

SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY

Sinai, Brookings County

MBS-Lake-232-000

2020

Lake Information

Name: Sinai **Maximum Depth:** 33 Feet
County: Brookings **Mean Depth:** 17 Feet
Legal Description: T109N- R52W-Sec 3-4, 8-10
Surface Area: 1,778 Acres

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
AFS std gill net	Jul 07, 2020	12 net-nights
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Jul 07, 2020	10 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Muskellunge

Walleye

White Bass

Yellow Perch

Smallmouth Bass

Yellow Bullhead

Black Crappie

Common Carp

Northern Pike

Black Bullhead

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
AFS std gill net	Black Crappie	3	0.0	0.0	0		0			
	Channel Catfish	1	0.1	0.1	100		0		101	
	Common Carp	8	0.6	0.4	100		100			
	Northern Pike	1	0.1	0.1	100		0		85	
	Smallmouth Bass	8	0.7	0.5	75		38		87	3
	Walleye	36	2.9	0.6	26	11	9		81	1
	White Bass	9	0.8	0.4	78		78		87	3
	White Sucker	1	0.1	0.1	100		0			
	Yellow Bullhead	1	0.1	0.1	100		100			
	Yellow Perch	36	3.0	1.2	61	12	31	12	97	2
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	2	0.2	0.2	100		50			
	Black Crappie	9	0.9	0.6	100		56		90	4
	Channel Catfish	1	0.1	0.1	100		100		117	
	Common Carp	2	0.2	0.3	100		100			
	Northern Pike	5	0.5	0.4	20		20		85	3
	Smallmouth Bass	26	2.4	1.0	75	14	54	16	86	1
	Walleye	15	1.4	0.8	43	22	36	22	76	1
	White Bass	110	11.0	5.4	95	3	92	4	87	1
	Yellow Bullhead	20	2.0	1.2	100		100			
	Yellow Perch	2	0.2	0.2	50		50		95	

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							1.7					1.70
	Black Crappie							1.9					1.90
	Common Carp							0.7					0.70
	Smallmouth Bass							1.9					1.90
	Walleye							0.9					0.90
	White Bass							2.0					2.00
	Yellow Bullhead							0.7					0.70
AFS std gill net	Black Bullhead							0.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.23	
	Black Crappie							0.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.23	
	Channel Catfish							0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.03	
	Common Carp							0.3	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.43	
	Northern Pike							0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.15	
	Smallmouth Bass							0.7	1.8	0.3	0.7	0.88	
	Walleye							4.7	4.2	2.8	2.9	3.65	
	White Bass							1.0	0.9	1.2	0.8	0.98	
	White Sucker							0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.05	
	Yellow Bullhead							0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.05	
Yellow Perch							2.5	5.3	1.8	3.0	3.15		
fall night EF-WAE*	Walleye	262.0	16.0	55.5	94.5	79.0						101.40	
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	0.0	0.4	2.5	10.0	44.4	6.6		2.5	1.4	0.2	7.56	
	Black Crappie	0.0	11.1	2.5	4.5	11.5	6.7		3.9	0.9	0.9	4.67	
	Bluegill	1.3	4.9	1.0	0.3	2.6	0.4		0.2	0.0	0.0	1.19	
	Channel Catfish	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.1	0.02	
	Common Carp	0.1	1.7	1.4	0.0	0.2	0.4		0.6	0.8	0.2	0.60	
	Green Sunfish	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.02	
	Northern Pike	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.8		0.7	0.1	0.5	0.36	
	Smallmouth Bass	2.0	16.8	2.9	0.9	2.7	6.1		4.4	4.6	2.4	4.76	
	Sunfish Hybrid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	
	Walleye	0.6	4.9	1.3	2.8	1.6	1.2		4.3	2.2	1.4	2.26	
	White Bass	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1		10.3	3.7	11.0	2.90	
Yellow Bullhead	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.1	1.4		1.4	1.1	2.0	0.80		
Yellow Perch	1.5	2.7	0.0	0.3	1.8	0.0		0.1	0.1	0.2	0.74		
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.5	40.0	12.4					9.08	

		CPUE										
Gear	Species	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Avg
std exp gill net	Black Crappie	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	2.0	3.6					0.98
	Bluegill	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0					0.05
	Common Carp	0.4	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.4					0.40
	Green Sunfish	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					0.05
	Northern Pike	0.0	0.5	0.8	0.0	1.0	0.6					0.48
	Smallmouth Bass	0.8	2.5	0.3	1.3	1.7	2.0					1.43
	Walleye	4.4	36.8	23.0	18.3	18.0	7.8					18.05
	White Sucker	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0					0.05
	Yellow Perch	45.0	33.8	4.5	2.5	24.3	12.8					20.48

