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I am in support of House Bill # 3464 which changes Beavers from being listed as "Predators". This classification makes it all too easy to kill and remove any and all beavers on any whim.

Beavers are historically part of many ecosystems across all of Oregon and the removal of them has only added to problems of stream and streamside degradation leading to loss of fish, vital insects that need pools to reproduce in, the chain effect of loss of food and habitat for many birds as well.

Much of the time, beavers will move back into areas on their own if allowed to do so which has had positive outcomes, and where they have been reintroduced by human efforts, the ecosystems there have rebounded and "upgraded" there as well.

Thanks- Paul Howard