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Dear OWF:

Subject: Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program Final Report to OWF for 2025 grant

On behalf of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Foundation, I am pleased to provide the final report on our most recent Ontario Wildlife Foundation grant.

The Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program (LOASRP) used its 2025 Ontario Wildlife Foundation funding to secure the fish production portion of the program (\$20,700), travel to production and classroom hatchery fish stocking events (\$4,500) and the remaining (\$2800) going to admin fees. Funding for the fish production costs ensured that eggs for classroom hatcheries and fish for production stocking were available. In the spring, 76,778 spring yearlings and 70,000 fry were released into the Lake Ontario watershed. Volunteer stocking events engaged 51 individual volunteers. Participants consisted of seasoned anglers who support the restoration of Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon, new anglers who are very interested in the program, and avid naturalists interested in native species restoration.

The 2026 classroom hatchery program was very successful. Eggs were delivered to 81 classroom hatchery units in January along with an introductory presentation. Staff then delivered three mid-program presentations to the classes. In May and June, staff facilitated fish releases with the respective classes, releasing 7111 Atlantic Salmon fry into 7 tributaries of Lake Ontario. The program engaged over 3300 students in biology, ecology, and the importance of good environmental stewardship for our current and future natural resources.

Please let me know if you require further information or have 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,

Ben Teskey
OFAH Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program Coordinator
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