

To whom it may concern.

I am an Oregon resident and live in Eastern Oregon. I have been made aware of this bill 3932 that is trying to be passed in our state. This is not a good bill. I trap beaver for issues that they cause on our river systems and creeks in Eastern Oregon. They also cause issues with our irrigation canals and ditches that feed our crops. I have lost crucial shrubs, plants, and trees that prevent erosion and thousands of dollars in corn due to the damage that they do in our fields.

Since the fur market has tanked on the beaver, the populations have exploded. By trying to introduce a bill like 3932 is not conservation based. You are not helping the species and you are hurting another. The trapper/harvest of beaver has been your best tool of conservation since the fur trade began.

We have government trappers that attempt to stay on top of these animals, but they can't take care of everyone at once. That's why I go through the legal steps to be able to maintain the populations on my own ground and my neighbors. Our largest river system that we have over on the east side of the state is the Snake River. There are literally hundreds of beavers on this water system. Only a few people like me still trap beaver on the Snake River. We take extra care to make sure that our sets are humane, consistent with Oregon Trapping Laws and we only take what we need. A good conservationist benefits from the land but does not take more than they need and to keep numbers in check for the future.

By putting in this bill, you are not saving the beaver. You just make it worse.

Thank you for your time.

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