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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Chair Golden and members of committee,
I urge you to support HB3932! As a 46 yr Oregonian, I am advocating for our precious waterways. HB 3932 targets more than 106,390 miles of rivers and streams categorized by DEQ as impaired waterways. The bill proposes closing hunting and trapping of beavers on waterways on public lands that are already deemed impaired by DEQ. There is robust scientific evidence that shows beaver dam complexes can address many water quality issues such as temperature, sedimentation, and low levels of dissolved oxygen.

ODFW's 2023 data showed that only 4% of beaver harvest is taking place on public lands. This is NOT about banning trapping or increasing beaver populations; rather it is about allowing beavers to disperse to public lands and stay there long enough to perform their ecological functions without getting trapped out.

Do the right thing. Allow nature to take it's course. Stand for beavers and not lobby groups that do not have our healthy water ways as their priority. Beavers are integral to healthy waterways. Beavers need protection. Beavers are Oregon's treasure. Please, stand for Beavers to do their natural part in creating dams that help make our rivers and streams thrive and then create a responsive monitoring program to enforce the measure. I am counting on you as a public servant to stand for our waterways and our precious, hard working beavers.