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Lt. Governor Guadagno Opens Trout Fishing Season at Pequest Trout Hatchery

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Warren County Hatchery Hosts Kick-off, Awards Ceremony

Trenton, NJ – Joining an estimated 100,000 anglers fishing across the state, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno and her son celebrated opening day of trout season in New Jersey at the Pequest Trout Hatchery in Oxford Township.

"Anglers of all ages are celebrating the start of the season and making lasting memories with their families and friends in New Jersey's beautiful scenery," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "For me, opening day is a perfect opportunity to share this tradition with my son. I wish all of our fellow anglers an enjoyable trout fishing season."

In addition to fishing, Lt. Governor Guadagno presented awards for the 2014 fishing season to boys and girls from across the state. Fourteen boys and girls age 6 through 15 won prizes for the Fishing Fun Photo Contest, and four children were recognized as Skillful Angler Junior Award Winners for catching fish that are "not quite record" size but large enough to test the angler's skill.

Pequest, the only state-owned and operated trout hatchery, began operations in 1981 and includes a Natural Resource Education Center for environmental education. Through the hatchery, the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Fish and Wildlife stocked nearly 200,000 rainbow trout in the state's trout waters for opening day and will stock approximately 570,000 rainbow trout across the state throughout the spring.

Anyone age 16 or older must obtain a fishing license and trout stamp to fish for trout. Children under 16 and New Jersey residents 70 years and older can fish for free. Licenses and stamps may be obtained through license agents statewide, found at www.njfishandwildlife.com/agentlst.htm, or purchased online at www.nj.wildlifelicense.com.

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