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I am in support of SB1589.

It seems that the main argument against this Bill is that it restricts a public waterway. The opponents say that the law says the Willamette River is a "navigable" waterway, and cannot be restricted. I have spent thousands of hours on the water, literally navigating around the world. Navigable simply means that it is possible to get from point A to point B on the water.

The opposite would be impassable. From experience, every "navigable" waterway has it's own rules and regulations. Just because you can travel from point A to point B in a boat, doesn't mean that you can do anything you want on the waterway with that boat, or that you can use any kind of vessel that you want.

The argument that the Willamette is open for navigation, does not mean that there are not rules regarding that navigation.

The upper Willamette River area in question is too narrow for wake boats to be operating in towed sports type of activity.

Please support this Bill, every waterway needs rules.