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Beaver are abundant in all of Oregon's waterways with adequate habitat and trapping has no effect on their abundance. I have lived in eastern Oregon since 1982 and have observed individual beaver populations increase or decrease based on food available not trapping pressure. Many of the streams in Lake County have no beaver trapping pressure because there are very few trappers in our county interested in beaver. The concepts presented in this bill were presented to Oregon's Wildlife Commission in 2024 as a petition to outlaw beaver trapping on public land. The Commission chose to deny the petition and that decision was based on a thorough review of the science which showed the rule was not warranted. I would urge you to believe that science and take no further action on HB 3932. Thank you for considering my comments, Craig L. Foster