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My name is Jason Drucker and I am an active boater on the Willamette river. Prior to the limitations placed on the Newberg Pool I exclusively boated near the 10th street boat ramp, an area that has almost no structures or housing along the water edge, with the exception of a few houseboats that are past the useful boating area (Due to getting close to the dam). This is an ideal area for wake sports due to an almost total lack of land based activity and an opportunity for non wake sports to simply head down river in areas that are geographically less suited for wake sports. In addition to the northernmost part of the Newberg pool being ideally suited the prohibition has pushed all boats over 5500lbs into the lower Willamette concentrating the volume of boaters into what can be an unsafe situation. On the issue of safety, there are clearly bad actors that do not follow regulations for distance to shore and other boaters but that requires enforcement action as opposed to a simple prohibition. I believe this exclusion should be removed in its entirety but without question from the portion of the river north of the 10th street marina up to the dam. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards-Jason Drucker