

Today I am writing to ask you to support of SB 857. By placing a weight limit for towed water sports boats, we protect the Willamette on this stretch, we protect private and public property, and we protect other river users.

I understand why a group of motorized boaters want us to dismiss the impact of their boats on rivers and riversides. And I am sure companies who make and sell boats valued at over \$100,000.00 want their customers to have unrestricted access. Ask yourselves: are corporations supporting a lobbying effort to distort the truth?

I am asking legislators to take action to address the damage caused by motor boats and their noise.

Your support of SB 857 can:

Protect the Willamette River's nearshore habitat and species listed as threatened under the Federal Endangered Species Act. Protect numerous homeowners who have documented damage to their boats, their docks, and shorelines due to artificial wave action.

Protect all other river users who are subject to the whims of these boaters. Swimmers, paddlers, and those who fish have been threatened by these craft and have experienced incidents of being overwhelmed and swamped by artificial waves generated by big boats.

Thank you for your consideration,

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