

Understanding ballast related to recreational towed sports

- Ballast generally refers to anything that adds displacement to the boat to make the boat's wake larger
- Ballast can be added to any boat and does not need to be installed when the boat is being manufactured
- Ballast tanks or bags cannot be emptied quickly - This is a 6-10 minute process
- Ballast systems are easily visible upon inspection
- Regarding the concern that a ballast ban is un-enforceable: For the vast majority of recreational boaters, ballast is only used when wake-surfing. It is both illegal to wake surf in the Newberg pool and it is very easy to identify when someone does
- Ballast is illegal to use in the Newberg Pool and SB301 does not change that
- The potential for a small number of people to break the law, does not justify treating the entire user-segment as criminals