

Good morning,

Thank you for taking the time to read my brief notes here.

I am writing you today in support of SB 857, which would regulate the weight of boats to less than 5,000 pounds in certain stretches of water. This isn't an unreasonable ban, it's a prudent compromise to keep larger boats in larger bodies of water. Smaller, tighter areas are greatly affected by the wakes thrown by motorboats - both environmentally with erosion and on a human scale.

As a person who loves being on the water in many ways (swimming with my child, human powered boating, fishing, sailing, and also using motorboats for wavesports), I believe SB 857 is a common sense move that keeps people safe. There are plenty of larger areas to go play on big waves; we don't need to endanger people so that those with the largest boats can take total control of the river.

Please support SB 857-1 this session. Please. This bill will help ensure that the Willamette Greenway is protected, and it will promote sustainable use in the Newberg Pool.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Chris Lodore