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This bill presents conflicting issues when thinking more than just a single specie. The National Marine Fisheries Service has rules and regulations for listed Coho salmon that would conflict with studies supporting the ban of trapping beaver on said lands. Beavers can bring some beneficial factors to a stream but they can also cause a whole host of other issues for a drainage. Beaver dams can move channels around and completely inhibit upstream and downstream passage. Coho are not the only species affected as well. Chinook, steelhead, and many others are also directly affected.

I suggest leaving the regulations to ODFW and oppose this bill. Forcing ODFW to adopt rules without scientific proof it provides a net gain for the ecosystem would be a failure.