

SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Lower Missouri, Yankton County
LCL-Lake-73-001
2018

Lake Information

Name: Lower Missouri
County: Yankton
Surface Area: 21,121 Acres

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
boat shocker (day)	May 22, 2018	1200 seconds
boat shocker (day)	May 23, 2018	2400 seconds
boat shocker (day)	Oct 18, 2018	580 seconds
fall night EF-WAE	Oct 17, 2018	720 seconds

Common Fish Species Present

Walleye

Sauger

Smallmouth Bass

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.
- **std 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.

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

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.

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

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

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.

$$Wr = \left(\frac{W}{W_s} \right) \times 100$$

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).

Species Name	Stock		Quality		Preferred		Memorable		Trophy	
	(in)	(cm)	(in)	(cm)	(in)	(cm)	(in)	(cm)	(in)	(cm)
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
Brown Trout	8	20	12	30	16	40	20	50	18	46
Channel Catfish	11	28	16	41	24	61	28	71	36	91
Freshwater Drum	8	20	12	30	15	38	20	51	25	63
Lake Trout	12	30	20	50	26	65	31	80	39	100
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
Rainbow Trout	10	25	16	40	20	50	26	65	31	80
Rudd	6	15	10	25	12	30	15	38	19	48
Sauger	8	20	12	30	15	38	20	51	25	63
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
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).

* **Methods/Species that ignore stock length**

Gear	Species	Sample Size (n)	Abundance		Stock Density Indices			Condition	
			CPUE	CI-80	PSD	CI-80	PSD-P	CI-80	Wr
boat shocker (day)	Sauger*	1	1.6	2.5	0		0		
	Smallmouth Bass	47	29.3	25.6	18	10	8	90	2
fall night EF-WAE*	Sauger	12	60.0						
	Walleye	56	280.0						

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.

Gear	Species	CPUE										Avg
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
boat shocker (day)	American Eel								0.0			0.0
	Burbot								1.0			1.0
	Largemouth Bass				1.0		0.0	0.0	7.0	1.0		1.8
	Sauger										1.6	1.6
	Smallmouth Bass	71.2	106.0	51.0	20.0	26.0	40.0	10.1	21.0	23.0	29.3	39.8
fall night EF- WAE	Sauger										60.0	60.0
	Walleye										280.0	280.0

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.

Gear	Species	Index	Year										
			2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
boat shocker (day)	Sauger	PSD											0
		PSD-P											0
	Smallmouth Bass	PSD	30	21	28	35	31	3	0	19	13	18	
		PSD-P	7	4	12	30	19	3	0	5	4	8	
		Wr	92	95	89	93	88	91	95	97	93	90	

Back-Calculated Lengths

Mean species back-calculated total length (mm) at age, standard error (SE), and sample size (N).

Species: Smallmouth Bass

Year Class	Age	N	Mean back-calculated length (SE) at age											
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
2016	2	16	108 (3)	178 (5)										
2015	3	17	101 (4.2)	170 (6.4)	210 (5.1)									
2014	4	6	93 (4.9)	162 (17)	231 (22)	252 (25.5)								
2013	5	2	123 (19.5)	214 (15.8)	286 (6.9)	316 (3.9)	328 (2.5)							
2012	6	1	101	196	270	345	358	377						
2010	8	2	114 (2.8)	194 (9.2)	263 (15.6)	313 (20.5)	361 (8.6)	406 (11.3)	428 (11.5)	438 (12.9)				
Weighted Mean		44	104	176	226	283	347	396	428	438				
Year Class	Age	N	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
2016	2	16												
2015	3	17												
2014	4	6												
2013	5	2												
2012	6	1												
2010	8	2												
Weighted Mean		44												

