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Hunting and fishing SHOULD and NEEDS to be protected because it is a tradition for many families. I know for the last 4 or 5 generations in my is avid fishermen and women as well as hunters the lessons learnt from going out to the woods, tracking game, and if blessed enough, harvest and process the animal and sharing that with future generations is unmeasurable the same goes for fishing. The first time I took my daughter out fishing and she caught her first fish, the smile she wore could not only be seen by all but felt also and to this day she and I hope to share the experiences of fishing and hunting for years to con with our family and friends for years to come and with her children should she blessed to have them. This isn't just a sport it is a heritage, a traditional part time for many families, and a chance to learn of the outdoors, experience what wildlife is out there, and pit your wits and instincts against the animals who live there and survive everyday.

To take away hunting and fishing is unfathomable, if that happens the population of fish and animals be they deer, elk, cougars, bears, coyotes and so on, will boom and people already complain of predatory animals in neighborhoods I can assure you IT WILL get worse and the animals will start to run out of their normal food sources. Deer already struggle enough with their winter range due to more folks moving to Oregon, by hunting we keep it in check so that the bit of food they have isn't over ran. By fishing we keep fish populations in check so they don't over run lakes and cause issues to other marine life.

I 100% support passing a bill to pritect by constitution hunting and fishing.