

HB 2349-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires the department of fish and wildlife to: (1) Permit the release of wild beavers on public and private lands with agreement from the property owner; and

(2) Initiate a beaver management stakeholder's forum.

Authorizes the department of fish and wildlife to: (1) Limit the release of wild beavers to certain areas of the state;

(2) Condition the release of beaver to maximize the relocation's success and minimize risk; and

(3) Require specific training for those involved with the capture, handling, and release of beavers.

Requires beavers to only be released to carry out relocation between two areas east of the crest of the Cascade mountains or from an area west of the crest of the Cascade mountains to an area east of the crest of the Cascade mountains.