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Please restore the upper Willamette/Newburgh pool waterway back to family friendly activities. I have growing up recreating on the river and I have raised my kids spending weekends of family fun, utilizing the river and now my grandchildren are coming out to recreate with the family. I believe that the way you had the river set up a few years back made a lot of sense and made it more enjoyable for all. The state had designated areas that a boat could use to tow a surfer. Other areas that allowed for wakeboards and skiers could enjoy almost the entire river. I found that the designated surf zones work, because there were no docks or any type of structures to damage, the water line in the winter is above where we are recreating at so we're not creating more erosion than a river running over all winter. There are a number of families that spend a lot of money to have fun and family related activities and we bring a lot of revenue to the area. Just to fill the coolers with cold drinks and food for the day or usually the weekend, top off the gas tank so we can recreate and buy equipment, expensive equipment to recreate with. Keeping the river open as a win-win for everybody