

These bills are not okay, this greatly affects a lifestyle, a family lifestyle. I grew up on this river, I'm 50 and born in July, I literally grew up on this river ever summer weekend and I have paid it forward to my adult children who are now in the water sport industry here locally.

There has not been sufficient studies, education, and forward thinking on this issue. I understand the concern and as a family we attempted to buy property on the river, we love and respect the river, like many it's our only escape. The beauty of the upper Willamette is unmatched, the lower industrial area (where I work) is not a place for families to enjoy the river.

This section of the river is already highly regulated to towed sports with wake surfing only allowed in two areas where there are no docks or homes, I think we should focus on increased education and enforcement of the existing rules.

A concern that there is no empirical evidence that directly links erosion on the banks of the river or damage to docks to wake boats. Not only that, but wake sports are already prohibited in sections of the Upper Willamette with adjacent homes. Education is key!

What about local economy? These bills will decimate small businesses that depend on the river. Recreational boating brings \$1.6 billion in annual economic impact to Oregon and supports almost 6,000 jobs and more than 400 businesses, including marinas, gas stations, mechanics, restaurants, dealers and more. This year, we need to be squarely focused on bolstering small business recovery and fueling our local economy.