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Patrick J. Kemp, P.E.  
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Dear Commissioner Kemp,

On behalf of the Petersburg Borough Assembly, I would like to express our support for the rebuilding of Crystal Lake Hatchery after a fire destroyed the incubation and generator buildings in March. The Coho and King salmon released by Crystal Lake Hatchery into the waters around Petersburg provide for both commercial and sport fishing opportunities for community members and visitors.

Time is of the essence in the rebuild project as the hatchery will need incubation facilities in place by the first egg take in August. The Petersburg Borough Assembly believes it makes sense to allow the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, who has been managing the hatchery for the State since 2000, to take control of the project management. Transferring the funds to rebuild to SSRAA and allowing SSRAA to manage the project will help expedite the process. SSRAA would be able to hire local Petersburg contractors to begin the work this summer.

Thank you for your time. The Crystal Lake Hatchery is an important part of our community and we want it to stay that way for years to come.

Sincerely,

Mark Jensen  
Mayor