



Roxbury Fish Hatchery Capital Bill Adjustment

- Goal: Have Roxbury Fish Hatchery rebuilt and operational by the beginning of FY 2019
- Project cost breakdown:
 - Prior allocations: \$150k
 - Total FY 2017 Capital Bill adjustment request: \$1.88M
 - FY 2018 commitment request: \$3.47M
 - Total funding for Roxbury Hatchery rebuild: \$5.5M
- FEMA outlook:
 - Appeal to FEMA National Headquarters past due almost 1 year with no specific decision timeline expressed
 - Funding will be most likely be minimal (less than \$500k)
- Importance of Roxbury Fish Hatchery
 - Economic benefit – Approximately \$2.4M annual economic impact¹
 - Roxbury FCS is the oldest fish hatchery in Vermont coming into operation in 1891.
 - Due to Roxbury’s destruction, the State of Vermont has seen a 20-30% production shortage of yearling trout necessary for fish stocking
 - Roxbury was the only VT fish hatchery to produce brook trout “Trophy Trout”. These fish are large brook trout highly sought after by anglers.
 - Roxbury FCS was a significant ecotourism location that previously hosted over 2,000 visitors annually.
 - Roxbury FCS produced approximately 6,000 trout for the Children’s Fishing Program. This program partners with local outdoor interest clubs to promote / introduce children to fishing.

¹The annual economic impact of fish produced at the Roxbury facility is conservatively estimated to be \$2.4 million (according to the 2006 US Fish and Wildlife Service Survey of Hunting, Fishing, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation and the 2010 Vermont Angler Survey). This economic value is a primary benefit and does not include a ripple effect (i.e. jobs created).

