

SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Lewis and Clark - Delta, Bon Homme County
LCL-Lake-73-003
2018

Lake Information

Name: Lewis and Clark - Delta
County: Bon Homme
Surface Area: 48,774 Acres

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
boat shocker (day)	May 21, 2018	8549 seconds
boat shocker (day)	May 22, 2018	9648 seconds
small seine	Jul 22, 2018	28 hauls

Common Fish Species Present

River Carpsucker

Largemouth Bass

Spotfin Shiner

Bluegill

Gizzard Shad

Northern Pike

Shortnose Gar

Black Crappie

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	CI-80
boat shocker (day)	Largemouth Bass	98	11.6	3.5	63	9	37	9	100	2
small seine*	Black Crappie	1	0.2	0.0						
	Bluegill	27	4.5	2.7						
	Gizzard Shad	3	0.5	0.1						
	Largemouth Bass	33	5.5	2.0						
	Northern Pike	2	0.3	0.0						
	River Carpsucker	132	22.0	1.7						
	Shortnose Gar	1	0.2	0.0						
	Spotfin Shiner	55	9.2	0.1						

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.

Gear	Species	CPUE										Avg	
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018		
boat shocker (day)	Black Crappie	16.4											16.4
	Bluegill	23.4											23.4
	Green Sunfish	0.7											0.7
	Largemouth Bass	16.2	21.3	14.7	6.0	1.4	11.2	6.4	9.2	2.2	11.6		10.0
	Smallmouth Bass	7.5				1.0	0.2	3.5	0.4	0.0			2.1
hoop net	Channel Catfish	0.6	0.3	1.4	2.1								1.1
	Flathead Catfish	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0								0.0
small seine	Bigmouth Buffalo					0.1	0.2			0.0			0.1
	Bigmouth Shiner						0.0						0.0
	Black Crappie			0.1	0.0	0.8	1.5	0.0	0.4		0.2		0.4
	Bluegill				1.3	0.1		0.4	0.5	0.1	4.5		1.2
	Bluntnose Minnow			0.2	0.1			0.0	0.5	0.0			0.2
	Brassy Minnow						0.0		0.0				0.0
	Channel Catfish				0.4	0.0		0.1	0.1	0.0			0.1
	Common Carp			0.7		0.1			0.1	0.3			0.3
	Emerald Shiner	0.1			0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0					0.1
	Fathead Minnow					0.0							0.0
	Gizzard Shad					0.4			0.4		0.5		0.4
	Goldeye					0.1							0.1
	Grass Pickerel	0.2		0.5									0.4
	Johnny Darter			0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.0			0.2
	Largemouth Bass	1.9		2.0	0.4	5.9	2.6	0.2	0.8	0.4	5.5		2.2
	Northern Pike	0.1		0.3			0.0				0.3		0.2
	Orangespotted Sunfish								0.0				0.0
	Red Shiner	1.7		1.2	1.1								1.3
	River Carpsucker	0.2		0.1	20.7	18.6	2.0	2.5	15.3	5.6	22.0		9.7
	Rock Bass					0.1				0.1			0.1
	Sand Shiner				0.3	0.5	1.5						0.8
	Sauger			0.1		0.1							0.1
	Shorthead Redhorse				0.4	0.0			0.3	0.1			0.2
Shortnose Gar										0.2		0.2	
Smallmouth Bass	0.2		0.1	0.4		0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3			0.2	
Smallmouth Buffalo				0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2				0.1	
Spotfin Shiner	3.4			0.1	3.5	4.6	5.8	10.0	3.7	9.2		5.0	

		CPUE										
Gear	Species	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Avg
small seine	Spottail Shiner								0.6			0.6
	Walleye				0.0	0.2			0.0			0.1
	White Bass	0.0			0.0				0.4			0.1
	White Crappie					0.0	0.0					0.0
	White Sucker								0.1			0.1
	Yellow Perch			0.4	0.2	0.1			0.0			0.2
trotline	Channel Catfish				0.2							0.2
	Flathead Catfish				0.1							0.1

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)	Black Crappie	PSD	98										
		PSD-P	83										
		Wr	96										
	Bluegill	PSD	19										
		PSD-P	0										
		Wr	113										
	Largemouth Bass	PSD	85	86	77	75	100	100	71	62	38	63	
		PSD-P	36	57	64	38	50	62	57	52	0	37	
		Wr	104	108	111	115	93	106	102	103	130	100	

