

## **Beavers and the Crinan Canal Reservoirs**

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**SYNOPSIS** Beavers are known for their industrious construction activity. Following centuries of extinction in the UK, they have been re-introduced into the Knapdale Forests of Argyll for a five year trial. This may in time present new challenges to the Crinan Canal and its reservoirs. The management of the risks is discussed as is the applicability of the Reservoirs Act to beaver dams.

At the time of the reintroduction, the author was the Supervising Engineer for the Crinan Canal reservoirs.