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Dear Mrs. Wall:

Subject: Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program Interim and Final Report to OWF

On behalf of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) and our 100,000 members, supporters, and subscribers, and 725 member clubs, we are pleased to provide the interim and final reports on our 2021 Ontario Wildlife Foundation grant, I apologize the interim report was late, but we had a changeover in staff this winter and I missed getting this report done in a timely fashion.

The Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program (LOASRP) used its 2021 Ontario Wildlife Foundation funding to secure the fish production portion of the program (\$22,500), with the remaining \$2,500 going to administrative fees. The province received the fish production funding in March 2022. This funding ensured eggs for classroom hatcheries and fish for tributary stocking were available. Thanks to this funding, last fall 32,060 fall fingerlings and 9,699 advanced fall yearlings were released into our target tributaries for restoration. In the spring of 2022, approximately 95,000 yearlings and 190,000 fry were stocked into three tributaries. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were not able to have volunteers help with stocking, but our partners ensured all the hatchery fish were successfully released into the water.

Support for fish production costs also ensured eggs were available for our virtual classroom hatchery program, where tanks with eggs developing into fry were part of 15 weekly episodes created by our Educator and made freely available online to any school in any location. Over 90 classes participated in the program with at least 1,800 students, and the episodes were viewed over 1,000 times, usually by classes of students watching together.

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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