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**FISHER CATS SET ALL-TIME ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR 5TH STRAIGHT YEAR
BY DRAWING 373,227 FANS**

Thursday's standing-room-only crowd of 6,689 gives New Hampshire franchise mark in finale

Manchester, NH- For the fifth straight year, the **New Hampshire Fisher Cats**, Double-A affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, have set a single-season, franchise record by welcoming **373,227** fans into Merchantsauto.com Stadium during the 2008 regular season. Tonight's standing-room-only crowd of 6,689 fans, the 15th standing-room-only crowd of the season, put the Fisher Cats over the top in their home finale, breaking the 2007 record of 371,710 fans. The record-setting number does not even take into account the 8,762 fans who attended the **Northeast Delta Dental Eastern League All-Star Game** on Wednesday, July 16, the largest crowd in Merchantsauto.com Stadium history.

"It has been an exciting and memorable season here in New Hampshire, and we want to thank our great fans for helping cap this All-Star campaign by setting a franchise attendance record," said Fisher Cats Owner **Art Solomon**. "We are proud of our front office staff for helping achieve this milestone after putting together such a memorable Northeast Delta Dental Eastern League All-Star game last month, and we look forward to seeing everyone again in 2009."

"Our fans once again proved they are the best in baseball for showing their unwavering support during this unforgettable season," said Fisher Cats President **Rick Brenner**. "It's been a whirlwind experience for our staff, from the opening of the Samuel Adams Bar & Grill and the Ted Williams Hitters Hall of Fame in April, to the Bank of America Baseball Block Party and Northeast Delta Dental Eastern League All-Star Game in July, to a record-setting finale tonight. We extend our deepest thanks to everyone who made this possible."

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The Fisher Cats' total attendance of 373,227 ranks fourth overall in the Eastern League for the second straight season, and the average attendance of 5,332 ranks fourth in the EL as well, a franchise best.

Here are the records established by the club this season, and the previous records that were broken:

Single-Season Attendance: 373,227

Previous Record: 371,710 (2007)

Single-Game Stadium Record: 8,762 (NE Delta Delta EL All-Star Game, 7/16/08)

Previous Record: 8,227 (Fisher Cats vs Erie SeaWolves, 6/16/07)

Average Attendance: 5,332

Previous Record: 5,310 (2007)

Eastern League Per-Game Ranking: 4th

Previous Record: 7th (2006, 2007)

10-game homestand: 58,321 (5/30-6/8/08)

Previous Record: 23,626 (5/24-6/3/04)

2009 Full- and Half-Season Tickets are on sale now by calling **(603) 641-2005** or visiting www.nhfishercats.com. Opening Night at Merchantsauto.com Stadium is slated for 6:35pm on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 vs the New Britain Rock Cats.

-Fisher Cats-