

I read the Water Sports Industry Association (WSIA) Commissioned Study by Clifford Goudy. This is a study that the WSIA was using to say that wakes do not cause damage beyond 200 feet. This was before they released the study to the public. The WSIA doesn't reference it any more because that study was done in shallow water and in the deep water of the Willamette Goudy says "waves that travel in deep water often have very little energy loss until the waves reach the shore" and "if a shoreline has light winds or is narrow, it probably is a good place to consider having a NO WAKE ZONE."  
So much for the 200 foot rule. The upper Willamette is not wide enough to dissipate big waves. SB857 will go a long way to save the Willamette.