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## Garrett Family Wins Focus On Fish Health Photo Contest *In Family Fun Fishing or Boating Category*

This summer the Garrett-Agon family – aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents— all gathered in Frankfort, Michigan for their vacation and some fun on Lake Michigan! A snapshot of family members displaying their catch after an early morning fishing trip won August’s Focus On Fish Health Photo Contest in the category of *Family Fun Fishing and Boating*.

Focus On Fish Health is a public awareness campaign of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS). The Garrett’s photo will featured on the [www.FocusOnFishHealth.org](http://www.FocusOnFishHealth.org) website along with the other monthly winners.

The Garrett-Agon clan, whose members hail from Springfield, Illinois; Dublin, Ohio; and Joliet, Michigan, joined family patriarch and fishing enthusiast, grandfather Roger Garrett, 69, at the lake. The winning photograph shows father Aaron Garrett, 42 and his daughters Baylie, 14 and Olivia, 10 with their grandfather, Roger and cousin Ben Agon, 12, surrounding the king salmon they caught. The catch ranged from 12 to 20 pounds. The photo was snapped by Ben’s dad, John Agon, and submitted by the girls’ mother, Brandie Garrett.

“The gang all got up at 4 a.m. in order to be on the lake by 5 a.m.,” recalled Ms. Garrett who stayed behind. Although both Baylie and Olivia suffered some minor sea sickness on rough waters, they each managed to bring home a catch. “Baylie caught her salmon within 25 minutes of being on the boat. Then she retired,” Ms. Garrett said with a smile, noting the teen rallied in time to take the family photo.

The Garretts learned about the USDA-sponsored Focus On Fish Health campaign from a flier in the Frankfort Visitors Center. The campaign targets recreational boaters and fishermen with information about preventing the spread of fish diseases and invasive species. “We are all becoming more and more environmentally conscious, says Ms. Garrett. “The girls encourage us to be aware. They are very concerned about damage to our waterways.”

The popular contest has been extended through September 30. Contestants can submit photos at [www.FocusOnFishHealth.org](http://www.FocusOnFishHealth.org) to enter. New winners are announced every month.