

2024-2026 FURBEARER REGULATIONS

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Outline



Program
Overview

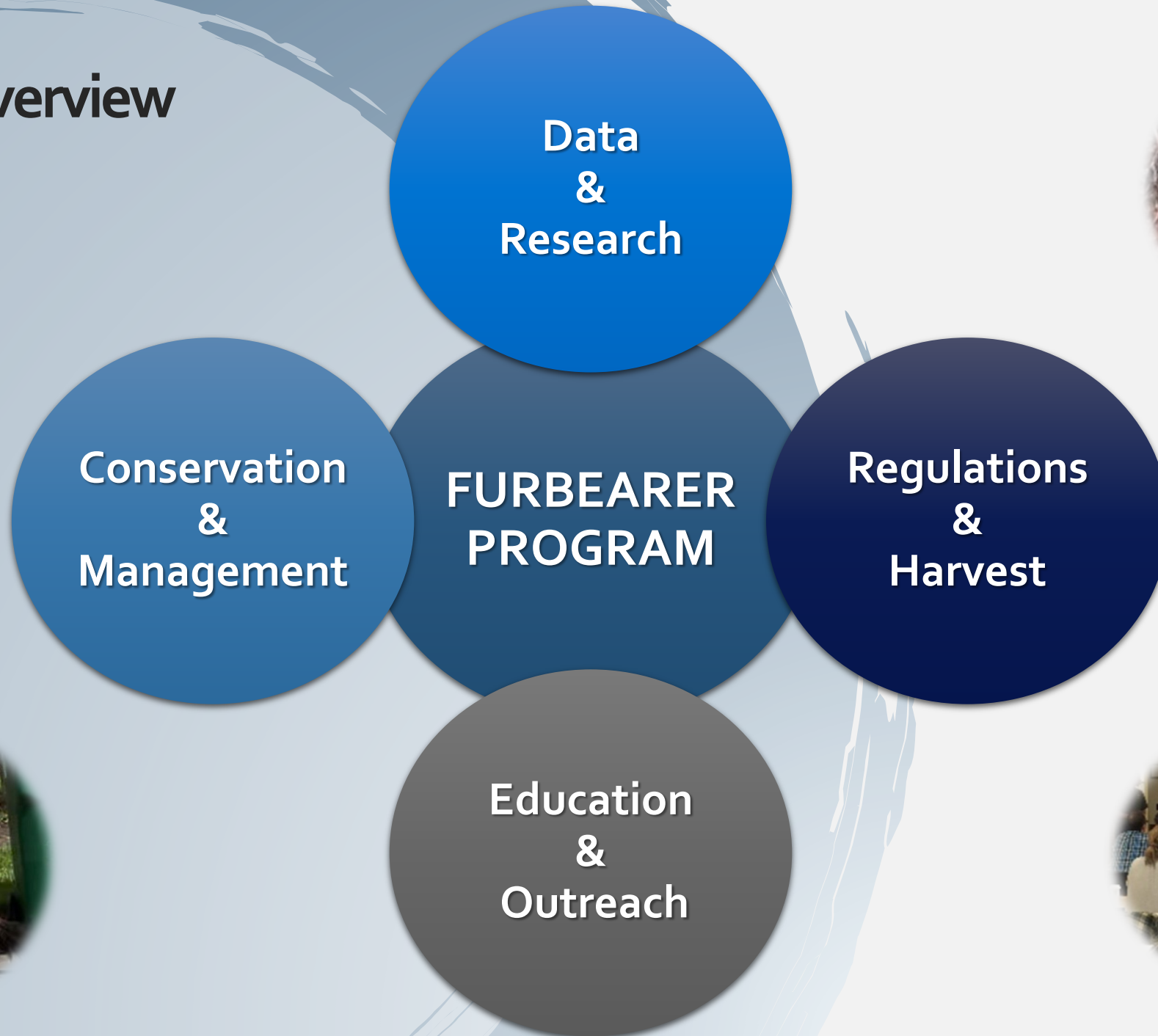


General
Regulations



Species &
Season
Information

Program Overview



General Regulations



Reporting & Check-Ins

- Mandatory Reporting
- Mandatory Check-Ins
- Biological Samples



Public Input

- Trapper Education
- Branded Traps
- Trap design, location, checks
- Area closures



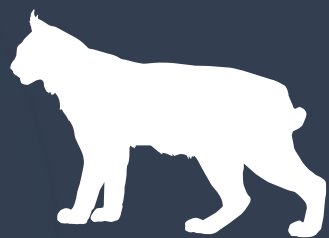
Other Factors

- New Science
- Policy
- Best Management Practices
- Law Enforcement



Staff Propose Maintaining Current General Regulations

SPECIES AND SEASONS



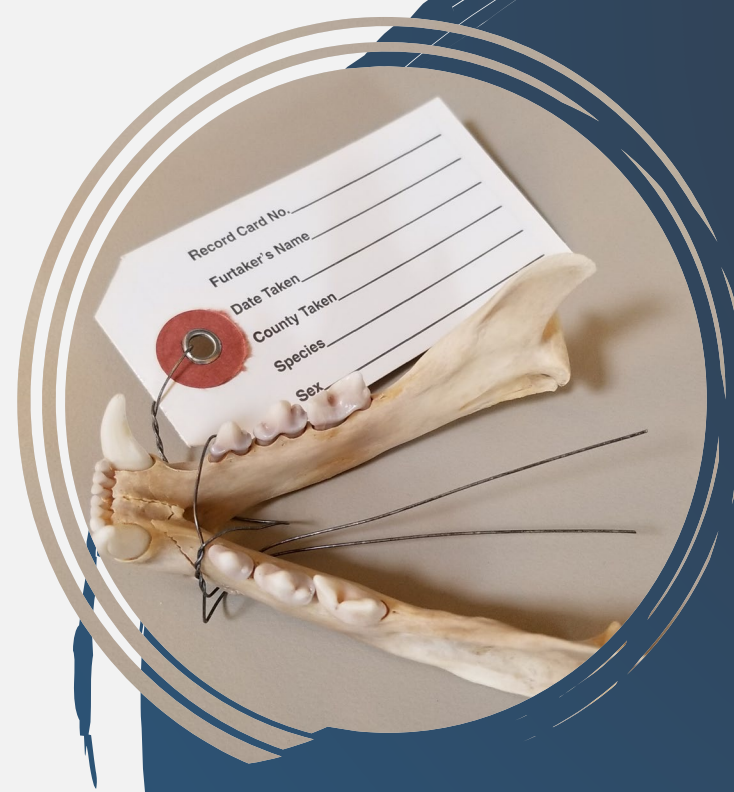
Demographic Structure from Harvest

- Proportion of Females
- Proportion of Juveniles
- Proportion of Adult Females
- Average Age of Harvest

