

I've been an Oregon river, water sports enthusiast, for over 11 years now. 7 years spent sailboat racing and 4 as a wakeboat owner. It is a large part of who I am and to see the relentless attack on towed sports the last few years by small special interest groups with flimsy, data lacking arguments, it just breaks my heart.

I completely agree that there are some oblivious idiots out there, but you don't deal with that by banning entire groups or types of boats. The idiots will just do the same things in different boats. Even at 5000 lbs you are telling half the towed sports boat owners in the state that their massive investment in Oregon recreation is no good in Oregon, "take your money elsewhere." And if you are going to do that then you need to ban all cruiser class boats as well since they can throw wakes way larger than mine.

You don't ban fishing because some people catch more than their quota, NO. You deal with it through education and enforcement of the rules that are already in place.

Portland is a unique and special place with such great water access in the heart of the city and I for one would like to continue to see it remain available and inclusive to ALL of those who love it rather than force into place, weird nonsensical rules, that obviously born out of special interest agendas and is not representative of the community at large.

Please VOTE AGAINST harmful legislation that will ban hundreds of local families from enjoying towed sports on the Willamette River.

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