

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed cuts to Connecticut's hatchery program, and the Salmon in the Classroom program. I am against the cuts for a number of reasons, but my testimony will focus on the loss of the educational program. Our state leadership has determined that Connecticut's future lies in educational programs focused on science, technology, engineering and math, commonly referred to as STEM. It seems to me that the Salmon in the Classroom program squarely fits in STEM educational system that will lead Connecticut forward. And, the cost of the program is quite minimal.

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