



# Compliments of the Hunter Education Program

Finally spring has sprung! With June, the Hunter Education Program begins helping out at the Green Mountain Conservation Camps, as well as the start of our busy season. This week, we welcomed Dylan Brooks into Hope's old position as the Hunter Education Technician (aka Hunter Education Specialist). Dylan's intro is below. Please join me in welcoming Dylan to the Hunter Education Program! This issue of Field Notes includes press releases from Fish & Wildlife as well as some articles written by instructors. If you have any articles, pictures, or comments, please e-mail them to [Nicole.Corrao@state.vt.us](mailto:Nicole.Corrao@state.vt.us)

## Insights

### *Welcome Hunter Ed Tech: Dylan Brooks!*

I caught the sport shooting bug at an early age and started shooting competitively at age 11. By 14 I was certified in Hunter Education and began firearm hunting with my father in Connecticut where I was born and raised. I have been hunting, fishing, and enjoying the outdoors ever since.

I am a graduate of Unity College in Maine where I earned a Bachelor Degree in Conservation Law Enforcement. After graduating, I worked as a tech for the State of Connecticut's Conservation Education/Firearm Safety program and



became a volunteer instructor myself. I am proud to be working with such a great program, and I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all.

Dylan and his catch of the day.

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Photo courtesy of Dylan Brooks

# Hunter Education Instructor Training Course

## Taking Place July 18-19

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Photo courtesy of Vermont Fish & Wildlife

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is offering a New Instructor Training Course for people interested in volunteering to teach Hunter Education, Trapping Education or Bowhunter Education courses in Vermont.

The course will take place starting at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 18, and will go through the afternoon of Saturday, July 19. It will be held at Vermont Fish & Wildlife's Green Mountain Conservation Camp at Buck Lake in Woodbury, Vermont.

Participants may stay at the camp overnight in the cabins, but must bring personal camping supplies, including a sleeping bag and other bedding materials. Participants are also permitted to pitch a tent on site. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on Saturday.

The course will cover policies and procedures, field experience, and teaching methods to give instructors the tools to teach future Vermont hunters how to have a safe and enjoyable experience. After attending the instructor training course, all applicants are required to shadow a Chief Instructor before they can teach on their own.

"Vermont has an extremely strong hunter safety record as a result of our knowledgeable and capable hunter education instructors," said Chris Saunders, hunter education coordinator for Vermont. "The skills and ethics that our instructors impart to their students will serve them for a lifetime."

Participants who successfully pass the final written exam will receive assignments for shadowing with a Chief Instructor. Upon completion, they will then receive their full state of Vermont Hunter Education Instructor certification.

The event starts at 7 p.m. on Friday. Those planning to attend should RSVP by email to Nicole Corrao at [Nicole.Corrao@state.vt.us](mailto:Nicole.Corrao@state.vt.us) or call 802-318-1347 before July 14.

# Muzzleloader Antlerless Deer Permit

## Applications Available

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Vermont's muzzleloader antlerless deer hunting permit applications are now available on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's website ([www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com)). A quick-link to the information and application is provided on the home page.

"It's a really swift and easy process that ensures your entry is immediately entered into the lottery," said Deer Project Leader Adam Murkowski. "Plus, it saves you postage. We encourage you to use the online application because it is more efficient for you and for us. Be sure to apply before the August 15 deadline."

Like in the past, a person may apply in the lottery category, or as a landowner. However, it is a violation for a landowner to apply for a landowner antlerless permit if they are posting their land against hunting. Fish & Wildlife says it will be closely monitoring landowner applications and listing permit winners in both categories on its website.

The Fish and Wildlife Board met on May 29 and approved the number of December muzzleloader season antlerless permits at 17,050 distributed in 13 of Vermont's 20 Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) and to allow antlerless hunting during the archery season in 18 of 20 WMUs with WMUs D2 and E being closed to the taking of antlerless during the archery and muzzleloader seasons. Youth hunters will have the opportunity to take one deer of either sex during the youth deer hunting weekend on November 8-9, 2014.

