

To Whom It May Concern:

Threatening to close the Kensington Fish Hatchery and doing so for a savings of less than \$200,000.00 should be viewed as a non-starter. I believe that the Governor's budget for the State of Connecticut has some serious short falls; penalizing the sport fishing community within the state is ill conceived and short sighted. It is well known in "Resource Based Outdoor Recreation Circles," that angler days on various rivers, streams and marine fisheries contribute a tremendous amount of money to local, regional and state economies. Failure of government to recognize factors such as these represent an irresponsible use of political power and puts a "penny wise" and "dollar foolish" fiscal strategy in place! Such a strategy is an insult to the good people of Connecticut and its Sport Fishing Community. I am certain that the wise people in our government can find a better method for funding state fish hatcheries and a fiscally responsible way glean an extra \$200,000.00.

Respectfully Yours,

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