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I support allowing boats that are truly running below the weight limit to freely operate in the Newberg pool area. This would include boats that are under the limit when their ballast tanks are empty. It feels unfair to penalize them if they are capable of staying below the weight limit. The reason I am neutral on this issue is that I'm very skeptical of many boat operators obeying the weight limit laws and I'm concerned many boats will be running with full tanks and be over the weight limit. I'm also skeptical that the State and Counties will adequately fund the Marine patrols to do the necessary inspection and issue citations at a level that would effectively deter violation of the rules.

If there was adequate funding and enforcement, include weekdays, then I would shift my position to Support.