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Focus on Fish Health Photo Contest Winners Announced

All Are Committed to Preserving their Waterways for Future Generations

A huge fish, happy faces and a gorgeous sunset are featured among the winners of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Focus on Fish Health photo contest for June. Jenny Long of Waukesha, WI; Frank Koshere of Superior, WI and Grant Olsen of Alpine, UT are the winners in each of three categories.

Grant's photo of his dad's 390 pound halibut won in the Most Impressive Catch category. Orrin Olsen wrestled the fish into the boat on a fishing trip on Glacier Bay, Alaska. "It almost pulled him off the boat," Grant said. "But my grandfather and uncle helped out at the end."

Frank sent in a photo of the bright happy faces of his daughter Kathryn and five-year-old granddaughter Kadence as they floated along on Twin Bear Lake near Iron River, WI. "My family visits every summer and loves to go out on the water," says Frank. "We caught some blue gills the day before."

Jenny captured her husband Rob and eight-year-old son Zack against a breathtaking sunset on Big Bass Lake in Rosholt, WI. "I was on my mother's back porch when they walked down to the pier to fish and I took the shot," she says.

All said they were interested in the USDA 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 they are concerned about preserving and protecting the environment where they enjoy their sport.

None would ever transfer fish or plants from one body of water to another and all wash their boats and equipment after use. Grant notes that he cleans all debris and mud off his boat every time he goes out on the water. "We are very conscious of preserving our environment."

Contestants can submit photos all summer at www.FocusonFishHealth.org to enter the contest. New winners are announced every month. All winners will receive a Focus on Fish Health duffle bag and their photos will be displayed on www.FocusonFishHealth.org website.