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Re: "21st Annual Kid's Fishing Day" Event – Saturday, June 6, 2020

Greetings Andy:

Make a difference in a kid's life and support the 21st Annual Kids Fishing Day on June 6 at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. Last year there were 392participants, 43 sponsors, 63 volunteers, lots of displays, and many teachable moments for families. The kids learn through hands-on activity stations and are rewarded for their efforts. The day was a cool sunny day, but the fish were biting and everyone was having fun!

Its supporters and volunteers like Bayfield & Ashland LWCD that make this event so successful. We welcome LWCD staff participation again this year to teach kids about aquatic invasives and how to prevent them from spreading. If you can help again, please contact me at (715) 685-2644.

We hope you will join us for the 21st Annual Kids Fishing Day!

Best Regards,

Susan Nelson

Conservation Education Specialist USDA Forest Service

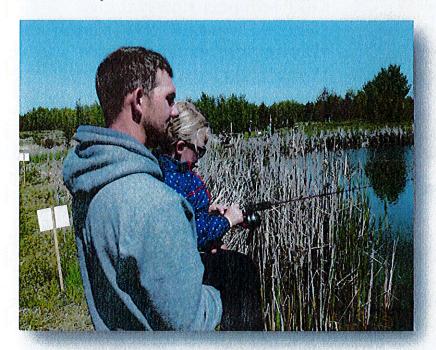
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Enclosure

## Thank You!



20<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Fishing Day was a Success! June 1, 2019 \* Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center





Ready... Set ... Let's Go Fishing!







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### Thank you Volunteers and Sponsors!



Tackle talk with Pro Fisherman, David Wegener.
Kids learned how tackle swivels, wiggles and wobbles under water to attract fish!

Steven Ballou, National Park Service Ranger, talks to parents and children about the importance of wearing personal floatation devices and how to be safe around water.



Kids learn how to identify fish with the experts!

# 2019 Kids Fishing Day Event:

392 Participants
63 Volunteers & Staff
43 Sponsors
Lots of smiles and
precious family time!



Kids line up to aim casting plugs at hula hoops on the casting range.

Nick Schmal, Executive Director of the Future Angler Foundation, helps young learners master their casting technique.





Families learn how to get the lead out of their tackle boxes.

LoonWatch program staff had samples of non-lead weights from tackle sponsors to give away.

Kids learn how fish are reared at the UW-Stevens Point Aquaculture Facility and how the Aquaculture helps the Wisconsin fishing industry.



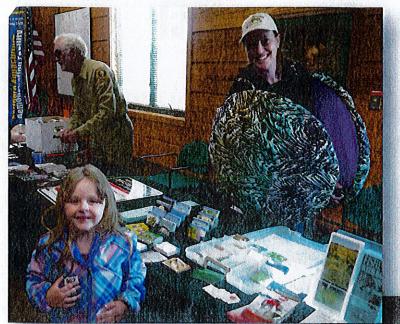


Spying on frogs and water insects with biologists! Kids used magnifying lenses to get a close look at what fish eat. Then they learned how artificial baits look and move like the food fish eat. Yum!



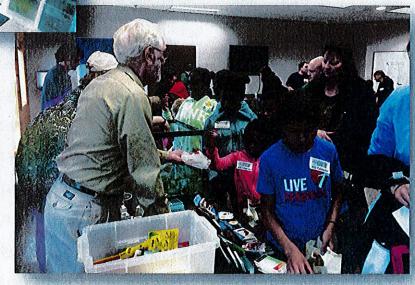
U.S. Coast Guard Station Bayfield officers tour kids through a search and rescue boat and learn what officers do to help boaters.

Kids made Gyotaku fish painting prints on bandanas to wear or take home with them!



Caitlin Hoenig, USDA Forest Service, wears a Zebra Mussel costume to stress how important it is to stop the spread of this invasive mussel. National Park Service and Bayfield County Land & Water Conservation Department staff show samples of non-native plants and animals and how they spread. They also shared tips to clean boats and gear and how to dispose of live bait.









Families line up around the pond to catch trout, yellow perch, and bluegill.

### Thank you Sponsors!

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