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Dear Clark County Legislative Delegation,

The Clark County Council is writing to you today to express their concern about recent cuts that are leading to the closure of the Skamania Fish Hatchery and the council's desire that the legislature take action to restore funding in order to reopen Skamania Hatchery. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) requested \$1.9 million for the operation of the North Toutle and Skamania Hatcheries in the 2025-27 budget. Only \$750,000 was appropriated, leaving a gap of \$1.15 million that is leading to Skamania Hatchery's closing.

The Skamania Hatchery provides critical support to fisheries and conservation goals and supports hundreds of millions of dollars of angling-related economic activity in southwest Washington. The hatchery closure will mean that 85,000 fewer Washougal River steelhead, 40,000 fewer Salmon Creek steelhead, and 20,000 fewer Rock Creek steelhead. The County Council requests that you support the appropriation of the additional \$1.15 million needed to continue operations at Skamania operation in the 2026 and future operating budgets.

Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to get in touch with the county if you have additional questions.

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