Harvest and Effort

- Harvest, Participation, Effort, and Catch Per Unit Effort

Staff propose no changes to bobcat bag limits



Bobcat

BEAVER

PROGRAM GOALS

BEAVER ACTION PLAN

HARVEST MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT

CONFLICT AND PRIVATE FOREST ACCORD





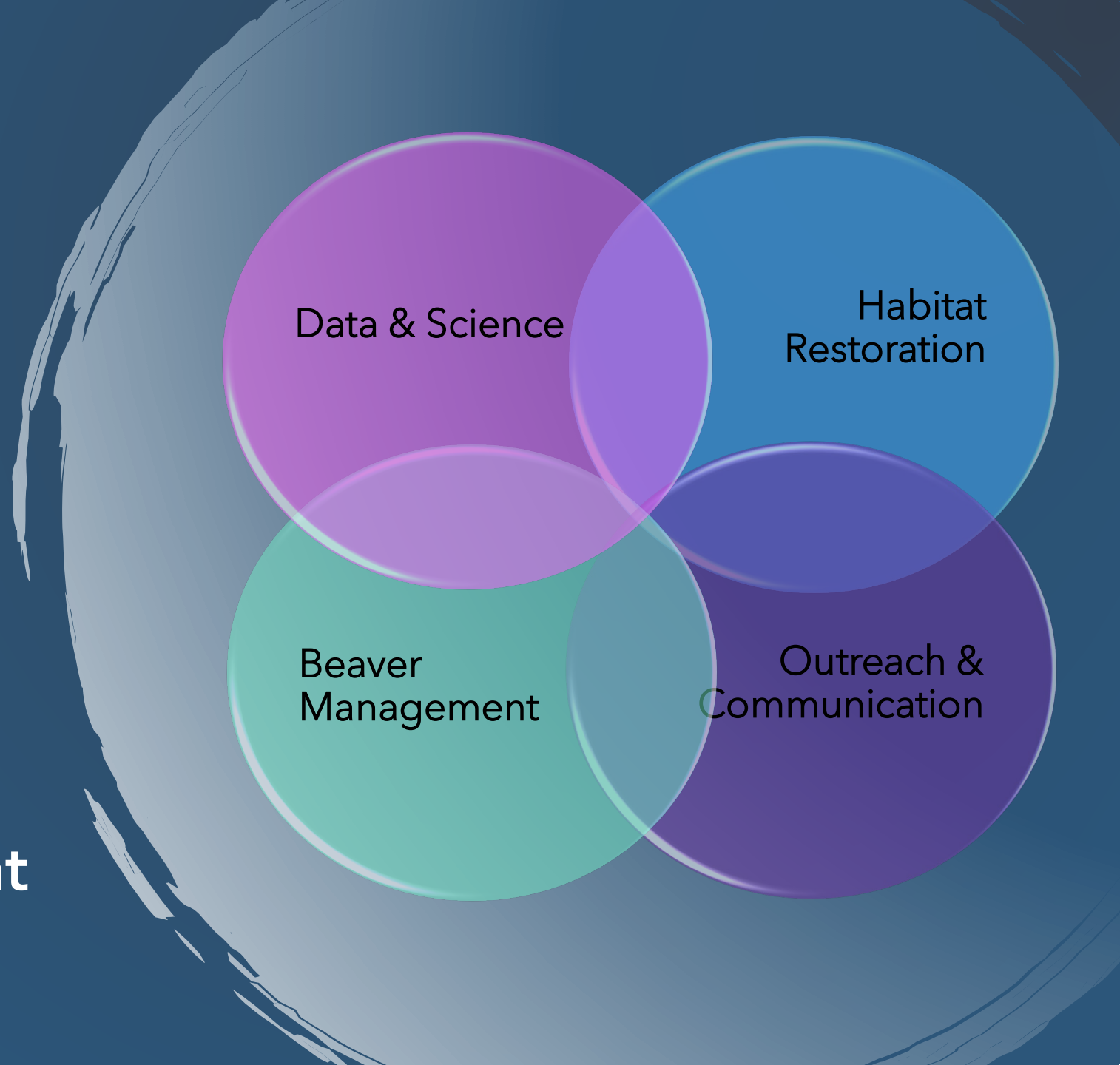
Primary Wildlife Population Goals

- Robust Populations
- Wide Distribution
- Connectivity
- Coexistence
- Resiliency



