Swan Lake Survey Summary

Swan Lake, located 5.0 miles east and 2.0 miles north of Bradley, is primarily managed for walleye and yellow perch but other fish species (e.g., northern pike) also contribute to the fishery.

- **Northern pike.** Fewer northern pike were sampled in 2018 than in 2012 and 2015. Relative abundance was considered moderate with a mean gill net CPUE of 1.2. Sampled northern pike ranged in length from 14.6 to 37.8 inches

- **Walleye.** Similar to northern pike, fewer walleyes were sampled in 2018 compared to surveys conducted in 2012 and 2015. At 3.1/gill net, relative abundance was low to moderate. Gill net captured walleyes ranged in length from 7.9 to 25.6 inches; 10 year classes (2003, 2008-2011, and 2013-2017) were present but each was represented by a low number of individuals. Cohorts produced in 2017 (age 1) and 2009 (age 9) were the most numerous and had mean length at capture values of 8.5 and 23.0 inches, respectively.

- **Yellow Perch**. Yellow perch were the most abundant fish species in the 2018 gill net catch. However at only 9.5/gill net, relative abundance was considered low to moderate. Sampled yellow perch ranged in length from 4.7 to 9.4 inches; three year classes (2015 – 2017) comprised the entire sample. Those from the 2017 (age-1) cohort, which had a mean length of 5.4 inches, were the most numerous.

For more detailed results see the computer generated South Dakota Statewide Fisheries Survey for Swan Lake (below).

SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Swan, Clark County
UBS-Lake-1-000
2018

Lake Information

Name: Swan

County: Clark

Surface Area: 1,795 Acres

Maximum Depth: 17 Feet

Surveys and Investigations

Survey methods used by gear type, date, and effort.

Gear	Date	Effort
AFS std gill net	Jun 05, 2018	4 net-nights
AFS std gill net	Jun 06, 2018	4 net-nights
AFS std gill net	Jun 07, 2018	4 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Yellow Perch

Walleye

Northern Pike

Terminology

Catch per unit effort (**CPUE**) refers to the relative abundance of a species. It is defined as the number of fish captured per unit of effort (i.e., number of fish captured per net-night or number of fish captured per hour electrofishing). In this report CPUE is typically given for only stock-length fish (see length categories table for stock lengths).

A statewide effort to help make netting efforts comparable to all waters sampled across the state, occurred in 2017, with a switch to American Fisheries Society gill nets. Past gill netting efforts were completed with different style/types of nets and are not comparable side by side.

- **AFS std gill net** – 80 ft experimental gill net containing eight panels (10 ft each) of varying monofilament meshes of 0.75, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.25 and 2.50 inches.
- **std experimental gill net for non-Missouri River waters** - 150 ft experimental gill net containing six panels (25 ft each) of varying monofilament meshes of 0.5, 0.75, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50 and 2.00 inches.
- s**td experimental gill net for Missouri River reservoirs** – 300 ft experimental gill net containing six panels (50 ft each) of varying multifilament meshes of 0.5, 0.75, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50 and 2.00 inches.

$$CPUE = \frac{number\ of\ fish}{effort}$$

Population size structure is quantified using the indices proportional size distribution of quality-length fish (**PSD**) and proportional size distribution of preferred-length fish (**PSD-P**). These indices indicate the proportion of stock-length fish that are equal to or greater than a given length. Minimum lengths for stock, quality and preferred length fish are given in the length categories table.

$$PSD = \left(\frac{number\ of\ fish \geq quality\ length}{number\ of\ fish \geq stock\ length}\right) \text{x } 100$$

$$PSD - P = \left(\frac{number\ of\ fish \geq preferred\ length}{number\ of\ fish \geq stock\ length}\right) \text{x } 100$$

Relative weight (**Wr**) is used to quantify fish plumpness. Relative weight is the ratio of what a fish weighs (W) compared to a length-specific standard weight (Ws) multiplied by 100. Relative weight values of 95-105 are commonly cited as optimum values, but values in the 80s are common during summer sampling in South Dakota.

$$Wr = \left(\frac{W}{Ws}\right) \text{x } 100$$

Confidence intervals (**CI**) are provided for many of the estimates calculated in this report. The confidence interval provides a range in which the true mean is expected to fall. For example, with an 80% CI we are 80% confident that the interval contains the true value.

Length categories include stock (**S**), quality (**Q**), preferred (**P**), memorable (**M**) and trophy (**T**). Length categories for most species have been defined based on a percentage of the world record length for that species. Some species mentioned in this report do not have defined length categories. Length categories for species used in this report are provided in the following table. Measurements are the minimum total length for each category and are reported in inches (in) and centimeters (cm).

