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As a PhD fisheries scientist who has worked extensively on stream restoration and water quality, I can attest to the importance of beavers to improvements to water storage and water quality for those streams where they are protected. In small streams, beavers are quite visible and easily hunted and eliminated from the stream system. For this reason, their protection is paramount to realizing their value to protect water supplies and help watersheds adapt to impacts from climate change. Thank you for considering the scientific value of beavers to our water supplies.