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As a registered nuisance wildlife trapper in the state of Michigan, I get requests year round to do more beaver removal jobs than all other wildlife species combined - and that is in a state that has an open fur harvester trapping season on beaver that is 5 months in duration. I do lethal beaver removal work for local, county, and state government agencies that pay me to provide a service that a licensed fur trapper would be capable of doing free of charge during the fur harvester season when the pelts are prime and usable. I have the luxury of being old enough to remember when the beaver were not as plentiful in Michigan and regulations restricted the catch by fur harvesting trappers - the abundance of beaver now, coupled with a reduction in fur trapper numbers, has created a situation that is costing property owners and government agencies a significant amount of money due the flooding, burrowing, and tree damage caused by beaver. Good luck to the people of Oregon dealing with the consequences of banning beaver trapping by fur harvester's who provide a management tool at little to no cost to the taxpayers of the state.

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