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Senate Bill 1589 addressed the issue of wake boats. The research was enough to know the effects on the river ecosystem was extensive. The only thing that has changed is that the wakeboats are bigger. Bigger means more damage.

More recent studies from Minnesota show that the wakes are more like ocean waves. Waves traveling further and releasing more energy than wakes from the ski towing boats.

To read the full research study entitled, "A Field Study of Maximum Wave Height, Total Wave Energy, and Maximum Wave Power Produced by Four Recreational Boats on a Freshwater Lake," visit the University Digital Conservancy website.

I fully oppose SB 301. This issue has been studied and decisions made that were based in peer reviewed studies. Newer studies show more damage is being done by the wakeboats than earlier believed.

Thank you for the work you do. This is about redoing work that was done and done well. More research about this issue will show that more damage than thought is being than previously believed.