



### **Three Generations Enjoy Fishing Together**

Ten year old Conner Powers already has a tackle box that would make most grown men green with envy, says his mother, Linda Powers. Three generations of avid anglers in the family have helped him grow his artificial bait collection. "He has even started tying his own flies," she notes proudly.

On a recent spring morning Ms. Powers snapped a photo of Uncle Bob Coulombe, 82, her husband Kevin, 58, and their grandson Conner Millett with their latest catch, a large mouth bass.

The photo won May's Focus on Fish Health Photo Contest in the category of *Family Fun on the Water*. It will be featured on the [www.FocusOnFishHealth.org](http://www.FocusOnFishHealth.org) website along with the other monthly winner. 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 Powers, who live in Westfield, MA, spend almost every weekend in the summer at the home of Kevin's Uncle Bob, which is right on Andover Lake in Andover, CT. Fishing is a year-round family sport for them. "We pack a lunch and head out regularly. We even come out to ice fish," Ms. Powers says.

Connor's parents, Jody and Kelly Millett, sometimes join the rest of the family. But "Jody is in law enforcement and doesn't have the time and freedom to enjoy the sport as much as we do," Ms. Powers noted.

Andover Lake is a quiet, pristine lake – no motor boats allowed. "We practice CPR on this lake," Ms. Powers says. "We **C**atch the fish, take a **P**hoto and then carefully **R**elease it back into the water."

The family is very much aware of the danger of spreading fish disease and invasive species, she added. "We are extremely cautious about keeping everything clean and not transferring water or bait from one body of water to another. We want to keep Lake Andover fresh and clean!"

Contestants can submit photos all summer. Go to [www.FocusOnFishHealth.org](http://www.FocusOnFishHealth.org) to enter the contest and win prizes. New winners are announced every month.

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