

Submitter: Megan Lockwood

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

To Whom this may concern,

First my name is Megan Lockwood, an avid outdoors women. I am chairman for the National Trappers Association's She Side, active professional representative of Women of the Wild non profit organization, active member/scorer for Ohio's Buckeye Big Buck club, and active member Ohio State Trappers Association. I believe I have the education and experience to voice about this proposed bill HB 3932, even as a non-resident of Oregon.

I strongly oppose HB 3932, Beaver trapping should be maintained with science-based best management practices, and not be left up legislation to decide the best ways to manage this specific fur bearer. With continued full oversight by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), the department made from wildlife and ecocology professionals will to set seasons, quotas, and regulations on state and federal public lands will continue to manage destructive beaver populations on public ground.

HB3932 represents an unnecessary legislative overreach into wildlife management decisions that Oregon has wisely delegated to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Commission. Governor Tina Kotek's appointees, confirmed by the Oregon Senate, are qualified professionals responsible for sustainably managing wildlife, including beaver populations through the comprehensive ODFW Beaver Management Plan.

Beaver trapping on public lands allows species specific management, along with land management solutions at little to no cost to the state of Oregon. Allowing residents and non residents to help control local species populations, providing some forestry management by removing animals that cut and feed off young and mature trees, trapping helps limit property damage caused by beavers, trapping also provides revenue to the state of Oregon through license and permit sales. Not only is beaver trapping beneficial to the ecosystem, beavers provide renewable resources in many forms. Pelts for warmth or the sale of the pelts for supplemental income for the outdoorsman. The carcass can provide food for human consumption or can be used as a raw diet for your K-9 companions.

In conclusion, HB 3932 takes away from proper management of beaver on public land. HB3932 unnecessarily politicizes wildlife management already effectively

handled by ODFW. Oregon's science-based conservation practices through the laws and regulations should stay in the control of ODFW professionals. Again, I strongly oppose of HB 3932 as a non-resident to Oregon.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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