Hunter success with muzzleloader antlerless permits has been as low as 10 percent in some WMUs and as high as 35 percent in others. Each year WMU-specific success rates are taken into consideration when issuing antlerless permits in order to better manage the harvest of antlerless deer.

Hunters are reminded of the critical role they play in conserving Vermont's deer resource through the purchase of hunting licenses and participation in mandatory harvest reporting. "Without Vermont deer hunters the scientific management of the deer herd would not be possible," said Murkowski.

"Biological information such as fawn and buck body weights, antler development, and reproductive data indicate the Vermont's deer herd continues to remain healthy," said Murkowski, "but it is still important to harvest an appropriate number of antlerless deer to maintain a healthy deer herd. A healthy deer herd is a benefit to Vermont's deer, the habitats that support them and to Vermont hunters."

# Vermont's Moose Hunt Auction is Open

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Vermont's lottery for moose hunting permits closed June 17, but there's one more opportunity to get a permit for this fall's moose hunt. Vermont's auction for five moose hunting permits is open until 4:30 p.m. August 14.

Auction winners will hunt in one of several wildlife management units (WMUs) open to moose hunting and choose to hunt during the October 1-7 archery season, or in the October 18-23 regular season.

Vermont's 2013 Moose Harvest Report on Fish & Wildlife's website has details on last year's hunt, including the towns where moose were taken. Look under "Hunting and Trapping" and then "Big Game."

Bids must be entered with a sealed bid form available from Vermont Fish & Wildlife.

A minimum bid of \$1,500 is required, and winning bids are typically at least \$4,000. Bids do not include the cost of a hunting license (residents \$22, nonresidents \$100) or moose hunting permit fee (\$100 for residents and \$350 for nonresidents).

Additional information about the auction is on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's website ([www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com)). Moose permit bid packets can be obtained by calling Fish & Wildlife at 802-828-1190 or by emailing ([fwinformation@state.vt.us](mailto:fwinformation@state.vt.us)).

The bid packets include a map of Vermont's Wildlife Management Units with revised boundaries effective this year.

Proceeds from the moose hunting permit auction help fund Vermont Fish and Wildlife educational programs.

The lottery drawing for 285 regular moose season permits and 50 archery season permits will be held July 17 in Montpelier.



Photo courtesy of Wayne Laroche

# Robert Sterling is Vermont's Warden of the Year

Robert Sterling of Fair Haven is Vermont's State Game Warden of the Year. A State Game Warden for 18 years, Sterling was given the award by Governor Peter Shumlin in recognition of his excellent service on May 22 in Montpelier.

"I want to thank Robert for his outstanding performance in protecting Vermont's fish and wildlife resources and serving the people of Vermont," said Gov. Shumlin. He said Warden Sterling was chosen for "his professionalism, his strong work ethic, his dedicated training of new wardens, helpful outreach with the public, and his tracking and evidence work with his dog, "Rufus."

Lt. George Scribner, Sterling's supervisor, also commended him for his ability to conduct thorough investigations in hunting and fishing violations and the leadership he has provided in coordinating Fish & Wildlife's K-9 training program. "He is a true team player, and is always willing to drop everything to assist another warden or another agency," said Scribner.

"Our warden force provides a broad range of services that go far beyond protecting fish and wildlife," said Colonel David LeCours. "In Warden Sterling's case, his peers chose him for this award because he exemplifies an exceptionally high standard that others strive to reach."

Warden Sterling's district includes the towns of Fair Haven, West Haven, Castleton, Benson, Sudbury, and Orwell.

Shikar-Safari Club International, a private wildlife conservation group, sponsors a warden of the year award in each state and Canadian province to help promote and encourage the enforcement of wildlife conservation laws. Sterling received a colorful framed certificate honoring his selection as Vermont's State Game Warden of the Year, provided by Shikar-Safari Club International.



