

As a canoeist I have had the pleasure of paddling the Willamette River for several years. The stretch of river as addressed by SB 857 has generally been well shared between powered and non-powered boaters. Unfortunately, the circumstances presented by large wake boats are both destructive and dangerous. Property and habitat erosion are very important issues but my major concern is safety. Large waves, especially close to shore, can be especially difficult for inexperienced paddlers. Swamped or capsized boats may well be the outcome if large wake boats are allowed on the river. I am very much in favor of SB 857 for the sake of wildlife, property issues, and small boater safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

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