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My family and I have been boating on the Willamette river since I was a child and plan to continue doing so for my lifetime. During Covid outdoor activities are some of the only things available to do. SB 1589 will take away safe, socially distant outdoor opportunities for hundreds of families along the Newberg Pool and impact local small businesses who depend on their support. The erosion that is of concern is not proven to be caused by wake surfing or water sports. It is caused by development and other factors not related to water recreation. Many small businesses rely on the revenue that water sports on the Willamette bring in. I know I personally will spend thousands each summer at local businesses related to wake surfing.

I am strongly against any further restrictions on our local waterways related to wake surfing, wake boarding and power boat sizes. We are already heavily regulated and there is no sense in killing business and fun for families in our area.