Beaver Action Plan Pillars of Action

Advancing pace and scale
of beaver modified habitat





3A- Conflict
Monitoring &
Response



3B- Partnerships
for Collaboration
& Coexistence



3C- Coexistence
Strategies &
Outreach



3D- Harvest Data
Collection &
Monitoring

Pillar 3: Beaver Management

Expanded Harvest Data



Previous Fields

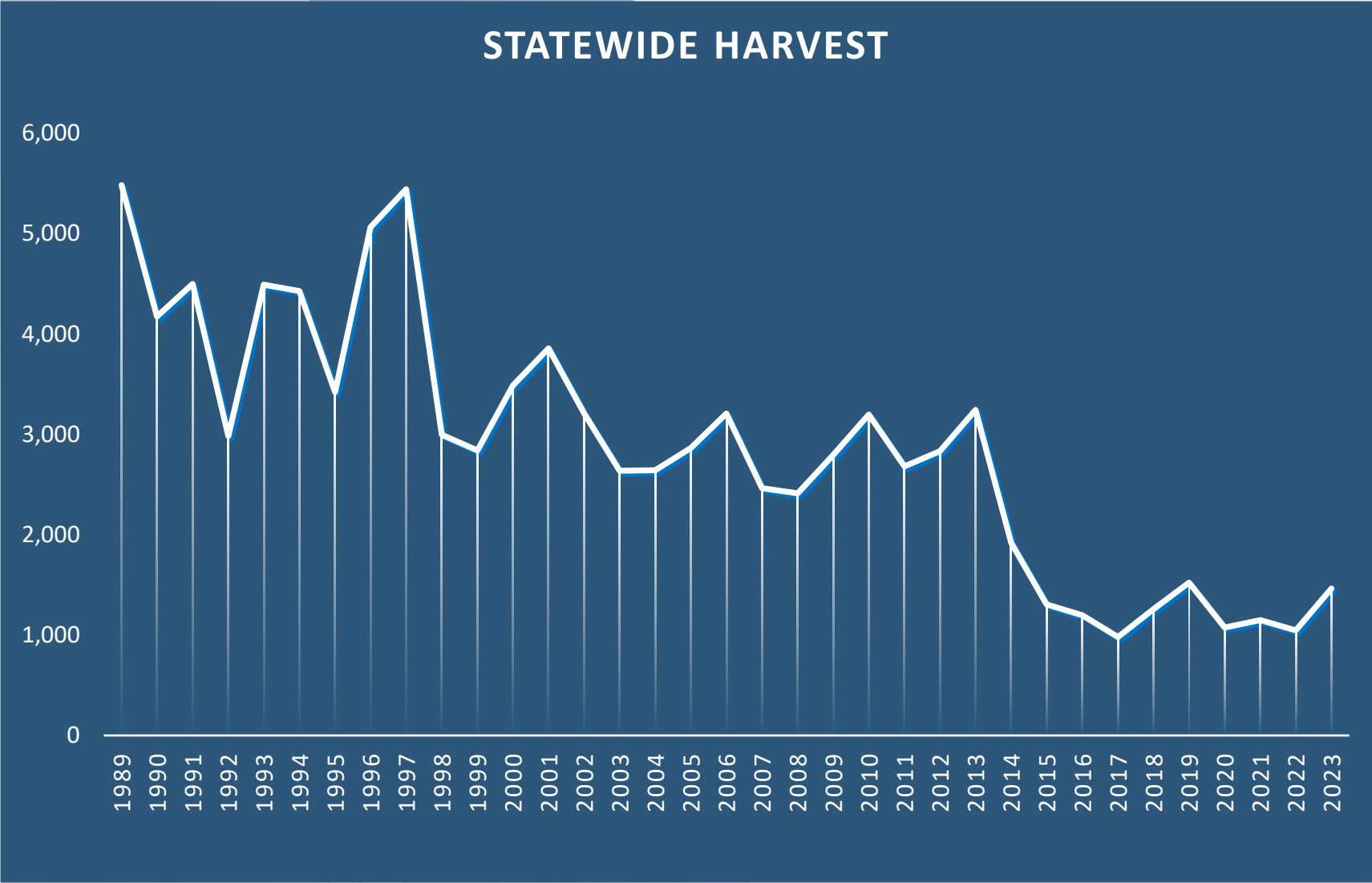
County

Harvest Method

Effort

Harvest

Released



Expanded Harvest Data

New!



Previous Fields

County

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Watershed

HUC8 Watershed
(91 in Oregon)



Ownership

City

State

Federal

Private

Open/Nav Water

Other



Water Feature

River

Stream

Lake/Reservoir

Ditch/Channel

Pond

Other



Intent

Conflict

Recreation

Other

Harvest Data

2022

- 1,075 harvest by 117 furtakers
- 32 counties and 40 HUCs

	2022		2023	
Water Feature	Harvest	% Total	Harvest	% Total
River	637	67%	734	50%
Ditch/Channel	32	3%	321	22%
Stream/Creek	128	13%	225	15%
Lake/Reservoir	6	1%	109	7%
Pond	91	10%	69	5%
Other/Unknown	181	17%	44	3%
Total	1,075		1,495	

