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I have been boating in Oregon for over 30 years. It has been a fantastic activity for our large family where we can get our kids outdoors and be active with good wholesome activities. We have extended that to kids from our school and church community. More recently we have been able to involved our 24 grandchildren in it.

When these restrictions were implemented I was flabbergasted. The ever evolving reasoning behind the need to restrict my access to public waterways were founded in false narratives and 'scientific' claims. The erosion claims were the most comical—it only takes someone watching the willamette river rise and fall every year to see the nonexistent effect dissipated waves from my boat would have on the riverbanks that are drubbed by the naturally flowing changes as well as the ill-regulated effects of mismanagement above the banks. It seemed that boaters were the easy target—but for what purpose. I can only surmise it had nothing to do with the real cause of erosion but more to do with people who feel that those who have traditionally enjoyed the river with their families were a nuisance to those that have more recently decided to live on the river.

Please do not overstep your bounds and continue these unfounded restrictions.