

Dear Senator,

Thank you for your continued service in making Oregon a better place to live for all.

Please Support for SB 857: Protect the Willamette River.

I live on a floating home across from the Sellwood Park in Portland. I have a unique angle on the river bank wave action generated by heavy wake-producing boats. They are unnecessarily destructive to the river ecology, and often damage our homes.

We were recently successful in getting some wake restriction laws passed. We need not undo those efforts by allowing the larger weight, wake-generating sport vessels to *dominate* the communal recreational water space. They specifically damage the shorelines. From my house, I literally see breaking waves—*not normal* for this river, caused by heavy wake-generating sport vessels. The end result is destruction of the shoreline, with major displacement of sediments, requiring an increased frequency for expensive and complicated dredging.
Goal: Less wakes, not more!

Thank you for protecting the Willamette River for all users.
Please consider Supporting SB 857.

Best Wishes,

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