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Why only in Southwestern Oregon? What is different about the predation of salmon in southwestern Oregon versus the rest of the state? And why only salmon? Other fish species have predators as well. Why aren't we protecting them?

Salmon have had predators since before humans were living in the area. Salmon populations survived back then it seems to me they can survive now. The focus should be on restoring salmon breeding grounds. With larger populations predators will have less of an impact.

Also of concern are the provisions that supplant the endangered species act. I am not an expert on the ESA but federal law does trump state law as I recall so I am concerned about the legality of sections (3) and (4).