

To whom it may concern:

Keeping the Kensington Hatchery open is vital. It directly generates great amounts of revenue as you know, Consider also the indirect amounts of revenue coming into the state on fishing (hatchery) business: hotels, gas, restaurants etc, to name but a few, all used by fisherman, both in state and out of state.

Instead of closing the Hatchery the State should research other ways to attract revenue and investment which are linked to the Hatchery. There must be ideas and proposals connected to fishing and to the raising of fish that would allow the State more ways to promote the business instead of simply closing it.

The State needs to realize all the connections that the popular sport of fishing and all its related businesses has in generating money. Once fishing becomes diminished, due to the Hatchery closing, then the State will no longer be able to reap the benefits of proper investment in this crucial recreation. Having a healthy fishing community also leads to a healthier environmental body, and more vibrant river and land stewardship programs, consisting mostly of volunteers, thereby costing the State little.

Invest more ideas and initiatives in fishing and its many connections.

Closing the Kensington hatchery is completely short sighted and cuts off many avenues of revenue and opportunity, rendering a centuries old recreation and healthy business to extinction.

Sincerely,

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