

Beavers Build New Habitat



The uplift caused by the 1964 earthquake drained some of the Delta's wetlands. The uplifted wetlands provide an excellent environment for alder and willow, making the Copper River Delta prime habitat for beavers.



*few cutthroat
of salmon in
the beaver pond
today*

Beavers can alter their environment by building dams. Ponds, created by dam construction, provide the beaver safe access to their food and new habitat for fish and wildlife.



*A beaver
slapped its
tail while
it walked by
its lodge.*

Delta Cycles


Beavers may use an area for years until they have exhausted their food supply. Even though the beavers have moved on, the ponds they created can continue to provide habitat for many years.



*Beavers create
good habitat
for willows,
one of their favorite
foods.*

Dams will eventually break, draining the ponds and allowing the alder and willow to grow back until the beavers return.

.....and the cycle begins again



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