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As a boater on the river for over 30yrs I can attest to the inaccuracy of proposals in this bill. Flood level erosion and home development have provided the bank distraction to the river where applicable. People pay millions of dollars for a house on the river and they cut down all the natural trees and vegetation on their banks for the view. Come flood time those banks are now totally exposed and unprotected.

There have been countless study's done, on this specific stretch of river, by all major government agencies as well as private groups that's demonstrate that boat wakes have little to no affect on the surrounding bank health.

What the proponents of these bills are really after is making their special interests the only allowable activities on the river. And I would whole heartily support more boat operator regulation. There is too much drinking and too many uneducated boaters on the water. Even more with covid. If you want to limit something let's limit unsafe and disrespectful boaters and leave it to the rest of us whom are conscientious and want to share the river with all users in a safe manor. That is the real issue; not the boat size or it's activity on the water.