

PUBLIC CLINICS

We offer free fishing clinics to the public. Clinics involve an educational component followed by fishing instruction. Check the events page on our website for the most current listings.

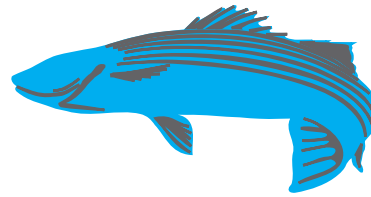
If you are an organized group (i.e. summer camps, community groups), and would like to schedule a fishing event, please inquire.



A recent participant at Tiffany St. Pier in the Bronx carefully removes a striped bass from his hook. We practice catch-and-release fishing at all our fishing trips and events.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

I FISH NY staff provides professional development for groups of 10 or more educators upon request. Instructors can learn how to incorporate a variety of our lesson plans in their classrooms.



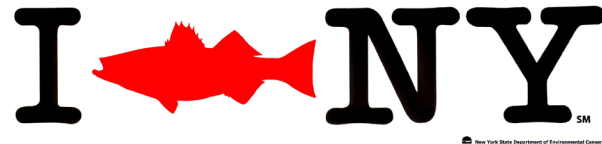
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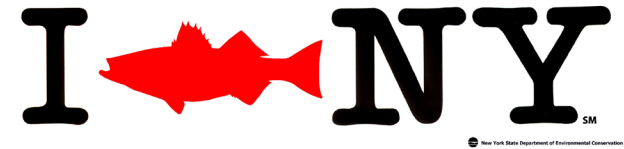
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Despite having the East River at their doorsteps, most students, like these from Queens, have never been fishing before. Here, they show their pre-trip excitement at Gantry Plaza State Park's fishing pier.

ABOUT US

I FISH NY is an aquatic stewardship program that uses fishing to connect people to their local aquatic environment. We reach our participants through school programs, public clinics, and professional development. All our programs are free, including bait and tackle.

If you've never fished before or want to give your group a fishing opportunity, contact us. Fishing trips are subject to availability. Please schedule early!

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Classroom Visits

School programs are open to grades 3 through high school. During two classroom visits (45-50 minute sessions), students receive fish-related lessons in preparation for the fishing trip. Older students explore more advanced topics, e.g. fisheries management. Lessons can often be fit into a lab period. All lessons meet NYC and NYS Department of Education standards.

Elementary school topics:

- Fish anatomy
- Camouflage
- Local species diversity
- Aquatic food web

Middle and high school topics:

- Fisheries management
- Population estimation
- Local fish consumption advisories
- Invasive species



We know people learn better when they are having fun. During one of our classroom visits, students play a biodiversity game called Go Fish! that features local fish species.

Fishing Trips

Following the in-class visits, students go on a fishing trip at their closest water-body where they learn how to fish safely and effectively.

School Responsibilities

- Provide a 1:5 adult chaperone to student ratio.
- Supervise student conduct.
- Arrange transportation to and from the fishing site.