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**“I FISH NY” EVENT AT ROOSEVELT ISLAND HEALTH AND FITNESS DAY  
Free Instruction, Tackle and Bait Available to Those Interested in Trying Fishing**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s (NYSDEC) “I FISH NY” program will be offering a free fishing clinic for all New Yorkers at the Roosevelt Island Health and Fitness Day. The event will take place at Lighthouse Park on the north end of the island, Saturday, May 15, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fishing site is accessible by free shuttle bus, bicycle or walking.

The clinic is open to children younger than 16-years-old or to anyone who possesses a current New York State recreational marine fishing license. No pre-registration is required. The event is free and I FISH NY provides all tackle and bait. Equipment is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

The I FISH NY program is a joint initiative between NYSDEC and New York Sea Grant that introduces urban residents to fishing. For more information about the program, please visit the NYSDEC website at: [www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/44804.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/44804.html) or call Melissa Cohen at (718) 482-4022.

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