

## **16 Annual Salmon, Idaho Kids Fish Fair and Fishing Derby**

was held Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> 8am- to Noon

### **Derby Facts**

- **This is a very popular and successful partnership project to get “More Kids in the Woods”. The local partners include:**
  - Salmon-Challis National Forest (3 derby workers)
  - Salmon Region - Idaho Department of Fish & Game (2 derby workers)
  - Salmon Field Office - Bureau of Land Management (Fire Engine Crew 2 derby workers)
  - National Marine Fisheries Service
  - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
  - Upper Salmon Basin Watershed Program-Lemhi Soil and Water Conservation District (1 derby worker)
- The overall big fish, a 0.68 pound rainbow trout, was caught by Heather Pyke, in the 9-11 age category
- Other big fish winners by age category are:
  - 5 and under – Elisabeth Davidson 0.59 pound rainbow trout
  - 6 to 8 years old – Daryn Provence 0.47 pound rainbow trout
  - 12-16 years old – Robert Armstrong 0.50 pound rainbow trout
- There were 117 registered kids, boys (60) and girls (57), ages 1 to 16 years old
- There were another 50+ parents and grandparents
- The majority of the kids were from the Salmon area, but kids also came from other towns in Idaho and other states. The towns in Idaho included Chubbuck, Idaho Falls, Nampa and Pocatello. The other states included Kentucky, California, Washington, Utah, Wyoming and Montana.
- All kids were handed a bag of sponsor donated items at registration
- After the derby all kids’ names were drawn and everyone received a sponsor donated prize. All kids went home a winner.
- Over \$2,000 of sponsor donated prizes were handed out to the kids
- There were fifteen \$50.00 tag fish sponsors from local merchants and private citizens totaling \$750 of potential prize winnings
- 3 tagged fish were caught during the Fishing Derby
- Fish and Game stocked approximately 350 rainbow trout into Kids Creek Park Pond Wednesday before the derby
- Over 100 fish were caught during the four hour fishing derby
- Fish and Game donated a rod and reel combo for each of the four big fish winners and a tackle box with supplies for each of the four casting contest winners by age category
- Derby Prizes were donated by the Salmon-Challis NF, Idaho Fish and Game, BLM and the Upper Salmon Basin Watershed Program
- A special attraction this year was the BLM fire engine. The fire crew handed out a variety of Smokey Bear prizes in a “Drown your Camp Fire” bucket to help spread Smokey’s message of “Only you can prevent Wildfires”.
- Other Donations included
  - Salmon City Parks Maintenance Crew’s excellent work in the upkeep and maintenance of the landscaping at the Kids Creek Pond