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As a lifelong resident of Oregon, I support the use of our shared waterways, parks and forest. I believe that we all benefit from free access and usage of our waterways. To limit only for the benefit of a few, who concerns are self-serving, is not in keeping with the profound sense of place Oregon has to offer its residents. I have been boating on Oregon waterways for over 55 years. I so enjoy the access to the pleasures this sport offers myself and my family. Placing constraints that are inherently unreasonable isolates the free access to our waterways.

I do not believe legislators intended to exclude more than 90% of new recreational boat models from the river, crushing local small businesses and making it almost impossible for everyday people to buy qualifying boats. We want to have the opportunity to share the river, have fun with our families and safely enjoy the sports we love for a few months out of the year.

Concerns for property should not be focused specifically on boaters. River flows with trees and branches do more damage to these properties than boaters.

Please families like mine by passing this small yet meaningful ask.