

Dear Committee,

I listened in on testimony today. One opponent of the SB857 said that maybe only 1/4 of the boats on the river are even doing towed watersports, implying it's not that many people.

I totally agree, it's not that many people. Taking the OSMB average of 5000 pounds for boats doing towed watersports, that means half of those (maybe 1/8 of them) are over 5000 pounds. So then, why are they saying everybody is getting kicked off the river? Maybe 1/8th? Then if those 1/8th really want to do their sports in the Newberg Pool exclusively, they could trade in their boat and get one of equal size (but not with ballasting capacity) that would qualify, i.e. the Mastercraft NXT20. It's called adapting to the times.

Even those heavier boats can still use the river, they just can't do the big wave sports. There are so many boats available under 4000 pounds, albeit they don't cost over \$100,000.

That makes the boat dealers and manufacturers bummed, because they would rather sell the more expensive boats, that's why they are lobbying against this bill.

This bill would, in reality, affect so few people yet save a beautiful part of our state that needs preserving.

Thank you for your consideration and service.