SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Little Moreau #3, Dewey County
LMO-Lake-1106-000
2019

Lake Information

Name: Little Moreau #3

County: Dewey

Legal Description: T16-R25-S18

Surface Area: 8 Acres

Maximum Depth: 12 Feet

Mean Depth: 8 Feet

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
boat shocker (day)	Sep 05, 2019	1800 seconds
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Jun 18, 2019	5 net-nights
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Jun 19, 2019	5 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Largemouth Bass

Black Bullhead

Green Sunfish

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)
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**

			Abundance		Stock Density Indices				Condition	
Gear	Species	Sample Size (n)	CPUE	CI-80	PSD	CI-80	PSD-P	CI-80	Wr	CI-80
boat shocker (day)	Largemouth Bass	297	154.0	13.6	36	8	5		100	2
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	51	5.1	2.2	100		94		93	2
	Green Sunfish	1	0.1	0.1	0		0		80	

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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Avg
boat shocker (day)	Largemouth Bass										154.0	154.00
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass	66.0				57.0						61.50
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	9.9			9.7			5.7			5.1	7.60
	Golden Shiner	0.0			0.0			0.0			0.0	0.00
	Green Sunfish	10.0			9.9			0.3			0.1	5.08
	Largemouth Bass	2.2			0.2			0.8			0.0	0.80

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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
boat shocker (day)	Largemouth Bass	PSD										36
		PSD-P										5
		Wr										100
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass	PSD	0				21					
		PSD-P	0				11					
		Wr	104				103					
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	PSD	0			69			93			100
		PSD-P	0			0			0			94
		Wr	84			100			106			93
	Green Sunfish	PSD	33			35			0			0
		PSD-P	0			0			0			0
		Wr	100			113			329			80
	Largemouth Bass	PSD	0			0			13			
		PSD-P	0			0			0			
		Wr	110			108			110			

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
2018	1	8	115 (2.3)									
2017	2	14	100 (2.6)	130 (3)								
2015	4	1	98	146	176	195						
2013	6	3	93 (5.7)	112 (10.4)	146 (15.6)	183 (9.7)	210 (6.6)	232 (7.5)				
2012	7	3	99 (7)	117 (7.7)	145 (11.5)	169 (9.6)	202 (3.6)	225 (4)	249 (2.7)			
2011	8	7	88 (3.1)	112 (3.8)	142 (4.9)	167 (4.4)	190 (3.4)	213 (2.2)	231 (2.4)	255 (1.9)		
2010	9	9	93 (3.7)	120 (4.5)	142 (6)	166 (7)	188 (6.9)	217 (5.3)	241 (5)	264 (5.7)	287 (5.5)	
2009	10	7	91 (1.3)	114 (1.3)	141 (6.2)	160 (6.7)	184 (8.2)	211 (6.9)	229 (6.1)	252 (7.1)	273 (6.9)	291 (6.8)
2008	11	4	90 (2.1)	114 (3)	140 (5.3)	159 (6.5)	189 (12.3)	212 (12)	231 (10.7)	247 (9)	269 (7.3)	288 (4.9)
2007	12	1	89	118	149	168	195	239	250	259	279	295
2006	13	1	140	162	187	219	250	268	305	328	340	350
2004	15	1	154	190	237	255	297	328	373	395	427	446
Weighted Mean		59	99	122	147	171	196	222	242	263	288	306

Year Class	Age	N	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2018	1	8										
2017	2	14										
2015	4	1										
2013	6	3										
2012	7	3										
2011	8	7										
2010	9	9										

2009	10	7					
2008	11	4	305 (5.7)				
2007	12	1	304	311			
2006	13	1	360	371	387		
2004	15	1	466	482	500	514	529
Weighted Mean		59	336	388	444	514	529

Length at Capture

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

Species: Largemouth Bass

		Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2019	233	131 (77)	143 (79)		209 (2)		249 (6)	269 (6)	265 (14)	296 (19)	330 (29)
2014	70	163 (52)	243 (15)	316 (2)			419 (1)				
2010	100	188 (100)									