Length at Capture

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

Species: Smallmouth Bass

Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age											
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2018	47		183 (17)	213 (19)	255 (6)	330 (2)	380 (1)		443 (2)		
2017	86	136 (63)	236 (19)	299 (3)		417 (1)					
2016	28	139 (7)	218 (14)	243 (4)	330 (2)	364 (1)					
2015	20	138 (9)	193 (8)	219 (2)	263 (1)						
2014	53	123 (9)	204 (39)	260 (4)		354 (1)					
2013	39	116 (10)	191 (12)	214 (10)	301 (2)	375 (1)	399 (2)	414 (2)			
2012	30	101 (1)	182 (18)	289 (7)		394 (4)					
2011	116	132 (7)	206 (55)	275 (40)	349 (13)	409 (2)					
2010	146	115 (7)	186 (98)	256 (29)	315 (9)	373 (3)					
2009	95	113 (15)	200 (49)	284 (23)	329 (4)	391 (3)	436 (1)				

Fish Condition

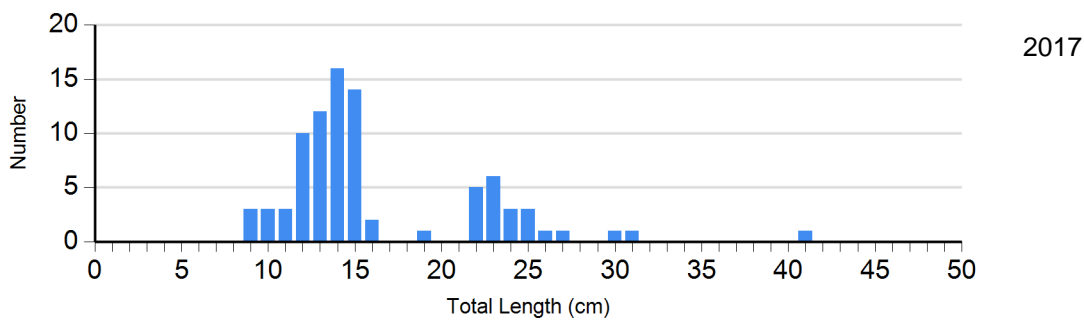
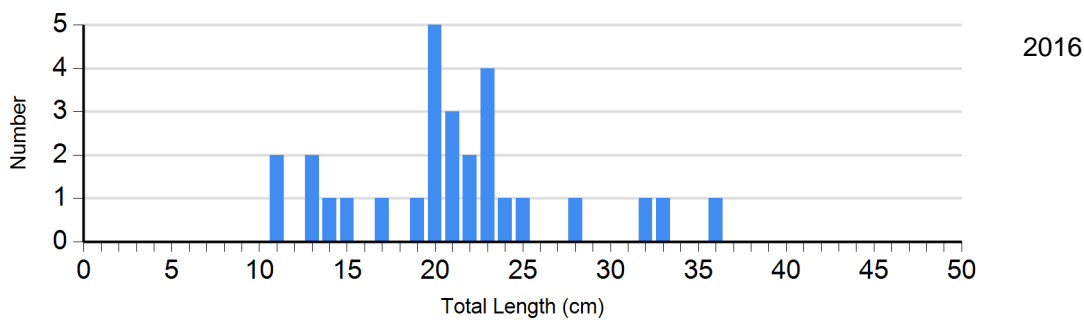
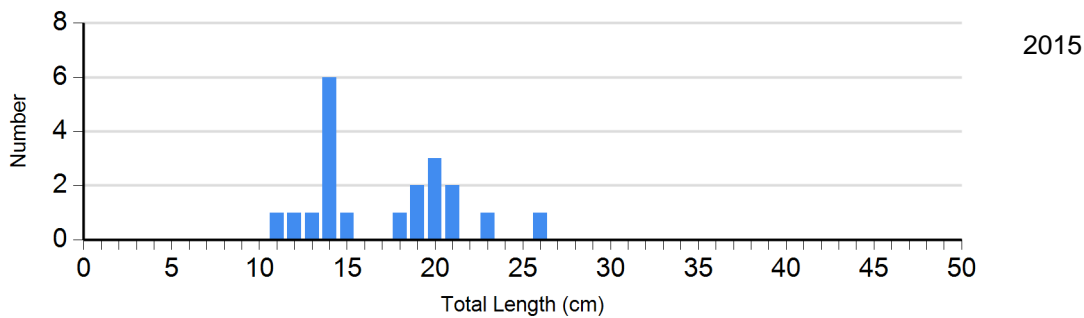
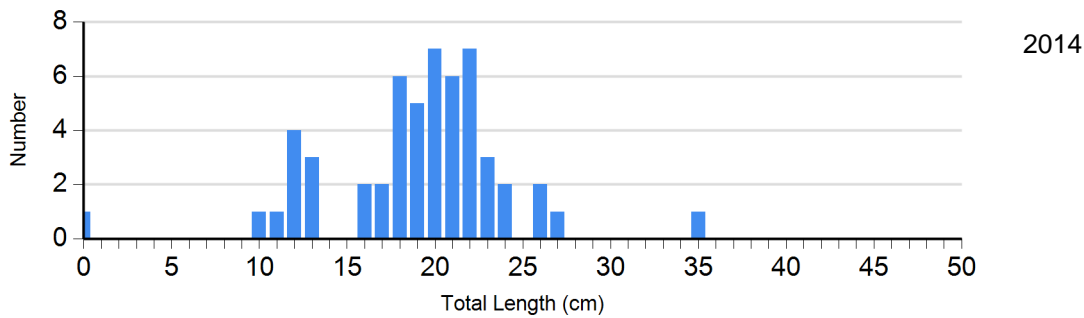
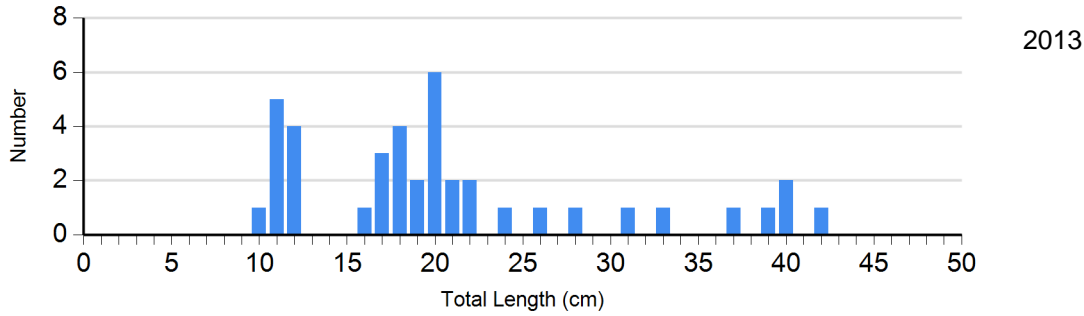
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