	Stock		Quality		Preferred		Memorable		Trophy	
Species Name	(in)	(cm)	(in)	(cm)	(in)	(cm)	(in)	(cm)	(in)	(cm)
Bigmouth Buffalo	11	28	18	46	24	61	30	76	37	94
Black Bullhead	6	15	9	23	12	30	15	38	18	46
Black Crappie	5	13	8	20	10	25	12	30	15	38
Bluegill	3	8	6	15	8	20	10	25	12	30
Channel Catfish	11	28	16	41	24	61	28	71	36	91
Common Carp	11	28	16	41	21	53	26	66	33	84
Freshwater Drum	8	20	12	30	15	38	20	51	25	63
Gizzard Shad	7	18	11	28						
Green Sunfish	3	8	6	15	8	20	10	25	12	30
Lake Herring	5	13	8	20	11	28	14	35	17	43
Largemouth Bass	8	20	12	30	15	38	20	51	25	63
Muskellunge	20	51	30	76	38	97	42	107	50	127
Northern Pike	14	35	21	53	28	71	34	86	44	112
Pumpkinseed	3	8	6	15	8	20	10	25	12	30
Rock Bass	4	10	7	18	9	23	11	28	13	33
Rudd	6	15	10	25	12	30	15	38	19	48
Saugeye	9	23	14	35	18	46	22	56	27	69
Shorthead Redhorse	6	15	10	25	13	33	16	41	20	51
Smallmouth Bass	7	18	11	28	14	35	17	43	20	51
Walleye	10	25	15	38	20	51	25	63	30	76
White Bass	6	15	9	23	12	30	15	38	18	46
White Crappie	5	13	8	20	10	25	12	30	15	38
White Sucker	6	15	10	25	13	33	16	41	20	51
Yellow Bullhead	4	10	7	18	9	23	11	28	14	36
Yellow Perch	5	13	8	20	10	25	12	30	15	38

Catch Summary of Stock Length Fish

Catch per unit effort (CPUE), proportional size distribution (PSD), proportional size distribution of preferred length fish (PSD-P), and relative weight (Wr) for species sampled in survey with 80% confidence interval (CI-80).

		Abundance		Stock Density Indices				Condition	
Gear	Species	CPUE	CI-80	PSD	CI-80	PSD-P	CI-80	Wr	CI-80
AFS std gill net	Northern Pike	1.2	0.4	93		14		88	4
	Walleye	3.1	1.1	89		65	12	90	2
	Yellow Perch	9.5	2.9	16	5	0		108	1

10-Year Catch Per Unit Effort by Gear and Species

Catch per unit effort (CPUE) and average (Avg) of species across 10 years using different gear types.

		CPUE										
Gear	Species	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Avg
AFS std gill net	Northern Pike										1.2	1.2
	Walleye										3.1	3.1
	Yellow Perch										9.5	9.5
std exp gill net	Northern Pike	1.0			4.2			3.7				3.0
	Walleye	1.8			17.5			8.7				9.3
	Yellow Perch	11.0			28.0			9.8				16.3

10-Year Size Structure and Condition Statistics by Gear and Species

Species proportional size distribution (PSD), proportional size distribution of preferred length fish (PSD-P), and relative weight (Wr) collected by different gear types across 10 years.

			Year									
Gear	Species	Index	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
AFS std gill net	Northern Pike	PSD										93
		PSD-P										14
		Wr										88
	Walleye	PSD										89
		PSD-P										65
		Wr										90
	Yellow Perch	PSD										16
		PSD-P										0
		Wr										108
std exp gill net	Northern Pike	PSD	83			76			82			
		PSD-P	33			36			27			
		Wr	82			89			95			
	Walleye	PSD	27			57			79			
		PSD-P	18			4			35			
		Wr	92			93			93			
	Yellow Perch	PSD	80			89			15			
		PSD-P	0			38			2			
		Wr	107			116			96			

Length at Capture

Mean length at capture by age across years sampled, sample size (N).

Species: Walleye

		Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2018	48	217 (11)	341 (4)	434 (4)	478 (2)	497 (3)		570 (2)	583 (5)	584 (15)	613 (2)
2015	59	181 (5)	286 (7)	379 (12)	430 (3)	489 (6)	514 (23)	543 (2)			562 (1)
2012	106	159 (1)	311 (9)	385 (89)	480 (2)	509 (1)	528 (2)		657 (1)		683 (1)
2009	16	213 (5)	302 (8)			494 (1)		649 (1)			655 (1)

Species: Yellow Perch

		Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2018	116	138 (91)	211 (24)	243 (1)							
2015	61	175 (1)	167 (57)	213 (1)	253 (2)						
2012	235	104 (67)	207 (60)	254 (99)	288 (5)	331 (4)					
2009	66		208 (66)								

