

The Willamette River is a public waterway. It is unfair to take away the rights of some boaters to use this river. There are already heavy restrictions on the Newberg section as it is. Those of us who wake surf have abided by those and stay in the proscribed areas. It is unfair to ban boats over 4000# to use these areas now too. We are safe and responsible and there is no reason to take away boating this section of the river from us.

Additionally there are no docks or homes on the stretch we are able to use so there is way that our wake ruins those. Also there isn't scientific data that shows the wake from boats is eroding the river banks either.

Taking away the river from wake boaters will only further congest our lakes. It will also harm the businesses around the Newberg area that are frequented for food and gas by boaters.

I urge to you listen to your constituents. Please do not take away from our families this opportunity to have safe, socially distanced activities with our children.

Sincerely,

Lisa Walker