

I feel compelled to write to you in strong opposition to the new proposed regulations HB 2725 is recommending for the lower Willamette River. As a resident of Oregon for the majority of my adult life, I have enjoyed many summer boating on this part of the Willamette. The proposed changes would severely impact boaters who safely enjoy boating activities including skiing, tubing, wake boarding and wake surfing.

The Willamette River belongs to the entire community – not just a select group of folks. I can personally attest to the ability for all to enjoy this river as I enjoy boating as well as paddling. There is no reason to limit boaters rights to this part of the river.

These regulations will also decimate these already struggling businesses and cost jobs in the local area.

As a taxpayer and community member I strongly oppose this proposed bill.