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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

I am writing to ask that you please support HB 3932 so we can allow beavers to help restore Oregon's thousands of miles of impaired waterways for free.

As long-time resident of Portland, OR, I am constantly in awe of the beauty that exists in our state. From the humble nature parks of the suburbs to the majestic old-growth forests and all it's inhabitants, it is all an invaluable part of what makes the PNW so special and must be protected at all costs. Beavers are an essential part of that. Not only are they invaluable to our natural ecosystem, beavers are also a key player in addressing our water quality issues through the engineering of their dam processes. We are in dire need of the services they provide, as over 100,000 miles of Oregon's waterways are in poor health.

That said, I am in support of measure HB 3932 which would close beaver hunting and trapping in waterways on public lands that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) classifies as impaired so they can help improve water quality and restore habitat.