

## Sharing the Health and Value of Our Water is Contagious!

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Just ask our Michigan Department of Natural Resource (DNR) Interpretive Services Manager, Kevin Frailey, or Glenn Oliver, founder of [www.H2bid.com](http://www.H2bid.com), the international clearinghouse for water utility bid opportunities. Sharing the health and value of our water is contagious!

**For the past two years**, [www.H2bid.com](http://www.H2bid.com) has teamed up with the Water Environment Federation (WEF) and the World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD) Program headed by Lorien Onderdonk, to motivate and instill in our children – the future scientists, teachers, and city planners - a budding curiosity and knowledge base of the conditions of our great lakes, ponds, springs, and rivers. Understanding and preserving the quality of our local water sources is important for healthy aquatic habitat and safe human consumption. The international WWMD program provides participants with water testing kits for testing the quality of local water sources. WWMD compiles a shared database on the students' findings after testing. Testing occurs between September 18-October 18, 2008.



*STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE METRO AREA recently participated in World Water Monitoring Day, sponsored by [www.H2bid.com](http://www.H2bid.com) and the Water Environment Federation.*

This year, H2bid.com donated WWMD water testing kits to 100 high schools participating in the Michigan DNR's "Salmon in the classroom" program and 10 additional schools, including Brennan High School in Canada, to make a difference in our future environment. H2bid.com calls it: "The Blue Movement." The full story of the DNR-Salmon Fisheries can be found at [www.WWMD.org](http://www.WWMD.org). "The partnerships make this whole program possible," said the DNR's Kevin Frailey who manages the Salmon in the Classroom program. "There is no better way to teach stewardship for our natural resources than to have students actually be responsible for their success."