Vermont State Game Warden Robert Sterling is shown here receiving Vermont's Warden of the Year Award from Governor Peter Shumlin in Montpelier on May 22. Also pictured are (from left) Lt. George Scribner, Agency of Natural Resources Secretary Deb Markowitz, Col. David LeCours and Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter. Photo courtesy of Tom Rogers, VTFW

## FAQ with Nicole



Nicole on the range

Photo courtesy of instructor DJ Rousseau

**Q:** How do I request supplies from your office?

**A:** Since we no longer have the requisition forms, we are trying to make equipment requests as easy as possible.

All you have to do is contact Nicole or Dylan, and they will either mail your equipment to you, or arrange to meet you somewhere to give you anything you may need for your class.

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## Disabled Veterans' Hunting and Fishing Benefits Improve

More of Vermont's disabled veterans now have increased hunting and fishing license benefits thanks to legislation signed into law by Governor Peter Shumlin on May 5, 2014.

"Vermont's veterans deserve our thanks for all they have given to their state and their country," said Governor Shumlin. "Making more disabled Vermonters eligible for free hunting and fishing licenses is one way to offer them the recognition they deserve."

Act 116 (H.589) provides that a Vermont resident who is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces and who is 60 percent disabled (used to be 100 percent) as a result of a service-connected disability may receive a free fishing, hunting, or combination hunting and fishing license, which will include all big game licenses, except for a moose permit, with certification by the veterans' administration.

The legislation also has a reciprocity provision for veterans from other states.

Fish & Wildlife urges people to call their licensing office for more information 802-828-1190.



## Mission Statement

The Mission of the Vermont Bowhunters Association is to unite the Bowhunters of Vermont and to use their collective strength to work on behalf of current and future generations of Bowhunters, and to foster, protect, and preserve the sport of bowhunting and archery.

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## Introduction to the VERMONT BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION

On August 12<sup>th</sup> of 2010, 6 concerned and dedicated bowhunters met in Danville to discuss the need for a statewide Organization that would unite the States bowhunters and represent the bowhunters views on topics that were important to the bowhunter. They decided that there was definitely a need for such an Organization and started to work towards that goal. At that time, the proposed Archery only Moose Season had just been voted down for lack of support. The meeting was also to discuss this issue. Three of these hunters had been working on their own, for years, to get the Moose Season established. Meeting each other for the first time during the negotiations, they worked together to get the support, and the Moose Season Passed.

There were many meetings over the next year and a half, with some of the Founders traveling as much as 2 hours to get to those meetings. The Vermont Bowhunters Association became a Vermont Non-Profit Corporation on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011. All the work that went into these meetings was worth it and in January, 2012, the VBA went public and started selling memberships at the Yankee Sportsman Classic.

Today we have 10 directors with over 400 years of combined experience in Archery and Bowhunting. Our Membership is around a 100 and getting more every month. We would like to work with you as a source for information when it concerns Archery, Bowhunting, or Conservation from the bowhunters point of view.

If you have any questions, concerns, or want to become a member, or would just like to get involved, please contact one of the people below or visit our web site at [www.vermontbowhuntersassociation.org](http://www.vermontbowhuntersassociation.org). Over the next few months we will be sending you information, and our position, on a variety of topics that are important to Bowhunters. Thank you for taking the time to find out a little bit about the VBA.

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# Fish & Wildlife Dept and Trout Unlimited Work to Improve Trout Habitat in NEK

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The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department and Trout Unlimited have partnered to improve trout habitat in the Nulhegan River watershed in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom.

The team, led by Jud Kratzer, fisheries biologist for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, and Joe Norton, project manager for Trout Unlimited's Upper Connecticut Home Rivers Initiative, has been updating culverts under roads to improve upstream passage for trout so that they can access spawning habitat and find cooler water in the heat of summer. They have also been strategically felling trees into the river in order to improve trout habitat.

"Good trout habitat is often messy," said Kratzer. "It's full of boulders, trees, sticks, and leaves. It may not look like the manicured stream bank that you would find in a city park, but trout thrive in that environment."

According to Kratzer, historical logging practices around the turn of the twentieth century took a toll on trout habitat in the Nulhegan watershed. In order to ship Vermont logs to mills in southern New England, dams were built, riverbeds were straightened, and large boulders and trees were removed. This drastic alteration in the river proved devastating for trout, and much of the damage still exists today.

