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On Behalf Of:	Oregon Trappers
Committee:	Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire
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As a trapper with a degree in biology, I can speak first hand on the devastating effect of beaver overpopulation. I'm currently trapping in an area that has been severely damaged by beavers. Dams are choking out trout spawning habitat, creating oxygen depleted, silted stretches that are swamps with hair algae and giardia. These waters are NOT clean. Trees are dead, willows are drown out and mud is deeper than my hip boots. These are not "fish factories" as some have said. There may be a few frogs, or an occasional salamander but a fish cannot live in these dead waters. Beavers have their place, like all animals, but numbers must be managed and trapping is the most effective means. Please consider my position from a trapper's and scientific position, and stop this legislation.

Sincerely
William Garcia