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There is a small group of people who support this bill, and several are legislatures who live on the river. I live on the River at 18418 Old River Landing, and have for 7 years. We raised our family skiing and wakeboarding on the river, as well as Waverunners. What a great family experience. My kids still utilize the river for water sports. The pollution caused by pirates boats and the homeless camps are a far greater concern to the environment , than limiting family activities on the river. The trash that floats by our house on the river is atrocious. Plastic chairs, coolers, trash bags and general debris floats by on a daily basis. This was not the case 5 years ago. The homeless are causing extreme bank degradation, as is visible when you boat by any homeless area. There is a big mud pile going directly into the river and the shore has been worn away. We have never had boat damage to our shoreline, from wakes. The river goes up and down every day and nothing really washes into the river as it does so. A wake from a boat going by does not do as much shore washing as the natural tide and rain/snow caused rise and fall of the river. The water is a beautiful clear green most times, except during heavy rains and it is then a brown from mud run off. Near every homeless camp during all times, there is this same brown run off. We never see this brown in the summer when boats go by every few minutes. I do not buy into the concept that a few wake boats cause any damage to the shoreline. Trash and shore human usage is a far bigger threat. We love hearing the kids and families and yes, even the few minutes of music as a boat goes by. This is a sound of good, clean family fun. In this time of so much upset and unrest, we need family times and memories. So much has been taken away- we don't need more. We can co-exist with the wildlife and be good stewards of this amazing resource. I sit here writing this- watching a sea lion fish- we love them. The sadness is that Fish and Game will soon kill theses beautiful creatures, as they wrongfully think that they hurt the salmon runs. I see the sealions catch sturgeon everyday, not salmon. We refuse to address the real salmon run issues, which are the dams, yet our government keeps pushing for more electric, which our grid can not handle. 30% of all electricity is from fossil fuels in Oregon anyway. Electricity is not clean energy. Solar batteries have components that never leave this earth, and here are millions of bird hits from windfarms, and don't even get me started on the contamination of nuclear. Hanford, Chernobyl, and even up in Cowlitz county- all have nuclear contamination and are unsafe areas from nuclear. Boating is not our problem on the river.