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My child is a youth rower who would be directly impacted by this rule change. This rule, without an exemption for rowing, would put Oregon youth rowers at a big disadvantage on the regional and national stage. Rowing youth compete in several age groups including U17, U16, U15. Wearing PFDs impacts mastery of efficient sculling technique; kids in other states would not be similarly burdened.

Rowing has been such a positive experience for my child, they learn hard work, resilience and respect for the waterways they compete on. A PFD rule would discourage other young athletes from participating.

Please consider and exemption for rowing to protect these athletes ability to compete fairly and safely.