

Subject: Testimony to the Appropriations Committee for the March 2, 2015 Public Hearing on Fish Hatchery funding in the DEEP budget

I strongly support keeping the Kensington Fish Hatchery open and removing it from the list of cuts proposed in the governor's budget.

The closing of this hatchery would be totally insane. To save less than \$195,000 from a multi billion dollar proposed budget

would be very poor policy. It would eliminate the brood stock salmon fishing program and the reestablishment of the sea run brown trout in our streams.

Both these programs contribute to total angler hours, which generate license, small business, and tax revenue. The Kensington hatchery also currently provides all the eggs

for the 170 schools that have either trout or salmon in the classroom tanks, to educate our children about fish, the environment and clean water.

This hatchery costs very little to run in the scheme of things and contributes greatly to the education of our children and the general quality of life in Connecticut.

Please eliminate the Kensington Fish Hatchery from the budget cuts.

Sincerely,

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