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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

I fully support HB 3932.

“It proposes beaver hunting and trapping closure in waterways on public lands the DEQ classifies as impaired so they can provide the ecosystem services and improve water quality.”

I am a 3rd generation Oregonian, my grandfather was born in Oregon, and my dad, myself, and my son were all born in Salem. I am 76 now, and grew up in Salem, and went to different creeks, streams and rivers throughout the Willamette valley throughout my childhood with my dad and my uncle, fishing, exploring and camping. I saw many beaver dams and collected plenty of beaver sticks. Often my uncle, dad's oldest brother, would sit with me while my dad fished, and we would watch the beavers work on their house from a good distance away. He would explain what the beavers were doing and how it helped the streams and the fish. After I retired from the Army and we moved back to Oregon I tried to repeat my childhood experiences while taking my son fishing in the early 90's. We hardly ever saw any beaver or beaver sign, and I had a hard time ever finding him a beaver stick. Please halt the beaver hunting and trapping by passing this measure. Thank you.