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. Over 350 people registered at the event on Saturday, June 10th and 25% were new anglers.

Hagerman National Fish Hatchery and Lower Snake River Compensation Program staff joined IDFG employees and volunteers to staff the day long event. The goal of the event was to introduce parents and their kids to fishing.

Fish Activities

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

Event staff provided rods, reels, and bait and angling assistance for the anxious anglers.

Partnerships in Action

Raffle Prizes!

Raffle prizes included mini-tackle boxes, fishing rod/reel combos, and various other items.

Boy scout Troop 108 volunteered to cook hotdogs and trout fillets.

Happy Anglers

In addition to fish provided by IDF&G, the University of Idaho, Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station, provided 200 fish, many over 4 pounds for the event.