

VICTORY FOR BEAVERS

This Oregon legislative session, WELC worked tirelessly amid many challenges to change state law to better protect beavers—and the climate.

As a result of our work with state Rep. Pam Marsh, the legislature passed the “Beaver Believer Bill” with bipartisan support, which Gov. Kotek signed into law this summer.

This new law ends Oregon’s era of unlimited, year-round beaver killing on private lands without permits, and promotes non-lethal removal where conflicts arise.

Beavers create habitat that is more resilient to wildfire and provides climate refuge for other animals. As “nature’s engineers,” their habitat also improves water security, sequesters carbon, and helps salmon thrive.

Now, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife can begin to manage beavers on private land as it does for other wildlife.

We are thrilled about this breakthrough and grateful to Rep. Marsh and other bill supporters for helping bring beaver management in the Beaver State into the 21st century.

We are a nonprofit organization that uses the power of the law to safeguard the public lands, wildlife, and communities of the western U.S. in the face of a changing climate.

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