

Good Evening,

I am honestly disgusted to see what this group of "our representatives" has pushed through to be made into law without proper representation of ALL users of our states waterways. My family and I have boated on the Willamette river since before I was born in 1985, each and every spring, summer, and fall every single year. I watched in Feb. of 1996 the rushing flood waters from the top of Roger's Landing as the waters nearly reached the tops of the pylons of the dock and flooded the banks of city's along the way. My family has 4 boats, 8 kayaks, 2 jet skis, and 3 small aluminum fishing boats that we take along for spending days on the river, and pay a premium already to be able to do so. Each year with the added increased permits and licences to be able to do so.

This proposal to eliminate certain groups from being able to access OUR Willamette river and further restrictions on where we can partake in family outdoor summer recreation is absolutely ridiculous. The boating community reaches much further and affords our state to do more for that river than any other group using it, and by a great amount. I am aware of the implications a large "wake boat" may have on our rivers and absolutely agree with the banning of creating large wakes in certain stretches of water, and most boaters have been doing so for years. Proposing that there is to be no wake boat or towed watersports from the falls to the Newberg pool (which has been altered many times in what area that covers) is only going to create an even larger issue that only the Police that patrol the river and rescue teams seem to be the ones showing concern with. Without proper communication and listening to the people that put you all in your positions of power is not going to resolve this with one piece of legislation, and I beg you to please do the right thing and handle this the right way in listening to more than just your selected individuals that you seem to have taken sides with already, and listen to the majority of OUR beautiful states residents.

Respectfully,
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