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**Twin Ridge Fishing Tournament Facility
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
2:00 p.m. - May 12, 2012
Twin Ridge Park, Philpott Lake**

Philpott Lake, Va. – The Wilmington District Corps of Engineers is happy to announce the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Fishing Tournament Facility at Twin Ridge Park on the Franklin County side of Philpott Lake this coming Saturday. The actual ceremony should last about 30 minutes.

The public is invited to start showing up at 1:00 p.m. to tour the facility and see it in action. The Fishers of Men will be holding a Youth Tournament on the site with the fish weigh-in happening at that time, Tim Campbell Tournament Coordinator.

We R Indie, the new association of independent musicians, will provide music for the event, Vicki Blankenship, Founding President.

Friends of Philpott will be on-hand to provide hotdogs and the trimmings for the event, donations requested.

The new facility is the result of a partnership between Franklin County, the Corps of Engineers Partnership Advisory Committee, and Wilmington District Corps of Engineers, with advisory partners: DAV, VFW, B.A.S.S. and Anglers Choice Marine. The total project cost \$180,000, with \$50,000 of that coming from Franklin County. “We are very grateful to Michael Burnette and the Franklin County Board of Supervisors for making this facility a reality.” Said Philpott Lake Operations Project Manager, ‘Rocky’ Craig Rockwell. “Without their initial offer of \$50,000, we could never have even gotten off the ground.” Rockwell added.

The main mooring dock was built by Turner Construction, a Franklin County company. “It felt right taking the money coming from Franklin County and plowing it right back into a company right here in Franklin County,” said Rockwell. “That’s what is so great about partnering at the local level.”

Another \$25,000 of that total came in the form of a Corps of Engineers Handshake Partnership Grant. The rest was funded from Philpott Lake O&M funds.

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