

Testimony on SB1589

I strongly oppose SB 1589. This bill would strip the rights and abilities of hundreds of families around this community to utilize the public waters. It will negatively affect businesses that depend on the support of the boating community.

Residential development and homeowner mismanagement has been the primary cause of erosion, not the wake from boating. Studies have shown that when wake boats are 200ft from shore, the wake does not contain significant energy to damage the shorelines.

There are no studies to show that boating has a negative effect on the fish populations. Boating primarily occurs in the summer which does not coincide with key migratory patterns of the local fish.

The Newberg pool is already one of the most regulated bodies of water in Oregon. Boaters are already severely limited to access in this area, and this bill would effectively end boating here.

This bill specifically and unfairly targets boaters that enjoy towed water sports. A 15k cabin cruiser puts out significantly more wake and is not regulated under this legislation.

This bill is extremely unfair to the boating community and will only hurt the ability for all citizens of Oregon to use this water way. Please vote no in this legislation.