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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

I join the Oregon Natural Desert Association in asking you to 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. The bill does not apply to private lands. The bill provides an off-ramp from these regulations. If a stream is removed from DEQ's category 4 or 5 for six consecutive years, the ODFW Commission can change regulations and open that particular stream to the hunting and trapping of beavers. It allows for the take of beaver on public lands in instances of damage caused by beavers on adjacent private lands. Please support this common sense bill that will provide reasonable protections for beavers, Oregon's state animal. Thank you!