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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: SB1589

I am writing in support of SB 1589, which seeks to limit the weight of boats in the Newberg Pool of the Willamette River. I have personally seen the change in shoreline damage during the past 10 years of kayaking around Ross Island. The erosion is significantly greater than in the past. I am alarmed that this recreational practice has not been curtailed before now, and strongly encourage you to limit it as soon as possible. This area of the river is more than just a recreational playground -- it is a delicate ecosystem that supports countless birds, fish and other life. Speed boats and wake boats are really very damaging to the environment and character of this special area. Please pass this bill to at least limit the impact of Towed Water Sports Boats in the Newberg Pool. Thank you.