

As a citizen, I support House Bill 2844. Beavers and the work they do across the landscape for water sequestration, habitat enhancement for a myriad other species, including salmon, proves their importance in the environment. Beavers are not predators but instead are progenitors of life. New technologies have come into being that discourage their natural inclinations in certain areas and allow for relocation of beavers whose good works are not companionable with certain land users, like farmers. Our state, after all, is the beaver state, so let's act like we mean it, like we love and respect this incredible animal. I have been planting willow along the creek that runs through my ranch specifically for beavers, and am proud that they have taken up residence in my pond. I want ODFW to be able to work with and for beavers, not against them.

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