

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

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

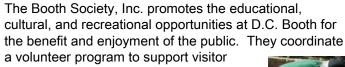
Dedicated to fish culture and resource management, the hatchery was originally constructed to propagate, stock, and establish trout populations in the Black Hills of South Dakota and Wyoming. After a very successful fish production history, the hatchery ceased operations in the mid-80's and reopened with a new mission and partnerships to help preserve the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's historic and cultural heritage.



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.



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.



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.



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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