

To whom it may Concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 2351

My name is Scott Anderson. My wife Marina and I live at 25363 N.E Butteville rd. (On the river with a dock) and smack dab in the middle of all the controversy. My job keeps me very busy so it's hard for me to get involved in the politics of all of this. But it appears to be getting very serious. We are boat owners and we recreate on the river during the summer. (3 months out of the year) Although we get the occasional bad actor on the river the vast majority of boaters abide by the rules and are respectful to the environment, to home owners and to others. There are only a handful of high volume days on the river ... Labor Day , 4 th of July ETC and only if it's hot out. I know , I have lived there for 10 years.

I am in agreement to new rules on where wake surfing should be allowed and in Law enforcement. There is a strong presence of sheriffs on the river, on high volume days just get more law enforcement officers out there.

The resent amendments seemed to be very well thought out and fair to both side of this issue.

But the last thing we need on the beautiful Willamette river where families gather to recreate and play in the summer is an over reaching, open ended, vague , self serving piece of legislation that could ultimately have serious consequences to people who like to boat, pull tubes, wake surf and wake board on the river. Loss of boater access to the Willamette river under the guise of environmental concerns and wake energy to the bank of the river is unnecessary and would be tragic. The river belongs to the people of Oregon and not to people of any one group. We all must get along and we all must compromise. Use common sense.

I have attended some of the Town Hall meetings regarding new rules and regulations pertaining to boating on the Willamette River and I have seen and met the group pushing hard for strict overreaching legislation on boating. They are emotional. In my opinion it is more about lifestyle issues and personal preferences then it is about the environmental impact of wake energy on wildlife and the shoreline.

Mother Nature in the winter is a far more mighty adversary to wildlife and the shore line of the Willamette River then the wake of a motorboat. And again we are only talking boating for 3 to 3 1/2 months of the year and only the weekends have heavy traffic and that's only if it's hot.

PLEASE no more new regulations for Boating on the Willamette River. Focus on boater education and in enforcing the current laws & regulations.

I wish I had more time to attend your meetings in person.

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Thank You for your consideration.

Scott