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I'm a 46-year-old husband and father of 2 girls who lives on the upper Willamette in Wilsonville in a home I worked my whole life to afford. I moved in already owning a boat that weighs 6100 lbs with ballast capability, and I can't legally use it for any towed sports even though my home has a slip on the river. Selling it to buy a smaller boat would cost me tens of thousands of dollars in transaction costs.

These weight limits are about protecting rickety old docks owned by people who should move. The river is a shared public resource, and a small group of fussy landowners with too much time are attempting to restrict the reasonable use of a whole category of boats sold legally in Oregon. Their aim is to make it cheaper for them to maintain their old, underfunded docks on the river. Instead, they should move. If you don't like families having fun on their boats, don't live on the river.