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DC BOOTH HISTORIC NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY – *Public Use*



Established in 1896, **D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery**, formerly Spearfish National Fish Hatchery, is one of the oldest operating hatcheries in the country.



Spearfish Station 1899



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Today, D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery serves as a living fishery museum. The facility strives to protect and preserve fishery records and artifacts for educational, historic, and research purposes. In addition, it works with various partners to provide interpretive and educational programs for the public.



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The D.C. Booth facility continues to rear trout for the Black Hills through a cooperative effort with McNenny State Fish Hatchery. McNenny utilizes the ponds and raceways at D.C. Booth to increase production and growth capability.

The Booth Society, Inc. promotes the educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities at D.C. Booth for the benefit and enjoyment of the public. They coordinate a volunteer program to support visitor services for 150,000 annual visitors. In addition, they serve as a liaison with the City of Spearfish, work with local schools, perform landscape maintenance, and raise funds for a variety of special projects.



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They also serve as South Dakota coordinators of the Federal Jr. Duck Stamp program.

The American Fisheries Society's Fish Culture Section takes pride in the National Fish Culture Hall of Fame that is maintained on site.



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