

June 28th Beaver Management Work Group Meeting Feedback

Thank you for your participation on the ODFW Beaver Management Work Group. We value your input and feedback. Please take a few moments to fill out this survey.

1. On a scale of 1 to 5, how did the first Beaver Management Work Group go for you? 5= very well and 1=not very well

1 - Not very well 5 - Very well

2. We appreciate any feedback you have about the meeting.

Key Issues to Address

As discussed and agreed upon in our first meeting, the focus of the group will be to look at trapping of beaver on federal lands. With this in mind, we are seeking your input on the priorities for which key questions to address in this work group. Please note, these key questions were gathered from the convening interviews held with all of you. The key questions are grouped by topic. Although some questions may not appear to directly answer questions about trapping beaver on federal lands, some group members have suggested that answering them may be helpful context to help the group develop recommendations.

3. Management: Please select your top five priority questions related to Management below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. How are beaver managed now? Who has what authority? What needs to change about how beavers are managed? | <input type="checkbox"/> 9. What incentives are there for landowners to keep beavers on the landscape? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. How can federal land managers work to improve beaver habitat? | <input type="checkbox"/> 10. How can we work with beavers to manage landscapes? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. What are the roles of the federal land management agency (habitat management) vs. the state (population monitoring and harvest management) vs. federal trapping (USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS))? | <input type="checkbox"/> 11. How can we relocate beaver successfully? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. What are the costs and benefits of the state managing a furbearer program? | <input type="checkbox"/> 12. What are side boards for salmon recovery and how do they influence beaver management? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Do we need to manage the impacts of beaver on the landscape? | <input type="checkbox"/> 13. We need to rethink predatory classification – what is the history? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. How can we create a healthier beaver population? | <input type="checkbox"/> 14. How can we bridge the siloes that exist for beaver management and coordinate with managers on and off federal land including the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), Department of State Lands (DSL), Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) and Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. How do we restore beaver into unoccupied habitat? | <input type="checkbox"/> 15. How are other states managing beaver? What can we learn from them? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8. What are the co-existence tools for beaver management? Are non-lethal options used enough? | |

Any additional comments?

4. Data Gathering and Gaps: Please select your top five priority questions related to Data Gathering and Gaps below:

- 1. Do we know enough about the current beaver population to know if/where we need to improve or maintain the beaver population?
- 2. What are all the factors that impact beaver population? Do we have the data on predation, trapping, disease, etc.?
- 3. What are impacts of translocation on beaver disease?
- 4. What does optimal beaver habitat look like in Oregon? What are the actual habitat requirements, and the amount and location of suitable beaver habitat in the state? Do we really understand the habitat requirements of beavers? Slope, stream width, abiotic factors, etc.?
- 5. Why do some beavers build dams and others burrow into banks?
- 6. What are the parameters for beaver to be transient or more durable residents? Why do some beavers move?
- 7. Is the habitat available today different from historic habitat?
- 8. Do beavers cause harm to fish?
- 9. What are we losing by having low beaver numbers?
- 10. What are the human impacts on beaver populations (roads, development, encroachment, ag/forestry)?
- 11. What are ideas for collecting data from private landowners that are not burdensome?
- 12. How can we work with trappers to learn more about the beaver populations?

Additional Comments?

5. Impact on Landscape/Environment: Please select your top three priority questions related to Impacts on Landscape/Environment below:

- 1. How do beaver's features on the landscape benefit/impact the landscape?
- 2. How do we get more dams in the areas where they are beneficial? What are the conditions needed for dam building?
- 3. How do beavers impact landowners: forestry, drainage, roads, cattle grazing, etc.?
- 4. What are the limiting factors to beaver ponds on the landscape?
- 5. What other species are benefiting from beaver presence and beaver dams?
- 6. Is there a way to protect beavers located in critical habitat for endangered species?

Additional Comments?

