

To: Oregon Legislators and Oregon State Marine Board

RE: SB 1589

Respectfully, not sure how we have arrived at this point. The river is not owned by the homeowners who live on it or have paid to put a dock on it. They have boats also and they use the river fun just like the rest of us do. What gives them the right to say what boats can and cannot do on the river. Does nobody see an issue with river levels rising so high that docks and boat house float away down the river? Can we tell the weather to stop raining and snowing so those high river levels don't erode the banks of the river? That is more a cause of the erosion than boats. There has never been an erosion river study! If there has then show us. There has never been a fish habitat study! If there has then show us. A few years ago we compromised with these groups and opened up some areas that did not impact anyone! Why do they feel they can take more? They don't own the river and neither does the Oregon Legislature or the Oregon State Marine Board. This has gone far enough and it must stop.

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