2023*

- 1,495 harvest by 115 furtakers
- 32 counties and 52 HUCs

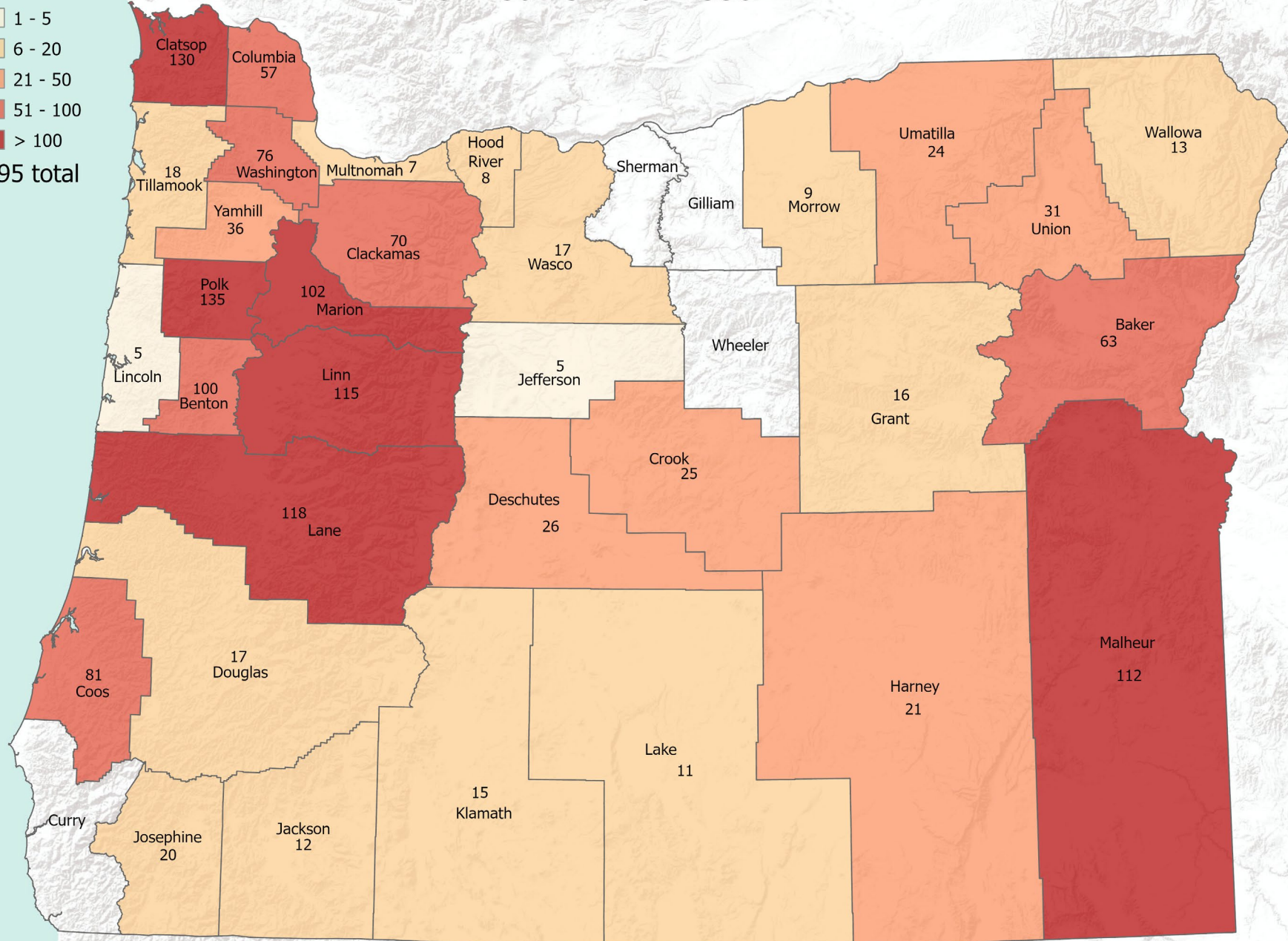
	2022		2023	
Land Ownership	Harvest	Total %	Harvest	Total %
Private	510	47%	786	53%
Navigable Water	339	32%	605	40%
State	60	6%	38	3%
Federal	48	4%	21	1%
City/Municipality	0	0%	4	0%
Other/Unknown	118	11%	41	3%
Total	1,075		1,495	