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									100					
		PSD-P									53					
		Wr									91					
	Black Crappie	PSD										100				
		PSD-P										95				
		Wr										91				
	Common Carp	PSD										100				
		PSD-P										86				
		Wr										84				
	Smallmouth Bass	PSD										95				
		PSD-P										37				
		Wr										89				
	Walleye	PSD										56				
		PSD-P										56				
		Wr										84				
	White Bass	PSD										100				
		PSD-P										85				
		Wr										92				
Yellow Bullhead	PSD										100					
	PSD-P										100					
AFS std gill net	Black Bullhead	PSD									100	100				
		PSD-P									71	100				
		Wr									95	110				
	Black Crappie	PSD										88	100		0	
		PSD-P										88	0		0	
		Wr										95	110			
	Common Carp	PSD										100	100	100	100	
		PSD-P										100	86	50	100	
		Wr										91		96	85	
	Northern Pike	PSD										100		100	100	
		PSD-P										100		67	0	
		Wr										91		96	85	
	Smallmouth Bass	PSD										71	57	67	75	
		PSD-P										71	48	67	38	
		Wr										91	102	86	87	
	Walleye	PSD										70	34	52	26	
		PSD-P										28	18	30	9	

Gear	Species	Index	Year										
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
AFS std gill net	Walleye	Wr								84	87	78	81
	White Bass	PSD								90	100	100	78
		PSD-P								50	82	93	78
		Wr								95	95	89	87
	Yellow Bullhead	PSD										100	100
		PSD-P										100	100
	Yellow Perch	PSD								64	51	86	61
		PSD-P								24	11	41	31
		Wr								98	111	107	97
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	PSD		75	100	26	13	88			100	100	100
		PSD-P		0	48	19	6	20			88	86	50
		Wr		93	99								
	Black Crappie	PSD	0	98	92	91	20	92			97	89	100
		PSD-P	0	5	84	84	14	47			85	44	56
		Wr		103	102	99	104	94			97	101	90
	Common Carp	PSD	100	18	93		100	100			100	100	100
		PSD-P	0	6	0		50	100			50	100	100
		Wr	92	100	106								
	Northern Pike	PSD		0	50		100	100			100	100	20
		PSD-P		0	0		67	14			57	0	20
		Wr		75	78		83	83			86	79	85
	Smallmouth Bass	PSD	50	24	52	78	15	38			68	72	75
		PSD-P	25	17	14	78	11	24			52	37	54
		Wr	100	88	98	106	94	90			93	90	86
	Walleye	PSD	100	14	54	61	100	73			65	41	43
		PSD-P	17	8	46	11	31	27			40	27	36
		Wr	82	78	91	89	84	74			86	85	76
	White Bass	PSD							80		100	100	95
		PSD-P							80		93	97	92
		Wr							91		98	87	87
	Yellow Bullhead	PSD				100	100	100			100	100	100
		PSD-P				100	18	85			100	91	100
		Wr				111							
	Yellow Perch	PSD	60	100		67	39				100	100	50
		PSD-P	7	33		33	0				0	0	50
		Wr	100	99		91	92				80	99	95

Gear	Species	Index	Year											
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead	PSD		100	100	50	8	90						
		PSD-P		0	0	33	0	0						
		Wr		99										
	Black Crappie	PSD		100		0	17	78						
		PSD-P		0		0	0	0						
		Wr		99			113	96						
	Common Carp	PSD	100	67		100		100						
		PSD-P	50	67		67		100						
		Wr	92	88										
	Northern Pike	PSD		50	33		100	100						
		PSD-P		0	0		33	33						
		Wr		84	76		85	83						
	Smallmouth Bass	PSD	50	20	100	60	40	50						
		PSD-P	25	10	0	20	40	30						
		Wr	100	89	108	101	90	86						
	Walleye	PSD	59	7	5	92	83	46						
		PSD-P	0	1	0	1	13	26						
		Wr	83	77	87	91	85	81						
Yellow Perch	PSD	56	99	94	40	11	77							
	PSD-P	9	39	72	20	0	8							
	Wr	103	96	110	106	99	98							

