

Greetings, all. As your time is valuable, I will keep this brief.

I am writing to support SB 857, which would regulate boat weight to less than 5,000 pounds. (That's still plenty of boat, folks -- the approximate weight of a current XLT SuperCrew Cab Ford F150.) The heavier boats get, the more wake they throw -- causing increased impact to the stability of river banks and the flora and fauna along the river. Huge wakes impact other river users -- smaller fishing boats, human-powered watercraft, folks swimming or playing on the beach -- making the river an inhospitable place for all not able to be on board the biggest boat.

I ask you to support SB 857-1 this session. This bill will ensure that the Willamette Greenway is protected from increasing environmental damage as a result of massive, high energy waves, which are not natural or sustainable in the Newberg Pool.