

SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY

Bear Butte, Meade County

LBF-Lake-42-000

2020

Lake Information

Name: Bear Butte

County: Meade

Surface Area: 228 Acres

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Jun 04, 2020	6 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Yellow Perch

Northern Pike

Largemouth Bass

Black Crappie

Black Bullhead

Walleye

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
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	2724	454.0	249.5	43	1	0	98	1
	Black Crappie	15	2.5	3.4	100		100	104	2
	Walleye	2	0.3	0.3	100		0	93	3
	Yellow Perch	1	0.2	0.2	100		100	105	

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	
		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
AFS std frame net	Black Bullhead							58.8					58.80
	Black Crappie							9.0					9.00
	Bluegill							5.2					5.20
	Green Sunfish							0.4					0.40
	Walleye							0.1					0.10
	Yellow Perch							7.3					7.30
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass	28.0			2.4	9.0	14.0						13.35
	Smallmouth Bass	0.0			0.0	1.5	0.0						0.38
	Walleye*	4.0			1.2	22.5	13.0						10.18
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	863.8	757.5	2,116.0	879.9	404.2	817.5		1,208.3	906.0	454.0		934.13
	Black Crappie	97.8	123.3	10.6	26.8	6.2	22.2		6.7	40.3	2.5		37.38
	Bluegill	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.3	1.0		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.19
	Channel Catfish	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1		0.2	0.3	0.0		0.07
	Golden Shiner	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.00
	Largemouth Bass	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0		0.01
	Northern Pike	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.1		2.2	2.8	0.0		0.86
	Walleye	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1		0.2	1.7	0.3		0.29
	Yellow Perch	16.8	8.0	5.8	0.0	1.2	5.3		1.3	0.0	0.2		4.29
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead	9.5	138.0	79.0	220.5								111.75
	Black Crappie	6.0	7.0	1.0	0.0								3.50
	Channel Catfish	3.0	13.0	3.5	1.5								5.25
	Largemouth Bass	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0								0.13
	Northern Pike	1.0	2.0	2.0	1.0								1.50
	Rainbow Trout	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0								0.13
	Yellow Perch	0.0	3.0	0.0	11.5								3.63

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											
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
AFS std frame net	Black Bullhead	PSD									0			
		PSD-P									0			
		Wr									77			
	Black Crappie	PSD									87			
		PSD-P									69			
		Wr									106			
	Walleye	PSD									100			
		PSD-P									0			
		Wr									91			
Yellow Perch	PSD									73				
	PSD-P									7				
	Wr									82				
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass	PSD	32			50	0	64						
		PSD-P	29			0	0	7						
		Wr	109			120	110	109						
	Walleye	PSD	0			0	33	69						
		PSD-P	0			0	0	8						
		Wr				103	103	94						
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	PSD	11	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	43	
		PSD-P	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	
		Wr	82		79	91	88	87			68	67	98	
	Black Crappie	PSD	23	91	92	100	100	96			100	100	100	
		PSD-P	2	0	0	0	13	95			73	60	100	
		Wr	108	108	97	97	95	113			92	99	104	
	Largemouth Bass	PSD			100									
		PSD-P			0									
		Wr			103									
	Northern Pike	PSD	100	100	67	100	100	100			85	94		
		PSD-P	0	75	33	0	67	0			23	24		
		Wr	90	88	87	74	79				84	95		
	Walleye	PSD			0		100	100			100	90	100	
		PSD-P			0		0	0			0	20	0	

Gear	Species	Index	Year									
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Walleye	Wr			76		89	96		88	91	93
	Yellow Perch	PSD	31	55	43		83	85		88		100
		PSD-P	7	2	0		17	19		25		100
		Wr	81	83	81		85	91		62		105
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead	PSD	37	0	0	0						
		PSD-P	0	0	0	0						
		Wr	92	91	83	87						
	Black Crappie	PSD	50	71	50							
		PSD-P	0	0	0							
		Wr	109	113	106							
	Largemouth Bass	PSD	0	0								
		PSD-P	0	0								
		Wr	108									
	Northern Pike	PSD	100	100	75	50						
		PSD-P	0	0	25	0						
		Wr	92	95	104	81						
	Yellow Perch	PSD		67		35						
		PSD-P		0		0						
		Wr		79		94						

Length at Capture

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

Species: Black Crappie

Year	N	Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2016	440		180 (18)				256 (10)	267 (126)	270 (286)		
2014	428			188 (2)	211 (32)	220 (394)					

