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Bonnie,

As beaver are already present on the site, there was no need for us to consider beaver relocation in association with this project. With that in mind, beaver relocation was not relevant to the project, and we didn't delve into your questions about how beavers impact water quality. According to the linked Washington State Department of Ecology Website article [Beaver Reintroduction and Watershed Success - Busy mammals support clean water, fire protection and climate response.](#), Ecology is actively studying the impacts of beavers on water quality. The EPA is also studying this topic. The following EPA website link points to additional information about how beavers impact water quality: [How do Beaver Dams Affect Water Quality?](#)

Rather than WDFW act middle-man asking Ecology your questions, it may be best that you reach out to one of the following experts at Ecology who can directly answer your questions plus any follow-up questions that might come to mind.

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Thank you for your interest.

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