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### DDOE ANNOUNCES NINTH ANNUAL FAMILY & YOUTH CASTING CALL *Free Family Fishing Event Hooks Kids on the Outdoors*

**WASHINGTON DC**, May 4, 2015—More than 400 area families and volunteer fishing instructors will take to a specially stocked part of the C&O Canal near Fletcher’s Boathouse on Saturday, May 16, from 10am to 3pm, as part of the District Department of the Environment’s (DDOE) Family & Youth Casting Call.

Now in its ninth year, the Family and Youth Casting Call (FYCC) provides District-area youth the opportunity to try their hand at fishing with the assistance of free bait, loaner fishing gear, and expert instruction. In addition to fishing, kids are invited to participate in environmental education activities including gyotaku fish printing, knot tying, fly and spincasting instruction, watershed education activities, and displays of native and invasive species of fish and animals.

“For most kids, catching their first fish is something they will never forget,” said Teresa Rodriguez, DDOE’s Chief of Aquatic Resources Education. “By making it easy for families to try fishing for the first time and spend time outdoors, we are opening their hearts and minds to an activity they can enjoy for years to come while helping foster the next generation of environmental stewards.”

The Family and Youth Casting Call is produced by DDOE and made possible with the assistance of District-area businesses and organizations, including the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, Solitude Lake Management, Trout Unlimited, L.L. Bean, and Live Like Jack Foundation.

The event is free to the public and no registration is required.

**What:** Family & Youth Casting Call Fishing Event

**When:** Saturday, May 16, 2015  
10am - 3pm

**Where:** Fletcher’s Cove on the C&O Canal  
4940 Canal Road NW  
Washington, DC 20007

**More Info:** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Family-and-Youth-Casting-Call/240110084081>  
<http://www.familyandyouthcastingcall.com/>

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