

Greetings Senators,

My name is Molly and i live on the Columbia River. We see wake boats in front of our area and there aren't really many problems with them outside of the occasionally loud music, as they are far enough from the shore. We have friends who live on the Newberg Pool and we were shocked to see the impacts of heavy boats when the waterway is much narrower. The wakes roll the dock in a way that a dock cannot remain attached to a fixed piling. The wakes crashed over the dock so strongly they even crashed up and under the deck inside their boathouse. This is non-sensical, turning a narrow river into an ocean. Oregon has spent millions of dollars protecting our natural resources, and allowing a small group of people to undo this good work is irresponsible. I listened to some of the testimony, i saw plenty of evidence and science and heard reasonable testimony about the boats traveling a little further to recreate. I also heard plenty of people who weren't scientists saying the scientists were wrong and the evidence i was seeing with my own eyes wasn't real. This bill makes good sense. If anyone tells you differently, i would presume, as should you, that they either own a heavy wake boat, sell heavy wake boats, or they're gravely uninformed. I have no dog in the fight other than i believe in responsible behavior and destroying nature for fun is not responsible behavior. Please pass SB857.