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The Executive Council, in a meeting held on this date, approved the Department of Natural Resources' request for an emergency allocation in the amount of \$25,000.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices. On June 30, 2026, the Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery roof sustained damage due to severe winds. Request was to cover repair costs.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA

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cc: Kayla Lyon, Director, Department of Natural Resources
Monica Thelen, Executive Officer, Wildlife Bureau, Department of Natural Resources
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AOS Claim # 4418
TOS Job # _____



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July 16, 2026

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Executive Council

Subject: Damages to Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery Roof Due to Severe Winds on June 30, 2026
Department of Natural Resources
Claim dated July 6, 2026
AOS Claim ID: 4418

In accordance with Executive Council policy, we have examined the claim for 29C.20 funds for the above-mentioned damage. It is our conclusion that the above-mentioned damage incurred by the Department of Natural Resources is covered by Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa. Therefore, we recommend an Executive Council allocation in the amount of \$25,000.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian R. Brustkern".

Brian R. Brustkern, CPA
Deputy Auditor of State

cc: George Scholten, Supervisor, Fisheries Bureau, Department of Natural Resources
Heather Hackbarth, Department of Management

July 6, 2026

Victoria Newton	Tammy Hollingsworth
Executive Council	Auditor's Office
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Subject: Wind Damage at Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery, Dickinson County

Victoria and Tammy:

This is a follow up to my July 1, 2026 notification of damages to the roof of one of the outbuildings at Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery. While clearing debris and downed limbs following the severe winds in the Spirit Lake area on June 30, 2026, our staff noted damage to the roof of one of our buildings (supporting photographs attached). One of our facilities engineers later inspected the site and noted that portions of the ridge and several areas of shingles were either lost or damaged. Based on this inspection, the engineer recommends a full roof replacement. Our Engineers estimate that it will cost \$25,000 to replace this roof with shingles that maintain the historical look of the building.

This information is being submitted to Executive Council as a request for a total allocation of \$25,000.00.

I thank you and the Executive Council members for your time and consideration of this request. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,



George Scholten, Supervisor
Fisheries Bureau



Scholten, George <george.scholten@dnr.iowa.gov>

Storm Damage Assessment for Fisheries Research Building at SLFH

1 message

Felts, Jeff <jeff.felts@dnr.iowa.gov>

Mon, Jul 6, 2026 at 1:46 PM

To: George Scholten <george.scholten@dnr.iowa.gov>, Mike Hawkins <michael.hawkins@dnr.iowa.gov>

George,

Per your request I visited the Spirit Lake Hatchery Research building to survey wind damage to the shingle roofing last week. I witnessed multiple areas where sections of shingle have been blown off the roof decking and other areas where shingles are still intact but no longer sealed to the ones below them. Beyond the storm damage all ridge shingles on the building have lost most of their granular material and are severely curled and brittle from long-term sun exposure.

I estimate the existing shingles are 25ish years old. Because of their age and the random nature of the damage (affecting both sides of the roof), I recommend replacing the entire asphalt shingle roof system. Patching specific damaged areas on a roof this old isn't feasible because the old shingles will break and tear while the contractor attempts to interlace new shingles with the old ones in patch areas.

My replacement plan will be to use the roofing specifications we use on our historic lodge buildings to ensure there are no historical preservation issues. I am also estimating a few pieces of roof sheathing as we will likely encounter some rot on a roof of this age. My total project cost is estimated at \$25,000.

Let me know if you need anything further.

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Jeff Felts, P.E.**District Engineer, Northwest District**

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