



Update: Department of State Lands will not consider closing the Willamette River to wake surfing boats

The Oregon Department of State Lands will not consider closing the Willamette River to wake surfing boats as requested in a [recent petition from Willamette Riverkeeper](#).

In reviewing the petition, DSL considered alternatives for addressing the concerns raised. The Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) in 2019 implemented rules regulating wake surfing and is continuing to evaluate the effectiveness of those rules as well as broader issues related to recreational use of the Willamette.

DSL believes the concerns are best addressed by agencies and stakeholders working together to examine issues and identify solutions. OSMB currently has convened two advisory committees to discuss issues related to wake surfing boats. DSL will participate in the OSMB committees as an agency partner, and through that process continue to assist with finding solutions.

Additional Information

[DSL response to Willamette Riverkeeper's petition request, Dec. 19, 2019](#)

[DSL update on Willamette Riverkeeper request, Nov. 20, 2019](#)

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