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I have been a trapper for over 45 years. Trapping is a valuable and nessasary tool used to manage wildlife and especially Beavers. Wildlife management should be determined by qualified wildlife biologists, setting trapping seasons and harvest numbers for specific areas. Not, by blanket protection of species for emotional reasons. Beavers can become over populated in an area, causing damage to trees and habitat. This may also cause hardship for the local population when their food supply is diminished. Regulated harvest of populations maintains healthy animals and habitat. Trapping is also a recreational activity that has a historical and cultural background.