



Vermont Fish Hatcheries Capital Request

- Currently the Department of Fish and Wildlife (VTFWD) operates five state hatcheries and works cooperatively with twoⁱ federal hatcheries in Vermont.
 - Bald Hill Hatchery – located in Newark, VT
 - Bennington Hatchery – located in Bennington, VT
 - Ed Weed Hatchery at Grand Isle – located in Grand Isle, VT
 - Roxbury Hatchery – located in Roxbury, VT
 - Salisbury Hatchery – located in Salisbury, VT
- Hatcheries stock over 1 million fish (7 different fish species) for both restoration and for angling opportunities throughout the entire state of Vermont
- Economic impacts of hatcheries in Vermont are estimated at \$31.6 millionⁱⁱ
- Funding for hatcheries is supported primarily through federal taxes on sporting goods (60%). Additional funds are secured through VTFWD license sales as well as legislative monies.
- The hatcheries support the Children’s Fishing Program, which partners with over 80 organizations statewide annually to provide over 9,000 children, as well as elderly and challenged individuals, an opportunity to experience and learn about fishing.
- The hatcheries are a destination site for visitors. There are 15,000 to 20,000 visitors annually to the five state hatcheries.
- State of Vermont hatcheries are very diverse in age, location and design, but they all work together as an integrated whole. Three of the five state hatcheries are on the National Historic Register with Roxbury Hatchery coming into operation in 1891.



- Previous capital bill money has helped fund projects including but not limited to:
 - State match for FEMA funds (90/10 ratio) for the Roxbury Hatchery rebuild after most of the facility was washed out by Tropical Storm Irene. The new facility will meet updated water quality discharge codes and standards.
 - Roof repairs at the Bald Hill and Roxbury Fish Culture Station hatch house buildings.
 - Emergency replacement of failed water supply line plumbing at the Bennington Hatchery.
 - Influent water disinfection system safety / mechanical upgrades at the Ed Weed Fish Hatchery at Grand Isle
 - Infrastructure upgrades to the Salisbury Hatchery water supply to improve fish condition, growth, and health of VTFWD's broodstock.
 - Improvement projects at F&W residences– Large scale hatchery staff housing improvements (Bald Hill, Bennington, Salisbury, Ed Weed Hatcheries)

- Capital bill money going forward will help fund projects including but not limited to:
 - Installation of additional biosecurity measures at the Bald Hill Hatchery to improve the health and fitness of young steelhead raised on site.
 - Installation of an alarming and fire suppression system for chemicals stored at the Bennington Fish Hatchery to meet necessary codes and standards
 - Reconditioning of large, main water supply pump motors at the Ed Weed Hatchery.
 - Hatchery barn restoration / foundation replacement at the Roxbury Hatchery.
 - Hatchery supply well refurbishment / well pump reconditioning at Salisbury Hatchery.

ⁱ Eisenhower National Fish Hatchery and White River National Fish Hatchery

ⁱⁱ Economic impact calculated from the 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Associated Wildlife Recreation as well as the 2010 Vermont Angler Survey