Fish Condition

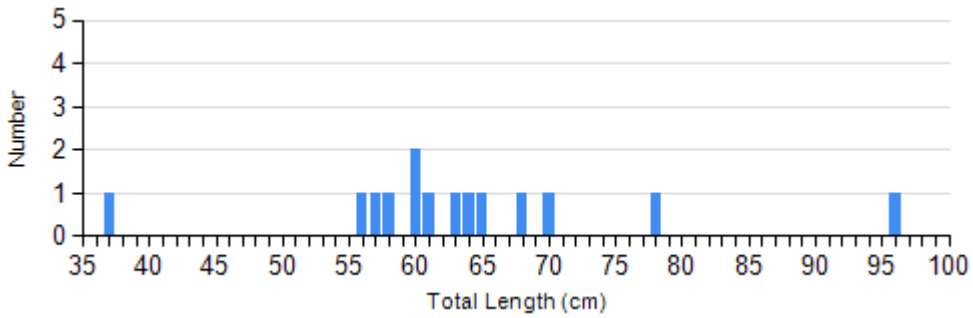
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

		Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
Species	Year	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Northern Pike Gill Net	2015	4	96 (0.8)	12	99 (6.7)	6	84 (5.5)	0	
	2018	1	117	11	87 (1.6)	1	70	1	94
Walleye Gill Net	2015	11	96 (2.3)	23	91 (0.9)	18	94 (1.2)	0	
	2018	4	100 (1.5)	9	97 (1.5)	22	87 (1.4)	2	77 (4.2)
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2015	50	96 (1.0)	8	95 (3.0)	1	104	0	
	2018	96	108 (0.8)	18	106 (1.1)	0		0	

Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

Species: Northern Pike
Gear: AFS std gill net



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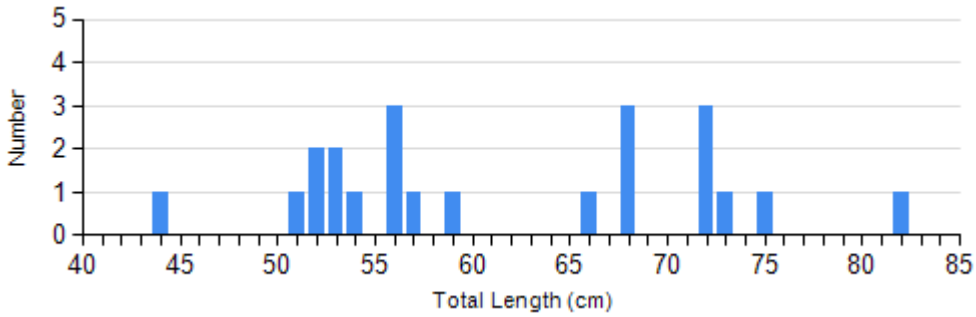
Species: Northern Pike
Gear: std exp gill net



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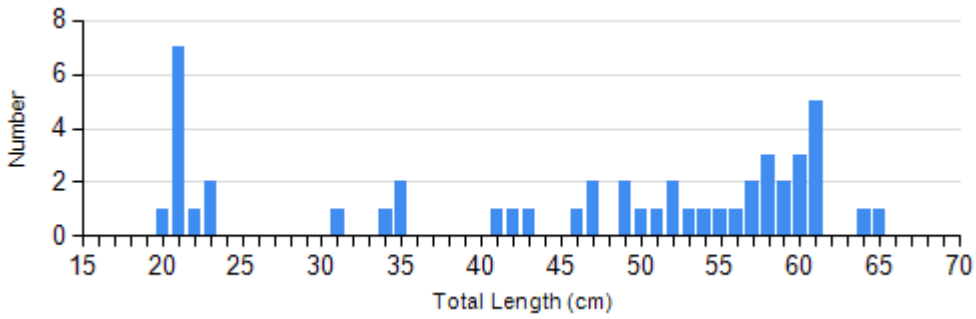
Species: Walleye
Gear: AFS std gill net



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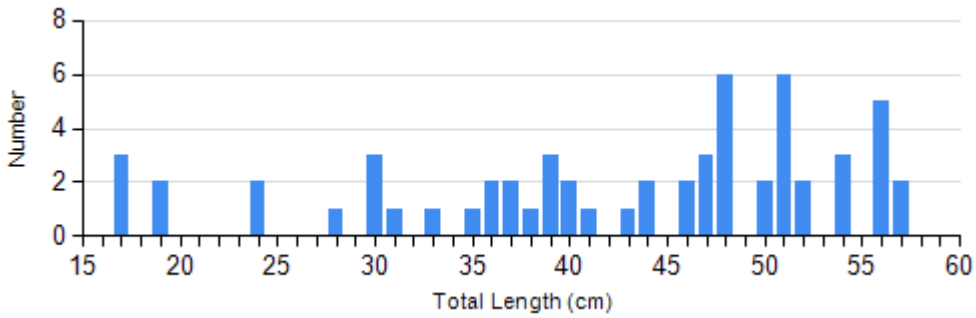
Gear: std exp gill net