Back-Calculated Lengths

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

Species: Largemouth Bass

Year Class	Age	N	Mean back-calculated length (SE) at age																	
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10								
2017	1	10	111 (5.1)																	
2016	2	25	82 (2)	168 (4.6)																
2015	3	11	84 (4.2)	181 (7.4)	251 (6.2)															
2014	4	14	82 (3.1)	182 (5.8)	259 (7.2)	293 (8.1)														
2013	5	8	78 (9.4)	187 (16.7)	270 (13.7)	315 (12.8)	340 (14.4)													
2012	6	5	97 (8.2)	235 (17.8)	326 (20.2)	374 (17.9)	401 (17.8)	414 (18.9)												
2011	7	12	83 (4.1)	220 (5.3)	309 (4.7)	367 (7.1)	405 (6.9)	426 (7.3)	443 (7.6)											
2010	8	2	96 (7.3)	194 (45.7)	309 (20.4)	358 (9.9)	388 (8.2)	411 (9.5)	429 (4.2)	445 (2.8)										
2009	9	1	90	256	356	409	473	521	542	552	566									
Weighted Mean		88	87	188	280	334	387	426	448	481	566									
Year Class	Age	N	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20								
2017	1	10																		
2016	2	25																		
2015	3	11																		
2014	4	14																		
2013	5	8																		
2012	6	5																		
2011	7	12																		
2010	8	2																		
2009	9	1																		
Weighted Mean		88																		

Length at Capture

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

Species: Largemouth Bass

Year	N	Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2018	92	113 (13)	172 (25)	255 (11)	296 (14)	344 (8)	419 (5)	444 (13)	449 (2)	570 (1)	
2016	73	96 (48)	192 (7)	229 (3)	290 (3)	389 (2)	418 (2)	401 (1)	425 (6)	423 (1)	
2015	57	110 (32)	178 (5)	235 (4)	251 (1)	305 (2)	384 (2)	420 (3)	419 (6)	464 (2)	
2014	42	86 (5)			361 (7)	384 (11)	396 (12)	431 (6)	421 (1)		
2012	7			295 (3)	370 (2)	410 (2)					
2011	20		203 (2)	259 (2)	332 (3)	388 (3)	426 (4)	420 (2)	459 (4)		
2010	52	98 (7)	195 (9)	277 (5)	350 (7)	379 (7)	414 (11)	425 (5)	403 (1)		
2009	86	102 (46)	239 (2)	246 (6)	332 (6)	348 (10)	391 (5)	397 (8)	415 (3)		