Length at Capture

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

Species: Walleye

Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age											
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2020	36	204 (1)	302 (8)	329 (7)	365 (10)	385 (5)	575 (1)			565 (2)	536 (2)
2019	32		282 (5)	335 (10)	374 (3)	435 (2)		446 (1)	478 (1)	617 (6)	676 (4)
2018	50	210 (2)	297 (22)	356 (11)	416 (4)			533 (4)	553 (6)		714 (1)
2017	52	231 (5)	346 (14)	420 (11)	444 (2)		491 (3)	518 (12)		689 (2)	623 (3)
2016	61	204 (22)	298 (18)	367 (4)		506 (6)	520 (10)			637 (1)	
2015	55	209 (1)	340 (10)		469 (10)	470 (29)			541 (4)		593 (1)
2014	73	260 (5)		408 (22)	429 (43)			471 (2)	547 (1)		
2013	92		294 (14)	343 (75)	455 (1)	416 (1)		424 (1)			
2012	150	195 (4)	307 (133)	419 (5)	404 (3)	450 (5)					602 (2)
2011	64	208 (45)	352 (5)	376 (1)	429 (12)	426 (1)					

Species: Yellow Perch

Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age											
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2015	75	103 (2)	179 (73)								
2014	29	119 (25)		248 (3)	265 (1)						
2013	18		231 (5)	260 (4)	274 (8)		322 (1)				
2012	135		221 (37)	247 (88)	278 (11)						
2011	227	134 (9)	199 (186)	248 (23)	268 (9)						

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).

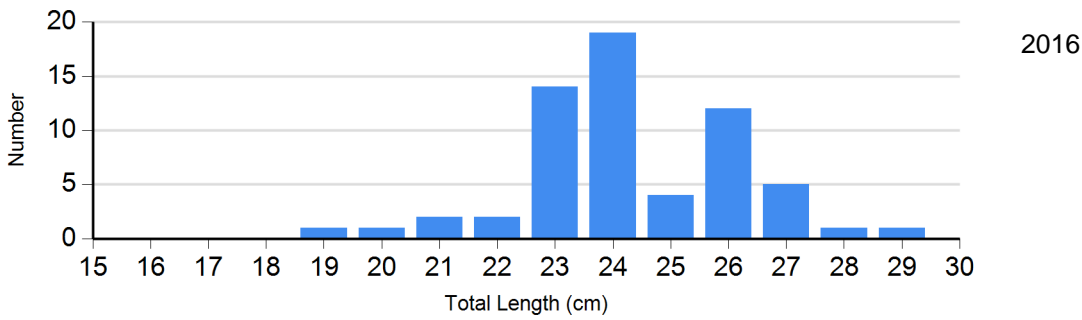
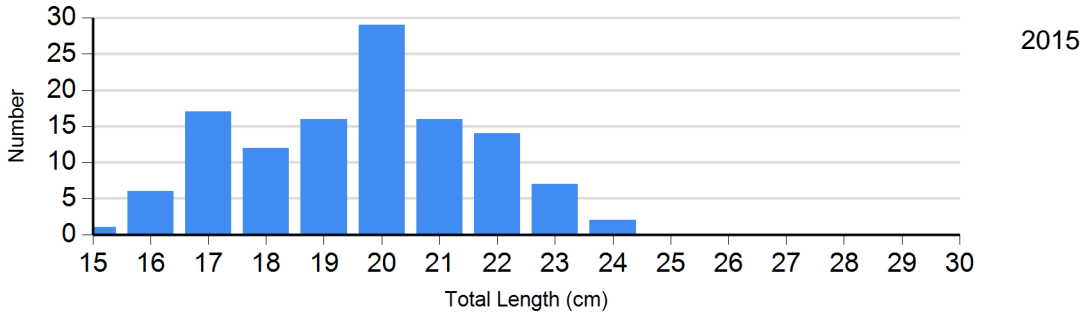
Species	Year	Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
		N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Black Crappie Frame Net	2016	5	102 (2.2)	27	99 (1.6)	11	89 (2.9)	17	87 (1.1)
	2017	0		1	102	12	92 (1.2)	6	87 (1.1)
	2018	1	99	5	106 (2.9)	16	95 (1.5)	17	96 (1.7)
	2019	1	120	4	102 (4.0)	2	100 (2.7)	2	88 (7.7)
	2020	0		4	99 (2.7)	2	87 (3.6)	3	80 (2.2)
Northern Pike Gill Net	2016	0		2	87 (0.1)	1	74	0	
	2017	0		0		2	91 (3.6)	0	
	2019	0		1	89	2	100 (9.4)	0	
	2020	0		1	85	0		0	
Walleye Gill Net	2016	21	84 (1.9)	8	78 (1.1)	9	77 (1.2)	1	78
	2017	14	81 (1.2)	20	85 (1.3)	9	87 (2.2)	4	88 (3.1)
	2018	33	87 (1.4)	8	83 (2.1)	8	92 (2.5)	1	89
	2019	16	81 (1.7)	7	77 (1.3)	4	75 (2.2)	6	74 (2.6)
	2020	26	80 (0.9)	6	83 (2.9)	1	100	2	84 (5.9)
White Bass Gill Net	2017	1	96	4	95 (2.1)	4	93 (0.4)	1	96
	2018	0		2	94 (3.1)	9	95 (1.6)	0	
	2019	0		1	85	13	89 (1.0)	0	
	2020	2	86	0		6	87 (3.6)	1	88
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2016	15	97 (1.9)	44	99 (3.2)	5	92 (3.1)	0	
	2017	9	104 (3.6)	10	94 (2.1)	6	94 (2.2)	0	
	2018	31	112 (1.9)	25	111 (1.6)	7	105 (2.9)	0	
	2019	3	155 (49.8)	10	102 (3.0)	9	97 (2.4)	0	

