

My name is Rich Morgan and I am a resident of Portland, and an active user of the Lower Willamette River. I am writing today as a member of Portland's Calm Water Coalition to let you know that the concern and opposition to SB301 -1 is not limited to the Newberg Pool and Upper Willamette. We have been concerned in Portland for many years, as bills continue to be introduced in attempts to overturn safety regulations and wake management throughout the Willamette. Here is a chart demonstrating the six or more years that Calm Water Coalition has work with City, County, Marine Board and many organizations to promote and retain regulations that keep all users safe. As you can see, our organization represents several thousand members of Portland area River Users. Here is a snapshot of the continued support CWC has given to river safety and habitat sustainability.

Please do not pass SB301 -1. It is essentially the same changes to three bills that have been introduced and dismissed in three Legislative Sessions, as well as a similar bill that lost court case. without any changes or reasons to amend current regulations on the Upper Willamette. Neither the Upper of Lower River regulations need to be changed.

Thank you,
Rich Morgan

Property Wake Damage Cost Summary Willamette River Portland				
This is small sampling property owner reported damage, directly related to wake sport generated high energy waves in two boating seasons, 2017-2018 (one in 2019). These repairs and costs are over and above typical annual budgeted repairs for deck, dock and marine maintenance for homes and businesses.				
Property Owner #	Property Type/ Location	Year	Type of Damage	Cost
1	Portland Rowing Club Moorage & Marina	05/2017 04/2018 06/2018	Damage costs directly related to increased impact by wake boat wake Replace wake batter slip Broken water line under concrete walkway	\$ 7,140 5,125
2	Floating Home #4 Portland Rowing Club	2012-2018	Repair & preventative measures over six years against power boat wakes and to offset increase in wake action and resulting damage	100,000
3	Floating Home #5 Portland Rowing Club	2017	Repairs: 1) deck and replacement, steel beams - bolted to connect swim deck to main deck 2) Complete replacement October 2019 of swim deck as repairs did not hold up to wake summer 2019	7,000 19,000
	Floating Home #1 Portland Rowing Club	2017	Swim float repair - installed steel beam to stabilize; pins pulled out, board ripped from deck hit and broke a column support for roof	1,000+
5	Floating Home #9 Portland Rowing Club	2019	Wake related work to install connecting steel beams	40,000
6	Floating Home Macadam Bay Moorage	2018-2019	Repairs to mitigate the effects of heavy wake damage; rebuild deck	21,000
7	Floating Home#11 Portland Rowing Club	2018-2019	Stressed utility connections - water, gas, sewage leaks, cracks in walls, float connections Pending Estimated repair costs	500 Future rebuild estimate (10,000)
8	The Landing Marina Portland	2017-2018	Damage to outer docks , cleats, pylon rollers, fire pipe movement, flotation	10,000
9	Waverly Marina	2018-2019	Annual repairs due to wake damage	20,000 20,000
			TOTALS:	
			Total Current	\$250,765
			Pending	10,000

March 2016- July 2018

After completion of the New Sellwood Bridge, local boating resumes. There is a sharp increase in non-motorized boat accidents, and property damage due to high wake & heavier wake boats and ballasts.

August 2018

We learn about wake issues in the Newberg Pool and the ORSPA organization. We partner with ORSPA and begin building Calm Water Coalition membership through meetings, presentations, and letters. CWC has 6k+ members by 2019

April 2019

CWC does an Online Monkey Survey of Portland Willamette River, residents & river organizations to assess property and boat damages due to heavy wake by wake sports. Survey results are submitted as testimony to OSMB & Legislative Committee



May 2019

CWC Member write letters to legislators & give public comment requesting passage of HB 2351 to give OSMB authorization to adopt wake boat regulations. The Bill Passes. ORS 830.175 is then adopted, allowing OSMB to make special boat regulations for safety and the property rights of the Public, and in congested river areas.

