

I am writing to urge your support of HB 2844. Protecting our beaver population is protecting our legacy. Their industry has shaped our great Oregon landscape over millennia. They can fulfill that role again if given a chance. Some benefits they provide are; slowing surface water runoff (which will benefit Oregonians very much as our snow pack declines each year), providing spawning habitat for salmonids, creating wetland fire breaks and improving our drinking water. Giving management over to ODFW will not preclude removing them from problem sites, but will guarantee their oversight by a capable entity for the public's benefit.

Thank you for your attention,
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