Fish Condition

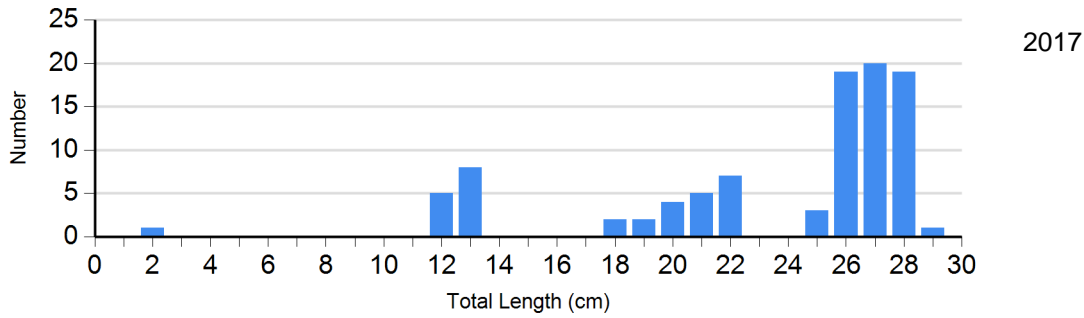
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

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	2016	16	110 (2.7)	4	112 (0.0)	424	113 (0.3)	0	
	2017	12	108 (5.6)	16	105 (1.8)	62	106 (0.9)	0	
	2018	0		11	89 (1.8)	28	93 (1.2)	1	94
	2019	0		96	100 (0.7)	145	99 (0.4)	1	
	2020	0		0		13	103 (1.2)	2	113 (2.3)
Largemouth Bass Electro Fishing	2016	10	111 (3.4)	16	105 (2.2)	2	123 (0.0)	0	

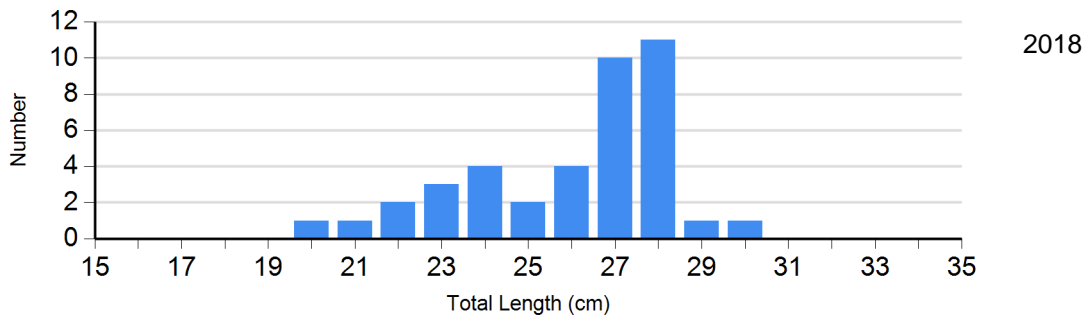
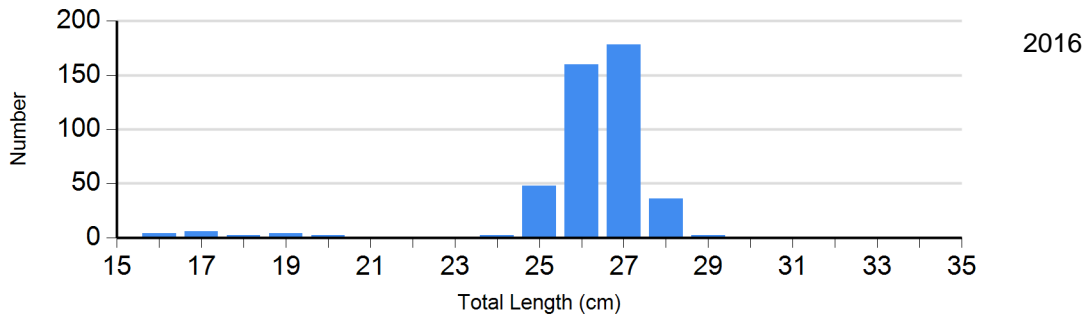
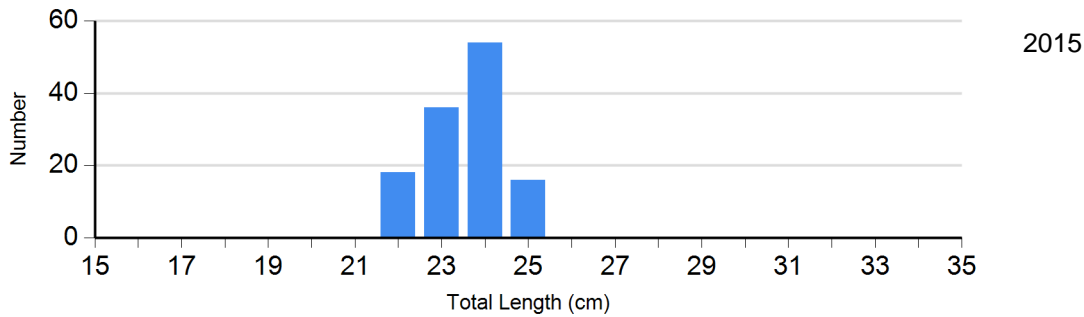
Length Frequency Distribution

