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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Measure: SB1590

We are members of the local dragon boat and kayaking community who appreciate the current safety regulations in the Newberg Pool and Lower Willamette River. We would like to voice our opposition to the proposed new regulation SB1590. This would remove important protections that are in the existing regulation SB1859 and make the river more dangerous for human powered watercraft by allowing access to wake boats. These boats create large powerful wakes that in past years have swamped and capsized human powered craft. We need strong rules around wake boat operation to keep all river users safe, protect the shoreline and structures on the river. After implementation of SB1859 there have been fewer boater conflicts, wake damage and accidents.

Changes are not required so please don't implement SB1590.

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