

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 500 people registered at the event on Saturday, June 9th. About 20% 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, Bureau of Land Management employees, and other local volunteers to staff the day long event. The local Boy Scout Troop provided free hot dogs, chips, and soda to all participants



Event staff printed award pictures for the successful anglers.

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, the University of Idaho, Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station, provided 300 trout, many over 4 pounds for the event. Some anglers even found additional species during the Free Fishing Day!

Happy Anglers

The weather was warm and sunny for the Free Fishing Day. Anglers flocked from around southern Idaho 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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