

Hi-I have been boating with my family and friends on the Willamette River for 3 decades. I love the mixed use of boaters: kayakers, SUP, fishermen and women and powerboat sport users . I have purchased 2 used boats and one new to use on the Willamette. I have seen boaters from all categories do stupid things and be disrespectful. I believe in the boaters code of helping other boaters which I have done on numerous occasions and for all boater types. I own a 4150 lb ski/wake boat and 15' aluminum fishing boat and use the river approx. 30 times a year.

I understand that Wake boats make huge wakes and being a person who owns a wake boat I use mine in less congested areas and respectfully. I have seen others that do not. I have seen kayakers and SUP users boat irresponsibly. I just lost my ability to use the lower Willamette which is where my family recreated and kept our ski boat moored (July through September). Now I may loose the upper which to me seem far reaching and unfair. All boater pay taxes, support the community and have a right to the rivers. I believe that use zones, controls and designated areas for mixed use are reasonable and prudent.

Thank you. I am glad to provide more details at any point and how this would effect my family if you would like to discuss in further.

-Craig Stahl, Oregonian , Portlander, Taxpayer