

Senate Rules Committee members,

Once again the will of a few are trying to pass rules to hinder the many. Self interest has taken precedent over the many. The wealthy are again trying to impose limits on the rest so they may enjoy something for themselves only. They have no science behind their argument. They have received no input from biologists, hydrologists, geologists, and us, the many who use this public water way for our enjoyment and recreation. I could in turn argue that these homes and docks built on the river are an eyesore. I would prefer not to have homes on the river. They have ruined the natural beauty of the river. They have incurred erosion by altering the river banks. They have pounded pilings into the river disturbing the bank and river bottom. The homes have had a far greater impact on the river bank than boat wakes. Why has no one studied the impact of this? Oh wait, I'll answer that, money. There are now so many homes on the river it has restricted access to the river. I won't address the chemicals and fertilizer they use on their landscaping which in turn leaches into the river. What about the runoff from their irrigations systems and downspouts? I don't have science to back up these claims as they don't regarding boat wakes so I won't go there, for now.

Bottom line is it is unacceptable that a few are attempting to impose limits on use of a public waterway due to self serving interests. Without input by the public and scientists in developing said rules. This process creating these rules has been deviously conceived behind closed doors and is disingenuous at best. The folks that are attempting to conceive and impose these rules should be ashamed and should not be in office. They do not truly serve the will of the people.

My family has invested a great deal of money in our water sports to include our boat. These rules would effectively make our investment worthless. Maybe we should take away the right to own property on the river banks? Maybe it should all be public domain. What your committee is attempting to do is the same thing, take away our right to use and enjoy the river.