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FISHING PROGRAMS UNDERWAY FOR YOUNGSTERS IN SIX CITIES

Fishing programs sponsored by the Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife are underway for thousands of youngsters in metropolitan areas across the country.

Geared largely to providing outdoor experiences for disadvantaged urban youth, programs in Atlanta, St. Louis, Boston, Newark, Portland and Washington began in late June and will continue throughout the summer vacation season.

According to Assistant Secretary Leslie L. Glasgow, who heads Interior's programs for fish, wildlife and parks, success of the programs depends largely upon cooperation of local citizens, State wildlife agencies and city recreation departments.

The Bureau supplies technical assistance, catchable fish for stocking and helps with an environmental instruction program. Cooperators supply transportation, lunch and supervision.

Species produced at national fish hatcheries or captured in the wild are used in the programs. Most popular are channel catfish, bluegills, carp and bullhead. Rainbow trout are being used in Portland, Ore.

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