

HATCHERY HIGHLIGHTS

Hagerman National Fish Hatchery Idaho Free Fishing Day



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Fun Filled Day of Fishing



Anglers from southern Idaho enjoyed the annual Idaho Free Fishing Day event at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), Hagerman State Fish Hatchery. Nearly 600 people registered at the event on Saturday, June 7th. About 14% of the registrants were new anglers.

Fish Painting



Highlights of the event included instruction on casting, fish cleaning, computer generated photo certificates for the kids with their fish, fish painting, and lots of door prizes presented during the afternoon raffle.



Hagerman National Fish Hatchery crew joined IDFG employees and other local volunteers to staff the day long event.



The local Boy Scout Troops provided free hot dogs, chips, and soda to all participants. There were 885 hot dogs, 528 cans of Pepsi, and 60 pounds of trout fillets served by the end of the day.

Fish Cleaning!



Event staff demonstrated how to clean the fish and sent anglers home with fresh trout on ice.



The Fish

In addition to trout provided by IDF&G for this event, the University of Idaho, Idaho Springs hatchery, provided 130 trout with many weighing over 4 pounds. Some anglers even found additional species during the Free Fishing Day!

Happy Anglers

The weather was cool and sunny for the Free Fishing Day. Anglers flocked from around southern Idaho, as well as a few from Utah, Arizona, Oregon, and Washington to attend the annual event. Everyone went home with a big smile and most had fish big enough to match! The event continues to be an excellent venue to introduce new anglers to fishing and continue partnerships between the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



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