

Submitter: Crystal Groves

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure: HB3390

I am opposed to HB 3390. Trapping is a long standing heritage for many citizens, a craft passed on through the generations. Trappers are indeed a minority group. There aren't enough trappers to negatively impact wildlife numbers and is strictly regulated already. Trapping is beneficial to manage certain species of fur bearers such as beaver, that when overpopulated take down trees along shore lines, leading to erosion. This negatively impacts shorelines and excessive sediment. This can cause increased sediment in potential fish spawning grounds, such as salmon and steelhead. This is just one example of the chain of events from one species. Taking away the ability for trappers to sell furs would mean that they would go to waste. Many trappers maintain this heritage to also fill a gap in income. So taking away the ability to sell fur takes away income and would eventually lead to the dying out of this uncommon but historical art.