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On Behalf Of:

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Please support SB 1589 and help save the habitat in the Willamette River.

I am a fisherman and a member of The Native Fish Society who's mission is to revive abundant and wild fish in the PNW. Jennifer Fairbrother, Conservation Director from NFS has said that "take" is occurring as a result of to these gigantic boats.

Additionally, Dr. Stan Gregory has testified that the near shore habitat is damaged by their waves. As the state of Oregon continues to work towards solutions to effectively saving endangered wildlife, it appears without a doubt that limiting boats to less than 5000 lbs in the Newberg Pool will only benefit the native fish and their habitat.

Personally, as wake boats have become bigger and bigger, the waves they produce have made it impossible for me to enjoy any fishing on the Willamette River. I refer to them as "The bullies on the block" because they interfere with boating for ever other type of boat because their waves are so destructive. In may experience they seem to lack consideration of anyone but themselves because they don't stand by to watch what happens when the knock some over or out of their boat.

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