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Wildfire

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My name is Juanita Rinas, and I support protections for beavers on public lands.

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, bio-criteria (health of invertebrates and shellfish) toxins (along the coast).

Scientific research and literature has shown that beaver dam complexes and floodplains help to address four of these top five factors - they are nature's solution, and they tackle these issues free of charge.

Beavers help keep our waterways healthy and reduce fire risk in some areas as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,  
Juanita Rinas