

Value Statement and Approach  
ODFW Beaver Management Work Group  
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**ODFW Beaver Work Group - Sub-group proposal for full group consideration**

The sub-group of the Beaver Work Group (Leland, Jefferson, Amy, and Chris – supported by Jamie and Sam) has met twice and developed the following proposed value statement and primary question to answer for the full group's consideration and discussion.

**Proposed shared value statement**

The sub-group thought that starting with a shared value statement would be helpful to guide our conversation.

“We recognize that beaver inhabited floodplains can have positive benefits for the people, fish and wildlife of Oregon”.

**Primary question to answer**

The sub-group also developed the following “primary question” we are trying to address and the related sub questions. The group felt that this is useful to help keep our conversations focused and help us determine what resources (people, organizations, agencies, research papers, etc) the full group needs to address these questions.

How do we maximize the benefit of beaver on the landscape on federal land in Oregon? What is the role of ODFW?

- *Where* can beavers have positive benefits on federal lands in Oregon?
- *What* are the limiting factors to their presence and persistence on federal lands in Oregon?
- *How* do we address the limiting factors?
- *What* are the management options for ODFW and the pros/cons applicability of each?

**Criteria**

The sub-group acknowledged that it will be helpful to develop criteria to assess ideas for how well they address the questions above and aid in formulating recommendations. The sub-group began to outline some ideas for criteria and recognize that more work needs to happen here. A few examples of criteria could include:

- Near term implementable solutions (not just a recommendation for more studies)
- Testing and data collection to inform efficacy
- Adaptive management and ongoing evaluation