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Dear Mrs. McGrath:

**Subject:** Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program Report to OWF

The Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program (LOASRP) used its 2015 Ontario Wildlife Foundation funding to refurbish, upgrade and re-certify 38 of its oldest classroom hatchery chiller units, ensuring their continued functionality for the foreseeable future. Additionally, 23 of our newer chiller units were upgraded and re-certified by the Electrical Safety Authority.

Each chiller upgrade and re-certification costed between \$300 and \$400, as a new ground-fault interruption and fuse system were installed in the older chillers, and the newer chillers required testing of the ground fault interruption system, upgrading of the wiring system, and then re-testing. These safety features are needed for equipment working around water. The older chillers also had their thermostats re-calibrated to ensure they could be set accurately to create the correct water temperature in the tank.

Through this funding, the classroom hatchery component of the LOASRP will be able to continue to provide hands-on science opportunities to over 8,000 students annually, while also raising fish for the restoration effort and creating future watershed stewards.

Please let me know if you require further information or have other questions about the OWF's important contribution to the Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program's classroom hatcheries.

Yours in Conservation,

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