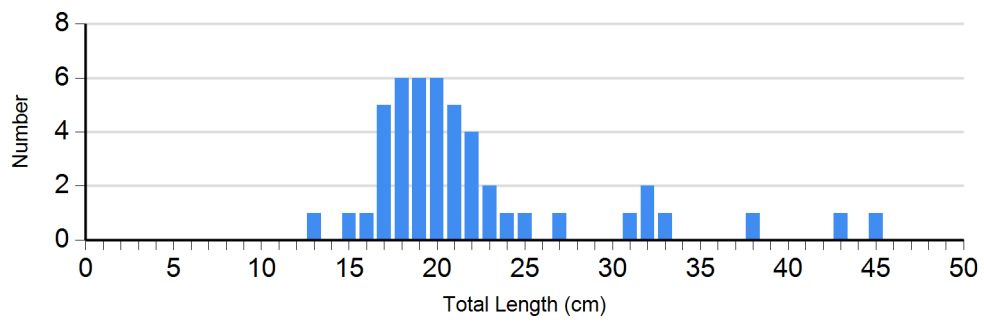
Species	Year	Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
		N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Smallmouth Bass Electro Fishing	2014	39	91 (0.9)	0		1	95	0	
	2015	10	95 (2.0)	0		0		0	
	2016	17	98 (2.2)	3	95 (5.1)	1	83	0	
	2017	20	94 (1.5)	2	93 (5.1)	1	88	0	
	2018	32	90 (1.5)	4	88 (4.8)	1	91	2	85 (10.7)

Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

Species: Smallmouth Bass
Gear: boat shocker (day)

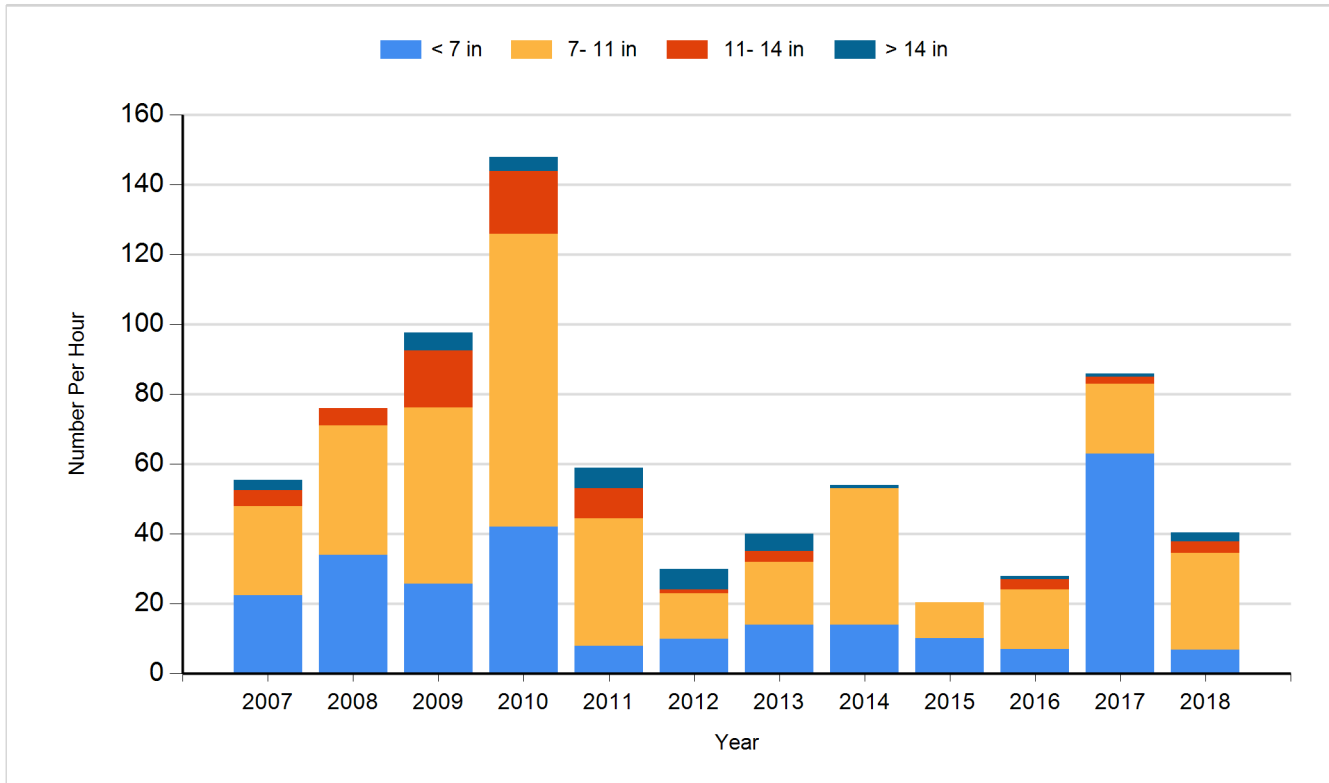




Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

Species: Smallmouth Bass
Gear: boat shocker (day)



Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2009	Paddlefish	Fingerling	5,132
2014	Pallid Sturgeon	Juvenile	427