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We live on the Willamette River in West Linn below the falls. Surfing behind very heavy boats has increased over the years so we were happy about the rule banning it in our area although we are still seeing some even after the last ruling. The erosion on the islands is very visible even after a few short years. This also causes large amounts of sediments being stirred up which is very bad for wildlife. We can see mud stirred up in the river, especially near the islands, after a weekend of this. We don't have a dock but I am sure the large waves can cause damage. In the past few years we have witnessed two landslides behind some homes on the Milwaukee side of the river. The waves are very large when you are in a kayak and it is a danger for beginning kayakers who don't know how to handle it. There have been reports of kayakers being flipped. Our small motor boat has been swamped twice by these boats causing everyone to get wet. Please retain the ban on surfing and increase the monitoring of the river on weekends. Thank you.