

7. How many applications for permits to trap beaver for relocation under [RCW 34.05.313](#) has WDFW processed?
8. How many of these applications have been granted?
9. How many permits for beaver relocation trapping are in effect for the current year?
10. Does the Department participate in partnership with any other public agencies, Indian Tribes, or community groups to relocate beavers to aid in salmon recovery or other conservation goals?
11. What is the status of the rule that is the objective of the Department's beaver relocation permit project?

For additional resources, see:

RCW 77.32.585: Release of wild beavers, which instructs the Department to “permit the release of wild beavers on public and private lands with agreement from the property owner.” The legislative finding for this statute is perhaps the best description of the conservation benefits of beavers. (See <https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=77.32.585>; <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/living/nuisance-wildlife/beaver-relocation#FAQ>)

Beaver: The North American freshwater climate action plan, <https://wires.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/wat2.1592> (“[W]hile the importance of river restoration is clear, beaver-based restoration—for example, strategic coexistence, relocation, and mimicry—remains an underutilized strategy despite ample data demonstrating its efficacy.”) (April 28, 2022)

The Methow Beaver Project, a partnership between the Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation and the Forest Service to benefit watershed function

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Blog/Posts/December-2015/Beaver-reintroduction-a-watershed-success>;
<https://www.methowsalmon.org/methow-beaver-project>

The Skykomish Beaver Project, a partnership among the Tulalip Tribes, UW, the Forest Service, and other agencies to improve salmon habitat

<https://nwtreatytribes.org/beavers-relocated-improve-salmon-habitat/>

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe and Forest Service project in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest to help salmon recovery

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/environment/how-relocating-beavers-in-wa-is-meant-to-help-young-salmon/>