

In Oregon there are already many places that have some of the same designations requested in this legislation. This is reasonable and should remain so that all Oregonians have the ability to enjoy our rivers and lakes. Please allow the Oregon State Marine board to continue doing their job and manage these issues. Our legislature does not need to spend its time on management issues that have already been successful.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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