

The Oregon State Marine Board today does not represent the vast majority of people who use our waterways. Paddlers in kayaks, dragon boats, SUPs, tubes, floating, etc. are the largest sector of boating in Oregon, and growing! Open water swimming is another fast growing sport. We have 6 open water swim teams in the Portland now.

These river users care about calm water, clean water, safe water where we don't get run over or swamped by powerboats.

This bill would give the OSMB the modern representation of people on the river today, instead of the makeup of the 1950's of; Marina Owners, fishing guides, fisherman, powerboat dealer interest, yacht club interest and elite sports.

The rivers and bays of Oregon should be managed by a board composed of a broader more diverse group. This bill would provide that. Please vote for it!

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