

Beaver Relocation Permit Rule

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Photo Credit: Emily Fairfax

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- + Cold water refugia for anadromous fish
- + Increased amphibian habitat
- + Increased riparian and submerged vegetation abundance and diversity
- + Increased invertebrate, mammal and bird abundance and diversity



Beavers are the
second most
common species for
landowners to report
conflict to WDFW



Photo: Beavers Northwest

WAC 220-440-060

Landowners may kill beavers causing damage on their own property

WAC 220-450-030

It is unlawful to take wildlife from the wild, hold wildlife in captivity, or release wildlife into the wild without a permit

RCW 77.32.585

WDFW permits the release of wild beavers on public or private land



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Citizens are trained to trap, handle and release wildlife



Permittee
Site selection
Oversee subpermittees

Subpermittees
Must be supervised by permittee

WAC 220-450-230

Beaver Relocation Permits: Requirements and Restrictions

- 1. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND GENERAL CRITERIA**
- 2. BEAVER CAPTURE**
- 3. BEAVER HOUSING AND CARETAKING**
- 4. BEAVER RELEASE**
- 5. PERMIT MODIFICATION, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION**

Application Requirements and General Criteria



Beaver Capture



Beaver Housing And Caretaking - Generally Applicable Provisions



Beaver Release



Photo: Kyla West

WAC 220-450-230 Timeline





THANK YOU

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