

Mr. Jason Kemper, Chairman, CFAB
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Dear Sir:

Personally I would like to commend you for your endeavors on behalf of the CFAB for New York fish and wildlife. I do sympathize with your frustration with the Director of the Division of the Budget's withholding funds for our conservation purposes. The main reason for this letter is to draw your attention to the deplorable conditions of the New York Caledonia Fish Hatchery. While most of the state's hatcheries do need upgrading, perhaps Caledonia is in the worst shape. Somehow they are the states' most productive hatchery, and this region 8 can boast of many fine fishing opportunities. To the point: The infrastructure is crumbling and the exterior is peeling the lead-based paint. It is a poor representative for the oldest such facility in the country, if not the whole western hemisphere and on the registry of Historic Places.

What appears to me is that the Governor and the State Legislature fail to grasp is that this has a direct affect on local economies and therefore, to a larger extent, tourism which the Governor is touting. Meanwhile, the funds held in surplus are frozen, in spite of the promise that "there would be no loss of services to New Yorkers."

I have amassed hundreds of signatures to petition to local representatives and expose the situation to fellow sportsman and concerned conservation-minded individuals, and received overwhelming support for the Caledonia Hatchery problems. Hopefully, with your continued support, something can be done by their 150th anniversary next year. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Dear sir:

The economic problems of New York were evident in the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2012-2013, however I feel that a source of revenue for our state has been overlooked. The underdeveloped opportunities are in western New York and the Southern Tier, and that is from expanded tourism. Over many years I have seen the growth of the Lake Ontario fisheries and the resultant port cities. Every harbor municipality has expanded the marine, restaurant, tackle and camping facilities to accommodate this important source of recreation. This has yielded many opportunities for the small entrepreneurs and job creation in those areas.

The estimate of directly related fishing revenues to New York are about \$6B per year, yet it could be increased by improvement and promotion of the opportunities in the western half of our state. People from neighboring states do travel through prime fishing areas here to Lake Ontario for the recreation it provides. The upper Genesee River, the Cattaraugus, Oatka Creek, the Wiscoy, and the Cohocton Rivers, just to name a few. The vibrant economies of Roscoe, New York and Livingston Manor, New York are evidence of the renowned popularity of the Delaware and Beaverkill fishery and the resultant boon to tourism. The same can be said for south central Pennsylvania, West Yellowstone, Montana, The Gunnison in Colorado. The list goes on and on.

Every sound investment does require carefully thought out expenditures. It is estimated that for each dollar spent on our fishery there is a return of four to six dollars. This is in direct correlation with other states as well. All too often, after the first few weeks of "trout season," there is a depletion of the game fish in many waters. This is especially true of smaller waters, although the water quality still is sustainable for the fishery. The lack of success leads to the pursuit of other interests for all but us "die-hards." Too often we turn to other states in this pursuit, regardless of the expense.

We cannot promote this aspect of New York tourism without some major work to be done. The 12 hatcheries in our state desperately need major renovation to at least bring them into the 21st century and competitive with other states. This is so evident with the state hatchery in Caledonia, New York. The beginning of fish culture began there as the first in the western hemisphere, and other states soon followed. This facility still somehow, is

the most productive in the state, but it is an embarrassment, considering it's history. By the 1870's Seth Green was renowned from France and Germany to New Zealand and Australia, for his development of fish culture technologies, beginning in Caledonia. Most of the larger 2-year old fish are reared in this facility, stocked throughout the state.

The next important investment should be the Fisheries Biologist, working throughout the entire state. Much field work needs to be done to improve the quality of our thousands of miles of somewhat marginal waterways. We do have a quality warm-water fishery, as in our Finger Lakes, but there is a lot more money spent on trout, salmon, steelhead, evident in the noted Salmon River area, and other major tributaries of Lake Ontario. In the year 1985, 46.6 million fishermen spent \$28.2 billion and the figures have grown since. What share of these revenues does New York receive??

I've been to Roscoe, New York, as in Boseman - West Yellowstone, Montana, etc, when it was difficult to find seating in busy diners, parking near any of the many fly fishing shops; two-years waiting list for guides, etc. Sport fishing is big business, as it should be across the entire state of New York, yet it is not recognized by Albany, at least in western New York. I remain optimistic that this can and will soon become as realization. I am not alone as I have the support of many congressmen, sportsmen and women, conservation and clubs, and of course, businesses who can see the many benefits to tourism and naturally, revenues for the state of New York.

In closing, I want to thank you for your time and consideration in this matter, hoping you will assist in this endeavor.

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PLEASE HELP RESTORATION OF

THE CALEDONIA FISH HATCHERY...

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