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As the state mammal and a keystone species in Oregon, the beaver should remain protected. Beavers are critically important to restoring our environment by creating wetlands and wet meadows that provide habitat for salmon and other keystone species, sequester carbon and create natural firebreaks. However, in Oregon they are classified as a “predatory animal.” This status allows for unlimited killing of beaver on private lands without a permit and without any tracking of the number of beaver killed.