

Restricting the river to 4000 pound boats will not solve the issue at hand. Boats under 4000 can create the same size wake displacement by plowing the water at 7 mph with no weight. I have seen it many times, small boats going the wrong speed and creating wakes that rattle docs and send wakes in all directions. The fact is that a small group of self interested people should not have the right to take 70% of tow boats off the river because they do not want wake boats around their property. In my opinion these people took the risk of having to rebuild their shoreline and rebuild their docs when they made the decision to move onto the river. That is the inherent risk of living on water that is always flowing and always changing. When the water rises 20 feet in the winter months it causes soils and banks to soften and then trees collapse into the river. This is the process of erosion. I also did not see any definitive science behind this issue. It makes no sense to me to pass a bill and then do scientific research to support that bill???? We should have all the science at hand and then make a huge change like this that restricts 70% of boat users. Please hear my concerns and thank you for your time.