County
Number Harvested

- 1 - 5
- 6 - 20
- 21 - 50
- 51 - 100
- > 100

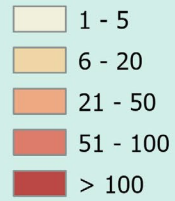
1,495 total

2023 Beaver Harvest



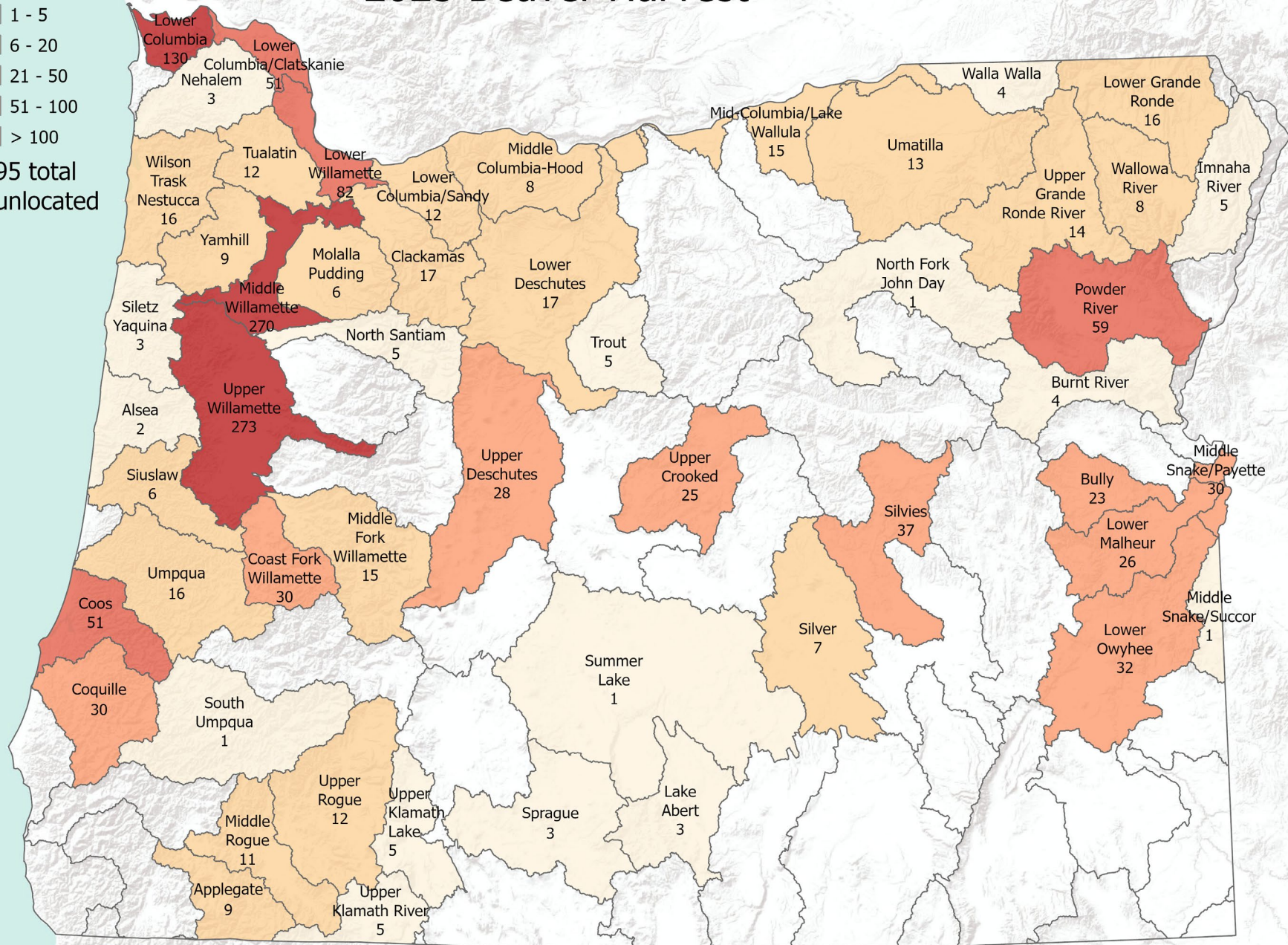
4th field HUC

Number Harvested



1,495 total
28 unlocated

2023 Beaver Harvest



4th field HUC

Ownership



Private

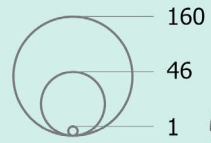
Federal

State

