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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3464

HB 3464 is common-sense legislation that would remove the predatory animal designation from beavers in Oregon. Beavers are critically important to restoring our environment. They are a keystone species that creates wetlands and wet meadows that provide habitat for salmon and other species, sequester carbon, and create natural firebreaks.

HB 3464 will allow ODFW to begin to manage beaver on private land in Oregon, as it does other wildlife species. It will also prompt the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to establish a system for beaver management and beaver removal on private lands and will allow ODFW and the Commission to promote the use of non-lethal beaver management tools before resorting to lethal removal by setting standards for when beavers can be removed, creating a reporting system on beaver removals in the state, and require landowners to report beaver killings to ODFW so the state can have a better picture of the landscape and make effective decisions to minimize harmful impacts of wildfires.

Clearly, beavers are not predators but protectors of our precious environment. Please vote YES.

Most sincerely,
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