

Submitter: Lindsey Wise

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Measure: SB1590

Dear committee members,

I write in opposition to the proposed repeal of rules limiting wake boats at Newberg Pool. These restrictions were passed to protect wildlife and property from the damages of wake boats. Myself and many others wrote in support of those restrictions and we were successful in getting those restrictions passed. Since the law was passed, there have been far more SUPs, canoes, kayaks, swimmers, and water skiers on the Newberg Pool stretch of the Willamette. Removing wake boats has made the river much more attractive, and has enabled a far higher number of people to safely recreation. That has indeed democratized, and increased access to the river. Wake boats benefit the small number of people who ride them while damaging the river for all other users. Please oppose this repeal and uphold the hard won protections that were passed previously.

Thank you,
Lindsey Wise