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As a life-long resident of Oregon I oppose this measure. ODFW has managed the State's furbearers for over a hundred years. Through their super management the various furbearer populations in Oregon have never been better- both population and health wise. Beaver populations have never been greater and continue to expand. Well regulated harvests are carefully monitored by ODFW. This allows the proud tradition of licensed qualified trappers both old and young to continue to harvest beavers allowing populations to be kept in check and also allowing the State's children to learn traditional ways of trapping and preparing beaver skins for needed use. Banning or limiting where beavers can be harvested in areas that are already carefully managed by ODFW will only further limit the opportunities for today's youth to learn these traditional ways. Leave wildlife management to the ODFW professionals that has been working for generations and let's continue the proud traditions that allow Oregon's licensed and trained trappers to continue our traditional ways and not let them to be slowly lost to the generations that are still to come in today's modern world. Please do not allow this proposal to move forward! No reason to fix something that has been working for generations and is not broken now!