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Dear Mrs. McGrath:

Subject: Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program Report to OWF

On behalf of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) and our 100,000 members, supporters, and subscribers, and 740 member clubs, we are pleased to provide an interim report on our most recent Ontario Wildlife Foundation grant.

The Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program (LOASRP) has had a busy fall and early winter with activities. In the fall, 101,638 fall fingerlings were stocked over 8 days into three of the tributaries targeted for restoration of this species. Also in the fall, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) conducted their annual egg collections to produce fish that will be stocked in 2019 and 2020, and continued to grow the fish that will be stocked as yearlings in March and April of 2019. This winter, the OFAH made its annual contribution to MNRF's fish production costs, which included \$30,000 from the Ontario Wildlife Foundation.

The Atlantic Salmon eggs collected in the fall were also delivered to 100 classroom hatcheries, including 74 mentored by the OFAH, with 13 new units coming on board in 2019. Through January and very early February, program staff were on the road almost daily to deliver eggs and supplies to schools from Kingston to Hamilton. Staff were also out helping teachers new to the program with setting up their equipment. With egg deliveries done, program staff are now visiting schools to provide grade-appropriate presentations about the program to the students, including many presentations by our Habitat Technician.

Currently, besides school presentations, program staff are preparing to help MNRF stock yearling Atlantic Salmon, scheduling classroom field trips to release their fish in May and June, and planning for production stocking, also in May.

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 and fish stocking activities.

Yours in Conservation,

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