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The History of the Beaver Deceiver™

Perhaps the greatest dual opportunity in society—to save a lot of money while creating significant ecological and hydrological value—is represented by the possibility of keeping live beavers in ecosystems by eliminating conflict points in a reliable, long-lasting, and non-lethal manner. In large measure, this means the use of effective, high-quality flow devices.

Although the last 25 years has seen a flurry of creativity on this front, flow-device science (FDS) is still in its infancy. If it is ever to mature into a unique and respected profession, as it should, it needs to have a clear history, share a common language, and credit inventors fairly and accurately. With this in mind, I propose to lay out the long and dynamic developmental history of the Beaver Deceiver™ and related products, which began in 1995 and continues today.