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The Willamette, specifically the Newberg Pool has been a staple of my families water sport recreation for decades. Its already the most heavily regulated waterway in all of Oregon. Limiting access to a public waterway and arbitrarily picking a weight limit on boats for towed watersports while not limiting the weight of a fishing boat for example makes no logical sense. Further more, any environmental issues from watersports are inconsequential to what mother nature does every winter. Instead of further restricting access, how about we focus on enforcement of the rules which are already overbearing to begin with. Overall, there is little to no proven environmental impact from towed watersports, all this bill will do is further cancel access to what little water ways we have in the Portland area and devastate many local small business who depend on the river. Lets focus our resources on the homeless, drug, mental illness crisis.