Fish Condition

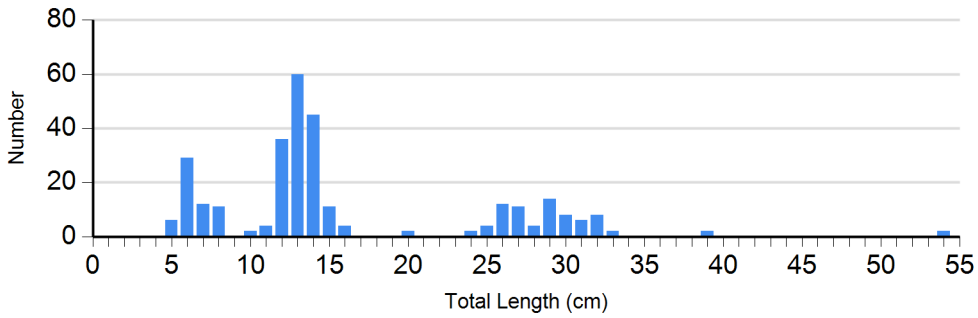
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

		Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
Species	Year	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Largemouth Bass Electro Fishing	2019	49	102 (2.0)	24	96 (1.5)	2	102	2	101

Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

Species: Largemouth Bass
Gear: boat shocker (day)



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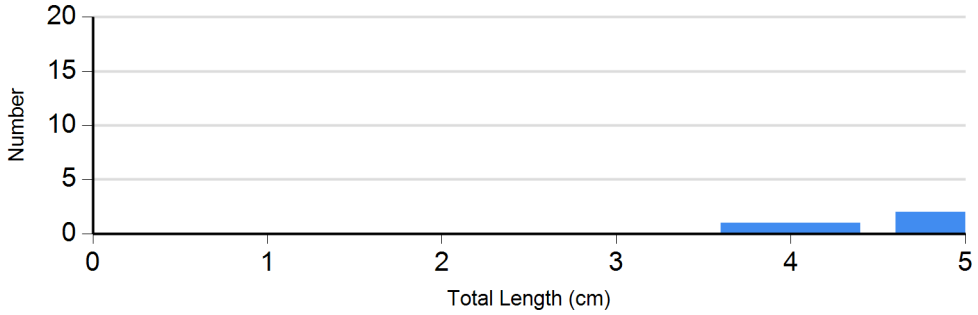
Species: Largemouth Bass
Gear: boat shocker (night)



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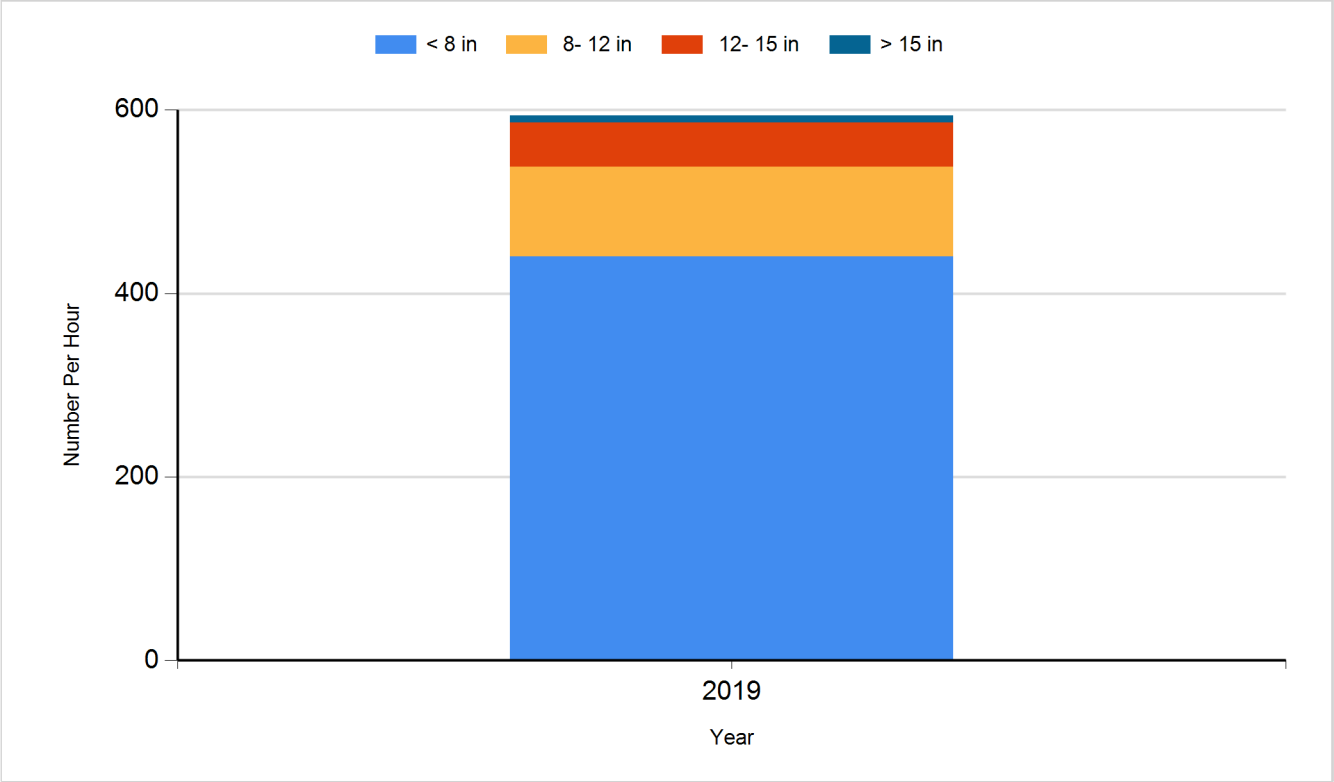
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

