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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 \$6,000.00, subject to an audit of actual invoices. On April 7, 2026, the floor at the Rathbun Fish Hatchery in Appanoose County was damaged. 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 # 4287
TOS Job # _____



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July 16, 2026

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Executive Council

Subject: Damages to Floor at Rathbun Fish Hatchery in Appanoose County on April 7, 2026
Department of Natural Resources
Claim dated July 6, 2026
AOS Claim ID: 4287

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 \$6,000.00, 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: Claim ID 4287 Floor Damage at Rathbun Fish Hatchery, Appanoose County

Victoria and Tammy:

On April 7, 2026 you were sent notification of damage to the tile flooring in the Visitor Center gallery at Rathbun Fish Hatchery. While staff were hosting a public tour, the flooring heaved. We are not sure why this happened but the area received heavy rain over the previous weekend.

Our Engineers estimate that it will cost \$6,000 to replace the tile in the 18' x 24' room, which includes demolition, removal, mobilization, and replacement with tile that is almost an identical match (allowing us to replace only what is necessary).

This information is being submitted to Executive Council as a request for a total allocation of \$6,000.00.

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>

Rathbun Hatchery Flooring

1 message

Kruse, Jason <jason.kruse@dnr.iowa.gov>
To: George Scholten <george.scholten@dnr.iowa.gov>

Thu, Apr 23, 2026 at 12:27 PM

After visiting the hatchery, I believe \$6000 will be a good estimate. This is based on a cost of \$10/SF for replacement of the 24'x18' room (432 SF). The estimate is rounded up to \$6000 to account for removal, disposal, and mobilization. Thanks.

Jason Kruse, P.E.
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