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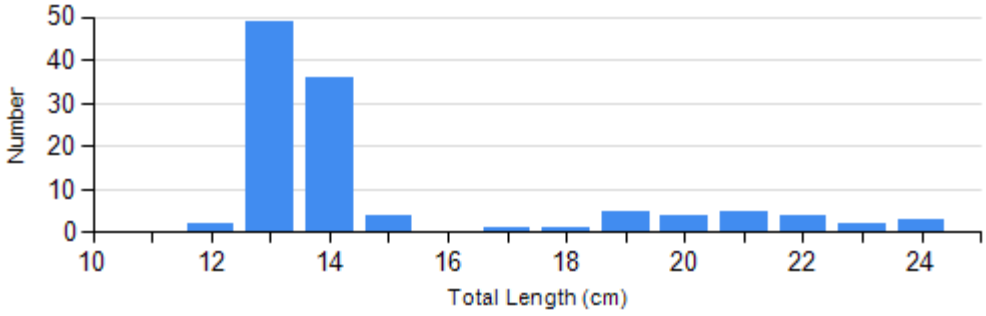
Species: Yellow Perch
Gear: AFS std gill net



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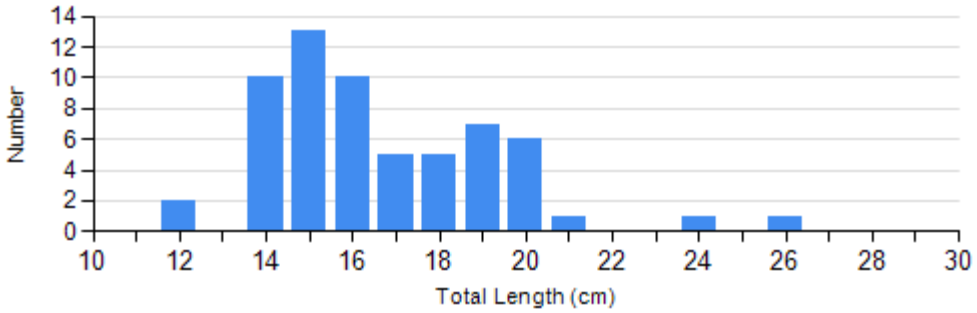
Gear: std exp gill net



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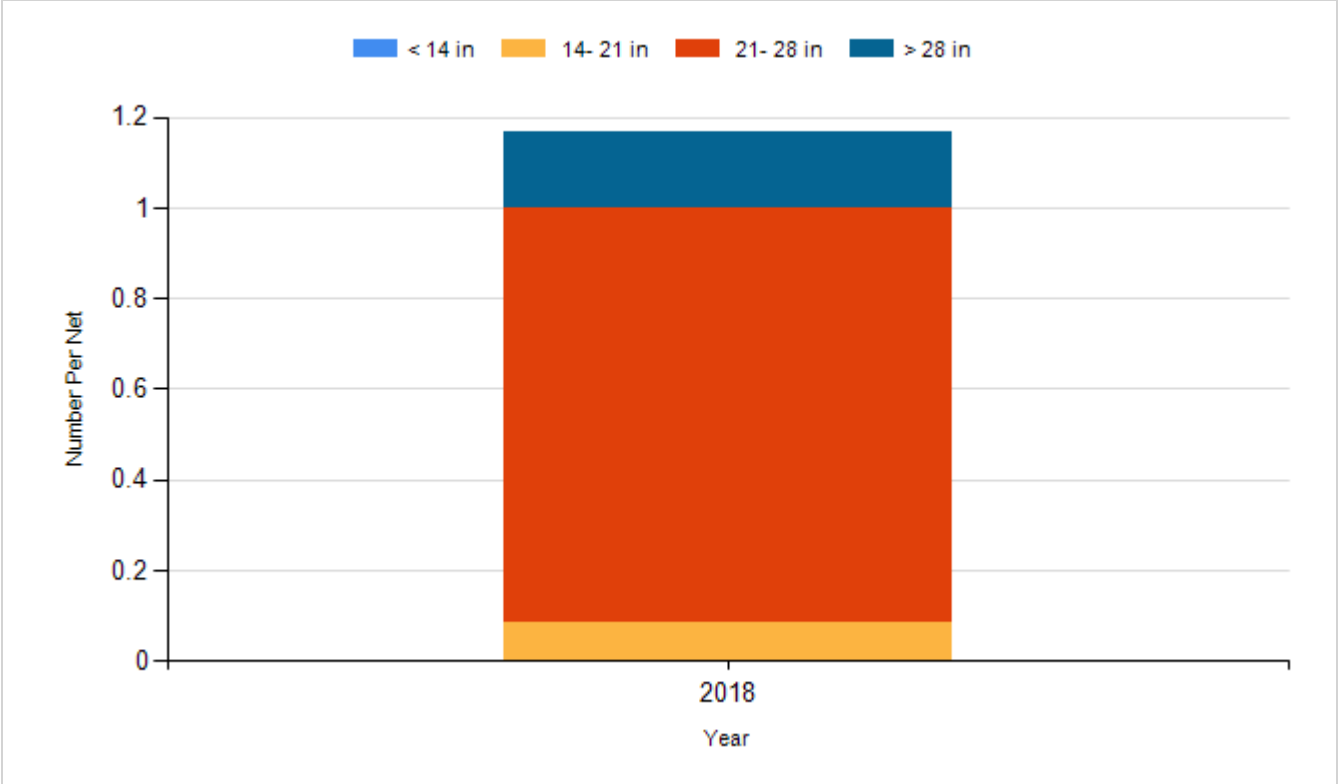
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

