

Dear Chair Wagner:

Please support of SB 857. Large boats of more than 4,000 pounds, designed to create big wakes, do not belong on the Willamette River. They cause damage to riparian habitat important to fish and other animals as well as to docks and riverside structures. As a recreational paddler in a canoe, I feel seriously endangered by these boats from getting swamped or dumped. The ocean is nearby for folks who want big waves.

Please support SB 857 to promote safety and tranquility on the Willamette for all of us River users. Thanks for considering my comments.

Respectfully,
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