June 2019- April 2020

CWC Member letter writing & public comment for HB 2352, which gives OSMB authorization to develop a Wake Boat Education Program and exam, and a requirement of a Wake Sports Certificate for wake sports in the Upper Willamette. The Bill Passes OSMB Rule Advisory Committee (RAC) of interested parties give public comment on further Willamette wake regulations.

January 2021

A Pass-Through Zone is proposed by OSMB. Input is given by Willamette, state, federal and city agencies and bureaus, plus a opinions from a survey of 800 boaters & homeowners. OSMB adopts a Pass-Through Zone from Hawthorne Bridge to Waverly Marina & Holgate Channel slow-No-Wake zone from May 1 to Sept. 30, and a no wake 200ft buffer for docks.

February 2022

Feb. 2022 - OSMB introduces SB 1589 requiring wake boats to be a maximum dry weight to 5,500 lb. to obtain a Towed Watersports Certificate. After over a month of hearings by 3 different Senate & House Committees, and two Public Hearings. The Bill Passes. We defend the same bill again two years later, against a repeal bill reintroduced as SB 1590 - see Feb. 2024. The judge agrees there is no reason to reconsider the bill.

February 2024

Feb 2024 - Boating Assoc. tries to repeal SB 1589 & the Wake Sports Program. The Senate Committee on Natural Resources & dismisses the real under SB 1590 on 3/7/24
Dec.2024 - A US District Court hears a Boaters Rights Assoc/ Scott Putnum lawsuit against the OSMB, for restricting wake boats of an ODFW-funded facility. The judge found that no boats were restricted from use of the federally funded waterway facility. The lawsuit was denied on 12/20/24

Calm Water Coalition Portland Membership 2019

Team	Boathouse/ Location	Number of members	Weekly Practice Schedule (months)	Annual Practice Schedule (months)	Club Contact (optional)
Woods Park Rowing Club & Outriggers	Portland Boathouse	280	Mon-Fri 4-6pm, Sat-Sun 8-11am	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)	Shane Menden
Stanton & Rowing	Portland Boathouse	230	Sat-Fri 5:30-7:30 am, Sat 7:30-9:15 am	April-October for classes (7 months)	Patricia Edwards
Rose City Rowing	Portland Boathouse	350	3-4:45-5:15 work days, Summer 8-10 am Sat 10am-12pm	Feb-October (9 months)	Dick Haley
Portland State Univ. Crew	Portland Boathouse	40-50	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)	Feb-Oct (8 mos.)	Sam Taylor, Head Men's and Women's Crew Coach
Lewis & Clark College Crew	Oak Park Community Boathouse	45-50	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)	Sept-November & Mid-Feb-June, July-August (10 mos) (Mid-Sept 14 mos)	Glenn Peterson, Youth Team, Varsity Men's, Women's Coach, Waikiki Peterson, Youth Team and Masters Coach
Oregon Rowing Unlimited	Oak Park Community Boathouse	45-50	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)	Sept-November & Mid-Feb-June, July-August (10 mos) (Mid-Sept 14 mos)	Glenn Peterson, Youth Team, Varsity Men's, Women's Coach, Waikiki Peterson, Youth Team and Masters Coach
Portland Kayak & Canoe Team	Oak Park Community Boathouse	~50	All days, all hours, individual boats	Year round (12 months)	Volunteer organization
Walden Rowing Club	Oak Park Community Boathouse	~45	Year round (12 months)	Year round (12 months)	Adam Whithorn, Coach, Masters Rowers
Grangerparks USA	RiverPlace Marina	1,000	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)
Kai-Ikaika Outrigger Club	RiverPlace Marina	40	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)
PRCSA Rose Festival Oregon Boat Race	RiverPlace Marina	1,000	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)
Unaffiliated Rowers Kai-Ikaika, Paddlers, All Teams, Crews, Clubs	RiverPlace Marina & Oaks Park	3,250	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)
Sellwood Floating Home Residents	Macadam Bay, Oregon	250	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)
Human Access Project (HAP) 2019 Events	The Big Tree River Haggan Swim	4,600	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)	Mid-June - Mid-Nov. (10 months)
Total Membership		8,100			