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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: SB1589

I oppose Amendments -7, -10, -11, -12, -13, -14.

The base bill, SB 1589, is good as passed by the Senate. The above Amendments will dilute the effects of this good bill and could add to additional procedural delays.

Artificial waves are negatively impacting nearshore areas, river banks, private property, other river users. Allowing a few power boaters to have such a negative impact on wildlife and other river users is irresponsible.

The nearshore “nurseries of the river” are where an amazing amount of biological productivity occurs, support a range of species from wild fish, freshwater mussels, to birds and mammals. These shallow water areas extending up to 50ft from the shoreline are where the artificial waves slam into the river bottom, and the riverside. Only a small number of registered power boats would be impacted by this new law.

Please pass the bill in its entirety, without the above amendments.