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Dear Mrs. McGrath:

Subject: Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program Final Report to OWF for 2022 grant

On behalf of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) and our 100,000 members, supporters, and subscribers, and 725 member clubs, 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 2022 Ontario Wildlife Foundation funding to secure the fish production portion of the program (\$22,500), travel to stocking events (\$2,000), classroom hatchery travel (\$2,500) and the remaining (\$3,000) going to admin fees. Funding for the fish production costs ensured that eggs for classroom hatcheries and fish for tributary stocking were available. In the spring, 93,657 yearlings, 181,345 fry and 2,501 adults were stocked into the Lake Ontario watershed. Volunteer stocking, which was suspended since 2019 due to the pandemic, returned with three stocking events engaging 26 individuals.

The 2023 classroom hatchery program returned to an in-class format in January. Eggs were delivered to 73 classroom hatchery units, along with an introductory presentation. Staff later delivered a series of three mid-program presentations to the classes. Classroom hatchery releases took place from May 4th – June 21st, successfully releasing 5,939 fry into seven tributaries of Lake Ontario while engaging over 2,500 students in biology, ecology, and the importance of stewardship.

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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