Fish Condition

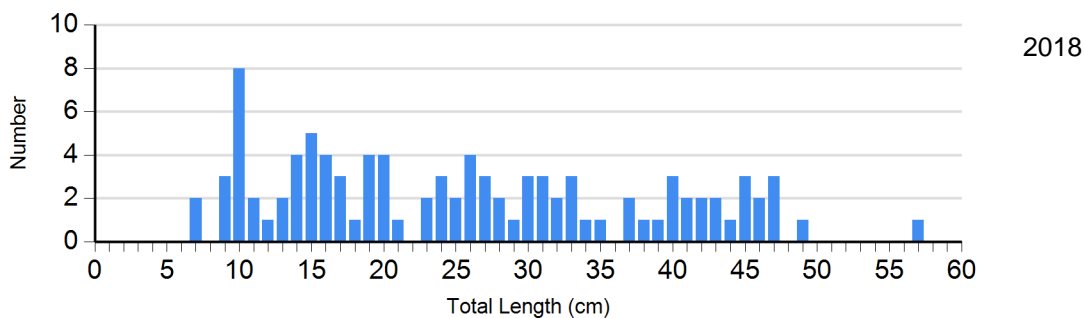
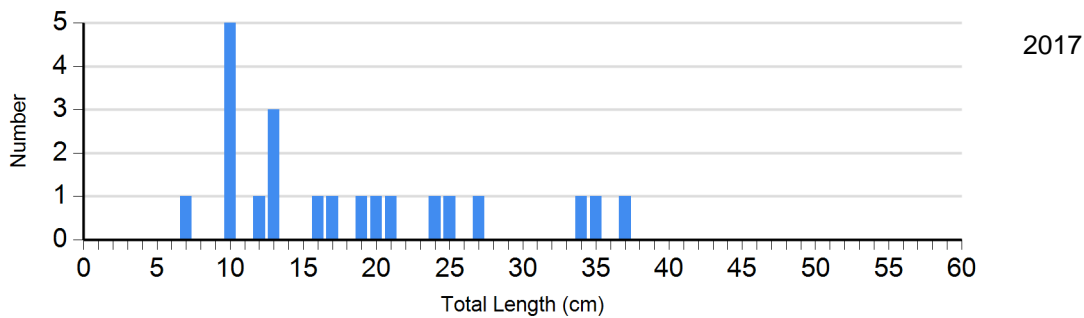
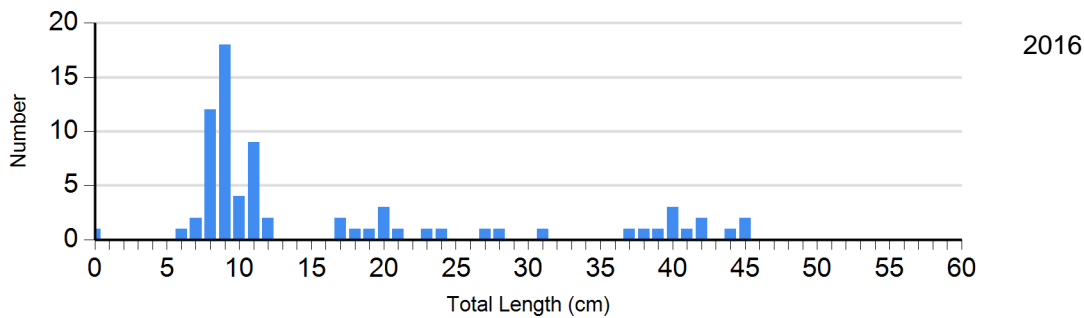
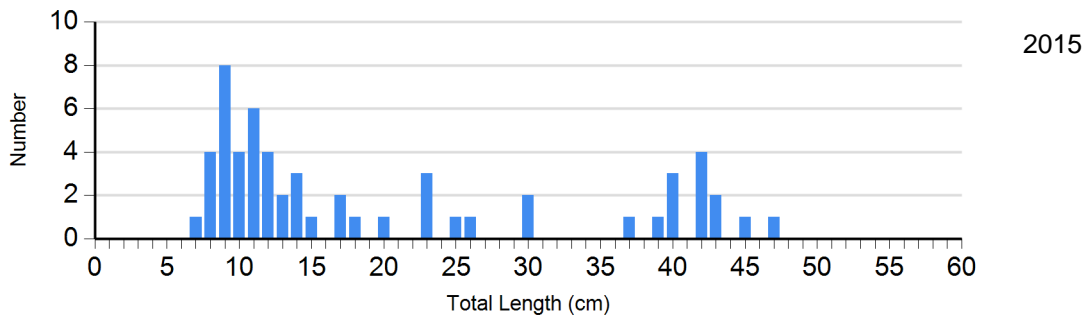
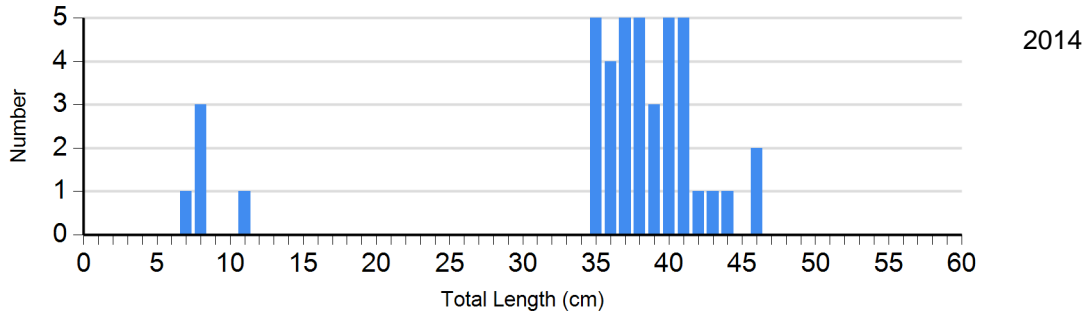
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

