

We are writing in support of HB 2695. We have a farm near Newberg along the Willamette River. I have attended a number of Marine Board meetings. It was obvious that there was outsize influence regarding wake issues from one particular member. The other members seemed to defer to him as "the wake sport guy". That member is an avid wake sports participant and is a friend of the wake boat industry. In enlarging the Board to 7 voting members representing all types of river users plus two non voting members from agencies with expertise in fisheries or the environment, it will likely result in better, more representative, and more transparent rule making.