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FISHING DERBY A SUCCESS

John Day, OR -. On June 11, 33 children and their parents participated in this year's fishing derby co-sponsored by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (CTWS), and Malheur National Forest to celebrate National Fishing Week. The event was held at the pond on 7th Street in John Day. Malheur National Forest, CTWS, and ODFW staff assisted with baiting hooks and measuring the "big catch".

"We are pleased we had such a successful turnout," said Roger Williams, Forest Supervisor. "This is a wonderful opportunity for youth to enjoy and experience one of America's favorite pastimes."

Other events included making gyotaku (Japanese fish prints), a coloring contest - as well as a BBQ prepared by ODFW and FS employees for the parents and children that participated in the derby.

Prizes were awarded for largest fish and largest combined stringer by age groups. Minimum length was 8" and the limit was 5 fish.

ODFW, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and Malheur National Forest would like to thank Chesters Thriftway, Gardner Enterprises, Nydams Ace Hardware, John Day Truevalue Hardware, and Prospector Ice who donated to the event, all the volunteers as well as the participants for making this year's derby such a success. We hope to see you all again next year!

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