Size distribution per net by color for species sampled by year.

Species: Northern Pike
Gear: AFS std gill net



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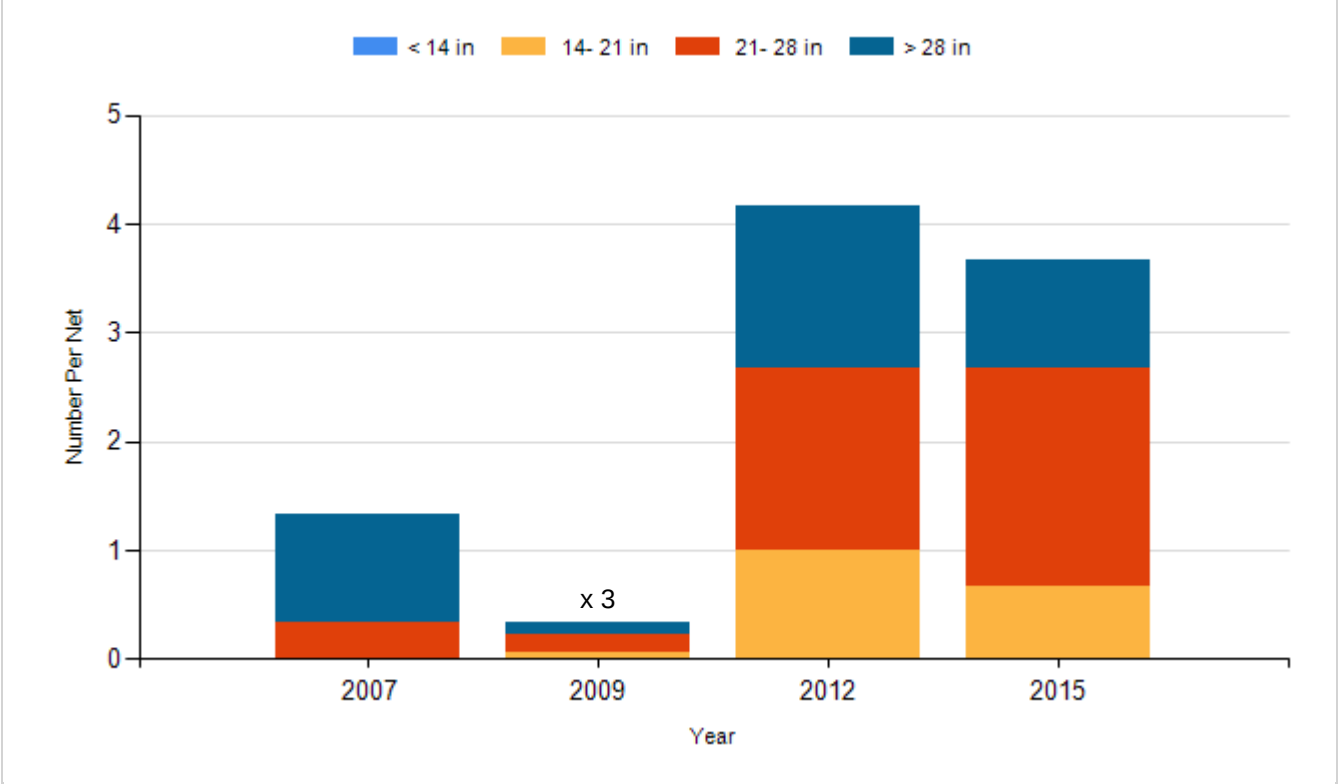
Gear: std exp gill net



