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On Behalf Of:

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Dear Senators,

I have been a boater for years. Decades ago I water skied and now mostly kayak. When skiing then specialized boats intentionally produced small wakes. It's quite different now. These wake boats are engineered to produce large wakes for boarders. These larger wakes are producing increased action to the Willamette River resulting in harmful erosion to the river banks. I have seen this frequently. I have also experienced the lack of concern these boaters have on other people's enjoyment on the river by not keeping a safe distance. I'm not as affected by these wakes while kayaking but that's because of my experience yet there are others who have had difficulty maneuvering in the turbulence. This wake boarding sport is also very unpleasant to be around due to the increased noise emitted from these type of boats. Many have very loud exhaust systems like drag racers and these people like to show it off. This type of boating surly has a negative impact on wildlife as well.

I hope you will please consider these concerns. Thank you for your time.