

Beaver Relocation Rule: Public Comment

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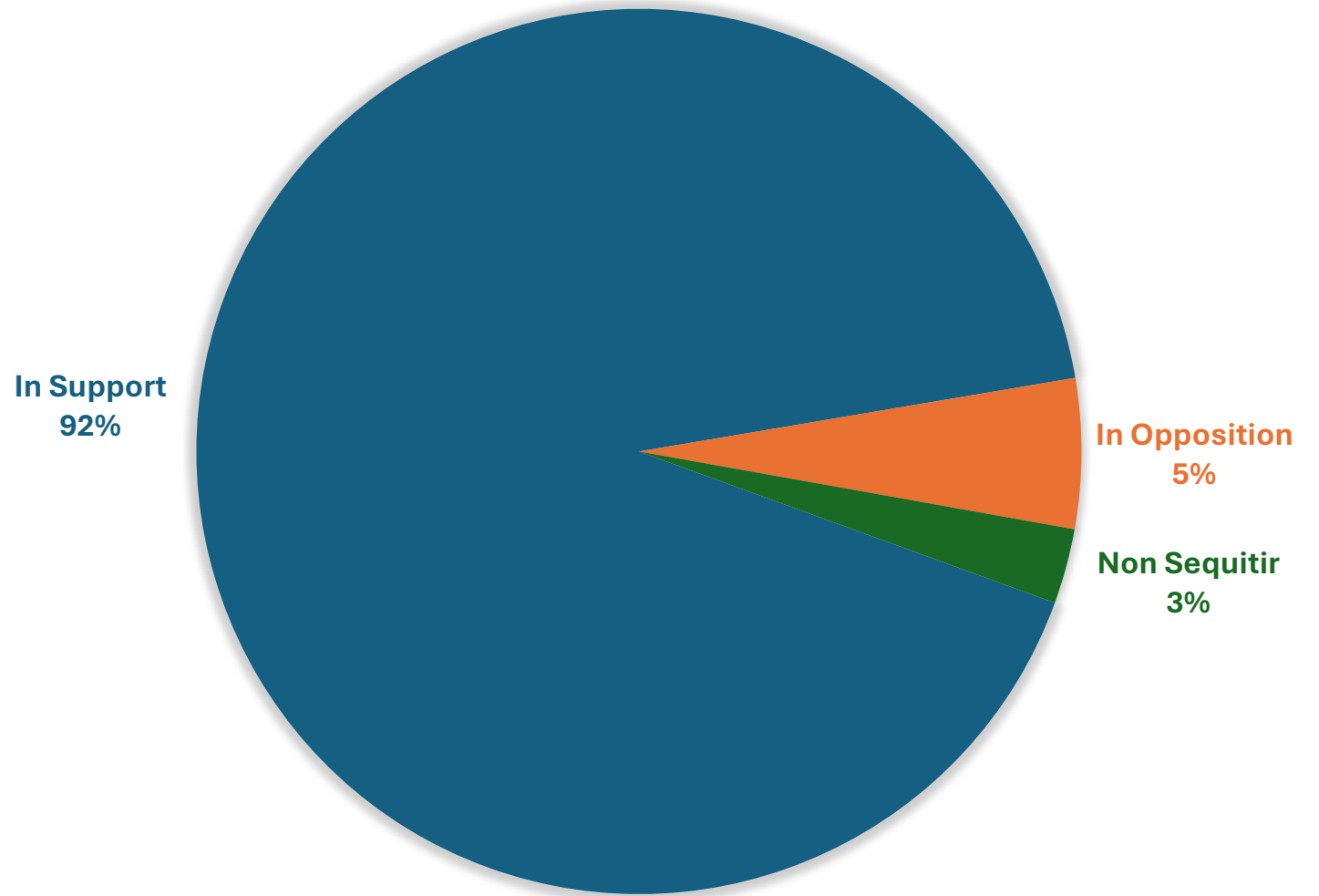
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WAC 220-450-230

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**

72 total written
comments submitted



Public Comment: In Support

- Beaver relocation is a humane option to managing beaver in conflict situations
- Beavers have positive affects on wetlands, salmon habitat, and mitigating climate change – their work should be celebrated
- The Beaver Relocation Program has been successful thus far in helping both beavers and landowners

Public Comment: In Opposition

- Beavers cause too much damage to infrastructure and should always be killed when conflict occurs
- Beavers relocate themselves and need no assistance
- Relocation without restrictions on trapping is futile
- Coexistence guidance is absent

Recommended motion:
**I move that we accept
the adoption of WAC
220-450-230 Beaver
Relocation Permitting**



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