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My family and I have lived on the Newberg pool part of the Willamette river for over 11 years. We use the Newberg pool for almost every form of recreation. We own canoes, kayaks, SUPs, Jet skis, and a 21 ft power boat. We have used our powerboat to fish, waterski, tube, wakeboard and wake surf. Although all my kids and I enjoy the wake surfing we believe that this part of the Willamette is NOT the place for this activity. Basically, Wake enhancing boats (WEB) on the Newberg pool is like driving an 18 wheeler on a bike path. A family with a smaller vessel is no longer safe on the river. I have personally had a wake from a WEB crash over the bow of my 21 ft boat and nearly swamp us. I have watched the same happen to fisherman many times. I'm afraid to go out on the river in my canoe when these boats are present. Please pass this bill to bring the river back to the common family that doesn't own a \$150k boat!!!