Species	Year	Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
		N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2020	14	96 (0.9)	11	100 (2.6)	11	96 (2.5)	0	

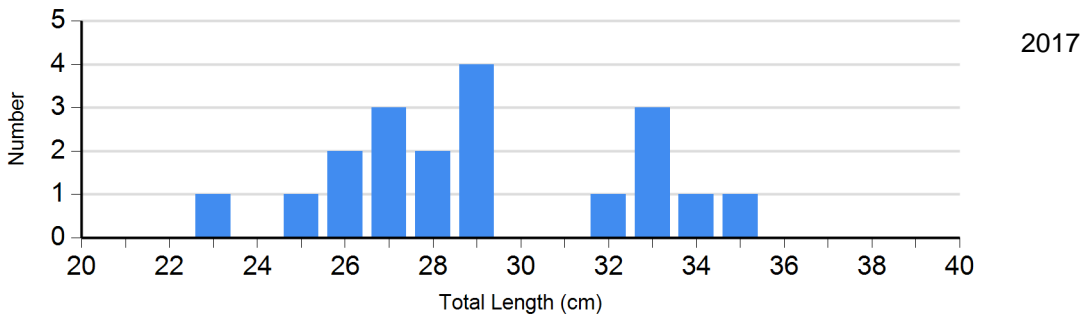
Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

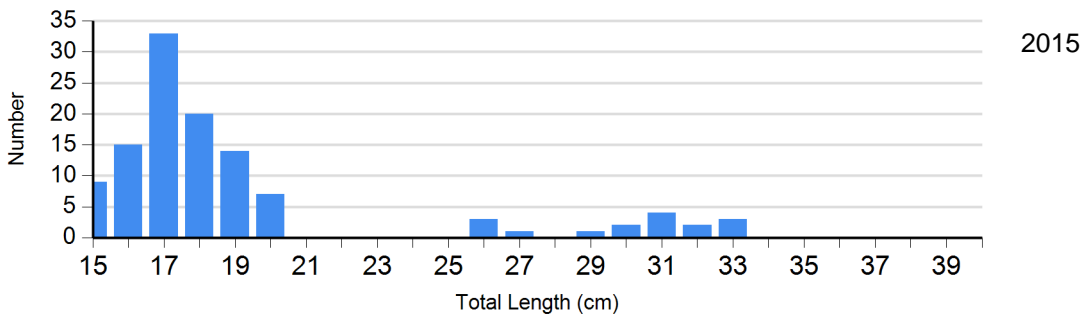
Species: Black Bullhead
Gear: std exp gill net

