

## 2011 Idaho High School Championship

On May 1, 2011 the inaugural Idaho High School Fishing Championship was held on C J Strike Reservoir launching at the Air Base Ramp. The field consisted of 4 teams of two high school age boys 14 to 18 years old. Individual teams were accompanied by their coach (boat driver) leaving the launch area at 6:30 am. The day started with mild breezes and a nice clear sunrise and even though the sun continued to show it's face throughout the day the breezes picked up making for a typical day at C J Strike.

Anglers came to the weigh-in stage at 2:30 PM where a small crowd had gathered at the TBF trailer in curiosity of the day's events. While two teams came to the scales with no fish the team coached by Tim Gregory brought two fish to the stage for a weight of 3-lbs. 4 oz. The team of Alex and Asa Schneiderman coached by father Lynn arrived at the launch area 2 minutes late but brought a 5 fish limit to the stage for 6 lbs. and 4 oz. With the two pound penalty for arriving late the Schneiderman team eked out a win with a net weight of 4 lbs. and 4 oz.

For their efforts the second place team received various tackle items a Ranger Boats shirt and beautiful plaques. The first place team received tackle items, trophy cups and will receive custom made Ranger jerseys as well as an invite to fish a regional High School Fishing Championship at a location and time to be announced. The regional event will be held in conjunction with a Regional College Fishing event.

Contestants in this event qualified by joining the Student Angler Federation at [www.highschoolfishing.org](http://www.highschoolfishing.org). The Student Angler Federation is managed by staff at The Bass Federation and is receiving tremendous support in its second year on a nation wide basis. The second event for Idaho High School Fishing will be at C J Strike Reservoir in 2012 in conjunction with the Northwest Division Federation Championship.

If you know a high school student who might be interested in participating please let them know of this opportunity and if you know a school administrator who questions the value of this event ask them to visit the web site or call me.

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