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I live near the Willamette river, and used to enjoy paddling my kayak in the summer months, but now it is not only unpleasant to paddle in the Newberg Pool, it is unsafe. The recent proliferation of large wake-surfing boats has a significant negative impact on other river users and wildlife. The large wakes from these boats create unnatural waves that damage property, including docks and riverbanks. The large wakes are dangerous for paddlers and other boats. Large waves impact the river bottom and shoreline, affecting steelhead and chinook salmon, river mussels and riverbank-dwelling wildlife.

Please support this bill to limit the size of these boats to improve river safety and to the damage to our river, property, and wildlife.