

# ODFW 3-Year Action Plan for Beaver-Modified Landscapes



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# The Action Plan

- Finalized June 2023
- 3-Year implementation plan
  - ODFW's goals, strategic actions, staff leads, and timelines
- Collaborative approach
- Creating tools & shared information to scale up beaver-modified landscape restoration in Oregon

Goal: Accelerate the restoration of beaver habitat and beaver-modified habitat at the landscape-scale in Oregon.



# Pillars of Action

**Goal:** Improve understanding of current beaver presence, constraints on beaver distribution, and the habitat needs of beavers in Oregon.

**Goal:** Improve beaver management.



**Goal:** Advance prioritized beaver and beaver-modified habitat restoration in Oregon.

**Goal:** Increase awareness of the benefits of beaver-modified habitat. Increase implementation of human-beaver coexistence strategies across Oregon.

# Why Beavers?

Beaver dams, pools, & wetlands can provide **life-cycle benefits** to Oregon's Conservation Strategy Species.

May help minimize **limiting factors** of:

- Decreased instream flows
- Decreased habitat complexity & connectivity (instream juvenile rearing, riparian, floodplain, & off-channel habitats)
- Wildfire or flooding impacts



# Voluntary Co-Existence Strategies



Pond leveler

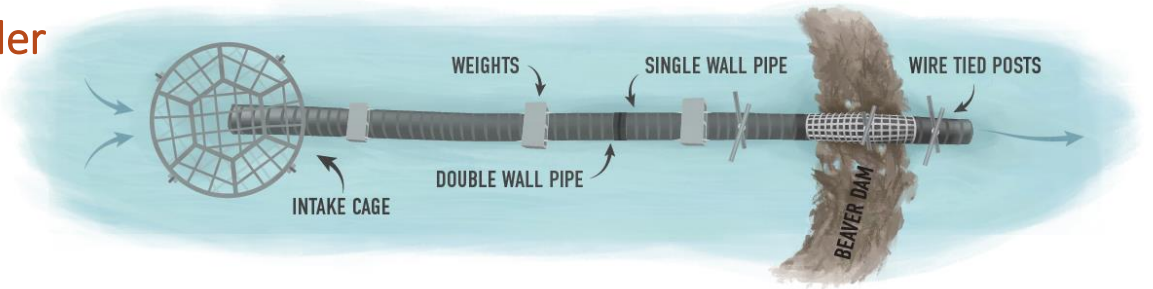
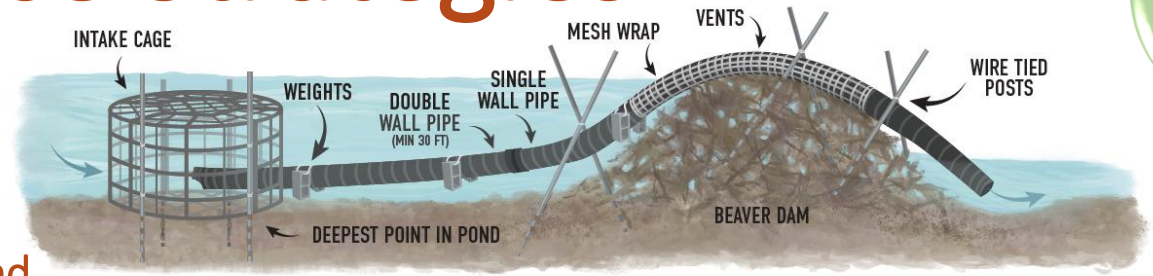


Photo: trwc.org/living-with-beavers

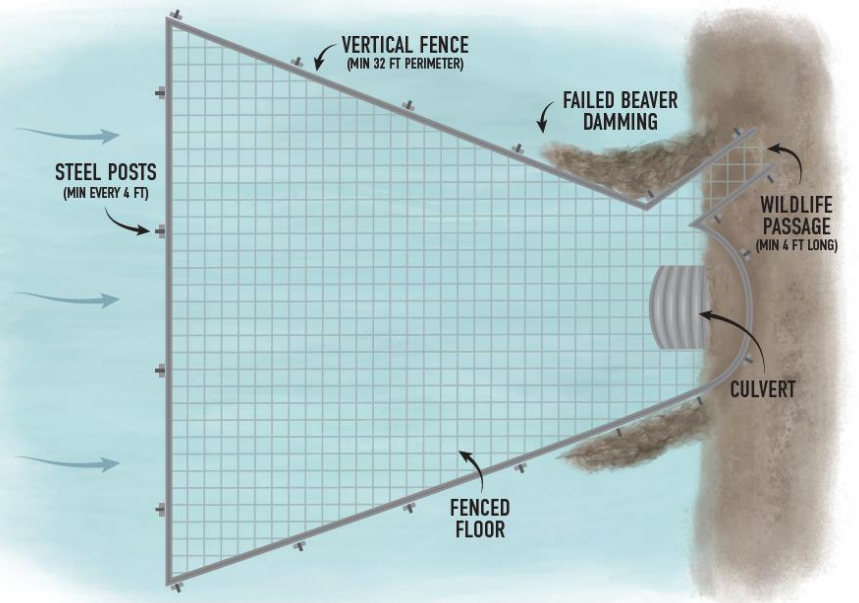


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Trapezoidal culvert fence



Diagrams: Project Beaver

# HB 4014

- HB 4014 would establish a Living with Beavers Grant Program within the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF)
- OCRF was established to carry out activities that protect, maintain, or enhance fish and wildlife in Oregon (HB 2829; 2019)
- Competitive grant solicitation, awarding funds to organizations working directly with landowners to mitigate beaver impacts
- ODFW will conduct specific outreach to practitioners and eligible applicants to shape and promote the grant opportunity

