

Dear Sir or Madam,

It seems each year now there are problems at the Capital and each year the governor says " Everything is on the table" and every time we hear this I do not see much that involves cutting funding for the special American's we have living here. You know who they are, the one's who the same rules that apply to the working people and law abiding people don't ever seem to apply to them. Once again the Kensington Hatchery is on the chopping block. I won't go into details about how much fishing monies bring into the state coffers I'm sure you know this already. What I will say is about 8 years ago they closed the pond fishing at the Quinebaug Hatchery where anglers and I might add a fair number from Rhode Island who paid the out of state license fees lost some great fishing. We were told this was so cat fish could be raised for urban fishing. Yes cat fish are raised, down south and trucked in for ponds and lakes in urban settings. I wonder, how many of the people fishing for those cat fish buy a license? Now you want to close the Kensington Hatchery where Atlantic Salmon are raised as well as sea run trout and brown trout again I won't bother reminding you of the numbers as you are aware of it already. The trout in the classroom as well as Salmon in the class room are a huge success in in lighting children about wild life. Something they don't get from the computer. I'm not sure how much is spent feeding kids for free in school some both breakfast as well as lunch but I'm sure it's a bit more than the \$195,000 you will save by closing this hatchery. Also that hatchery provides a wonderful fall and winter fishing for the great fish that are produced. Most of the people that fish for them are working and or retired people. You know them, they pay taxes and buy licenses. And you want to take away that fishing now. You know there is an uproar each time you bring this up, but you also know that the tax payer will get tired and in time not bother to contact you and you will close this hatchery, the only one in the state with pure water that also if by chance they figure a way to bring back the Atlantic Salmon will be lost forever, all to save less than \$200 grand. Thank you for taking the time to read this, and if you get a chance take a look at the picture that will be on this years Connecticut Fishing guide our state is so proud of.

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