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HB 3932 would temporarily close beaver trapping where they are needed most: on waters the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has determined have “impaired” water quality. Nearly one-third of Oregon’s stream miles are listed as impaired, contending with elevated water temperatures and high levels of sedimentation, toxins or other pollutants. Research has shown that beavers are incredibly effective at improving water quality—if we leave them in peace to do their work.

When beavers thrive, they benefit a host of other species, including human communities. Beavers improve stream health, increase climate resilience, and promote fire resistance.

The world needs more wildlife for the health and welfare of humanity. Humans need wildlife more than they need us.