

STATE WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN 2015 UPDATE

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Comments/Issues: I am happy to see American Beaver listed as a sensitive species and am curious to know how it was designated as such. Currently it is on the Non Native and Nuisance list even though it is native to CA. This is because of a few individuals brought in from ID and WA during the transplant program (when in fact they were brought in from ID and OR - not WA). If you consult the Integrated Taxonomic Information System database (www.classification-itis.gov) you will find that there are no recognized subspecies of *Castor canadensis*. I am wondering if CDFW will consider removing *C. canadensis* from the non-native and nuisance list to reflect this and to better protect this sensitive species. I wonder too if the CDFW will take into consideration the recommendations set forth in the NOAA CCC Coho Recovery Plan to change beaver management practices and regulations to better protect Coho Salmon. These recommendations suggest:

3.1.1. Utilize non-lethal methods to manage beaver depredation issues (e.g. Flooding, crop damage) within range of CCC salmonids such as flow devices, fencing, and beaver re-location and enhance habitat complexity. ~~Where~~ 3.1.1.B Where non-lethal methods prove infeasible to resolve depredation issues, relocate beaver populations to remote CCC coho streams where habitat enhancement is needed and resource conflict is low. 3.2.1.4. Develop and update a Beaver Management Plan for CA to benefit salmonids. 3.2.1.6. Work w/CDFW; CDFW Commission to modify Title 14 of the CA code of

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Please use additional sheets if necessary. regulations to prohibit recreational hunting/trapping of beavers within all counties within the NCCC Recovery Domain. 3.2.1.7. Work with CDFW; CDFW Commission to remove beavers from CDFW's list of depredated animals, and/or authorize only non-lethal management and relocation methods within the NCCC Recovery Domain. 3.2.1.11. Evaluate the potential and specific locations (eg State and Federal lands) for the re-location; re-introd of beaver populations. I believe these actions could be beneficial to →

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protecting beaver as a sensitive species as well as listed species such as coho salmon, steelhead, red-legged frogs and the willow flycatcher. All of those species mentioned have ~~been~~ benefit from beaver habitat as has been demonstrated in numerous peer-reviewed studies. I would be happy to furnish any of those studies if that would be helpful. I also have a ~~5~~ 4 page PDF that summarizes the beaver recommendations found in the NOAA CCC Coho Recovery Plan and would be happy to furnish you with that as well. If you have any questions about where beaver are historically native to in CA we published two papers in CA Fish and Game Journal in 2012 (Lanman; James 2012 and Lanman et. al 2012) re-evaluating the historic range of beaver in the Sierra Nevada. We just got our subsequent manuscript accepted by the same journal re-evaluating the historic range of beaver in coastal California.

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