

I live on the water near St Johns. I boat in an area near the St Johns bridge where there is a lot of wake surfing and wake boarding. I have grandkids that love to be pulled on the tubes, but these large wakes make it such that I have to work hard to avoid sending my grandkids into the air and onto the water due to the size of these wakes. One time we had to quit due to my grandkids being thrown into the water and spraining their necks. And, I am talking about a wide part of the Willamette where there should be, in theory, plenty of room. I can't imagine how families could enjoy tubing in the upper Willamette where it is only 500 feet wide with all these wake boats. I'm surprised it's been allowed to go on this long without a serious injury. This bill goes a long way towards ensuring that more families can actually have fun and operate safely without the small number of users with extra large wakes that are dominating the river.