

I strongly oppose limiting sizes of boats including ballast and closing a huge portion of the river to wakesurfing. My 10 year old daughter can wakesurf with a tiny wave which is going to be illegal, yet a cabin cruiser can go up and down the river with a huge wave and that is ok??? I have been wakesurfing for about 15 years and have always followed the new stricter rules year after year but this is ridiculous. The river needs to be shared. This is not based on science, about 10 years ago people started getting upset about wake boarders and the size of their waves. The wakes from the river patrol boat and a wake board boat were compared and the river patrol boat had the larger wave yet obviously that boat still goes up and down the river. The results from that were ignored and the rivers started getting restricted for ballast.

The waves from surfing should be studied by an independent group with diverse views that then makes recommendations. There should be areas that are allowed based on river widths, bank conditions, docks etc. This current bill that shuts all wakesurfing down is unacceptable.