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Allowing towed water sports on the nearby Willamette River instead of restricting them brings significant environmental, economic, and community benefits. It cuts down on unnecessary travel, reducing fuel consumption and carbon emissions, and offers a cost-saving advantage for boat owners. Localizing water sports fosters community engagement, making outdoor activities more accessible and promoting a healthier lifestyle. With proper safety regulations, this change not only respects the river's ecosystem but also enhances local recreation, bringing people closer to nature in a responsible manner. Enabling these activities nearby is a sustainable, practical, and enriching choice for the community and the environment.