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I spend hours in my kayak on the Willamette River in the summer. Many banks along the river are already seriously eroded. I am thinking specifically of the steep banks leading out of Harrisburg, though problems with erosion of course are common up and down the river. It is evident the size of the wake of larger boats generates waves that strike the bank with surprising force, aiding and abetting the erosive power of the river. Even away from the bigger cities downstream like Michaels Landing in Corvallis, Buena Vista, and independence, the number of powerful boats in the summer keep the water churned up. Limits do truly need to be set for the protection of the banks and the river habitat.