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Hello

I live on the Willamette River and enjoy many water sports like swimming, kayaking, waterskiing and paddle boarding. Over the last several years, a new type of boat has become popular - boats designed to make very large waves for surfing. These boats have altered the river for everyone else in a negative way. It is no longer pleasant or safe to be on the river or on my dock when wake boats are around. Also, we've had damage to our dock and bank because of these heavy boats.

This is a problem that is found in literature and studies from around the world - everywhere wake boats operate. Manufacturers of these boats are working very hard to thwart attempts to regulate them, but they simply are too heavy and make waves that are too destructive for a narrow, soft-banked river like the Newberg Pool section of the Willamette. Please vote yes on this bill - the river needs this to remain a resource for the majority of users and as a habitat.

Thank you