

With over 300 written testimonies and over three hours of oral testimony already submitted on SB 857, it is interesting that the expert whom the WSIA flew out to testify regarding legislation before the New Hampshire and Minnesota state legislatures has been a no-show in Oregon. However, on March 4, 2020, the WSIA sent Cliff Goudey all the way from Massachusetts to testify before the Minnesota Senate where he said:

“Wave energy is the measure of the amount of energy that can do a disturbance, whether it is increasing turbidity, whether it is disturbing other boats, or whether it is damaging property.”

and

“If a shoreline has light winds or is narrow in the direction of prevailing winds, it probably is a good place to consider having no wake zones.”

The Willamette River in the vicinity of the Newberg Pool has very light wind. For example, the average wind speed at the airport in Aurora is 4.5 mph or less between May 1 and September 30. That is one reason why people do not go to the Newberg Pool to fly kites or race sailboats.

Here is what a wave looks like when experienced 300 feet from a wakesurfing boat at river mile 32.5 on the Newberg Pool.



This two-minute video also illustrates the problems that wake boats are creating.

<https://youtu.be/rnOMEWxTdEc>

Ultra-heavy wake boats belong somewhere else. Please support SB 857.

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