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Improvements being made to existing trout habitat. Photo courtesy of Vermont Fish & Wildlife





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The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department and Trout Unlimited have also been partnering with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Plum Creek Timber Company to help restore trout habitat and connectivity in the Nulhegan watershed.

The team has replaced two culverts that were barriers to the upstream movement of fish with bridges that now allow fish to move upstream into areas that were previously inaccessible to them. “In some instances, we are opening up smaller trout streams that have not had access for larger mainstem trout for nearly 50 years,” said Norton.

The team has also strategically added wood to portions of several rivers and streams in the watershed. These strategic wood additions are improving fish habitat by providing places for trout and other fish to hide from predators, retaining food for the aquatic invertebrates that fish eat, and by helping the river to form deeper runs, which trout prefer over shallow riffles.

“We’re all working together to restore the rivers in this watershed so that trout have a place to thrive and reproduce,” said Kratzer. “Past land use practices have left a legacy of poor trout habitat in many of Vermont’s rivers. Our work is one small step towards restoring the former health and beauty of these waters.”

Kratzer’s biologist report on this project is available on YouTube at [www.tinyurl.com/NulheganHabitat](http://www.tinyurl.com/NulheganHabitat). The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has also produced a brief guide on fishing in the Northeast Kingdom, available at [www.tinyurl.com/FishingGuideNEK](http://www.tinyurl.com/FishingGuideNEK). The guide provides simple, practical advice on where and how to fish and what to fish for that is helpful for new anglers and for more experienced anglers that want to introduce their friends and family to this great sport.

## **New Record Carp Caught in Lake Champlain, Vt**

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A Shoreham angler took a new state record carp on May 20 from the waters of Lake Champlain.

Darren Ouellette was bow-fishing for carp with Taylor Patterson in a backwater area of southern Lake Champlain when Darren spotted a very large carp cruising just below the surface in some flooded trees. Drawing quickly and taking aim, Darren arrowed the 44-pound 6-ounce giant, and then fought for over 20 minutes to land it on his fishing-modified compound bow.

“I knew it was a pretty big fish when I first saw it, but I didn’t think it was as big as it turned out to be,” said Ouellette.

“When Darren finally got it in close, I tried to net it but I could only fit its head in the net,” added Taylor. “I ended up just grabbing it in the mouth by hand and swinging it in. I was shocked at how heavy it was when I went to lift it.”

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**Darren Ouellette of Shoreham, Vt., with the new state record 44-lb. 6-oz carp he caught recently in Lake Champlain. Photo courtesy of VTFW**

Darren's fish eclipses the previous state record carp by nearly two pounds. That fish was taken by bow-angler Jeremy Ballantine in May 2013 on the Connecticut River and weighed 42-pounds 8-ounces.

Although common carp have been naturalized in many waters throughout the country since the early 1800's, fishing for them gained little attention from North American anglers until recently.

Carp-specific fishing magazines, clubs, television shows and internet forums are starting to pop up throughout the U.S. and Canada as anglers slowly realize the sporting opportunities and trophy-class potential common carp provide.

"Common carp are actually smart, wary fish that spook easily," says Shawn Good, Vermont Fish & Wildlife's fisheries biologist who administers the Vermont Record Fish Program. "While it's still uncommon in Vermont, there is a small group of dedicated anglers I know here who target carp with fly fishing gear. These anglers tell me that carp are often referred to as "freshwater bonefish" because of the challenge and difficulty in taking one on a fly." According to Good, Lake Champlain is ripe to provide those challenges to keen anglers who learn about productive carp fishing techniques.

"Full grown adult carp in Lake Champlain average well over 20 pounds in size, with a real opportunity to catch them in the 30-pound range and higher," says Good. "In other places around the country where carp fishing has taken off, the most common method of fishing for them involves chumming an area close to shore with dough-balls or "boilies" to bring the fish in close, and still-fishing in the middle of your chummed area."

