

We purchased our home in the Newberg Pool in 2015. We purchased it because we enjoy the wildlife and outdoor serenity of the Willamette River. Little did we know the decisions the OSMB would make that would drastically impact the wildlife and serenity on the Willamette River. You see, in 2019, the OSMB implemented "surf zones" in the Newberg Pool despite numerous testimony from scientific community and home owners living along the river that can be caused by wake surfing or large boats speeding through the narrow waterways that exist throughout the Newberg Pool. Public safety due to increased traffic in the surf zones (despite testimony predicting that would happen), increased erosion, damage to docks (despite scientific testimony) and harm to wildlife are just a few of the issues that occurred because of a 2019 OSMB decision. Increasing the size of the board to include scientists is a necessity for the marine board.