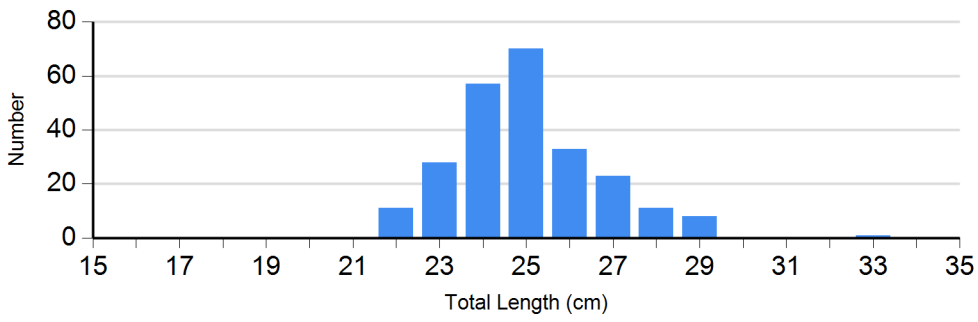
Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

Species: Black Crappie
Gear: AFS std frame net

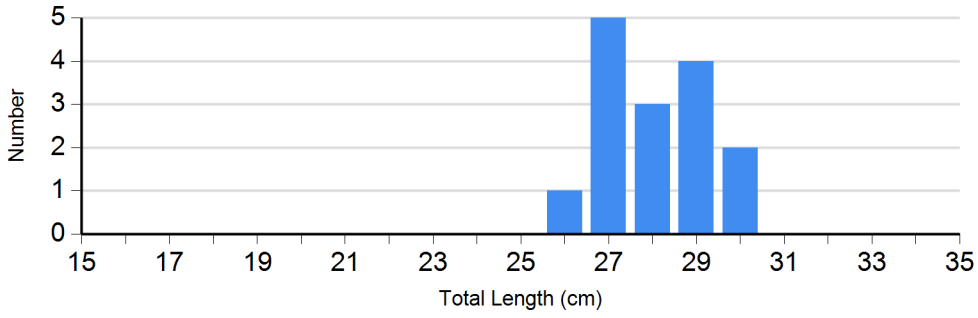


Species: Black Crappie
Gear: frame net (std 3/4 in)



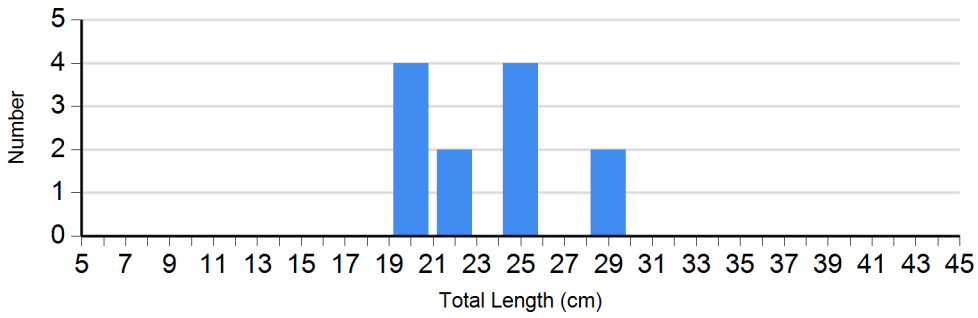


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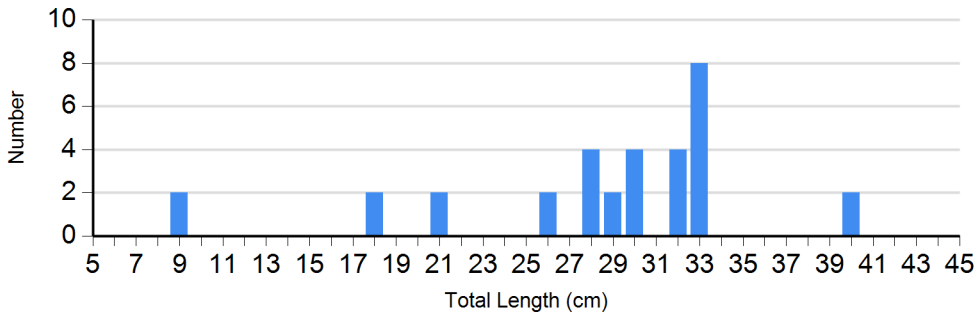


