

# ***Senate Environmental and Natural Resources Committee***

***HB 2351 Public Hearing  
2 May 2019  
Written Testimony***

***Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Olsen, Members of the Committee:***

My name is Stan Halle, past Co-President & current Director of LHNA. I've lived on or near the Upper Willamette River for 18 years. We support HB 2351 and wish to briefly focus on the impact on property owners.

## Property Damage Report (Summary) – 2019-03-05v7

<u>Property Owner #</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type of Damage</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1	Yamhill County	2016	Erosion Remediation	\$4,875
2	Wilsonville	2015	Ramp & Steps Replacement	\$37,800
3	Butteville (3 Slides)	2015	Retaining Wall	\$46,000
		2016	Lower Retaining Wall	\$14,000
		2019	Shoreline Remediation	\$40,000
4	Wilsonville	2016	Dock Replacement	\$7,900
5	Wilsonville	2013	Lift & Repairs	\$6,298
		2014-2018	Strengthen Boathouse	\$1,750
6	Newberg	2017	Ramp Repair	\$3,520
7	Yamhill County	2019	<i>Future Cost for Shoreline Remediation</i>	<i>\$150,000</i>
8	Yamhill County	2015	New Dock & Lift	\$47,125
9	Clackamas County	2013-2018	Dock Repair	\$5,000
10	Yamhill County	2017	Landing, Gangway Repair	\$2,000
<b>Sample Damage Cost TOTAL</b>				<b>\$216,268-to-\$366,268</b>

**Repeated pounding by High Energy Wakes undercut gently sloping shorelines, making it vulnerable to major sluff-off and collapse**



**Damage**





**BEFORE** the High Energy Wakes  
(lasted for 55 years)



**AFTER** the High Energy Pounding  
(2015 – New Ramp on Left)



## ***We support HB 2351***

- OSMB remains UNCLEAR about its' responsibility to minimize the property, dock, habitat and shoreline damage caused by high-energy wakes
  - Its Mission: ...*"Serving Oregon's recreational boating public through education, enforcement, access and environmental stewardship for a safe and enjoyable experience."*
  - OSMB on-line boater info says, ...*"The operator may be liable for damage caused by wake."*
- At the August 2018 OSMB meeting the Staff stated that: ***"...the Board would be reluctant to take rulemaking action unless there were enforceable policies, rules, or laws adopted by other agencies that addressed the management of shoreline structures, the management of shoreline vegetation, proper soil management practices, and the management of flow regimens."***
- Willamette River Greenway (State Land Use Goal 15) provides for the oversight and coordination of State agencies, counties, cities and other jurisdictions. There is a critical policy gap: ***the OSMB does not adhere to Goal 15.***

***HB 2351 would begin to address this policy gap***

**Somehow we need an enforceable compromise between this, ....**







... and this

***High Energy Wake Behind  
a Boat for Wake Surfing***

