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CROCKETT FAMILY WINS FOCUS ON FISH HEALTH PHOTO CONTEST *In Most Impressive Catch Category*

Brian Crockett, 35, has been fishing along the Wabash River with buddies for more than 15 years, but this past spring the Terre Haute, Indiana resident bought a boat for the family and they had a ball. “My sons Wyatt, 5, and Rylan, 8, went out with me almost every weekend and we had some real fishing success,” he said.

That success included two nearly 50 pound blue catfish caught and released this summer. One of the big fish was displayed in a photo of Brian and son Ryland that won *Most Impressive Catch* in September’s Focus On Fish Health photo contest. Focus On Fish Health is a public awareness project of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS).

The photo was snapped by Crockett’s father Jim, 65, who loves the water, too. “He was really impressed at how clean the river is in our area,” Crockett noted.

Crockett is an avid hunter and fisherman and is training his sons to respect the animals and the environment. “They know to put the big fish back in so they can continue to spawn and promote the species,” he said, “and they know you have to be stewards of the water and forests that you enjoy.”

Cleaning his boat and equipment are second nature to the Crockett family. “We live on a farm and we know that if you take care of your things they’ll last longer,” he said.

Contestants can submit photos again in May 2011 at www.FocusonFishHealth.org to enter the annual summer contest.

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