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Species: Largemouth Bass
Gear: boat shocker (night)



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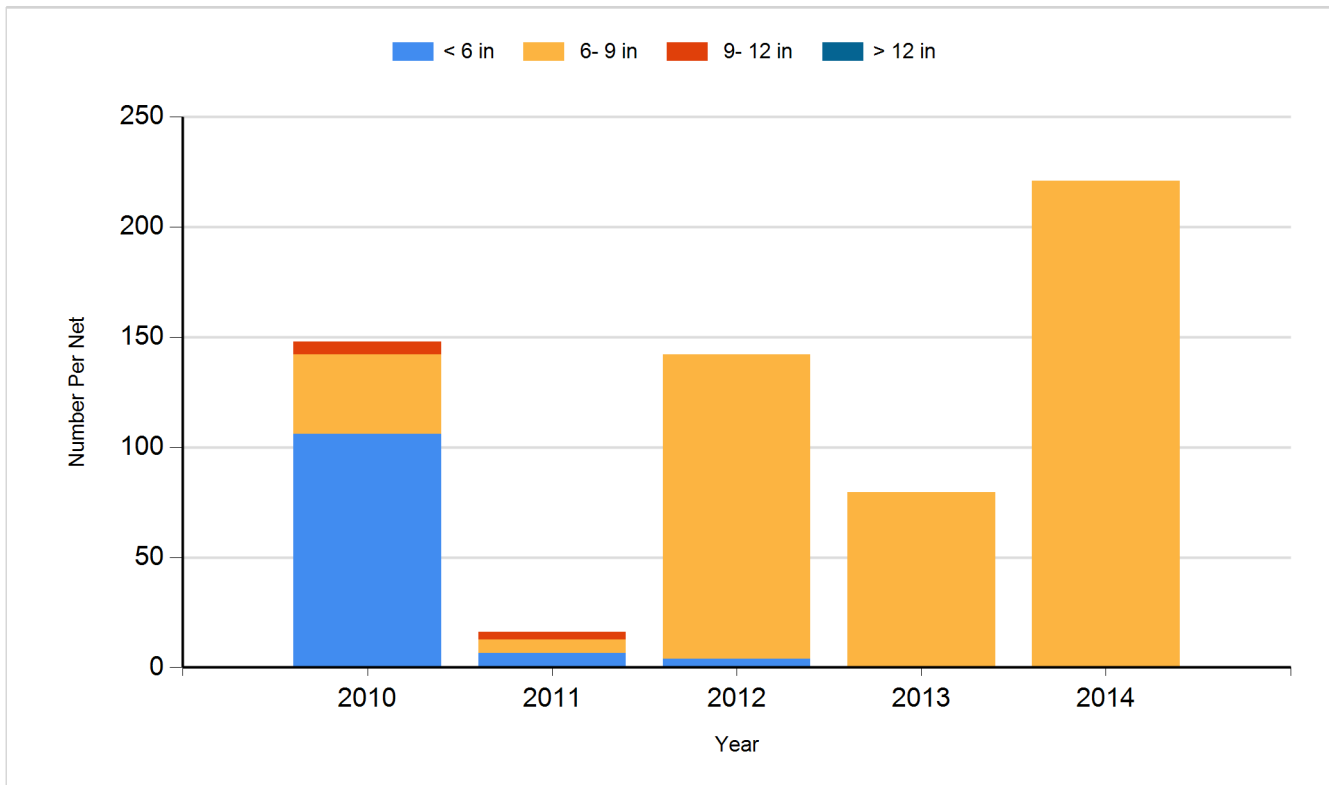