Species	Year	Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
		N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Largemouth Bass Electro Fishing	2014	0		14	107 (1.7)	23	106 (1.1)	0	
	2015	6	105 (2.7)	3	105 (3.0)	12	100 (2.3)	0	
	2016	8	108 (3.3)	2	103 (5.1)	11	100 (2.7)	0	
	2017	5	146 (24.9)	3	105 (3.1)	0		0	
	2018	22	99 (2.0)	15	103 (1.8)	21	99 (2.8)	1	59

Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

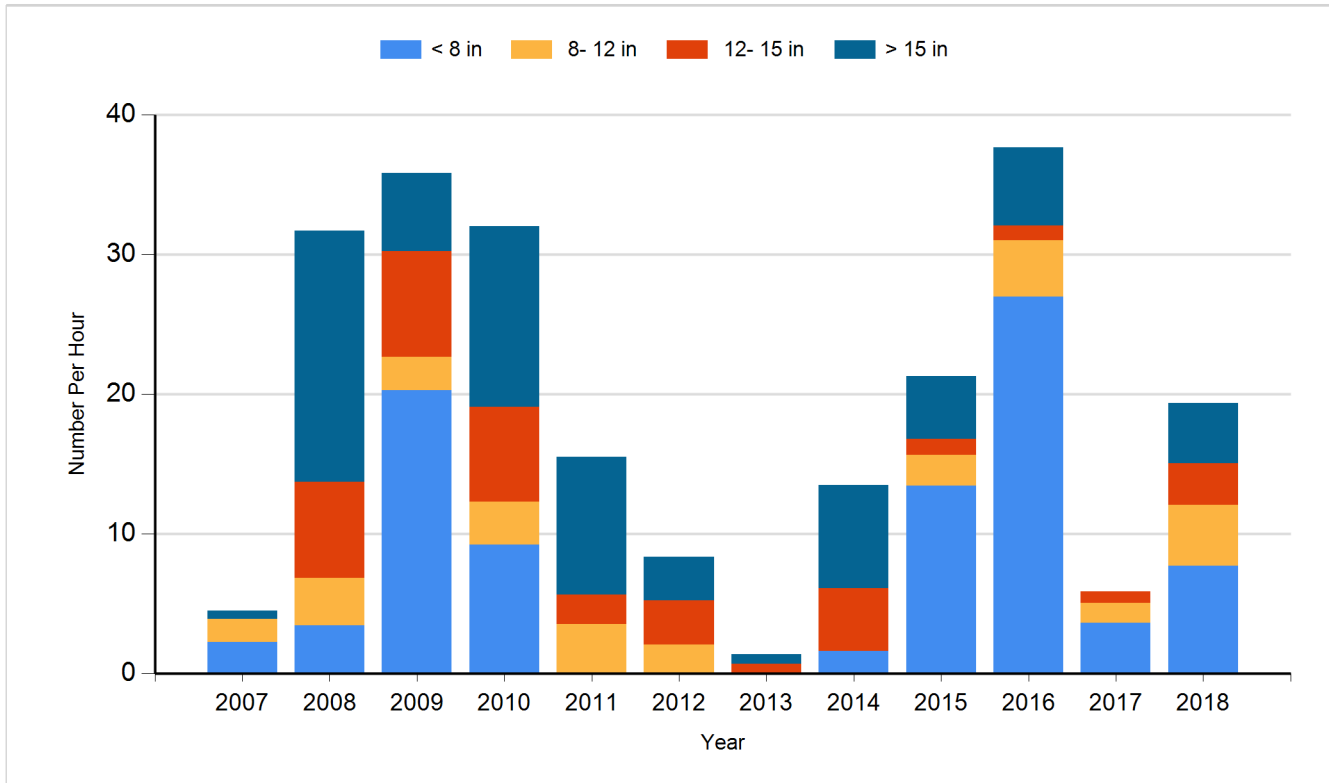
Species: Largemouth Bass
Gear: boat shocker (day)



Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

Species: Largemouth Bass
Gear: boat shocker (day)



Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2014	Walleye	Fry	14,107,500
2016	Walleye	Fry	13,449,865
2016	Walleye	Small Fingerling	1,426,655
2018	Walleye	Fingerling	473,237