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I live in West Linn and almost exclusively use my boat on the Willamette River, in what is now classified as the Newberg Pool. Boating has been an activity my family and I have enjoyed since 2010. The area is used by far more in the community than the relatively few that live on the banks of the Willamette. There is a far less restrictive way to manage issues of bank erosion that nearly eliminating the ability to enjoy towed water sports in this area. Over the last 12 years we have seen regulations that limit the area of certain water and towed water sports. Those regulations have been successful and should remain in place as a balance between the few that live on the river and the majority of users that do not. In fact, I would venture to say the vast majority of those the live on the river and not in favor of the limitations either as they have the concerns about restrictive use, given the size and configuration of boats that are moored along the private docks of the river.

The restrictions that have been put in place over the past several years should not be abandoned for even stricter regulation of the river's use.