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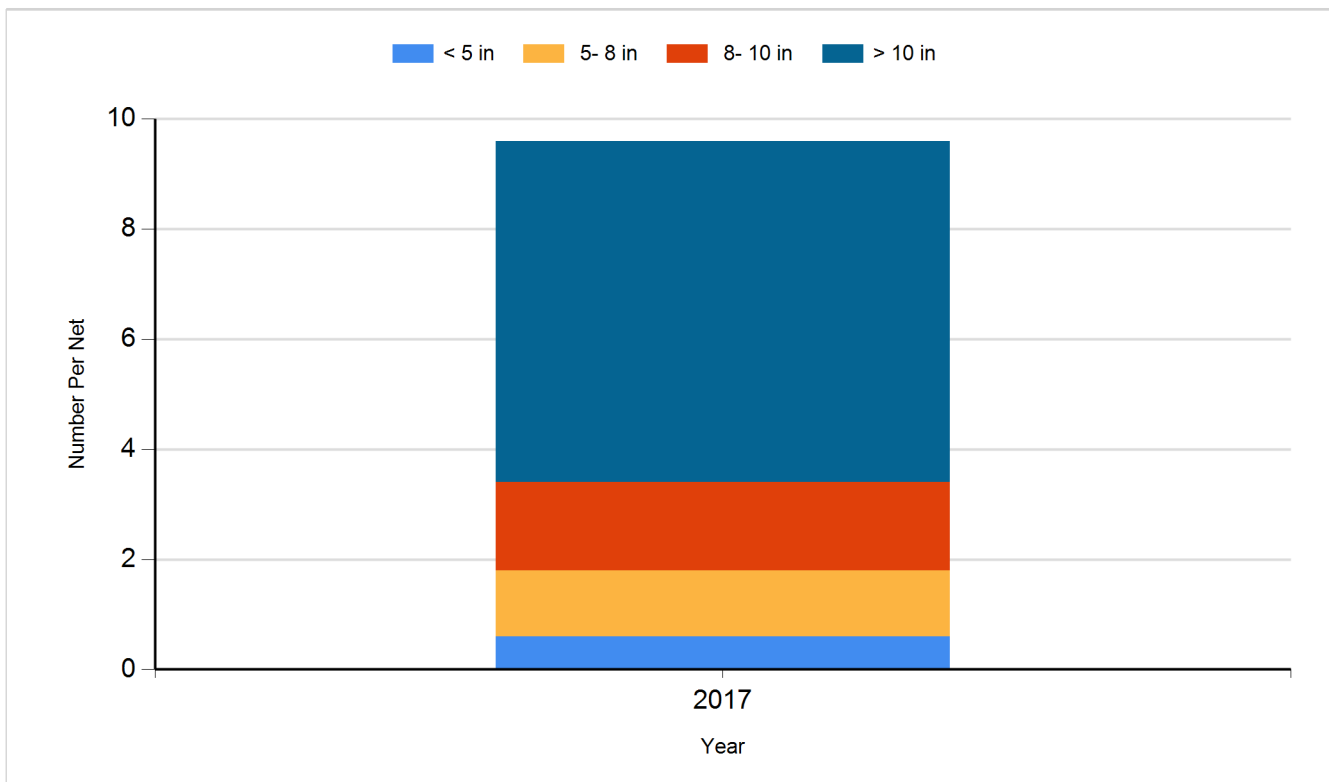
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

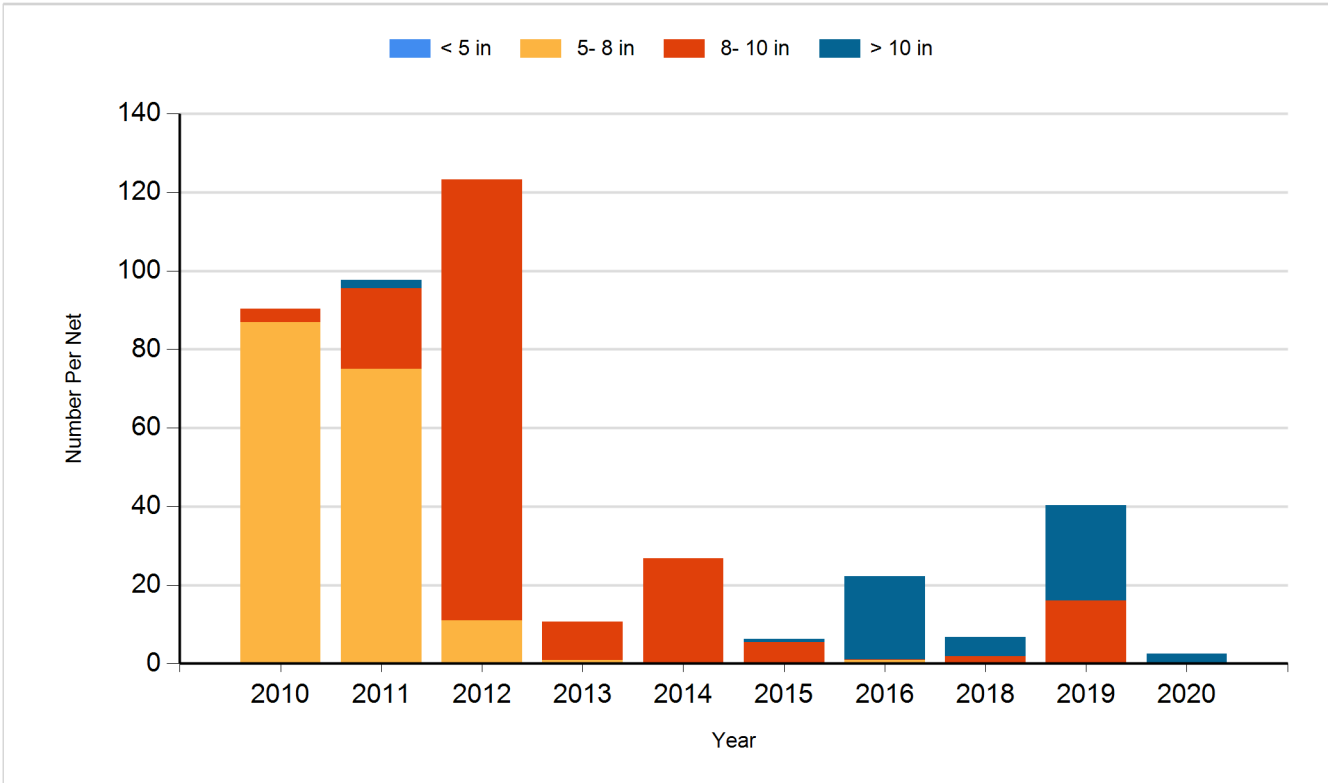
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Gear: std exp gill net



