

Submitter: James Barnes

On Behalf Of:

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I moved to Wilsonville in 1988 in order to have easy access to the Willamette River and water sports on the Newberg Pool. From my house I can walk to the Wilsonville Memorial Park and watch the river flow by. Over the last 34 years I've observed boat traffic, barges, floods, normal high water flows, and poor bankside vegetation management by riverfront land owners. It appears to me that the biggest impacts to the bank are high water flows and poor bank vegetation management. In reading about the proposed new regulations I have not seen anything that clearly links boats over 5000 pounds as being a major issue on bank erosion.

I do not support the proposed regulation.

I do support enforcing the existing regulations.

Sincerely,  
Jim Barnes