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CALLING ALL ANGLERS: CAST A LINE AT THIS SATURDAY'S YOUTH FISHING DERBY IN STACY PARK

Trenton, N.J. — Mayor Eric Jackson announced today that dozens of Trenton youth will have an opportunity to fish and learn about the importance of watersheds this Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at a Youth Fishing Derby along the Delaware River in Stacy Park.

"The Youth Fishing Derby is a wonderful family-friendly event," said Mayor Jackson. "It is an opportunity for parents to introduce their children to a fun recreational activity and for everyone to learn about the importance of watersheds to our planet's ecosystem."

Sponsored by the city's Department of Public Works and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Youth Fishing Derby is a catch-and-release fishing competition that will award a variety of prizes, including trophies, to the first 100 participants. Others will receive certificates. The event is free and open to children in grades 2-8 who are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Fishing equipment will be supplied to children. Adults must have valid fishing licenses to participate and bring their own rods and reels. Anyone over the age of 16 must have a State of New Jersey fishing license and trout stamp to participate.

"The event will follow a catch-and-release approach, and children who catch legally sized fish will be able to take their fish home," said Jacqueline Foushee, Director of Public Works.

Participants are encouraged to bring protective eyewear, hats, raingear, plastic bags, sunscreen, bottled water and snacks. Parking is available in the lot at Trenton High West. Shuttle buses will run between Trenton High West and Stacy Park.

Attendance is limited, so it is important that participants pre-register today. For more information or to pre-register to participate, call (609) 989-3152 or e-mail Ramona Thomas at rtomas@trentonnj.org. Registration can be done online at nj.gov/dep/seeds/fishingderby.htm.

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