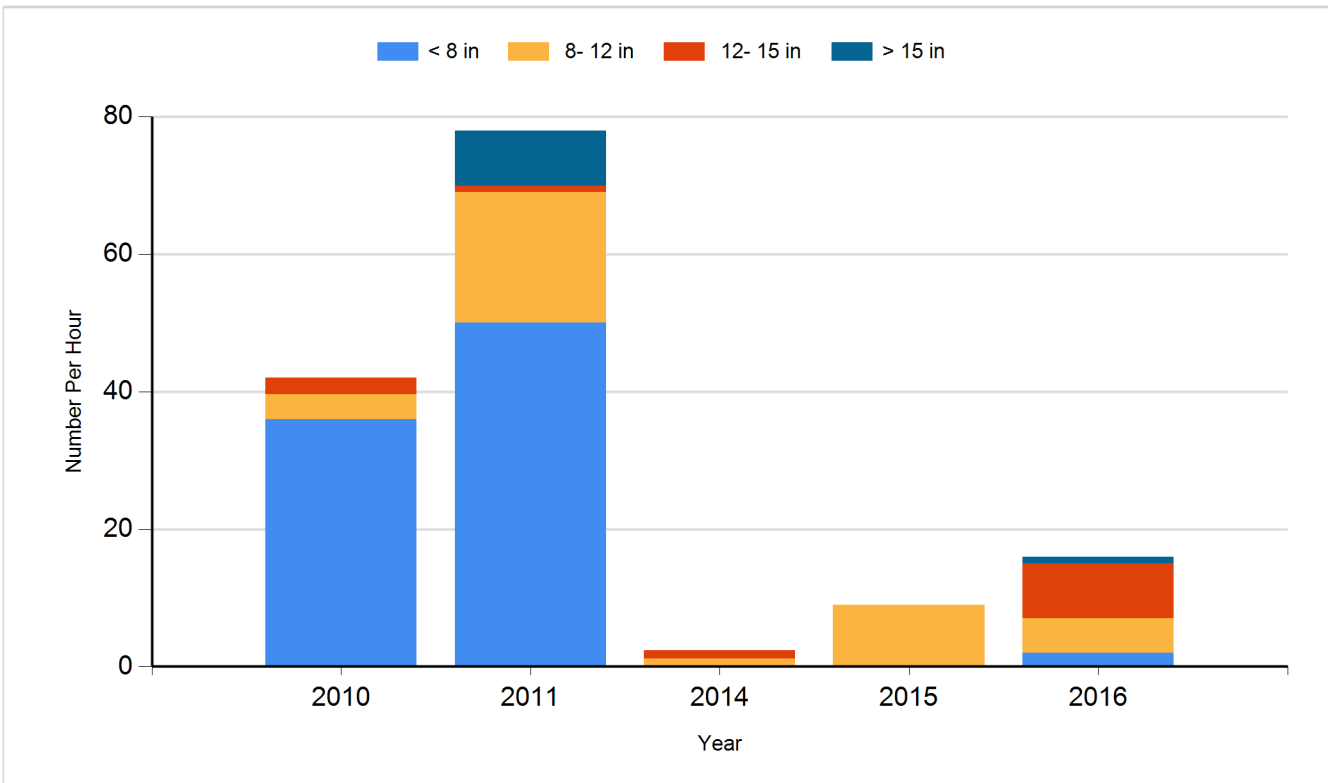
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Gear: AFS std frame net



