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Opposed, wake boats have already caused and continue to cause negative impacts to the environment, riverside residents, and recreational river users. River patrol is notoriously understaffed and wake boats in particular have been operating for some time with little to no consequences for their actions, which include capsizing small boats that are under paddle-only power. I have personally been on canoes and 20-person dragon boats that have been capsized multiple times by wake boats in no-wake zone areas and wake boats failing to give right of way.