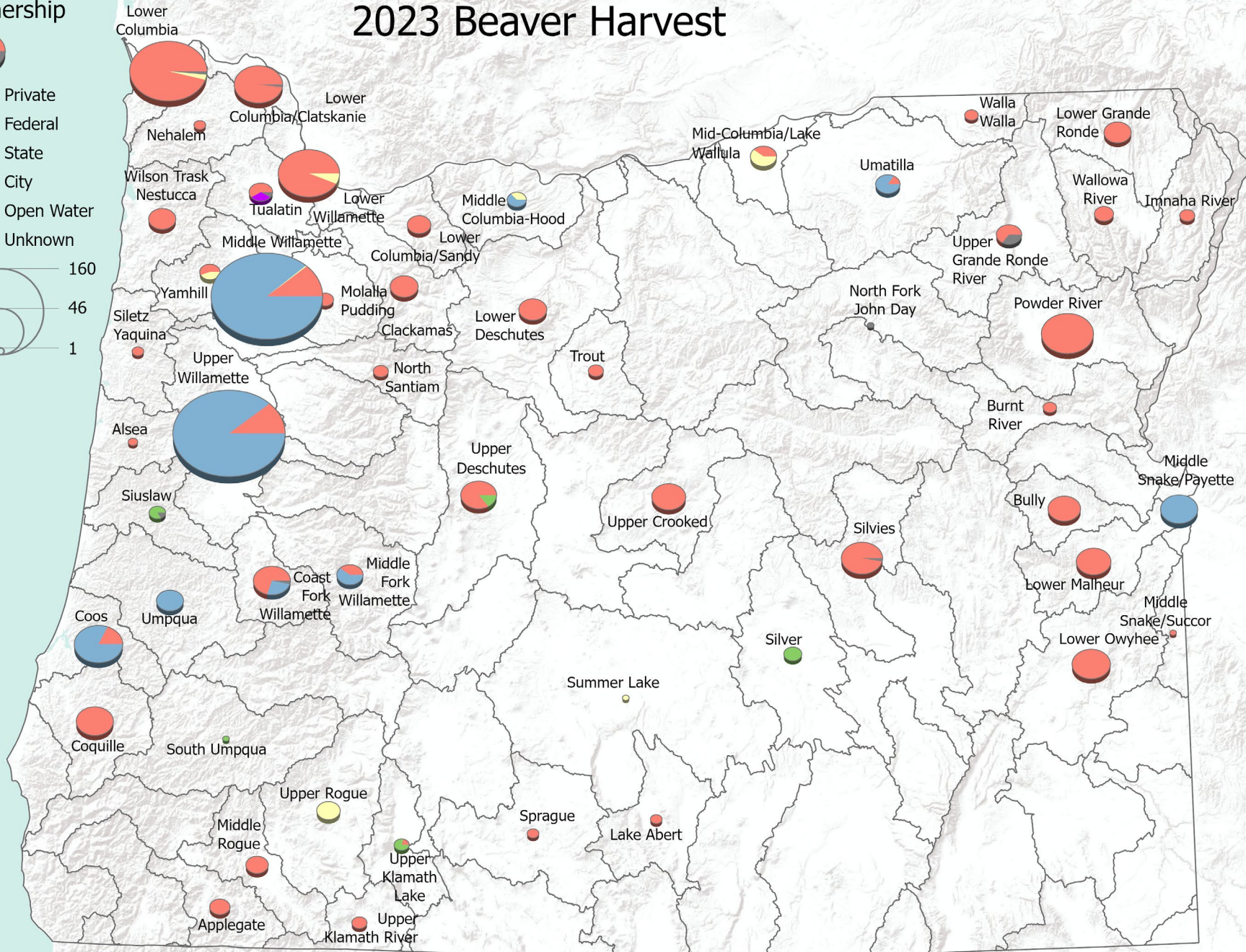
City

Open Water

Unknown



2023 Beaver Harvest



4th field HUC

Water Feature



River

Stream/Creek

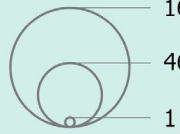
Ditch/Channel

Lake/Reservoir

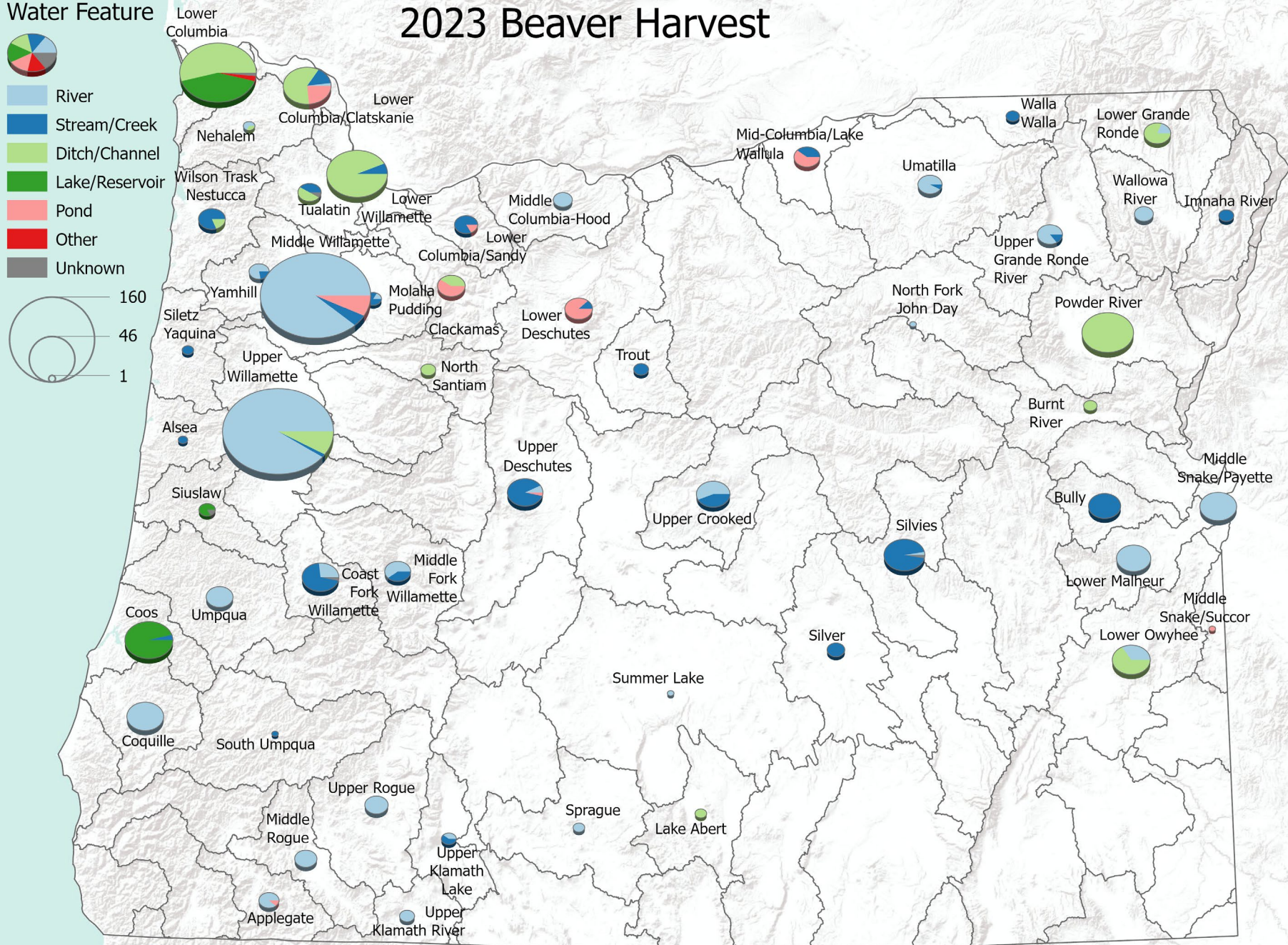
Pond

Other

Unknown



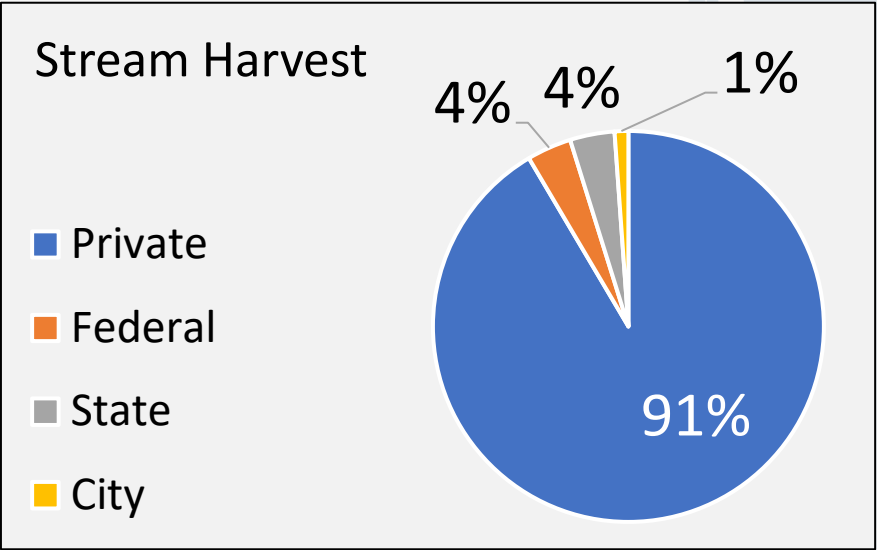
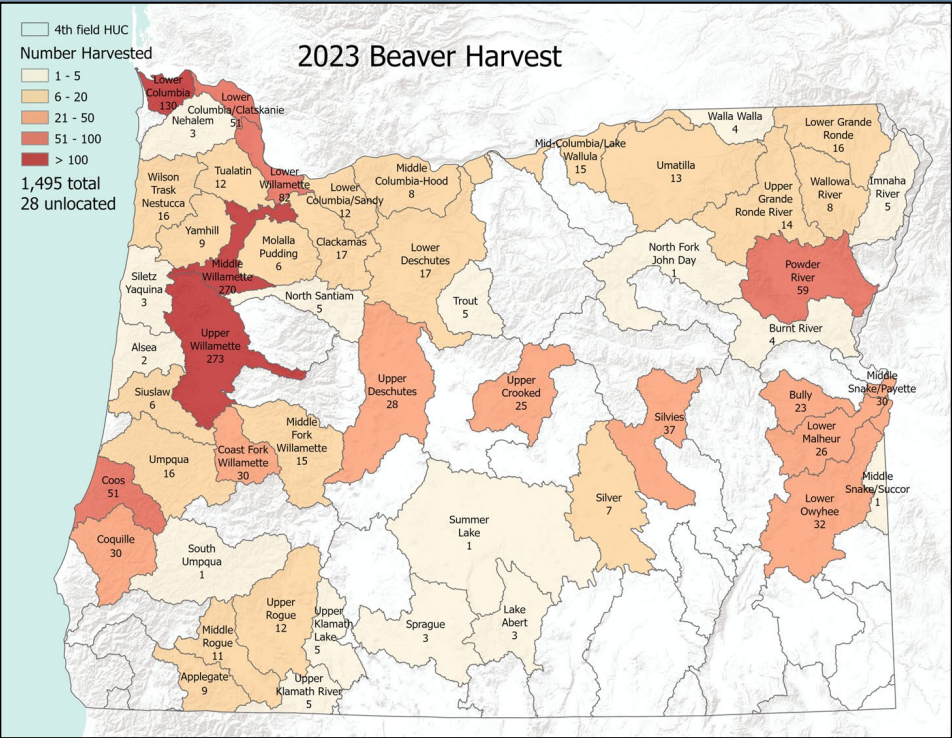
2023 Beaver Harvest



