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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1589

I strongly support SB 1589. My reasons are as follows:

First, the increased use of oversized boats on the Willamette is negatively impacting all other users. As a frequent kayaker on the Willamette, I have no issue sharing the river with fishermen, swimmers, and those using moderately sized power boats. However, oversized boats effectively ruin the experience for everyone else, including kayakers, fishermen, swimmers, sunbathers, and hikers. There are better, more appropriate places for owners of these boats to use them, where they are not ruining the recreation experience for everyone else.

Second, the unnaturally large waves created by these oversized boats are causing real damage to the river shoreline. This is critical habitat to threatened Chinook and Winter Steelhead. We must ban these boats to enhance their chances for survival.

Sincerely,

Dan Howard