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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB1589

YES ON SB 1589! I am a commercial hazelnut farmer with orchards and pasture on the Willamette River in the Newberg Pool. At this point, the river is not sufficiently wide between banks for dispersal of the large wakes that these heavy boats create. This causes excessive erosion of the river banks, which is detrimental to both farming and fish.

Recently our irrigation pump was almost destroyed by two very large trees falling as a result of the highly eroded bank. We had to incur considerable costs to have them removed, by boat - as they were a hazard for river travel. We rely on our irrigation pump for the ongoing process of establishing our new filbert orchards.

In addition I have concerns for the fish in the river. Due to the extreme wake of the boats in question there is considerable "muddying" and disturbance of habitat.

Please pass this bill!