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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Dear Rep Marsh, Sen Gorsek, Sen Golden, Sen Pham, and members of the House House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 3932, which restricts the hunting and trapping of beaver on waterways classified as impaired by Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

I am a land owner of forty years in Baker County, with a quarter mile reach of East Pine Creek flowing year round across our property.

I am also a water user, taking irrigation water from Five Point Ditch (I also serve as Vice President of our ditch company), a member of the Pine Valley Irrigators Association, and a volunteer conducting water quality sampling for the Powder Basin Watershed Council.

In sum, a fully functioning watershed is crucial to our lands and to a diverse array of flora, fauna, and fungal residents.

While relatively small in scope and limited to public lands within Oregon, this measure helps ensure that the growing tax payer and private investments in restoring water quality and quantity by re introducing beaver populations into these watersheds will not be undermined or stranded by trapping or hunting activities.

I consider it irresponsible for the State of Oregon to allow a public good, as realized by beaver re introduction, to be compromised by the private gains of a relatively few individuals who might personally benefit from their "harvest".

Thank you,
Mike Beaty
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