

Chair Wagner and members of the committee, my name is Ken Verboort. My wife and I have lived on the river for over 35 years. We lived here in the 96 flood and docks weren't damaged, but floated downriver because they went up and over the top of the pilings. The river banks did not change.

I can assure you that nothing has changed the dynamics of the river like large wake boats have today.

People have actually had to move pilings as a result of undercutting, which resulted in enough land lost that their ramps were no longer connected to their property. We have never seen changes like we've seen in the past 7 or so years. As wake sizes have increased, there's been direct correlation to the change to the banks of the river and the habitat near our shoreline. We aren't anti-boating, we're avid boaters.

We've been seeking help for nearly 10 years. The Oregon State Marine Board isn't getting the job done and it's time the state step up and protect this river.

Thank you.