6. Trapping: Please select your top three priority questions related to Trapping below:

- 1. How does trapping impact beaver population dynamics and beaver behavior? Is trapping density dependent?
- 2. Is beaver trapping a key limitation to beavers building dams?
- 3. When could periodic trapping closures be helpful?
- 4. Is the beaver trapping ban a science question or social question?
- 5. How do we reduce suffering?
- 6. How have trapping bans in other places affected beaver populations and habitats? What are the consequences of a trapping ban?
- 7. How many trappers are out there?
- 8. How many beavers are being trapped?
- 9. How do trapped areas compare to non-trapping areas? What are the effects on the landscape?

Additional Comments?

7. Are there other questions that are missing that could help you/the group to address the topic of trapping beaver on federal lands? Please list any below:

8. Out of all the questions listed above, are there questions that you would like to volunteer to find answers, bringing resources forward for the group? If so, which ones?

Charter Review

Please carefully review the following sections of the charter and provide edits or feedback. We will review your input and discuss the charter as a group at the upcoming ODFW Beaver Management Work Group Meeting.

Mission/Purpose

The Beaver Management Work Group will develop recommendations to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission to consider regarding ODFW policies, practices, and programs relating to beaver trapping on federal lands in Oregon.

Scope of Authority

The Work Group will focus on current and historical approaches by the ODFW for beaver management within the agency's scope of authority. The Work Group may include consideration of other local, state, and federal agencies as well NGO's programs and policies as they relate to greater coordination, communication, and potential partnerships to address beaver trapping on federal lands.

9. How does the Mission/Purpose and Scope of Authority look to you? Do you have any suggestions or edits?

Here are my suggestions:

Support

The Beaver Management Work Group is supported by a facilitation team from Kearns & West. Agendas and meeting materials will be developed by the project team project team comprised of the facilitation team, ODFWC representatives, and lead ODFW staff with input from the Work Group. Agendas and materials will be distributed by the facilitation team to the Work Group the week prior to a meeting. Meeting summaries will be distributed to the Work Group within one week after each meeting.

The facilitation team will coordinate with Work Group members by email and phone to schedule meetings, coordinate logistics, and distribute meeting information and materials. Work Group members will do their best to respond to requests for scheduling and other coordination in a reasonable amount of time.

10. How does the Support section look to you? Do you have any suggestions or edits?

11. Meeting Guidelines: This is a list of commonly used meeting protocols, please indicate your level of support or propose an alternative. Use the "Other" row to propose additional protocols you would find helpful.

	Agree	Disagree (see why below)	I propose an alternative (see below)
Fully participate in Work Group meetings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Come prepared for meetings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participate in an open and mutually respectful way	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Serve as a liaison to your larger community of interest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Act in good faith	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please add your suggested protocol changes; proposed protocols or other suggestions here:

12. Decision Process: We propose the Work Group make decisions using a consensus scale of Green/ 1 finger (fully support); Yellow/2 fingers (support with reservations that we have tried to meet but cannot); Red/3 fingers (do not support and will propose alternatives for consideration)

- Agree with this approach
- Supportive but have questions/concerns about this approach (see comments below)
- Disagree with this approach and suggest an alternative (see comments below)

Questions/Concerns or alternatives for consideration:

Public Input and Presentations to the ODFWC

The Work Group has been appointed by and serves at the will of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission. As such, information about the Work Group including media inquiries, will be managed by the communications team at the ODFW in compliance with state agency communication protocols.

Meeting summaries and Work Group materials will be made publicly available through the ODFW website.

Public notice of presentations about the Work Group to the ODFWC and opportunities for input at ODFWC meetings will be made publicly available as part of regular communications to the public about ODFWC meetings.

Work Group members may be asked to consider presenting updates and outcomes from the Work Group to the ODFWC.

13. Do you agree with this approach to public engagement? Yes/No

Yes

No

If No, Would you suggest a different approach?

14. Ideas, Concerns, Information Needs, Questions: Did we miss something important to you that will help us work together? Let us know!

Thank you again for your participation. We look forward to meeting with you again soon.