Carp are incredibly strong, powerful fish, and when hooked, can make long, powerful runs. "Who wouldn't want to hook a 20-pound fish that fights like that! You may never fish for trout or bass again," teased Good.

Good also points out that the "common carp," which has long been established in North American waters, including Lake Champlain since 1883, is a different species than the invasive Asian carp that has recently been in the news. He says non-native common carp do not pose the same threats to aquatic ecosystems and human safety that Asian carp do. Asian carp are not present in Vermont waters.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has maintained the record fish program since 1969 to help monitor productivity of fisheries throughout the state and also to give anglers recognition for their exceptional catches.

Ouellette's carp now stands as the single heaviest fish ever entered into the program, of any species, in the 45 years of the program's existence.

# Fish & Wildlife and VTrans Partner to Save Snakes

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The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has partnered with the Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation and the Vermont Agency of Transportation to provide habitat for a rare snake species near a truck weigh station on Interstate 91 in Guilford.

Doug Blodgett, snake biologist for Fish & Wildlife, has been working with VTrans to create habitat for North American racers, a rare, black, non-venomous snake that is found in only a few towns in the southeast corner of Vermont. Racers are a threatened species in Vermont and they are listed as a Species of Greatest Conservation Need in Vermont's Wildlife Action Plan.

The racers were discovered near the site where an old truck weigh station was scheduled to be rebuilt and expanded. As part of the permitting process, VTrans agreed to use some scrap material and equipment from the project to improve habitat for the threatened snakes.

"Racers are a protected species in Vermont, so we wanted to work with VTrans to make sure this development didn't harm these snakes," said Blodgett. "In the end, we have worked together to dramatically improve habitat conditions for them and potentially a variety of other snake species."

VTrans used overburden from the project – rocks and boulders that are normally considered waste – to build places for the racers to hibernate in winter, basking areas for them to warm up their body temperature, and grassy travel corridors for them to move and feed. The travel corridor was created on the adjacent Roaring Brook Wildlife Management Area, which is owned by the Fish & Wildlife Department and is managed as wildlife habitat.

"VTrans has been a great partner for the Fish & Wildlife Department on a variety of issues, from connecting blocks of wildlife habitat divided by highways to improving fish passages in culverts under roads," said Blodgett. "Many of these projects improve conditions for wildlife, and they make the roads safer for drivers, saving money in the long-run."



VTF&W and VTrans partnered to improve habitat for rare North American racers (a non-venomous snake) at a road project in Guilford, VT.

Photo courtesy of Sue Morse, *Keeping Track*

By leaving material onsite for the snakes rather than transporting it away, VTrans was able to save tens of thousands of dollars on the cost of the project. Racers feed on rodents, insects, and other small animals.

"This was an interesting experiment that resulted in us all learning a lot about creating quality snake habitat," said Blodgett. "It was a very cooperative, multi-agency project, with Forests, Parks and Recreation District Forester Tim Morton working closely with VTrans excavator operators to guide the construction of the habitat improvements."

# Fawns are Arriving



Fawns like this one are being born now and should be left alone. Their mothers are almost always nearby.

VTF&W photo by Elaine & Marshall Witten

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department says deer fawns are being born now and asks that people avoid disturbing or picking them up.

Most deer fawns are born during the first and second weeks of June, according to Vermont deer biologist Adam Murkowski.

Murkowski says it is best to keep your distance because the fawn's mother is almost always nearby. When people see a small fawn alone, they often mistakenly assume it is helpless, lost or needing to be rescued.

During the first few weeks of its life fawns do not attempt to evade predators, instead relying on remaining undetected through camouflage and stillness. During these times fawns are learning critical survival skills from their mothers. Bringing a fawn into a human environment results in separation from its mother, and it usually results in a sad ending for the animal.

Murkowski encourages people to resist the urge to assist wildlife in ways that may be harmful, and he offered these informational tips:

Deer and moose nurse their young at different times during the day, and often leave their young alone for long periods of time. These animals are not lost. Their mother knows where they are and will return.

