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I've lived on the upper willamette river for 10 years. Our family loves boating in the short summer months that we have. Its such a great way to spend time with family and friends, and it's been really sad to see the sport we all love shut down because a few people don't like waves from boats.

The river is absolutely dead for 8 months out of the year. You hardly ever see a boat go by in Oct thru May.

So the boating season is only 4 months long due to the weather here. The people that fought to get surfing banned argue that boating causes erosion or hurts fish. This is a complete and total fabrication with no basis. The river is extremely high right now, and is raging along the river banks and causing NATURAL erosion. Like it does every single winter.

Please repeal these rules and put the surf zones back in the spots we had. That system worked very well and harmed no one.