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I am a longtime boater and my family has water skied, wake boarded, tubed, and wake surfed in the Newberg pool for nearly two decades. I fully understand the sensitivity of some on the increased wave action in the pool and appreciate concerns for limiting the impact to users of all recreational interests. However, the current restrictions on limiting ballast capacity and lowering wave making ability is flawed and negatively impacts the majority of the users of this stretch of river. I am and believe all should be sensitive to those who have boat docks on the river and support limiting wave activity in those areas. And I am very sensitive to the fact that most residents that live along this stretch of river with boat docks, have boats that are designed to make waves and likely purchased or built homes there to take advantage of water sports. The casual user that comes in from elsewhere is trying to dictate the use of those who have invested in property along the river. In areas without boat docks, I believe that there should be unrestricted access of wave making and water sports. I believe in the argument for restrictions based on bank erosion is flawed. I believe this is a ridiculous claim and an overstretch of those people who just don't want any water sports in this area.