

My name is Kelly Moore. I am retired from ODFW where I last served ODFW's West Oregon Region Director of Fish Research. That programs plus ODFW Fish Division Programs operating out of the Corvallis Fish Laboratory support critical Research and Monitoring for salmon populations, other native fish, and their habitat across the State. Data and analysis from this work has contributed to multiple salmon species management and recovery plans, habitat restoration actions, the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. and supports the efforts of other State Natural Resources Agencies, private landowners, and Watershed Councils.

Over the same period, important research has shown the key role of beaver in stream ecosystem functions and processes that support healthy fish populations, show potential for improved riparian conditions and other benefits. At the same time, greater understanding of methods to limit negative impacts of beaver has given us new tools for management. However, the current classification of beaver as "predators" and lack of basic information about the location and extent of beaver "taken". has greeted limited the States ability to assess beaver populations and to implement management that can promote the positive ecological role of beaver while also identifying areas where problems could be addressed.

In short, I support HB 2844 because it is an important, and long overdue, step forward in recognizing the need for information about beaver the can be used better management of this key species.

Thank you for your attention

- Kelly Moore