

HB 3464 A

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Beavers: Current Statutory Definitions



ORS 496.004 Protected Furbearers or Furbearing Mammals

Beaver, bobcat, fisher, marten, mink, muskrat, river otter, raccoon, red fox and gray fox

Regulated by ODFW

ORS 610.002 Predatory Animal

Rodents (*including beaver*), feral swine, coyotes, rabbit, and birds (excluding game birds) that are or may be destructive to ag crops

Regulated by ODA



Removes beavers from the definition of “predatory animals” under ORS 610.002

Beavers causing damage would be regulated like other furbearers

- Landowners experiencing damage or nuisance call local ODFW office
- WL biologist provides advice on options to alleviate the conflict
- WL biologist issues permit for lethal take free of charge

Provides exceptions to the permit requirement

- Damage or imminent threat to infrastructure or agricultural crops
- Damage or potential to damage small forestland

Does not interfere with management of beavers on private timber lands as specified by the Private Forest Accord (PFA)



Directs Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt rules

- Requiring reporting of lethal take associated with damage
- Considering options for promoting non-lethal alternatives to address beaver conflict and under what conditions a person may take a beaver without a permit