HUC	County	Water feature	Land Ownership						Total Harvest
			City	Federal	Nav Water	Private	State	Unknown	
						70			
						55			
								2	
							3	2	
						59			
Upper Willamette	BENTON	River			95	5			273
					65				
						2			
						21			
					78				
						1			
					6				

Harvest Findings

- Low statewide harvest
- Limited distribution
- Rivers, private land and navigable water
- Minimal harvest on public land



Land Ownership-Water Feature	Total Taken	% Total
Navigable Water River	902	35%
Private Ditch/Channel	352	14%
Private River	344	13%
Private Stream	323	13%
Unknown	152	6%
Private Pond	148	6%
Private Lake/Reservoir	68	3%
State River	67	3%
8 other Land-Feature Combinations	214	8%

BAP Pillar 3 & the Private Forest Accord

Complaints

121 complaints in 2023

- Landscaping, infrastructure, dike/roadway, agriculture
- 11 beavers taken
- 6 private forestland
 - 0 beavers taken

County	Watershed	Private Forestland	Complaint Type	Water Feature	# Taken
Columbia Polk	Lower Willamette	Large	Bridge/Culvert	Stream/Creek	0
	Yamhill	Small	Agriculture	Stream/Creek	0
Marion	Middle Willamette	Small	Structures	Pond	0
Jackson	Middle Rogue	Small	Landscaping	Ditch/Channel	0
Jackson	Middle Rogue	Small	Timber	Stream/Creek	0
Klamath	Little Deschutes	Small	Agriculture	River	0

Harvest

2023-2024 License Year

- 8 beavers taken on private forestland

County	Watershed	Purpose	Water Feature	# Taken
Columbia	Lower Columbia/ Clatskanie	Landowner Conflict	Stream/ Creek	7
Marion	Molalla/Pudding	Landowner Conflict	River	1