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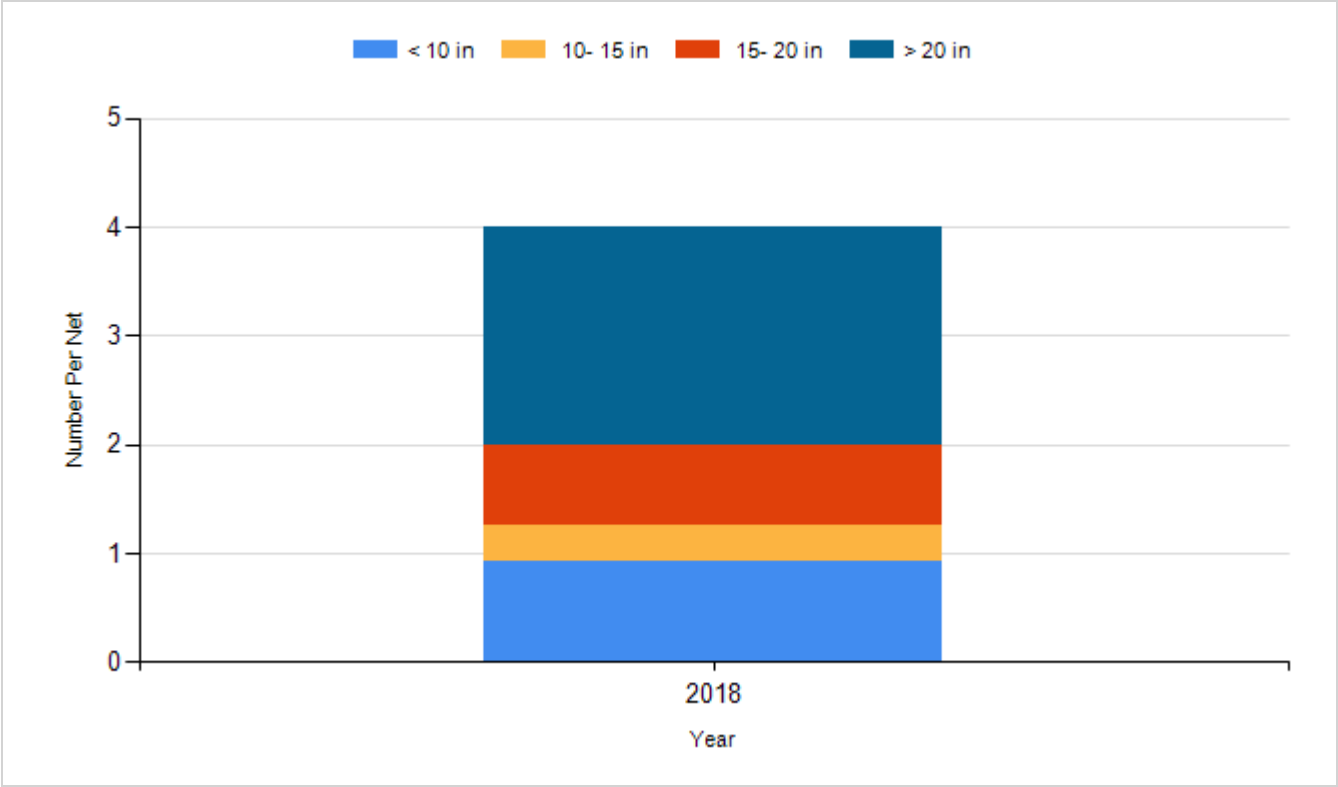
Gear: AFS std gill net



