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As a Columbia County resident for more than 30 years, and, a hunter-gatherer, i recognize the value of beaver and their contributions to watershed health. Just as Steelhead trout decades ago were reclassified from a commercially harvested 'food fish' , to sport fish and ceased exploitation-for-profit, it's time to treat beaver the same way. Where beaver are not causing 'problems' which is the majority of their range, they are more valuable alive than whatever the pelt price is.