

Please support continued funding for the Kensington fish hatchery. Its fish production generates more \$ in revenue from tourism and local angler purchases than it costs to run and maintain the hatchery. Purchases including outdoor clothing, gear, food and lodging and such from local businesses near the fishing areas. The unique cold water springs at this location afford raising of Atlantic Salmon and a unique strain of brown trout having high survivability in CT waters that can never be replaced or reproduced elsewhere. The fishery provides great outdoor recreation opportunities including grandchildren, parents and grandparents all spending time together, with children developing an appreciation for the environment. I don't have children, but I take my coworkers and their children fishing every chance we get for the Salmon and Seaforellen Brown Trout. The kids love it!! I am also positive that if we can keep the hatchery running on funds from the general fund another year, plans can be implemented for alternate funding for the hatchery from other private and donation type sources.

Thank you for consideration in saving the Kensington Hatchery. People in and outside of CT greatly appreciate this resource. Its a great thing for kids and affords good outdoor family recreation in addition to raising money for the state.

I apologize for not having a letter attachment, I don't believe I have that capability only having a smart phone to email you with.

Sincerely,  
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