

I'm writing to ask that you reconsider and look into the new rules, the hazards of these rules, the safety to boaters and those who recreate in this zone swimming, paddle boarding, kayaking, along with enforcement of these rules, and , last but not least, the environmental impact, that those of us who live in the zone, and are experiencing damage to our property and public areas.

Our address is 24643 NE Butteville Rd. We bought our property in 2000. We were thrilled to be on the river. In those first years, we were water skiing as well as enjoying the practice runs of the Portland Water Spectacular (formerly Rose City Water Skiers) <https://www.portlandwaterspectacular.com>. The dock at our residence was well past its prime following the floods of 1996. We paid for the construction of a new dock along with all the necessary permits through the State of Oregon and Marine Board. We also have purchased all necessary registrations and stickers through the Marine Board which has made us wonder why we NEVER got any notification that our area (mile marker 40) was the one chosen for these new rules? We get information when it is time to renew, we get notifications if a neighbor is building a new dock, but no information from the Marine Board as to new rule changes??

When the Wakeboarding sport started becoming popular, we thought it would be a sport that co-existed well just like snowboarding and downhill skiing (I'm a former employee of Mt. Hood Meadows and a downhill skier). It was a bit rocky at first but now these two sports co-exist well together.

Sadly, it is not the same here on the Willamette which should allow all of us who love the river to enjoy it safely. Now, waterskiers do not go out except during the early morning hours. Our dock, like so many others, has been battered and damaged so that we have to have costly repairs each and every year. Our boat lift has had to be taken out and repaired on land. After Winter has passed, we examine our Dock along with all hoses to our boat lift and make any necessary repairs following the winter season of stormy weather.

These past years, after repairs have been made, we have had to continually replace hoses that have been completely sheared off by the force of the "ocean" like strong waves that batter our dock, boat lift, and riverbank. I, along with my 90-100 pound Retrievers and Labs have been tossed off our docks. Children have been tossed around on tubes and other inflatables. Sadly, for me, I was tossed onto the hard dock rather than tossed into the water. The waves have caused so much erosion that, to my understanding from recent meetings, stopping the erosion from progressing would be upwards of \$100,000 per homeowner as we would need to bring in the Army Corps of Engineers and this is the cost that has been given to us as the lowest amount needed to make these repairs.

We gave up our Bayliner several years ago as it couldn't stay secured on the boat lift. We would love to buy a smaller boat, but with these new rules, we don't want to make the investment to see it destroyed by these increasingly huge and damaging waves. Last year, our neighbor saw a huge wave completely wash over our dock. There are white caps on the river when it gets busy. The boaters and boarders pay no attention to buoys or rules. Many seem to think it is ok to flip us off and/or make other lewd gestures. Even in a pandemic year, the river just got busier and busier as people may not have been able to take vacations, so it seemed last summer like the wave action became the worst we've ever experienced.

If you need to contact us, please phone: 503.367.2678 and thank you for your time in reading this.

Sincerely,

Michael and Susan Crow