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To: House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources; others

**Re: I SUPPORT [HB 2725] and [HB 2555]...Could the Newberg Pool be "Off Limits" to "wake boats?"**

The Newberg Pool Congested Zone's increasing fragilities and susceptibilities to environmental damage caused by an increasing population of people enjoying "wake sports" in a narrow section of the Willamette River is at issue.

The massive erosion and corresponding destruction of nursery habitats for aquatic life is unacceptable.

The increased erosion of the river banks; increases the silt concentration, increases turbidity and significantly decreases dissolved oxygen; dramatically threatens all aquatic life.

The Newberg Pool Congested Zone's increasing popularity entices the population of people enjoying "wake sports" have increased dangers to other users; canoes, paddle boards, kayaks, fishermen and fisherwomen, et cetera.

Whereas all users of the Willamette River should receive equal access and treatment under the law, the Newberg Pool Congested Zone raises serious concerns requiring concerted efforts to protect the environment, private property and human safety.

Educational programs will not solve the aforementioned problems.

It is unlikely there will be an increase in Marine Patrols by the Yamhill County Sheriff's Department due to budgetary constraints.

The Oregon State Marine Board should consider *a focus on restricted use* of the Newberg Pool Congested Zone; to activities proven not to cause unsafe boating activities, environmental and private property damage.

The time is now, to prevent further damage to the Newberg Pool Congested Zone in a firm and effective manner, to protect and preserve the uniquely sensitive environment and to resolve proven safety and property damage concerns.

***Respectfully submitted,***

/s/ David S. Wall

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