Current Regulations for the Willamette River from the Hawthorne Bridge to the Waverly Marina

- Slow no-wake zone in the Holgate Channel and the Ross Island Lagoon
- Seasonal (May 1 to September 30) pass-through zone from the northernmost tip of Ross Island to the Hawthorne Bridge. (~1.4 miles)
- Seasonal (May 1 to September 30) pass-through zone from the southernmost tip of Ross Island to the southernmost moorage of Waverly Marina. (~1.4 miles)

Proposed Additional Regulations for the Willamette River from the Hawthorne Bridge to the Waverly Marina

An additional pass-through zone to the west of Ross Island that connects the zones already adopted. If passed, this would create a seasonal (May 1 to September 30) pass-through zone from the Hawthorne Bridge upstream to the southernmost moorage in Waverly Marina, a distance of approximately 3.9 miles.

Pass-through zone regulations

- All watercraft may pass through the zones without reducing speed.
- No person shall operate a motorboat pulling a water skier, wake surfer, or towed device in these zones.
- No person shall operate a personal watercraft in continuous operation above 5 mph in these areas, except to transit directly through the zones.
Proposed Regulations for the Willamette River from the Waverly Marina to Willamette Falls

Buffer zones off of all on-water public and private infrastructure, including docks and boat houses. These buffers include:

A. Slow no-wake zones within 100 feet of docks and other structures.

B. In proposed rules, waterskiing would be permitted outside of 100 feet from docks.

C. Restriction on the towing of inflatables and wakeboarding within 200 feet of docks and other structures. *Wakeboarding* means the activity of towing a person who is attached with two foot bindings on equipment similar to a short surfboard or snowboard. Equipment used in this activity may include but is not limited to wakeboards.

Proposed restrictions on wake surfing

Due to river width and dock density, the proposed regulations include a restriction on wake surfing from Willamette Falls to the Waverly Marina. *Wake surfing* means the activity of propelling a person, on equipment similar to a surfboard, forward with a boat's wake. The person may be holding a rope or free riding. Equipment used in this activity may include but is not limited to wake surf boards, wake boards, stand-up paddleboards, and hydrofoils.

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