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I have lived on the lower Willamette river in Milwaukie since 2002 and I do have a dock. and have been boating for over 50 years on it.

I have experienced some damage to my dock due to many reason on the willamette. Most damage has occurred during the spring when water is high and a large amount of debri flows down river. As a homeowner that has the privilege of living on the water I understand that this comes with some risk and responsibility. This River is not mine but all of ours and we must learn to be tolerant of all activity.

I for one am most concerned about the lack of understanding of safety on the water. Living next to Elk Rock in Milwaukie, we see many people accessing the water on floats, paddle boards, Kayaks and canoes that have no understanding of what they are doing. We have towed and/or rescued many people over the years to safety due to their lack of experience and knowledge of the equipment they are using and the risk they take.

As a boat owner I understand my responsibility to give way to non motorized crafts and prevent my boat from damaging private property. However I see many non motorized crafts of all types without a clue as to their responsibility for safety and respect; mostly due to lack of education.

I believe that education for all that use the rivers and lakes are the most important way to use our resources and allow all the full access of the water.

In regards to erosion control, I believe this is a veiled attempt to control access to all our waterways and has nothing to do with erosion.

Lastly, I would like to see a more balanced meeting with both sides giving testimony.

Sincerely

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