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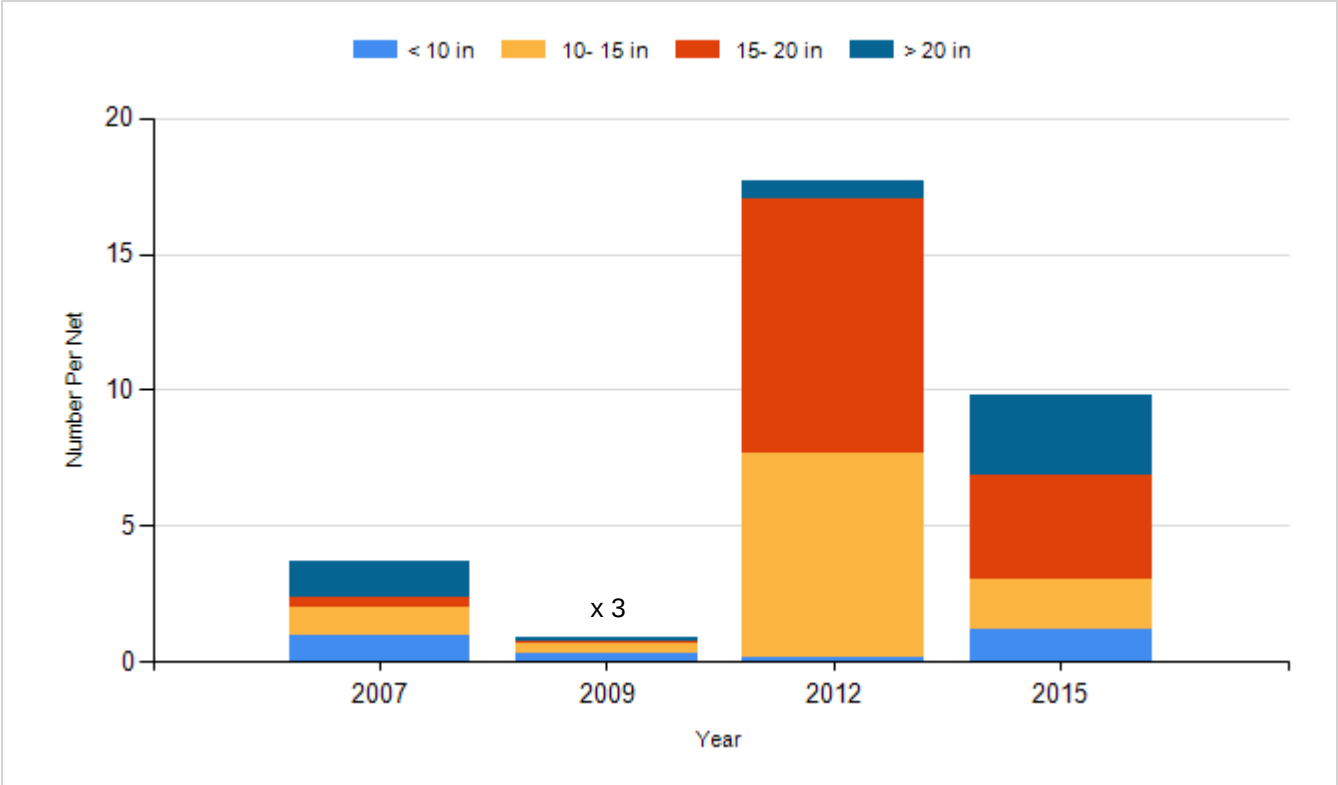

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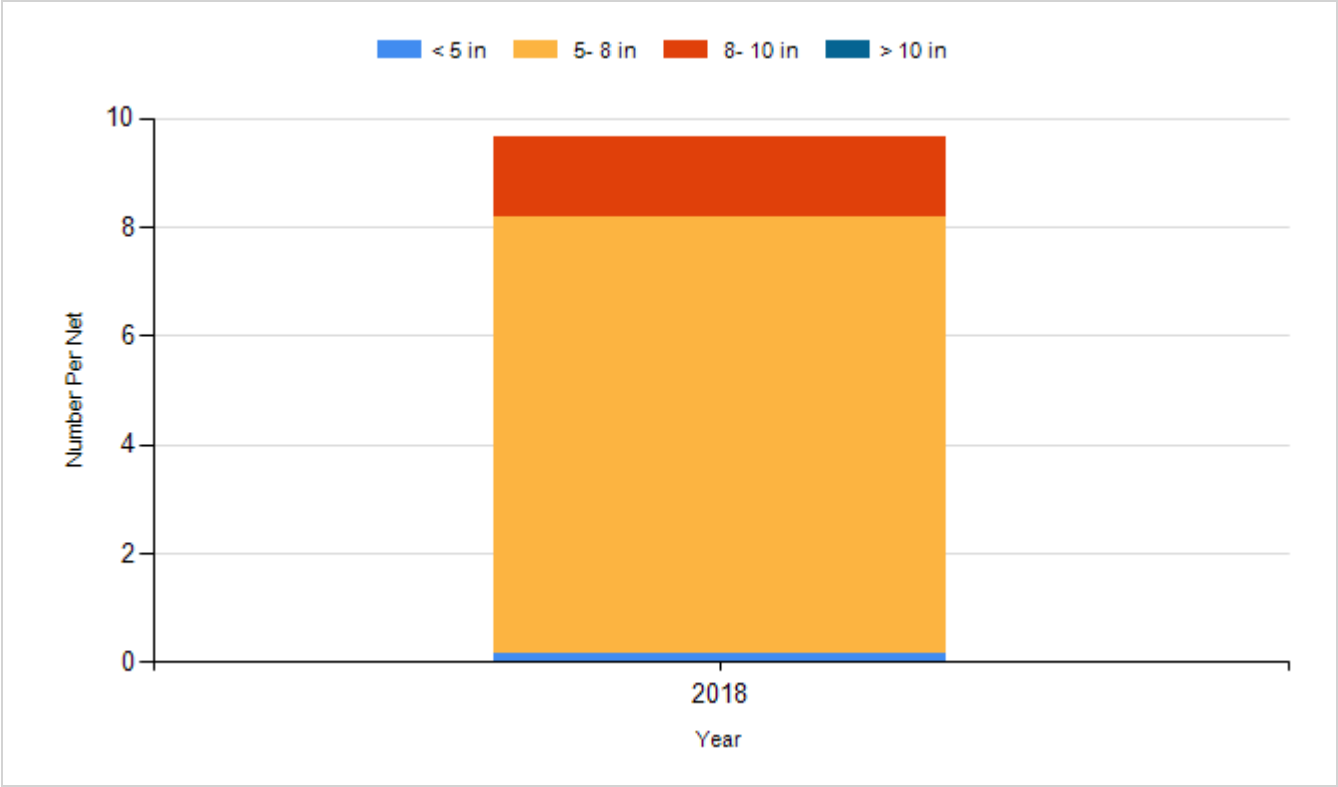
Gear: AFS std gill net



