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I live on the river just upstream from the Marina next to the I-5 bridge. I have lived on the river for 15 years; and keep a standard 21' motorboat on my dock for summertime use. Over the past few years, as wake board boats get larger, I have watched them create larger waves that hit the shoreline along my bank. These larger waves are eroding my bank.

A few years ago, the State Marine Board put out buoys that restricted wake board boats from the narrow river areas from the I-5 bridge to just past Champoege Park. That effort greatly reduced the heavy waves eroding the banks along our shoreline. Unfortunately, policing this buoy arrangement was very limited; and now there is increased traffic of heavier wake board boats washing away the bank all along the south banks of the Willamette River in our area.

I am totally opposed to this bill because I fear the language is structured such that the revised language will allow even heavier wake board boats to be permitted in this area. We have a large amount of river birds and other animals that we enjoy watching all summer. But with the banks in these narrow branches of the river being eroded by wake board boats, the washed out banks are in ever more danger.

Heavy wake board boats need to be required to use the wide areas near the Newberg bridge area. Please protect our river banks from this type heavy duty usage by wake board boats.