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There is no concrete evidence supporting the claim that boat wakes cause erosion. That could easily be attributed to development of the shoreline for residential purposes as well as the natural process of erosion that takes place along a meandering river like the Willamette.

I think we can work toward policies, and education, that support the Willamette for use by all rather than banning a part of the user population. My family and I live along the Willamette and for over a decade have enjoyed using our boat for recreational use. It is a small window of time throughout the year where boating is even a possibility, to be able to use our property as we intended is a priority for our family.

Thank you