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Hello, I am a houseboat resident at Macadam Bay on the Willamette River. I have resided here for over 30 years. The increased boat traffic has increased, with no regard to wake laws, causes a lot of damage to our homes, the docks leading to our homes and to our sewer and water lines. We pay a lot of taxes to live on the water and pay a lot of money in repairs caused by boaters. We live on the end, closest to the Sellwood bridge, so even the looky lews, motoring by slowly, get to our home and then punch it, causing art to fall off of our walls and shelves. The water skiers, wake boarders cause a very deep, long traveling wake, that shakes our home and knocks us over. We place NO WAKE buoys out and they dont seem to understand that their wake is behind them, so they dont see a problem, by the time we get hit with their wake, they are to far away to photograph. Its alarming how infrequent we see river patrol, with the amount of people during the summer months. When speaking to them, they've told us they have been cut back and the Columbia is priority of the 3 rivers they patrol. If they had someone down here near the bridge during the summer months, I guarantee if they ticketed every boater that breaks the no wake law, their wages and a lot more would be covered with in a month. They are breaking the laws, causing damages to our homes and communities, we need change, we need them to be held accountable, while also educating them on wakes and the damage it causes. When they cause our sewage lines to break, we have to shut off all water to our homes for the day, hire a plumber to come and repair, its very inconvenient and expensive and the only solution to the folks living on the water, is to make the boating laws stricter, hold the boaters responsible and also put proper signage on the river, " NO WAKE ZONE, Will be fined \$_____ Causes damage to homes and communities, will be responsible". How else will they get educated? Thank you for reading this, appreciate your time. Sincerely, Jody Legree. PS We also need to deal with the homeless boaters (Pirates) running sewage into the river. Who deals with that? They often park right next to our home and we can visible see it coming out of their boat, floating up to our home.