

I am writing in support of HB 2844, legislation to remove "predatory" status of beavers on private land. Beavers, in fact, are not predatory - they actually provide benefits to lands and other wildlife by damming streams and creeks. The ponds and slow moving water they create benefit fish and provide habitat for other wildlife - and help both to conserve and clean natural waterways. I URGE the legislature to support HB 2844 and adopt it's provisions that Beavers are NOT considered predatory. In addition - killing of wildlife should never be considered a solution . I am an Oregon resident who respects and understands the value of Oregon's wildlife.

Thanks so much for your consideration -
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