

Project F.I.S.H.

Friends Involved in Sportfishing Heritage



What Is Project F.I.S.H.?

Involvement of youth in a long term and continuous, community supported, sportfishing



Project F.I.S.H. is an education program for youth and families sponsored locally by county 4-H, schools, fishing and conservation organizations, and others interested in fish, fisheries and fish learning opportunities for youth to gain:

- Angling skills
- Understanding of aquatic ecology
- Tackle crafting skills
- Ethics and responsibility as anglers
- Understanding of fisheries management

Who are some of the sponsors of Project F.I.S.H.?

MSU Department of Fisheries & Wildlife, with grant support from the Great Lakes Fishery Trust, MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H Youth Programs, Agency and organizational partners: MDNR Fisheries Division, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Michigan Sea Grant and Jean Glassen Memorial Foundation.

Many state and local partnerships have been initiated through community and sportsman organizations, retailers, and state and national sporting goods manufacturers.

Project Goals:

- Encourage youth to spend time outdoors!
- Provide multiple experience sportfishing giving youth gradual, sport fishing mentoring and a lifelong learning process.
- Develop in youth an appreciation of the outdoors and outdoor ethics and behaviors.
- Reach youth through clubs, schools, and sportsmen's organizations.
- Help adults as mentors spend time with youth.
- Involve teachers, adult volunteer youth leaders, teen leaders, and retirees as mentors.
- Provide training for volunteers, with volunteers attending as members of a local team.
- Help instructors develop willingness and ability to start and sustain a long term program in their local communities (including management/Coordinator strategies)
- Gain new knowledge, resources and confidence, enjoyment of the outdoors, aquatic biology/ecology, ethics and angling skills.



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