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I strongly oppose SB 1589. As it is there is only a tiny portion of the Newberg pool that is a yellow zone and allows wake surfing. Since these rules went into place it has created major congestion for towed water support activities and has put people at greater safety risks. Passing this bill will result in many boat owners leaving the area which will negatively impact the local economy. It appears that the real concern here is for the homeowners who have house boats or docks on the water, these areas in which they are located are already heavily regulated. The real issue is uneducated boaters and enforcement in those areas. The fact that the bill is only limiting tow boats and not all boats over that capacity make me question the true intentions behind this bill.