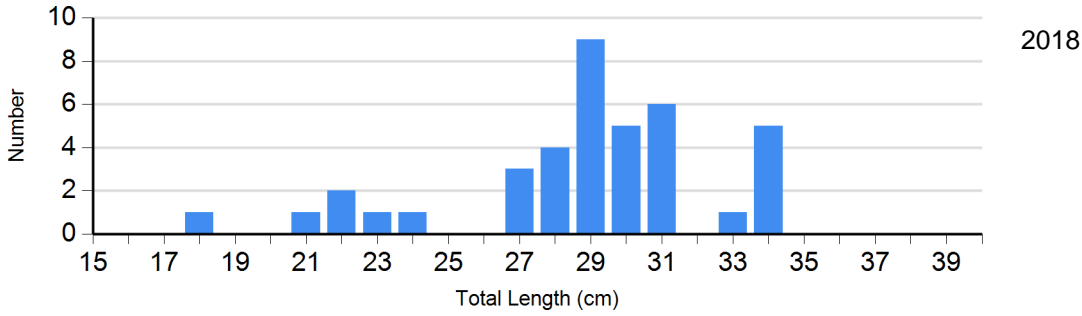
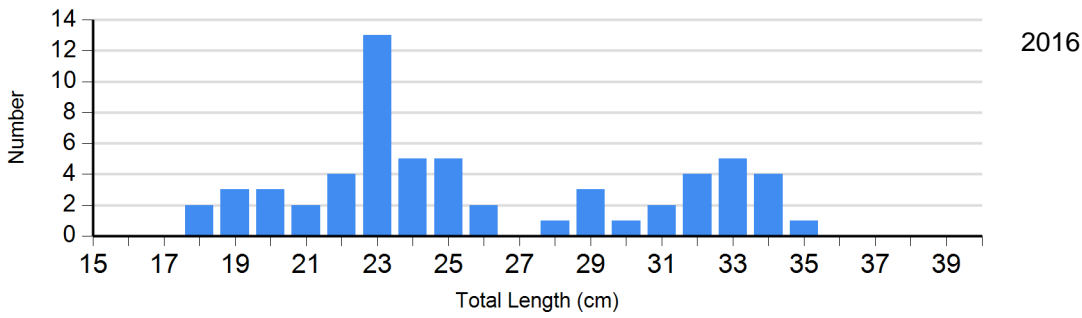


Species: Black Crappie
Gear: AFS std frame net

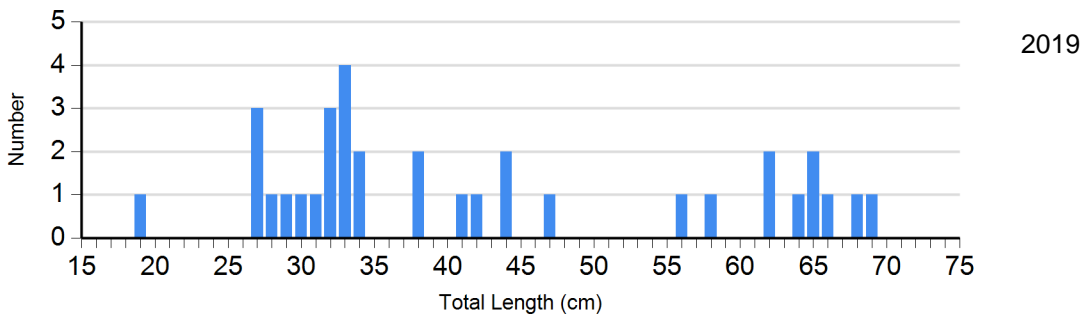
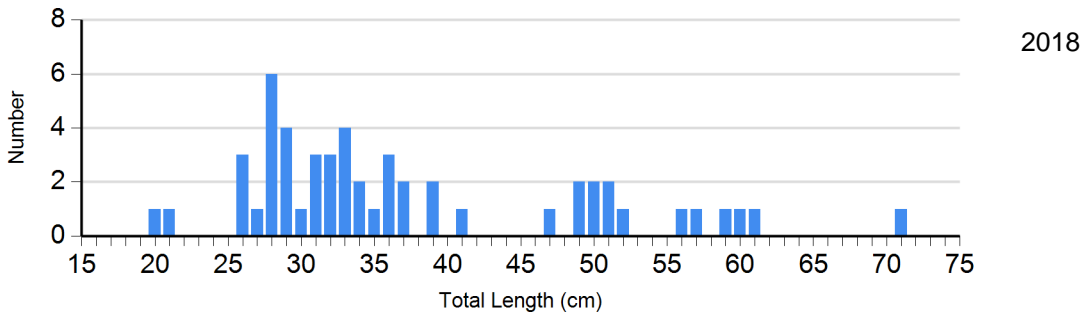
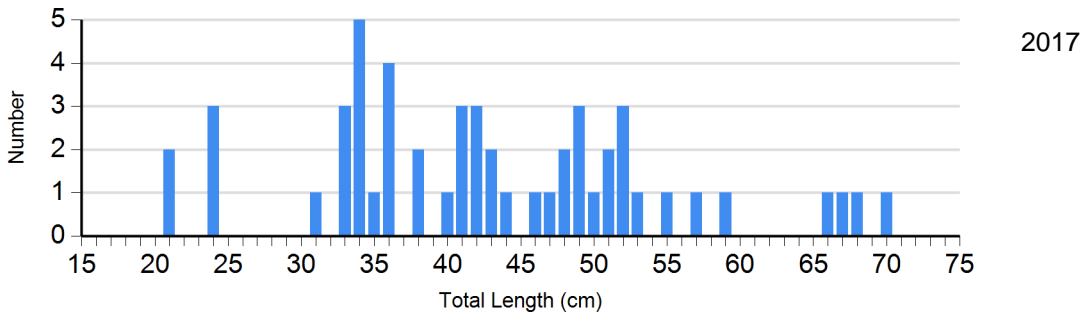


