

I moved to Oregon twenty years ago, partly because I believed in and aligned with the environmental support that so many Oregonians seem to hold dear. I fell in love with the Willamette river and its diversity and decided to move to Sherwood. I enjoy being on the water, either boating, swimming or paddle activities. I have been deeply disturbed by what I have seen in the last ten years in the Newberg Pool area. More and more big boats with bigger and bigger wakes have been steadily increasing in this area. When I kayak along the shore, it is so clear that the shoreline damage has increased exponentially. The water has become so filled with dirt that it saddens me deeply. I am not a scientist, but I have lived here for 20 years and you cannot deny the changes that I have seen with my own eyes in the last decade. These large wakes need to be removed from this area, an area that is being decimated by these wakes. 4000 pounds seems like a good weight since that is the weight that was prevalent 10 years ago. Thank you.