

- 1) Established in 1931, listed on the National Register of Historic Places 1994
- 2) comment from visitor: 4 years ago, I'm so happy that it didn't close. It's one of our favorite places to visit and my grandchildren love to go!
- 3) Since the flooding in July 2023 a state Fish and Wildlife biologist stated, the numbers of fish dropped considerably, as much as 50 to 60%, especially at risk were young fish,
- 4) [FY2018-Fish-and-Wildlife-Budget-Preformance-Report_FINAL.pdf \(vermont.gov\)](#)

“The economic impact of sport fishing in Vermont is estimated to be \$147.1 million, providing 2,420 jobs and \$16.0 million in state and local tax revenues.

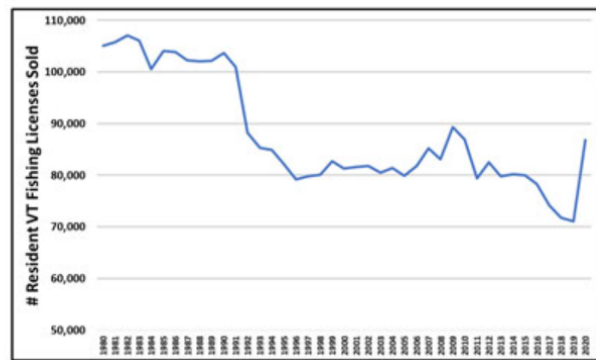
5) State officials don't know how they would replace the function of the hatchery! This should be of real concern to all.

6) <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/vt-fishing-report-june-11-2021>

Vermont resident annual fishing license sales in 2020 exceeded any single year total since 1992. License sales went up 27% year-over-year and 22% compared to the 5-year average.

Even more encouraging, Vermont resident youth fishing licenses went up 34% year-over-year and 25% compared to the 5-year average—the highest total since 2002. Seeing more youth anglers is a very heartening trend to see!

But we still have a ways to go. Looking at the 40-year trend in resident fishing and combination hunting/fishing license sales as a gage of fishing participation, we're still down considerably from the highs we saw in the 1980s and early 1990s where we consistently had over 100,000 Vermont residents fishing each year.



- 7) Vermont Sportsmen and women need a positive outcome in keeping this facility operational, as well as my 91 year old mother who loves Brook Trout!
- 8) The estimate for keeping the facility open for a year is \$550,000. My understanding is, there is \$640,000 not budgeted in the Capital Bill or take some of the \$110M for Housing, as that will not be able to be expended in a year.

Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony on this important issue.

~ Mark
Rep. Orleans/Lamoille