

Submitter: Brad Barcroft

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Beavers are already regulated by the state requiring a special fur bearing licensing and course work to obtain that license and a specific seasons that a person can hunt or trap for them. Taking the management of this species out of the control of wildlife biologists and putting the decision in the hands of elected officials that know little to nothing about the current laws that are in place to regulate the population is a mistake. Beavers are very territorial and when left unchecked by wildlife management they will quickly spread creating more and more damage to roads, culverts and other public and private infrastructure costing the public untold amounts of money. There will always be nuisance animals and by nature they cut down trees and vegetation and dig out mud from riverbanks to build dams. While in my case two years ago a beaver in 2 nights cut down 2 apple trees that had taken me nearly 20 years of effort cultivating and selective pruning to grow into productive trees on my rural property. Once a beaver builds a pond and raises offspring they kick them out to go build ponds of their own. They will not let them coexist in the same pond Past a certain age. People in the cities think they are cute and should be protected without understanding the huge amount of damage that each and every one b causes. This species is not endangered and doesn't need special protection to survive in Oregon. The public should be able to regulate the population under the current law. Please join those people who have common sense and oppose this bill and the massive mess that will be made by passing this legislation.