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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Most of Oregon's waterways struggle with water quality issues, with many deemed "impaired" by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). One of the most important ecosystem services that beavers provide is in addressing water quality issues. Scientific research and literature has shown that beaver dam complexes and floodplains help to address four of the top five factors - they are nature's solution, and they tackle these issues free of charge. Therefore, I would urge you to vote in favor of HB 3932. This will prohibit a person from taking a beaver on waters or watersheds, or within 200 feet of said waters, that are classified as impaired. With this action we will hopefully restore both a healthy beaver population and healthy watersheds--a win-win situation! Thanks! --Lisa Olsen