Deer normally will not feed or care for their young when people are close by.

Deer fawns will imprint on humans and lose their natural fear of people, which can be essential to their survival.

Keep domestic pets indoors, leashed or fenced in. Dogs often will kill fawns and other baby animals.

For the safety of all wildlife, taking a wild animal into captivity is illegal in Vermont.

"It's important to remember that it is in the best interest of Vermonters and the wildlife that call Vermont home for all of us to help keep wildlife wild," added Murkowski.

# Burlington Awarded \$1.5 Million Boating Infrastructure Grant

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has announced that the City of Burlington has been awarded a \$1.5 million grant to enhance boating opportunities at the Perkins Pier Marina. This grant was one of 16 competitive grants given out this year through the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Boating Infrastructure Grant program to enhance boating opportunities throughout the country.

The project will improve Burlington's harbor protection, provide public access to the water and increase the number of transient boat slips available on the waterfront.

"The visitors to Lake Champlain who come to boat, fish, swim and enjoy the beautiful scenery provide an important boost to Vermont's tourist economy and other local businesses," said Gov. Peter Shumlin. "This project will provide additional opportunities for people to shop, dine and support the city's waterfront district."

"We are thrilled that the City of Burlington has received this important grant that will allow the city to significantly increase public access to our downtown waterfront from Lake Champlain," said Burlington Mayor Miro Weinberger. "These funds will allow us to make progress on the PlanBTV roadmap and

implement an idea seeded by the Public Investment Action Plan public competition."

PlanBTV is the City of Burlington's master plan for sustainable development in the downtown and waterfront area. The city held a competition for concept proposals for downtown and waterfront development ideas as part of its Public Investment Action Plan.

"I'd like to thank Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Director Jesse Bridges and his team for creating the marina plan and both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department for recognizing Burlington's potential and making this announcement possible," said Mayor Weinberger.

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VT Fish & Wildlife Department and the City of Burlington have won a competitive U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Boating Infrastructure Grant for \$1.5 million to improve boating opportunities at the Perkins Pier Marina. Pictured: the proposed changes for the pier.

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The City of Burlington will cover \$1 million of the total \$2.5 million price tag for the job. The city's local match will be covered from a variety of potential sources including future slip revenues, private support and the city's capital budgets including Penny for Parks.

"This is great news for the City of Burlington as they continue to work hard on improving boating and fishing opportunities on the waterfront," said Mike Wichrowski, lands and facilities coordinator for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. "These funds are administered by our department and are passed directly to the city, where they will benefit the entire boating and business community of Burlington."

According to Wichrowski, this grant award equals the total of all awards over the past 15 years from this program to the state of Vermont.

"This department and the city's administration are focused on providing increased public access to the waterfront," said Jesse Bridges. "This new facility will create a public park on the water that will accommodate all types of boating, increase the public's engagement directly with Lake Champlain and will generate a significant economic boost to the region."

"The additional harbor protection will also benefit the many existing waterfront partners like Lake Champlain Transportation, the ECHO Aquarium, Lake Champlain Sailing Center and existing boating infrastructure," said Bridges.

"Anglers and boaters make these grants possible, helping communities build and enhance facilities that provide recreational opportunities while supporting jobs and economic growth," said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe, in a press release issued by the service. "These funds pay for floating docks, fixed piers, mooring buoys, sewage pump-out stations and other infrastructure that benefits fish and wildlife habitat while providing access for outdoor recreation."

# Share Your Pictures



Kids fishing at the Let's Go Fishing clinic held by Jeff Houde earlier this spring.  
Photo courtesy of Chief Instructor Jeff Houde



Spring visitor: This yearling bear cub was seen by Instructor Paul Noel on May 28th, looking around at an empty bird feeder.  
Photo courtesy of Instructor Paul Noel



← Cindy Houde shows off her first "Robin Hood" at a 4H event.

Kids line up to take a shot at a recent 4H event held at Linwood Smith's Shop in St. Johnsbury. →

Photos courtesy of Chief Instructor Jeff Houde



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