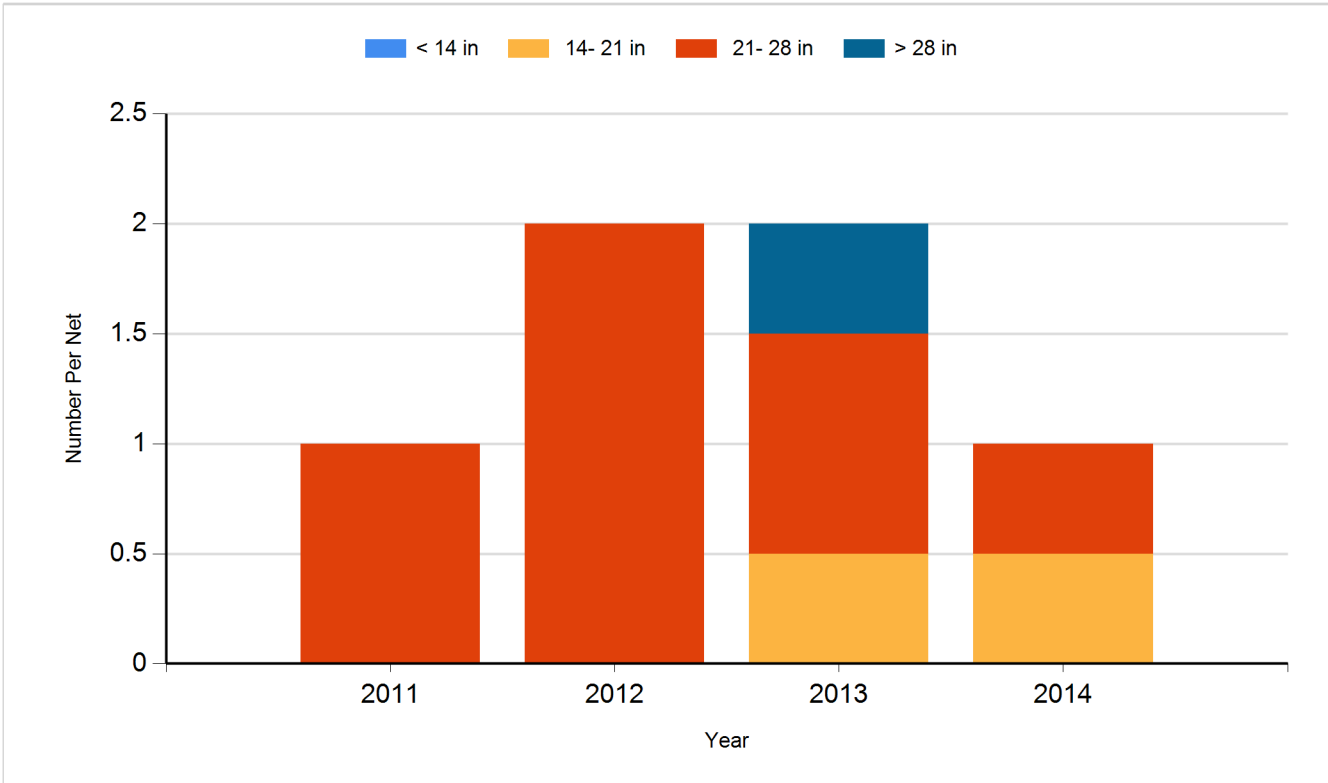
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Gear: frame net (std 3/4 in)



