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Measure: SB199

As a third generation farmer, I strongly oppose SB199. The intent of the ODFW is primarily to manage wildlife on public lands. It is scary that there is a trend in Oregon for alphabet agencies to be allowed to create policy and regulate. SB199 wants to intrude on private land and tell us what is best, this is so wrong. My farm does not have chronic coyote or beaver problems, but sometimes there is a coyote that comes into the farm yard repeatedly. We should not have to question whether we are allowed to remove a brazen problem animal. The main problems we do have on our farm are geese in grass seed fields, squirrels in filberts, and field mice in grass seed. If SB199 is humored, it will open the door for the ODFW to restrict more and more activities that we do to protect our livelihoods. We are not cruel, we don't overuse bait, and we don't need big brother to oversee our operation. We are capable, please reject SB199. More intrusion into private matters, is one more nail in coffin for family farms.