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Based on the DEQ's current data, the primary factors for a waterway to be deemed impaired are: high water temperature, sedimentation, dissolved oxygen level, biocriteria (health of

invertebrates and shellfish) toxins (along the coast). Scientific research and literature have shown that beaver dam complexes and floodplains help to address four of these top five factors. They are nature's solution and beavers tackle these issues free of charge! This is only one of several important ecosystem services that beavers provide.