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I support SB 1590. Its time to return to greater public access for the boating community. The bill provides for better access, while still protecting the environment. The present boat weight limit is unreasonable. Boat waves do not do the damage that has been claimed. There is no empirical evidence or peer-reviewed study that links the current restrictions to having any positive effect on fish populations. Wake sports largely take place in the summer, outside of key migratory or spawning months. Studies show that wake boats waves, when operated at least 200 feet from shore, do not carry enough energy to have a significant impact on most shorelines.