

Kelly Gilmore's written testimony opposing SB 1589

For my testimony I would ask people to view a short video of what waves from wake boats versus fishing boats actually look like for people that have not seen them before. This video was taken while standing on a dock in the allowed wakesurfing zone (of 2019) in the Newberg pool area. I wanted to show a clear example of the similar wave heights between two boats of similar length, but vastly different type and weight. Both boats traveled at 10 mph at a distance of approximately 300 ft from the shore (middle of the river). The difference in wave height once reaching the dock is 5 inches. The fishing boat weighs 2,700 lbs and the wake boat weighs 5,000 lbs + 4,200 lbs of ballast. The difference in total boat weight is 9,200lbs Vs. 2,700lbs = 6,500 lbs. As one can see, the difference in wave size is minimal. Education and enforcement of the multiple rules already set in place by the Oregon State Marine Board will take care of the issues at hand. A very similar bill was voted down in the house last year. As a lifelong boater I am asking you please, do not support this bill. Thank you for viewing the video using the link below or by searching "wake boat vs fishing boat wave comparison" in the youtube search bar.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDBUri8uyvA>

Secondly, I wanted to draw attention to the fact that in the way the bill is written, the boating activity claimed to be damaging the shores is going to be banned and then the study will commence. That would seem illogical if one were trying to study the effects of these boats during their activity.

Thirdly, to address the concern about the commingling of boats and paddlers, I wanted to share a list of all the places people who want to use their wake boat can go to versus places people who want to paddle can go to within 25 miles of Portland. If people would like calmer waters to partake in their selected activity, they have plenty of choices where wake boats can not go. The passage of this bill will limit people to two choices to use their wake boats and cause even more crowding at those locations, especially at Hagg Lake.

Places to take a modern wake boat weighing weighing 5,000 lbs within 25 miles of Portland (3):

Willamette River
Columbia River
Hagg Lake

Places to paddle within 25 miles of Portland (30):

Willamette River
Columbia River
Hagg Lake
Sandy River
Tualatin River
Pudding River
Yamhill River
Molalla River
Clackamas River
Washougal River
Vancouver Lake
Lake River
Blue Lake
Fairview Lake
Oswego Lake
Columbia Slough
Green Lake
Sturgeon Lake
Campbell Lake
Crane Lake
McNary Lake
Lacamas Lake
Round Lake
Fallen Leaf Lake
Mirror Lake

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Bethany Lake
Kellogg Creek
Mission Creek Reservoir
Jackson Bottom Wetlands
Steelman Lake