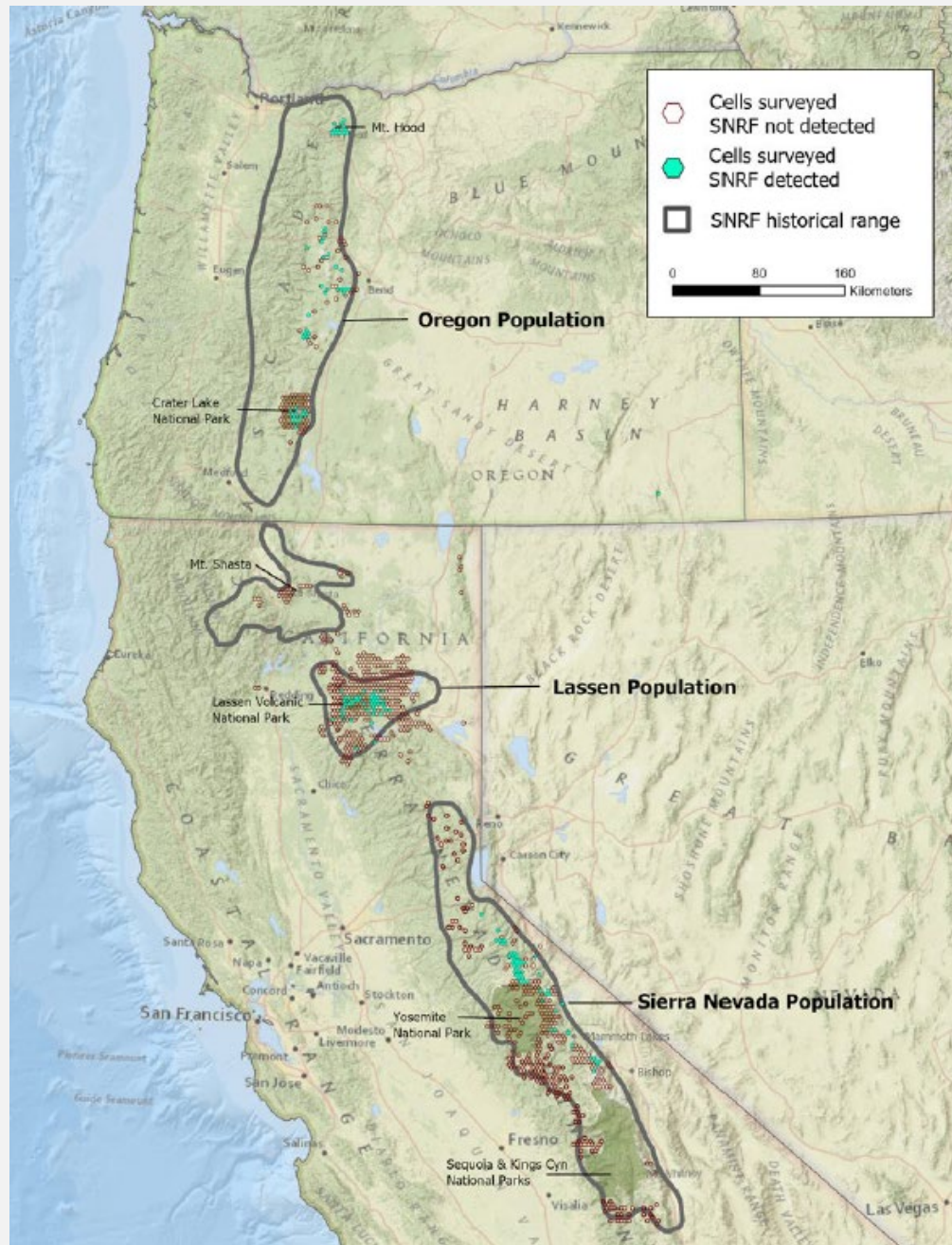
Staff Recommendation

Maintain harvest reporting

Maintain current seasons

Maintain closure areas



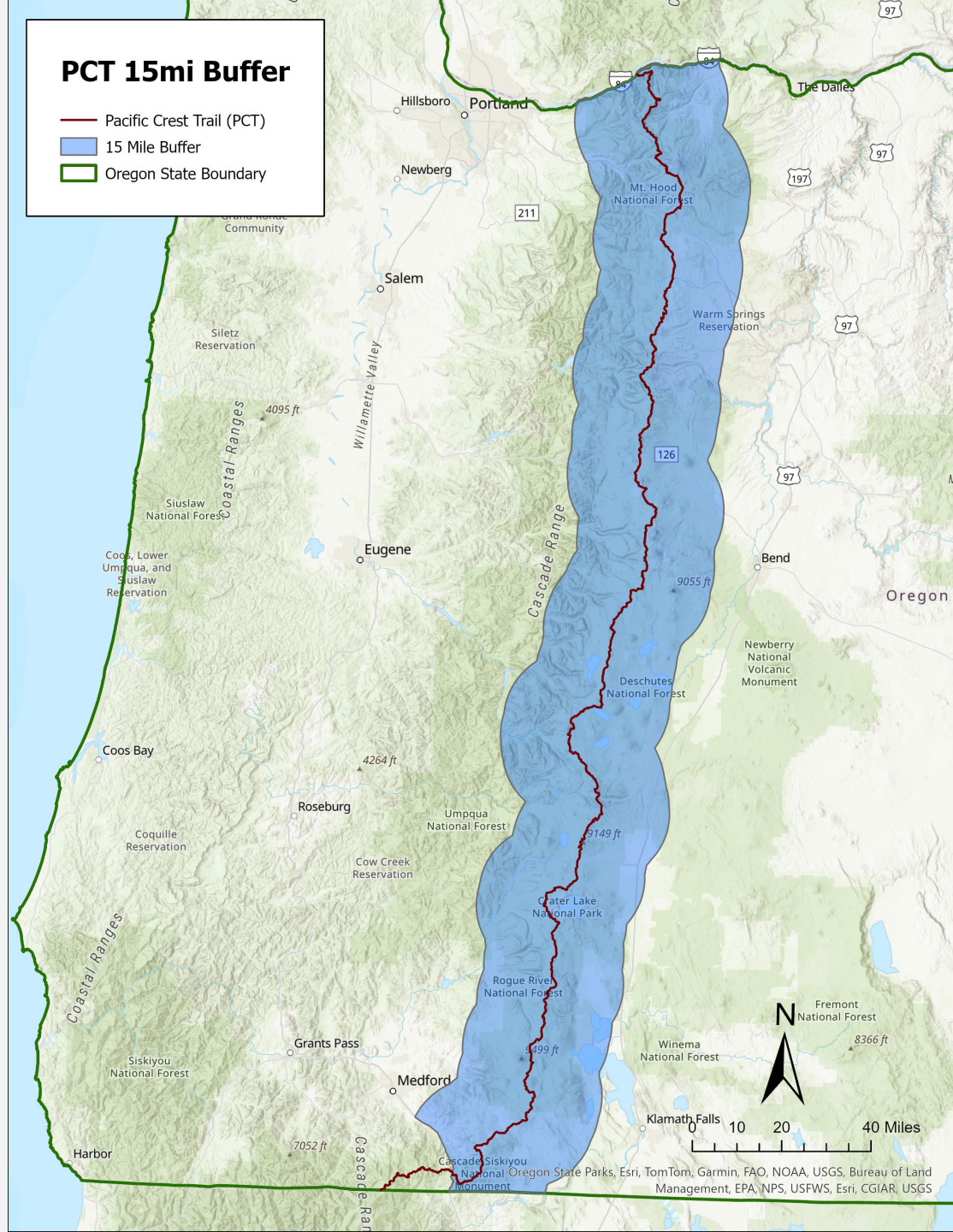


Sierra Nevada Red Fox

High elevation of Oregon Cascades
ESA Listed DPS in California
Many questions about Oregon population

PCT 15mi Buffer

- Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)
- 15 Mile Buffer
- Oregon State Boundary



Staff Proposal

Close red fox harvest in SNRF range

Proposed OAR language:

Red Fox Season Open Area:
Entire state except that portion
fifteen miles from the Pacific
Crest Trail from Washington to
Interstate 5

Season Recommendations

- Maintain No Harvest Season Closures for:
Badger, Nutria, Opossum, Skunks, Weasels, Coyote
- Maintain No Open Harvest Season for:
Fisher, Ringtail, Wolverine, Kit Fox, Canada Lynx, Sea Otter
- No changes to Harvest Season for:
Beaver, Bobcat, Marten, Muskrat, Mink, Raccoon, River Otter
- No changes to Pursuit Season for:
Bobcat, Gray Fox, Red Fox, and Raccoon

I move to amend Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 635, Division 045 and 050 as proposed by staff to set regulations and seasons for the harvest and pursuit of furbearing mammals.

Draft Motion