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On Behalf Of:

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Beavers are an important ally in our fight against climate change. Wetlands support important benefits, called ecosystem services, that impact our day-to-day lives, including clean drinking water, flood protection, and recreational opportunities.

Beavers create wetlands that are far more stable and ecologically diverse than any man-made wetlands.

In our coastal area, beaver trapping has led to depletion of important Sitka spruce swamp wetlands and we have lost critical protection for salmonid species and groundwater supplies.

As our state mammal, beavers deserve protection; please support HB 3932.

Thank you for your consideration.