

Writing to ask that you **reinstate** the \$195,000 for the Pennington fish hatcheries

Been fishing in CT for the last 29 years [buying licenses] since moving from MA.

Member of Trout Unlimited and active conservationist.

Help in stocking trout and salmon

Attended the fish migration day put on by DEEP last spring in Old Lyme that tries to encourage return of the fish being raised at Kensington

We have great waters and watershed areas in CT

To close a valuable resource is one more strike against programs that **distinguishes us** from other states.

[Fishing and revenue died in MA when they eliminated opening day that basically killed the fishing excitement and tax revenue from fishing gear and the focus on the big day. To reduce the types of fish raised at Kensington moves us closer to MA and it's outlook on fishing]

The Closing will also jeopardize great school teaching programs that raise salmon and trout. I personally saw buses with kids show up at devils hop yard to stock their salmon, learn about the eco system and try fishing - a day they won't forget.

\$195,000 is only **.0005 %** of a 40 billion budget

In private enterprise we ask depts to find ways to reduce budgets and still meet objectives or we find new managers

Surely we can tell each dept to reduce their budget by .0005% with NO impact.

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