

I am writing to voice my concern for the Kensington Hatchery. I urge you to *vote in favor of keeping the hatchery open*. This hatchery is the only one supporting the Atlantic Salmon fisheries in the Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers as well as a specialty breeding facility for Seeforellen Brown Trout, a large growing and successful strain maintained from European stock. These resources provide input into the economies of CT through taxes on fuels, purchases, food service, etc. The programs have been very successful and are the result of years of work. In the grand scheme, closing such a facility will result in irreplaceable loss without a fix to the fiscal budget.

Thank you for supporting Kensington Hatchery's continued operation.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Richeson", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Robert P. Richeson