

I am writing to express my opposition to this bill. I have lived at the Oregon Yacht Club on a floating home for many years and have been on the water for most of my life. I use the Willamette all year round. I paddleboard, kayak, fish, yacht, wakesurf, wakeboard and swim. I have not had or seen any problems or issues with towed watersports. The arguments against towed watersports are generally unfounded. Wakeboard boats generally use the river in the summer when the river is low and very few days. It is obvious the damage to the shore is done during floods during the winter and spring on the lower Willamette. Damage to the docks is caused by heavy debris floating down the river and damage to the shoreline is caused by floods and high fast moving water in general. The scientific evidence given to you is definitely flawed and new studies need to be done. Rivers are dynamic and always changing and it is not just caused by wakeboard boats. People should not be able move onto the water, build a dock and then complain about boats. The river does not belong to the landowners who have floating homes or docks. These new bills are very discriminatory. The river belongs to everybody, not just one segment of the population.