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### The Case of the Missing Beaver

We will cover the history and importance of beaver ecology to restore aquatic habitats and the impact of beaver population decline over time when extirpated from various watersheds.

The significance of beaver as a keystone species was ignored for hundreds of years in many areas of the world. Previously, apart from important isolated individuals and groups, the potential of beaver ecology for healing the planet has laid dormant. Over the past few decades there has been a resurgence of interest in restoring beaver populations in their historical habitats world wide. BeaverCON 2020 is a significant component in this ever growing awareness.

We will discuss the recent evolution of beaver ecology in Oregon and related strategies for habitat recovery on the east coast.