

Summary of Wisconsin Beaver Management Task Force Activities 2011- present

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Activities:

- July 2011 Task Force meeting
- September 20, 22, 28, 29 2011 public input meetings
 - LaCrosse, Oshkosh, Rhinelander, Hayward
 - Approx. 100 participants
- October 25, 2011 webinar
 - 40+ registered, 22 participated
- Public input survey October 2011-January 2012
 - 571 respondents
- Dec. 2011 Task Force meeting
- Feb. 2012 Task Force meeting

More Activities:

- Dec. 2011 Task Force meeting
- Feb. 2012 Task Force meeting
- March 2012-October 2013, Task Force members draft portions of beaver management plan.
- October 21-December 15, 2013, Task Force members review drafts and provide comments.
- January 8, 2014, Task Force meeting.

Survey respondents

- 571 respondents
- Ranged in age from 13-81 (most were 41-60 years)
- 51 WI counties
- 13 other states
- 47% citizens
- 46% trout anglers
- 36% landowners
- 35% trappers

Support for active management

- 82% support removing beaver damaging roads
- 54% support removing beaver damaging wild rice beds
- 75% support maintaining a statewide population for cultural, spiritual and historical values
- 76% support a scientific research program
- 45% support removing beaver damaging forest land
- 64% support removing beaver on class 1 streams
- 46% support removing beaver on class 2 streams
- 20% support removing beaver on class 3 streams

Support for passive management

- 23% recommended doing nothing and letting nature take its course.

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