

Dear Members of the Appropriations Committee

I write to ask that the appropriations committee reinstate the \$195,000 needed to run the Kensington Hatchery. I am an avid fly fisherman and lifetime member of Trout Unlimited. I fish for trout and salmon in the states waterways and purchase a fishing license each year, the fee for which is supposed to go to the DEEP Fisheries budget. I have taught my son to fish and we have fished together for 20 years. I am now looking forward to my grandson learning this wonderful hobby with me. I am an educator who also values the important environmental education programs that have been provided with this funding. Please reinstate the \$195,000 needed to run the Kensington Hatchery.

Thank you.

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