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My family has boated on the willamette river for years. Fishing, skiing, sightseeing and all other water sports. Since the regulations on the willamette it has become crowded and dangerous in the towable areas. This has pushed all of the towed water sports enthusiasts into the same areas. Trying to avoid each other and the people in the water has become difficult and dangerous at times. Meanwhile I see miles of water being under used. I know that people who live on the river don't want others in the proximity of their homes but they don't own the river. You can't tell me pulling out trees and vegetation so they have a better view doesn't cause more erosion than the waves from a few boats.

Please open up the river for all to use instead of a select few. I would love to continue teaching my family and the others we take out to enjoy water sports safely