

To the Legislature:

I am in support of HB 2844 which will remove beaver from predatory animal status in Oregon. These creatures have long been a natural and effective member of the wildlife communities inhabiting our lands and waterways. With more science and on-the-ground experience related to rehabilitation of our lands, it has become apparent that managing beaver for their positive effects on the landscape is both expedient and possible. Removing the beaver from predatory animal status will give ODFW the appropriate tools they need to successfully manage the co-existence of beaver and people on our valuable working lands.

Thank you for your deliberation on this matter and your eventual support and passage of this bill: HB2844.

Yours in healthy land management,
J. Taylor Goforth