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As a riverfront property owner exactly in the middle of the "no surf" zone I am strongly opposed to this bill and any legislation targeting a specific population of Oregonians. I urge you to keep our public waterways free for the enjoyment of all of our neighbors. This effort to "privatize" and prioritize one use over another is not the Oregon way. We knew that owning a home on the river would mean we see people recreating from our back deck. Yes, we hear the noise, but it brings a smile to our faces to know people are enjoying this amazing state. Why should legislators dictate the size of the boat? Stick to safe use. Speaking of which - EXPAND the surf zone. It is not safe to cram surfers in those zones, while letting the more dangerous activities, tubing, occur anywhere.

Looking out my window this morning, the river is quite brown with debris. Often I see trees floating down this time of year. But there are no boats. How can it be that the most erosion I see is when there are no boats on the river. Periodically the dams are opened in the summer, again more brown water and debris, not caused by boats. Don't allow special interest groups to lie to you and the public about what is causing the damage to the shore. Unless you are new to Oregon you already know.... it rains and the river rises and falls by dozens of feet in a matter of days. Shut this type of public deceit and self-interest down once and for all! Protect the rights of the public.