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Beavers are the best engineers for building and enhancing wetlands. In many cases, they can single-handedly restore and enhance wetlands.

I have a farm and two timber properties in Clatsop County and have encouraged local beavers to help with wetland restoration projects on all three properties.

Sometimes beavers like to try dam-building on a fish passage route or near a tidegate, but easy non-lethal measures discourage them at that those locations.

It is a disservice to beavers and our ecosystems to treat them as nuisance animals to be killed at random.

Please recognize the value of beavers in our wetlands, and elevate their legal status to protected wildlife.

It's time to honor our state animal for its ongoing service.