

I am reaching out in opposition of SB 857 which six to limit wakeboard boat activity to the upper Willamette river. I can speak for my family as well as our local community of Sherwood that boating in the stretch of water is a loved recreational activity and is a wonderful opportunity to get the youth engaged with nature. My wife and I both pursue youth ministry and boating is a great opportunity to laugh and have fun and build relationships with kids.

I don't believe the arguments around this bill are based in fact. Anyone who's been around the Pacific Northwest especially during the winter months and the rainy season can see tremendous amounts of debris and logs and other items that come down the river they would have a much greater effect then boat wakes on erosion. I would urge you to please vote against this bill.