

Submitter: Jeffrey Kohne

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3464

To Whom It May Concern,

I am an Oregon resident who enjoys outdoor activities including paddling sports. As a volunteer for 2 separate riverkeeper organizations, I have observed our state animal (the beaver) on many occasions in its native environment. These magnificent animals deserve the protections afforded by HB3464. Namely, that they not be considered a "predatory animal" or a destructive "rodent". On the contrary, the natural effect Beavers have on the environment is positive as it provides improved aquatic habitat for fish and other creatures which provides climate resilience. I am also in favor of the new rules proposed by HB3464 governing the reporting of beaver control as managed by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Respectfully,
Jeff Kohne, West Linn OR