

Bierman Pit Survey Summary

The waterbody referred to as Bierman Pit, located 4.0 miles west and 3.5 miles north of Northville, is an old gravel pit that has been managed as a fishery since the mid 1970's. Initial management efforts included chemical renovation (1974) and stocking of catchable trout (1974-1978). More recently, fish management activities have been limited but relatively frequent flooding of the pit area by Snake Creek has resulted in a diverse fish community with as many as 12 fish species being sampled.

Unfortunately, few fish that would interest anglers were sampled in 2019. Common carp were the most abundant species in both the gill net (15 individuals) and frame net (136 individuals) catch, all were <11.0 inches and reported stock-length CPUE values were 0.0.

- **Black crappie.** Although black crappie were the second most abundant fish species in the 2019 frame net catch, numbers were low. Of the 21 individuals sampled, only 8 were ≥ 5.0 inches and none exceeded 6.0 inches.

For more detailed results see the computer generated South Dakota Statewide Fisheries Survey for the Bierman Pit (Spink; below).

SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY

Bierman Pit, Spink County

SNK-Lake-372-000

2019

Lake Information

Name: Bierman Pit

County: Spink

Surface Area: 21 Acres

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
AFS std gill net	Jul 01, 2019	2 net-nights
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Jul 01, 2019	4 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Yellow Perch

Walleye

Bluegill

Black Bullhead

Black Crappie

Bigmouth Buffalo

Green Sunfish

Sunfish Hybrid

Common Carp

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.

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

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
AFS std gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	3	1.5	1.5	0		0	89	2
	Common Carp	15	0.0	0.0	0		0		
	Green Sunfish	1	0.5	1.5	0		0	110	
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Bigmouth Buffalo	1	0.3	0.4	0		0	96	
	Black Bullhead	17	4.3	2.7	47	20	0	103	4
	Black Crappie	21	2.0	1.8	0		0	115	2
	Common Carp	136	0.0	0.0	0		0		
	Sunfish Hybrid*	14	0.0	0.0					

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.

* Methods/Species that ignore stock length

Gear	Species	CPUE										Avg
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
AFS std gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo										1.5	1.5
	Common Carp										0.0	0.0
	Green Sunfish										0.5	0.5
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Bigmouth Buffalo					0.0					0.3	0.2
	Black Bullhead					177.8					4.3	91.1
	Black Crappie					3.3					2.0	2.7
	Channel Catfish					0.3					0.0	0.2
	Common Carp					0.0					0.0	0.0
	Northern Pike					0.3					0.0	0.2
	Orangespotted Sunfish*					0.3					0.0	0.2
	Sunfish Hybrid*					0.0					0.0	0.0
	Walleye					1.8					0.0	0.9
	Yellow Bullhead					0.3					0.0	0.2
	Yellow Perch					0.3					0.0	0.2
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead					34.0						34.0
	Freshwater Drum					3.0						3.0
	Shortnose Gar					0.0						0.0
	Walleye					9.0						9.0
	Yellow Perch					2.0						2.0

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										
			2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Crappie	PSD					92						0
		PSD-P					8						0
		Wr					109						115

Fish Condition

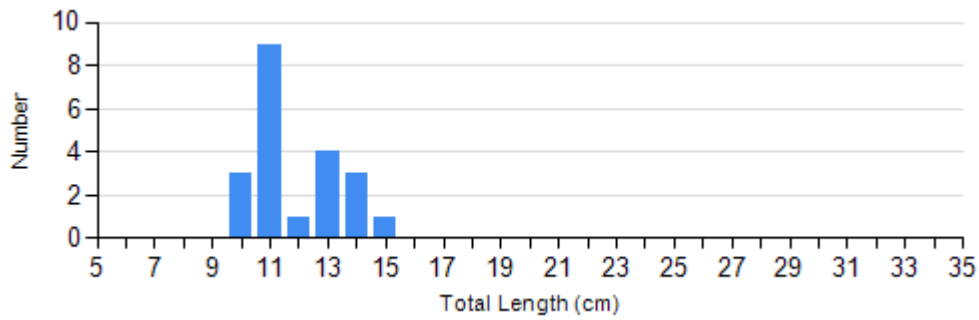
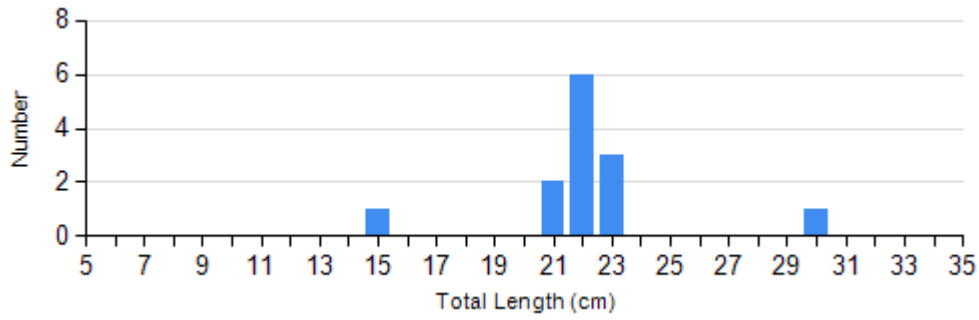
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

Species	Year	Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
		N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Black Crappie Frame Net	2019	8	115 (1.8)	0		0		0	

Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

Species: Black Crappie
Gear: frame net (std 3/4 in)



Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

Species: Black Crappie
Gear: frame net (std 3/4 in)

