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I live in Wallowa County where we have beaver closures on six rivers and creeks five of them for over seventy years. During those closures there has been no increase in beaver numbers proving that closing beaver trapping has no effect on beaver populations. Oregon requires trappers to submit numbers of beavers taken and whether they were taken on public or private land. Since this requirement was instituted no more than four percent of beaver taken were caught on public land. That means ninety-six percent of beaver are taken on private land while Oregon has over fifty percent public land. There is no empirical data to support closing beaver trapping on public land. Beaver are managed by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The supporters of HB 3932 come from urban areas and wish to take the management from ODFW who have trained professionals hired to do the job. Please do not let this bill move forward.