

Dear Representatives,

I am adamantly opposed to the new bills that are coming to your consideration for the upper and lower Willamette River. There facts are lies. The video is well done but full of lies. I have been boating for 45 years and have not seen any damage from waves. The yearly river high water Run off cause all the damage not boats. If the paddlers would stay on the 2/3 outside sections of the river the boaters could stay in the middle and we would not have a problem. They are intentionally blocking the river channel to make their point.

I live on the Lower Willamette River where you are proposing the change close to Elk Rock., This will hurt the use of all boaters that one group can take away the rights of the others.

We have a dock, motorized boat. Kayaks and paddleboards. We use them all with respect and safety.

This is a discriminatory use of the river making it not fair for all boaters. Allowing one group to take over the river and deny use of the river for another's. There is hundreds of thousands of boaters and they are all going to be voting for how is on their side.

The reasons they are saying have not been proven and are complete lies and it is fear tactics.
The river needs to be enjoyed by ALL with respect by all and safely used by all.

We need leadership and policy based on facts that defend and protect safety, access, and the environment for all users and wildlife. Evidence needs to support such environmental claims. Boater education should be the first attempt to resolve conflicts between powered and non-powered users. Not limited access.

Sincerely,
Eric Schilling