

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Fish and Wildlife Hatchery Data Management

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Anderson

On May 25th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Fish and Wildlife to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$300,000 to support management and transfer of hatchery monitoring data.

The Exchange Network grant program aims to foster better environmental management and decision-making through increased access to timely, high quality environmental information. The Department seeks this funding to staff a project that would link existing hatchery databases. This effort would streamline field data collection as well as the transfer from hatcheries to managers, production staff, and researchers. No state match is required for this federal funding opportunity, and if awarded, the Department would hire limited duration appointments into available federally funded positions within the Fish Research program.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.