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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Dear House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment,

Please vote YES ON HB 3923. Beavers are a keystone species and crucial to the environment. We need beavers as they help restore our impaired waterway in many ways. As a biologist for a large city, I see the impacts of stormwater pollution on our streams regularly. Governments spend millions of dollars trying to restore our watersheds and beavers will do it for free! Please end the hunting of beavers on public lands!

In the field, I regularly see beaver dams and know these structures are slowing flow, restoring the water table, filtering toxins and creating riparian habitat for many species including birds and salmon. We need beavers, they are not pests to be killed.

Thank you in advance for considering my comments.