

To Whom it Concerns,

I am writing to express my opposition to the new, proposed Willamette River boating regulations: HB2725

For the past 5 years my family has spent so much quality time together enjoying our boat on the Willamette River. My 15 and 16 year old still love to hang out with us when they are able to bring friends and do some tubing/wakeboarding on the river. We have moored our ski boat at the Sports Craft Marina for the past 4 years in Oregon City. We spend many weeknights enjoying time tubing on the river. We also own a small aluminum fishing boat that we use on the river and enjoy time paddle boarding. I understand that it can be frustrating trying to share the river with everyone in Portland metro but one group's hobby is not more important than the other. The regulations are unfair.

Not only is the proposed regulation unfair, but it would also push more congestion into other waterways. State waterways should belong to all of us and taking away prime outdoor space is not justifiable to those of us that have purchased ski boats and enjoyed them with friends and families for year. There are other ways to create less restrictive regulations that can be monitored and can allow more families to enjoy our rivers. If we have to travel 2 hours to enjoy a lake then that limits our boating time to only a few weekends per year. At this point, it's just cost prohibitive to enjoy a family boat.

Sincerely,

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