



**The Wilderness International group.**



**Loading up the buckets with fish**

Wilderness International and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife teamed up to stock Battle Lake, in western Oregon, with Rainbow Trout fish fry. (May 21, 2011)

Fish stocking is the practice of raising fish in a hatchery and releasing them into a river, lake, or the ocean to supplement existing populations, or to create a population where none exists. Stocking may be done for the benefit of commercial, recreational, or tribal fishing, but may also be done to restore or increase a population of threatened or endangered fish in a body of water closed to fishing.

These fish will grow over the next year or two to become much larger fish for the anglers to test their skills of fly fishing.



**Battle Lake**



**Susan Barnes getting ready to release the fish.**



**A sample of the fish fry**