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I grew up on the Willamette River Water Skiing, tubing, Wake boarding, swimming etc. The boats are not the problem. There use to be large ships that would go up and down the upper Willamette putting off much larger waves than the boats do now. I haven't heard of any scientific proof of banks being corroded due to the boats. If there is any corrosion it's more likely due to natural events. Have you seen the water in the winter time? It's much higher and moves much faster. Much different than the Summer months. The boats are really only out there 3-months out of the year and only busy on the weekends. So you're talking less than 30 days out of the year of busy boat days out on the Willamette River. And these busy boat days don't really start until Mid-June once the kids are out of school. There at least needs to be designated areas on the Willamette River where people can Surf and wakeboard and whatever else. The current laws that are in place are very one-sided with no science behind them. Right now they make us go down town by the steel bridge to surf, this is ridiculous, know one wants to go down there. It's just not fair and not right that we have been stripped of our rights to use the upper Willamette for towed sports. This stretch of the river is the best for towed sports and always has been. Please let me know if you have any questions. PLEASE REMOVE CURRENT LAWS ON THE WILLAMETTE RIVER!!!!!!-Jimmy Bacon 503.312.9005