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Dodge Family Wins Focus On Fish Health Photo Contest *In "Family Fun Fishing or Boating" Category*

A snapshot of the delighted faces of West Berlin, New Jersey resident Michael Dodge's son and nephews on Newton Lake in New Jersey was the May winner of the Focus on Fish Health Photo contest sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS) in the category of Family Fun Fishing and Boating.

The boys pictured in a boat are Dodge's son Ayden, 6 and his nephews Wayne Valovich Jr., 12, and Devin Dodge, 14. "The boys love to go out in the boat and travel from lake to lake in the area," says Dodge. "We caught some crappies and sunnies that day using worms." The photo will featured on the www.FocusonFishHealth.org website until mid-July when the June winners will go up.

Dodge was interested in the USDA/APHIS-sponsored Focus on Fish Health campaign, which targets recreational boaters and fishermen with information about preventing the spread of fish diseases and invasive species, because, he says, "protection of our environment is a big part of what I want these boys to learn."

"Every time I take my boat out of the water I stop by the self-serve car wash afterwards and power wash the dirt off," he notes. "It's just part of what you do."

Contestants can enter the competition all summer long by submitting their photos to www.FocusonFishHealth.org. New winners are announced every month.