

Dear Committee:

I urge you to support HB 2555 and HB 2695 to protect the nurseries of the river. These nurseries, that create habitat and food for many river species, are the very nearshore areas that are harmed by artificial waves generated by some towed water sports boats. By passing HB 2695, we can develop a more thoughtful and representative Marine Board that can include a greater level of stewardship. By increasing the size of the Marine Board, and providing a broader level of representation, everyone who is impacted by the ecologies of our rivers, both humans and the more-than-human beings, can be represented and respected.

Also, by passing HB 2555 and HB 2695, we can limit the huge weight of towed water sports boats to 4,000 lbs (which should be river-wide), and can create a more representative OSMB to better incorporate protection of the nurseries of the river, protect private property, and protect other river users. This video shows more about the impact: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M63LIEGVfs&feature=youtu.be>

Thank you for supporting these two bills.

Sincerely,
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