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This bill if passed will strip many tax paying citizens of a safe outdoor family friendly recreational opportunity. I feel that all tax paying citizens have the right to use this waterway in a safe manner.

Specifically banning wake surfing is overtly biased. Larger fishing boats can make a wake just as big or bigger than a wake surfing boat. If erosion truly is the reason for banning surf boats then all boats of a specific size should be banned.

The Newberg pool is already one of the most regulated bodies of water in Oregon, how will this ban be enforced? If surf boats are banned from the Newberg pool then it will concentrate these boats on other waterways creating a safety issue.

There is no peer reviewed study showing that wake surf boats negatively impact fish populations or erosion. The river's water level changes by up to 30 feet per year. Surely this is a greater cause of erosion.

Please do not pass this biased legislation that will only benefit a very few people.