



Engaging landowners in beaver coexistence: a social science study

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Project Question

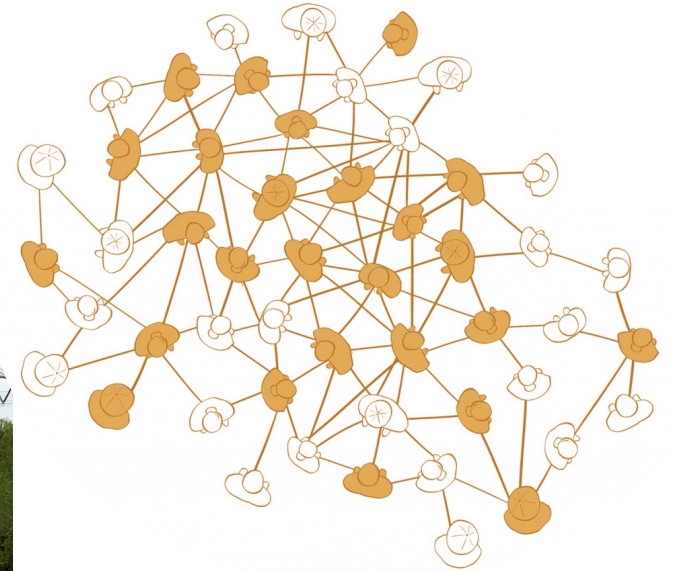
How can private landowners be supported to take coexistence actions that are mutually beneficial for their needs and beaver populations in Oregon?

Coexistence as restoration + conflict management

Project Approach

1. Systematic scoping of ongoing efforts: baseline interviews and social network analysis
2. Facilitating dialogues among practitioners: problem-solving as a community of practice
3. Wrapping up: reflections on learning

Potential directions



Revisions to Project Design

1. Focusing on using research to foster dialogue that supports on-the-ground work
2. Balancing structure with flexibility to allow practitioner leadership
 - Opportunities to focus on different types of landowners, specific behaviors, barriers to action, etc.
3. Reducing the size of the budget while increasing the team's expertise

ODFW Beaver Habitat Action Plan

ODFW Mission

To protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations.

Beaver Habitat and Beaver-Modified Landscapes Action Plan Overarching Goal

To identify immediate, priority actions that ODFW staff will undertake to accelerate the restoration of beaver-modified habitat at the landscape-scale in Oregon.

Supporting Pillars

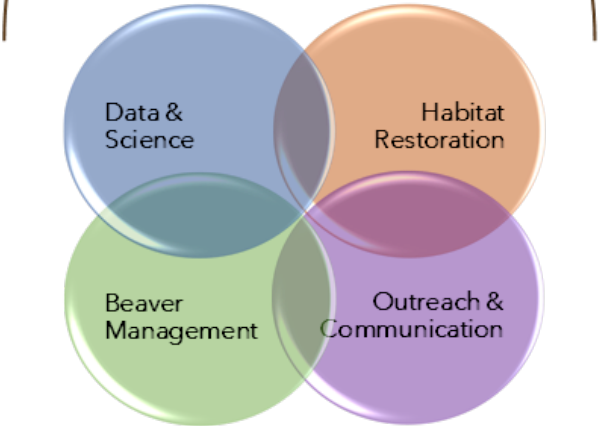
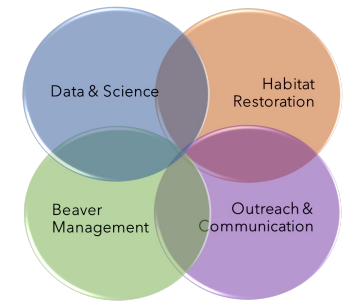


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Pillar 4: Outreach & Communication



Goal: Increase awareness of the benefits of beaver and beaver-modified habitat. Increase implementation of human-beaver coexistence strategies across Oregon.

Core Action

4A Coexistence: Coordinate with Oregon State University to conduct a social science study to develop, refine and test engagement strategies for working with private landowners to a) increase participation in beaver-related habitat restoration and b) increase adoption of non-lethal techniques for managing human-beaver conflict.



Questions and discussion