

My family of 4 spend our summers on the upper Willamette boating responsibly. We rent a slip at Boones Marina, and are on the water most weeks and weekends. We have a Super Air Nautique, which is one of the boats which is proposing to be banned. I have my Newberg Pool operators license and think having the operators license is a good idea. I follow the rules regarding wakes, noise levels and boater courtesy.

Over my 10 years boating on the upper Willamette, I've never seen an accident. Mostly what i see is a variety of boats making their way up and down the river best they can. With few signs on the river, some boaters have trouble remembering where activities are possible and not. I see the rules change so often it has people confused.

I think this 4000 pound boat restriction is a terrible idea because of the following reasons:

- These rules eliminate a crucial summer activity for homeowners on the water and recreational boaters. This bill goes too far.
- We just got the Newberg Operators license in 2020, give these new rules a chance to work
- Banning boats on the upper Willamette will cause overcrowding and safety issues in other bodies of water.
- How do you regulate this? Who pays for that?
- Destroys economic value for homeowners on the upper Willamette waterfront and reduces property tax
- Bank erosion from boating is not based in science. Rise and fall in water levels cause more bank erosion than boats.
- This ban would decimate the recreational boating businesses at the worst time - coming out of pandemic. The region would lose jobs, and people would move out of the area further depressing the local economy.

Thanks for listening and please vote against this bill.

Respectfully,
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