

My name is David Liedlich, and I live in Southbury, Connecticut.

I would ask that the Appropriations Committee reinstate the \$195,000 needed to run the Kensington Hatchery. To me, the work with Atlantic salmon is far more important and personally exciting than other state programs. Connecticut's work is even more important in light of the fact that the federal government is no longer working at the worthy goal of Connecticut River Atlantic salmon. The broodstock fish are also available locally when they are stocked in the Naugatuck river. Fishways have recently been completed on the Naugatuck river, and the salmon placed in the Naugatuck river now have a real opportunity. Please keep this program alive. Do not squander the genetics of these restoration salmon that have been developed. I am an angler who buys a Connecticut fishing license every year, and I buy this license knowing that it supports the Kensington Hatchery and Atlantic salmon. Please keep it going.

Sincerely,
David Liedlich