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As a dragonboater who is on the Willamette River multiple times a week, I have witnessed firsthand the disregard of many motorized wake boat operators for our space. In the summer they are often seen moving near us at high speeds (we have witnessed some do this on purpose, with the intent to cause huge wakes because they think it's funny) resulting in capsizes multiple times just last year. Enforcement is sparse so we are at their mercy, and I fear that allowing heavier boats on the river will only make the problem worse. They already do not mind the no wake zones established in certain parts of the river. Please allow the numerous dragonboaters, kayakers, outrigger canoers, paddleboarders and swimmers to feel safe in our river and vote no.