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## **Marine Board Seeks Public Comment on Petition for Slow – No Wake in Multnomah Channel**

On February 17, the Oregon State Marine Board received a petition to amend OAR 250-020-0282, Boat Operations in Multnomah and Columbia counties. This proposal will expand the slow-no wake zones around marinas, floating home moorages, and public boat launch docks.

The existing statewide “basic rule” for slow–no wake, prohibits the operation of a boat in excess of slow–no wake speeds within 200 feet of a boat launch ramp, marina, or floating home moorage. This petition proposes to expand the slow–no wake zones on Multnomah Channel beyond the requirements of the statewide rule. The proposed zone in the channel would extend shore-to-shore; from 500 feet before to 500 feet after any marina, floating home moorage, park dock or boat launch ramp on Multnomah Channel. Petitioners state that boating use has changed and boats have increased wake size and activity, creating conflict with residents and moorage facilities in the channel.

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium of the Scappoose High School at 33700 SE High School Way, Scappoose, OR. Oral testimony will be accepted. Written comments will also be accepted until the end of the public meeting on April 14, 2016. Written comments can be submitted via email to [osmb.rulemaking@state.or.us](mailto:osmb.rulemaking@state.or.us) or by U.S. mail to: June LeTarte, Administrative Rules Coordinator, 435 Commercial Street NE, Suite 400, P.O. Box 14145, Salem, OR 97309-5056. Comments via telephone will not be accepted.

The Board will be reviewing this petition request at their quarterly Board meeting, scheduled for April 27, in Salem. The Board may decide to open the rulemaking process for rule consideration or deny the petition.

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