

support SB857

The OSMB was told to pick a weight limit for boats doing towed sports in the Newberg Pool. The weight limit was supposed to limit the boats that could do towed sports.

The average weight of boats that were using the Newberg Pool was around 5000 pounds (according to the OSMB), so how the heck to they come up with a number that is twice that? 10,000 pounds? Why bother having a limit at all? That doesn't exclude hardly any boats. The point of the bill passed in 2019 was to exclude the heavy boats.

In 2009, when the wake enhancing devices were banned (meaning ballast tanks that add weight), very few boat were over 4000 pounds. Let's use that number, when things were sane and EVERYBODY could enjoy the river without the biggest wake boats dominating the river.