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

Dear Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire,

I am reaching out to you to ask you to support HB 3932 which would prohibit trapping and hunting of beaver on waterways on public lands which are in poor condition/disrepair. The natural damming and digging behavior of beavers provide benefits to our waterways that improve the water flow and also filter toxins. Sadly more than 60% of Oregon's waterways suffer from degraded conditions and 66% are classified as 'impaired'.

Beavers can and do and will continue to improve our waterways for free. Passing HB3932 will enhance their populations and provide services the DEQ does not have funding for. This bill is obviously a sensible solution to a financial and ecological problem. The minority of Oregonians who enjoy killing beaver should not stand in the way of providing clean water for the rest of the population.

VOTE YES ON HB 3932. There is no question of the positive cost to benefit ratio of passing this bill.

Thank you,

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