



# Hagerman National Fish Hatchery

## Station Facts

- Authorized by Congress on May 21, 1930 and started fish production in 1933
- In the late 1970s, became part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Lower Snake River Compensation Plan (LSRCP)
- Water supply emanates from the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer at a constant 59 degrees Fahrenheit
- Produces steelhead and rainbow trout
- Seven full time employees
- Located near Hagerman, Idaho; Congressional District 02

## Contact Information

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### Directions:

From I-84: Take Exit 155 turn west 10 miles, turn south on road S.1050E 1.5 miles

## Who We Are

The National Fish Hatchery System (NFHS) is comprised of a network of 71 National Fish Hatcheries which propagate imperiled species for restoration and recovery programs, provide emergency refugia for species whose habitat is threatened, provide fish to benefit Tribes, and mitigate for federal water projects.

## How We Help

Hagerman National Fish Hatchery (HNFH) works to conserve the native steelhead stock of the East Fork of the Salmon River while also producing enough smolts (1.4 million) to contribute to northwestern states' commercial and sport fisheries. Returning adults are collected, sorted and spawned at Sawtooth Hatchery located near Stanley, Idaho, off the Salmon River. The Hatchery also produces 130,000 Rainbow trout to mitigate for Dworshak Dam in northern ID. Visitors are welcome to see what we do to maintain this important stock of trout.

## Youth in the Great Outdoors

HNFH actively participates in public outreach by hosting over 5,000 visitors and conducting approximately 45 school tours annually. HNFH also participates in the Annual Free Fishing Day in June and hires a student intern.



Youth at the hatchery

## Seasonal Activities

*Spring:* The prior year steelhead smolts are released in the Salmon River and East Fork Salmon River below the Sawtooth Fish Hatchery (SFH). Returning adult steelhead trout are spawned at SFH. Eggs are incubated until the eyed stage then delivered to HNFH.

*Summer:* Eggs are hatched in the nursery, develop into fingerling, and eventually fry. Facility upkeep of outside rearing raceways and maintenance projects are completed.

*Fall:* Fry are moved to the outside rearing raceways after adipose fins are clipped and fish are marked and tagged to track their future migration down river to the ocean.

*Winter:* Fry are cared for until they reach the smolting stage when they are prepared to be transported for spring release into the Salmon River.



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Overlooking Hagerman NFH from a canyon rim

