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

In 1937 the Oregon Legislature turned over management of the state's beaver to the Game Commission which via the ODFW has successfully done so since then. By 1950, according to game commission reports, the state was fully stocked with beaver wherever habitat existed for them. The same is true today.

There is no reason for the legislature 88 years later to get back into beaver management. It's what we have the ODFW for. But for some head scratching reason the sponsors of HB3932 have chose to try a go-around to the agency tasked with their management.

HB3932 does nothing to help beaver, does none of the things its sponsors claim it will, and would create chaos deciding what is open and closed. In addition I can tell you that beaver trappers catch a significant amount of invasive nutrias in the pursuit of beaver. I can assure you that nutria with their digging and burrowing are considered detrimental to our waterways health.

Responsible managed trapping does not hurt beaver populations. The take of some beaver helps to keep a population stable and disease free. You learn that in Wildlife Science 101.

Please vote no on HB3932.