

As someone who is often called to remove problem animals I understand the permit requirements that result in extra time and paper work it takes to complete the job of removing wildlife causing damage to personal property. The current laws regarding beaver allow problem beaver to be taken care of without adding more work for property owners to complete a permit system, more work for ODFW employees to complete another permit and possibly the need for the employee to take the time to review the damage in order to approve the permit. Every time you try to alleviate a problem that does not exist you waste taxpayer money and cause extra work for everyone involved. This is another example of urban people trying to control how people in the rural sector do business and protect their property.

While we are in the midst of a pandemic and Portland continues to burn the Legislature should not be passing legislation that adds more cost and time for an already strapped Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. It appears there are many groups currently trying to take advantage of the pandemic to push legislation which would support their agenda and at the same time make life more difficult for rural property owners and Oregon's sporting community as well. Please have the good sense to not change the status of beaver.