

I am writing in support of SB 857. These huge boats purposely create tsunami wakes that are dangerous to other river users (swimmers, fisherman, smaller boats, kayakers etc). The owners and the boating industry refuse to compromise and are insistent on creating the largest wakes possible. 99% of the people on these boats do not even need the size of the wakes that are now being produced by the biggest boats. Surfing or boarding can be performed behind much smaller craft. One wonders where it will end if some limit is not placed on the weight of these boats NOW. The newberg pool section of the river is too small to sustain this kind of activity without causing damage to property and wildlife habitat. And to say that this is the only way one can have fun on the river with their family is just ludicrous. Please pass this bill and allow everyone to enjoy the river in a non destructive way. This river is a State resource that should be protected for future generations.

Thank you  
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