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I honestly can't believe this is a real proposal. Oregon has already taken away public rights to recreate on the Willamette River. Reasonable restrictions that require distancing from docks and other boats are reasonable. Taking away opportunity is absurd. We love our river and want to maintain its health and beauty. This is not about erosion control. It's about people who want the river for their specified purpose or who are offended on how others choose to recreate. We have been water skiing, tubing, and wakeboarding on the river for many many years. We love the river and want to continue providing the opportunity to enjoy it for future generations. To take away the opportunity for these recreation activities is not right. Natural winter water levels and flow have much more of an impact on erosion than summertime boating ever could. For the love of the outdoors, the love of creating family memories, and the idea that we should all have access to our public spaces; please join me in opposing this bill.