Species: Largemouth Bass
Gear: boat shocker (day)



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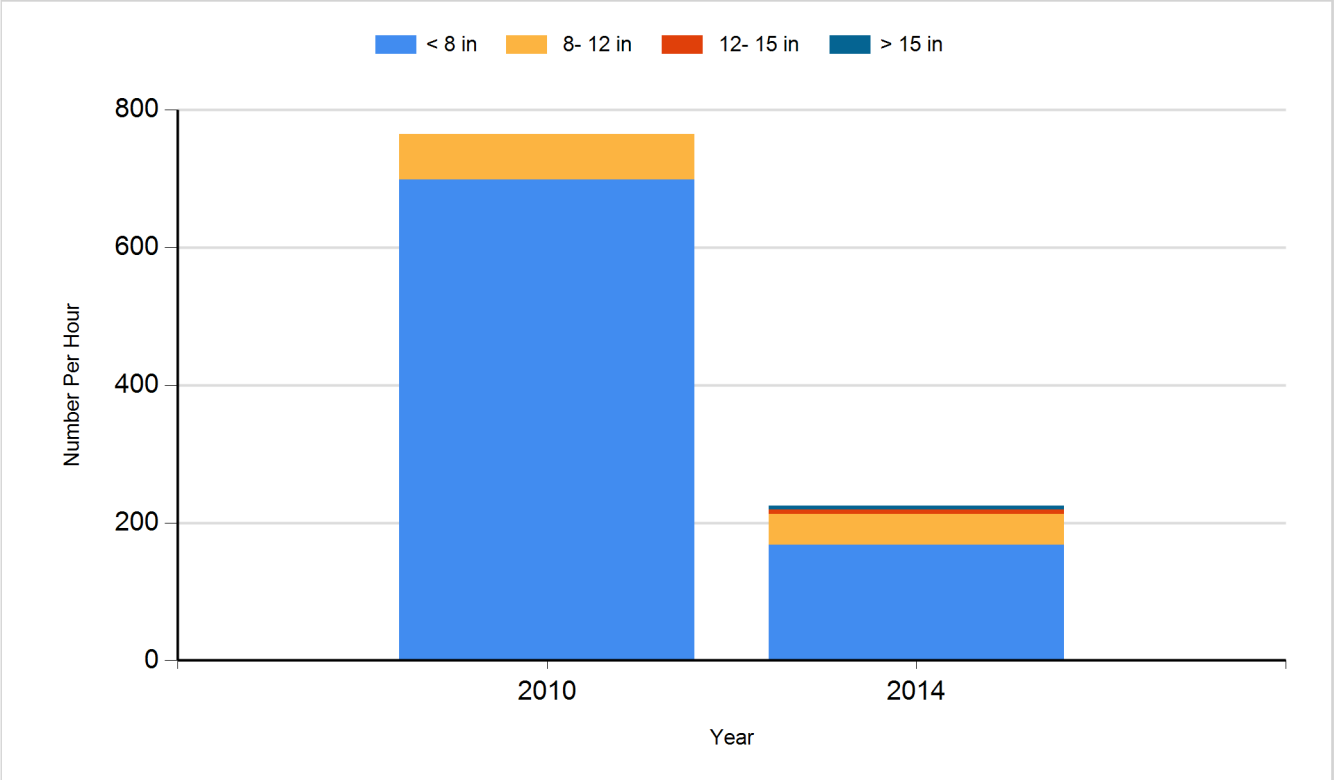

Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2009	Largemouth Bass	Small Fingerling	23,400