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My husband and I canoe on the Willamette between Peoria and Corvallis. It's my understanding that the rule here is that powerboats need to slow when non-motor craft are present, and only a short stretch of the river allows powerboats at all. At this point in human history, my belief is that the critters and the environment need to be given priority over human desires. And scientific studies bear this out--these boat wakes are destructive for fish and for the riverbank. This bill won't cure the problem but it's a step in the right direction. Enforcement will also be needed!