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I oppose this bill as there are enough restrictions already on the Willamette River. Especially the Upper Willamette. The Upper Willamette is made and supports Towed Water Sports. That's what its for. I've been doing water sports on the Willamette River since I was a kid in the 1980's. This bill is absolutely rediculous. Where is the science behind this? I don't believe towed sports are affecting the river banks. Look at how high and fast the Willamette River gets in the Winter months. If anything is affecting the banks, I believe it would be more likely from natural causes than from a wake from a boat. The boats are mostly out on the river for only about three months June, July and August. Rather than more restrictions I would like to see the current restrictions to be lifted and taken away. There is not much families in Oregon can do any more with Covid and everything else going on. Taking this way would be a negative to families and the community. Jimmy Bacon @ 503.312.9005