

As a recreational boater that uses the upper Willamette River almost every week in the summer I am adamantly opposed to further restricting use of the river. I do own a boat that is over 4,000 lbs but I only use my boat to tow my kids on intertubes, not for wake surfing or wakeboarding. As stated by many recreational boating is one of the few ways that I get to spend quality time with my family outside of the home during the summer months. If this piece of legislation passes I will have no choice but to sell my boat, which will have a detrimental impact on many small businesses that I rely on to store and maintain my boat throughout the year as well as lost revenue for my boat registration. I am not opposed to additional resources or even higher registration costs to increase patrols and education to all people in the boating community.

Thank you for your time,

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