

# 2026 Coldwater Fish Culture Course

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**Course Overview:** Join us for a 5-day, hands-on aquaculture training course designed for professionals and students eager to expand their expertise in coldwater fish culture. This course combines lectures, hands-on labs, and field tours to provide a comprehensive and practical learning experience.

#### Target Audience:

- ◆ **Early-career professionals** (e.g., hatchery technicians, fisheries biologists)
- ◆ **Advanced college students** interested in aquaculture
- ◆ **Mid-career professionals** seeking continuing education

Participants will learn from local and national experts in aquaculture and hatchery management.

📍 **Location:** Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station (HFCES):  
3059F National Fish Hatchery Road, Hagerman, ID

📅 **Dates:** August 3, 2026 – August 7, 2026

🕒 **Time:** 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Friday - early release around 3PM)

💰 **Cost:** \$500 - includes educational materials (including digital copy of Fish Hatchery Management 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition), snacks & lunch daily, tour transportation, and tee shirt

📄 **Certification:** Participants will receive a **University of Idaho Certificate of Completion**

🔗 **Registration:** **Online opens February 11, 2026**  
[HFCES - 2026 Coldwater Fish Culture Course](#)  
Limited to 30 participants—*early registration is encouraged!*

Registration Link:



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#### 📌 Topics Covered Include:

- Fish Physiology and Anatomy
- Spawning, Reproduction, and Genetics
- Larval rearing
- Feeds and Feeding
- Water Quality Management
- Disease Diagnostics and Treatment
- Fish Stress Considerations
- Biosecurity
- Waste/Effluent Management

#### 🏠 Lodging: NOT included in the course fee.

Participants encouraged to book accommodations early to avoid limited availability.

A block of reserved rooms is available through 04/01/2026 at the Hagerman Valley Inn & Billingsley Creek Lodge. Call to book your room and mention the code “Coldwater Fish Course.”

#### 📍 Hagerman (closest to course location):

- [Hagerman Valley Inn](#) (208) 837-6196
- [Billingsley Creek Lodge](#) (208) 837-4822

#### Other options:

#### 📍 Twin Falls (40-minute drive):

- Multiple hotel options available

#### ✉ Questions?

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