

Family Fishing Day in Yakutat

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Left: Sammy Salmon makes a guest appearance at Family Fishing Day in Yakutat.

Right: A young girl makes her own T-shirt.



The Yakutat small boat harbor was a busy place July 24. Over 60 kids showed up with their families for the Yakutat Ranger District's annual Family Fishing Day. Kids and adults alike tried their hand at tying flies for the upcoming Coho season, and enjoyed the always popular T-shirt making booth, where, with painted hands and rubber stamps, they created shirts they could take home. Out on the docks,

kids fished for fish of all types with the provided fishing poles and life vests. "Lunch" seemed to be an ongoing event, and guest appearances by Sammy Salmon and Smokey were a big hit as always. Other activities included a casting competition and a fishing themed obstacle course. A good time was had by everyone and all of the children walked away with a goodie bag.

Family Fishing Day promotes

recreational catch-and-release fishing and outdoor activity as a healthy and fun way for families to interact with public lands and the fisheries of the Yakutat area. Leave No Trace items in the goodie bags further spread our message of responsible use of the land and water. Family Fishing Day was organized by the Forest Service but would not be possible without the support by the community. This year was our biggest turn out yet and we can't wait to see everyone again next year.