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Senator Kathleen Taylor, Co-Chair
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Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Natural Resources
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Room H-178
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Dear Co-Chairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to present our budget this week. Our response to the request for a high-level summary of deferred maintenance issues at Leaburg Hatchery is below.

To date, we have not formally assessed deferred maintenance needs at Leaburg Hatchery because the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has historically owned and maintained the property and facilities. In response to your request, we checked in with the Corps and they do not have an updated deferred maintenance assessment for the Leaburg Hatchery. In the interest of providing you with information, we asked our local hatchery staff for their assessment of deferred maintenance needs at Leaburg Hatchery. Overall, our staff believe the facility and grounds to be in relatively good condition. The most significant deferred maintenance issue over the past year was a leaking roof on the hatchery. We replaced the roof last fall and it is no longer a deferred maintenance issue. Our staff are not aware of any significant existing deferred maintenance needs. Looking forward, there will be some ongoing maintenance needs at the hatchery, including roof replacement on three residences, minor asphalt repair, and riprap to stabilize earthen levees on the supply and discharge channels. These issues are not at the critical repair point and could be addressed over time through hatchery and other funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Committee's questions. Please contact me if I may provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Curtis E. Melcher
Director
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