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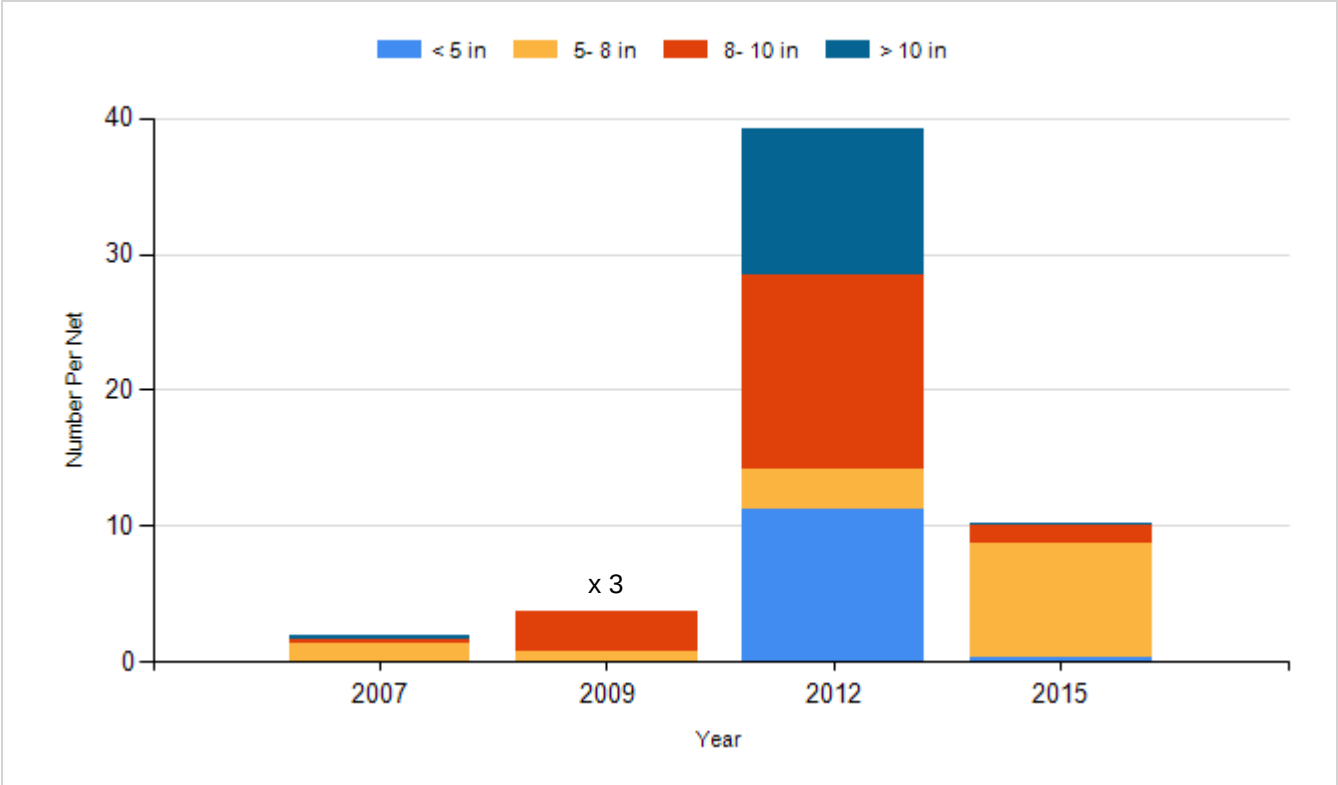

Fish Stocking

Number of fish stocked by year, species, and size.

Year	Species	Size	Number
2007	Walleye	Small Fingerling	75,600
2009	Walleye	Fry	750,000
2011	Walleye	Fry	1,000,000
2013	Walleye	Fry	750,000
2015	Walleye	Fry	750,000
2018	Walleye	Fry	750,000