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As a river user for approximately 60 years, I strongly oppose this bill. These users are perhaps the most extreme of all river recreational users. These boats are specifically designed to generate waves that are equivalent to small ocean surf, that is actually surfable using wake boards without needing a tow rope. Their surf creates a clear hazard to beginner paddlers of various watercraft, damage homeowners docks and boats, irrefutably and dramatically damage the shoreline including washing soil away from roots of bank stabilizing plants, and impact numerous animals that depend upon relatively clear water.

In my experience, these extreme users usually blast music through multiple loudspeakers. I would find living on waterfront intolerable due this acoustic onslaught that can last most of an otherwise nice day. As it is, I have avoided repeating kayak paddles through areas that I have done in the past solely due to these extreme river recreationalists. I am not joking about this! If I lived on a shoreline that was impacted by these users on a regular basis, I would in all seriousness consider selling!

So many great reasons exist to toss this bill that it should be a no-brainer.

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