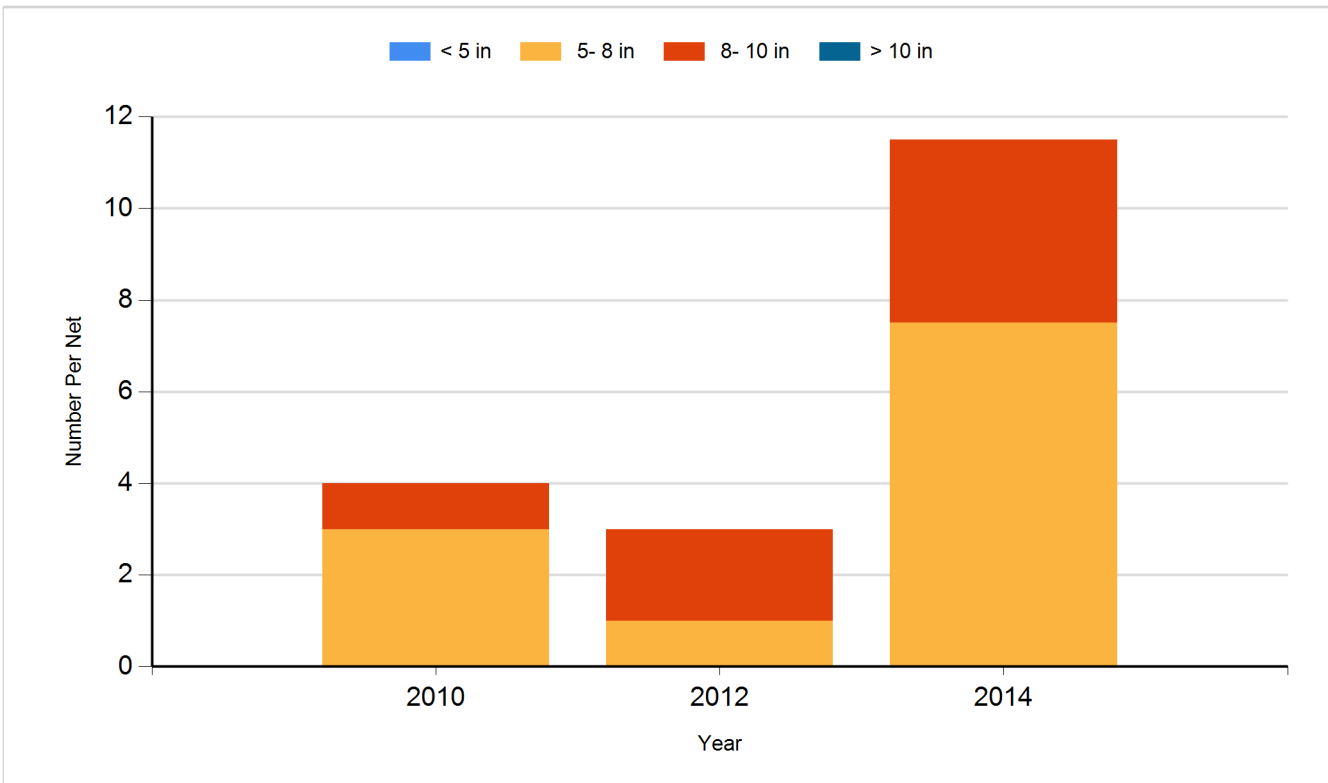
Species: Largemouth Bass
Gear: boat shocker (night)



Species: Northern Pike
Gear: std exp gill net



Species: Yellow Perch
Gear: std exp gill net



Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2009	Channel Catfish	Adult	570
2009	Largemouth Bass	Fingerling	13,000
2009	Yellow Perch	Adult	500
2010	Golden Shiner	Adult	50
2010	Northern Pike	Adult	110
2010	Walleye	Small Fingerling	20,000
2010	Yellow Perch	Adult	900
2011	Channel Catfish	Adult	200
2011	Largemouth Bass	Adult	150
2011	Largemouth Bass	Fingerling	10,000
2011	Northern Pike	Fry	77,600
2011	Yellow Perch	Adult	700
2012	Largemouth Bass	Adult	378
2012	Yellow Perch	Adult	341
2014	Largemouth Bass	Adult	100
2014	Largemouth Bass	Fingerling	1,875
2014	Northern Pike	Adult	305
2014	Rainbow Trout	Catchable	100
2014	Walleye	Large Fingerling	3,238
2015	Channel Catfish	Adult	55
2015	Gizzard Shad	Adult	29
2015	Largemouth Bass	Adult	190
2015	Northern Pike	Adult	20
2015	Rainbow Trout (Ennis)	Catchable 11"	600
2015	Walleye	Fingerling	900
2016	Channel Catfish	Adult	180
2016	Gizzard Shad	Adult	32
2016	Rainbow Trout (Shasta)	Catchable 11"	963
2016	Walleye	Fingerling	25,500
2017	Gizzard Shad	Adult	199
2017	Northern Pike	Adult	138
2017	Rainbow Trout (Shasta)	Catchable 15"	1,000
2017	Walleye	Small Fingerling	29,700
2018	Channel Catfish	Adult	300
2018	Gizzard Shad	Adult	43
2018	Rainbow Trout (Erwin x Arlee)	Catchable	1,000

2019	Channel Catfish	Adult	240
2019	Gizzard Shad		20
2019	Gizzard Shad	Adult	25
2019	Northern Pike	Adult	26
2019	Rainbow Trout (Erwin x Arlee)	Catchable	1,000
2019	Walleye	Small Fingerling	32,130
2020	Gizzard Shad	Adult	18
2020	Largemouth Bass	Adult	60
2020	Rainbow Trout (Arlee)	Adult	1,000