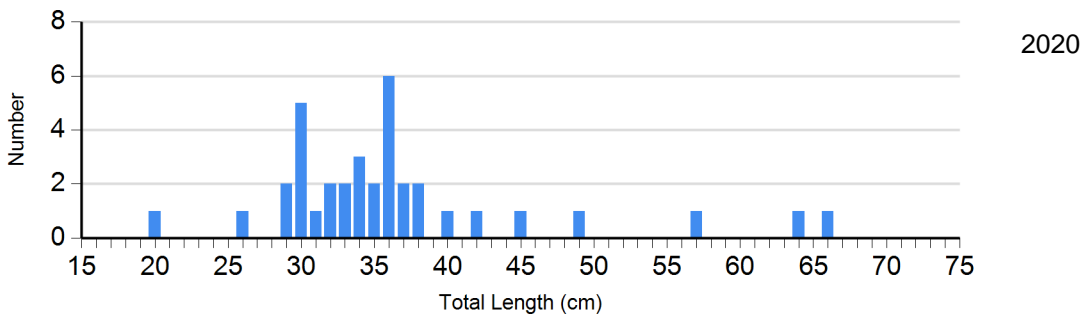
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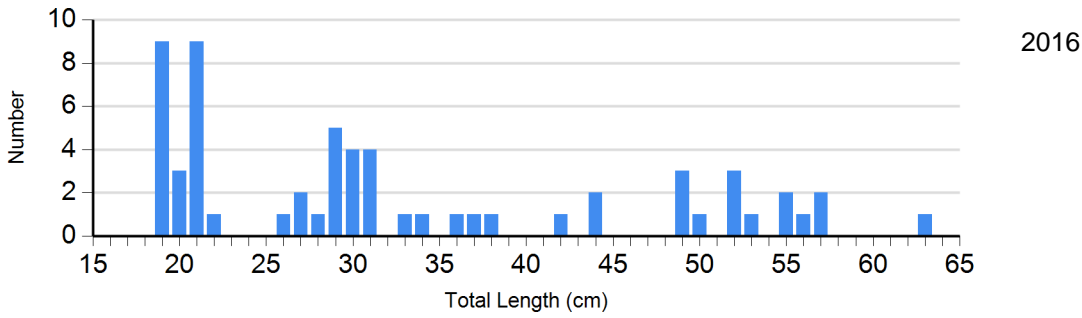
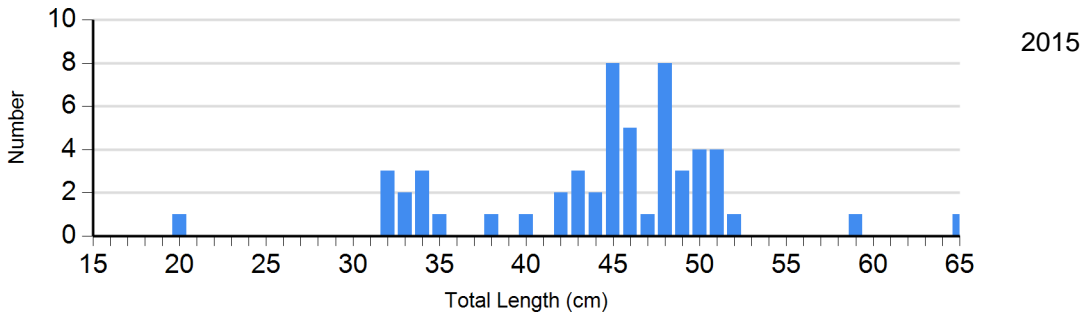


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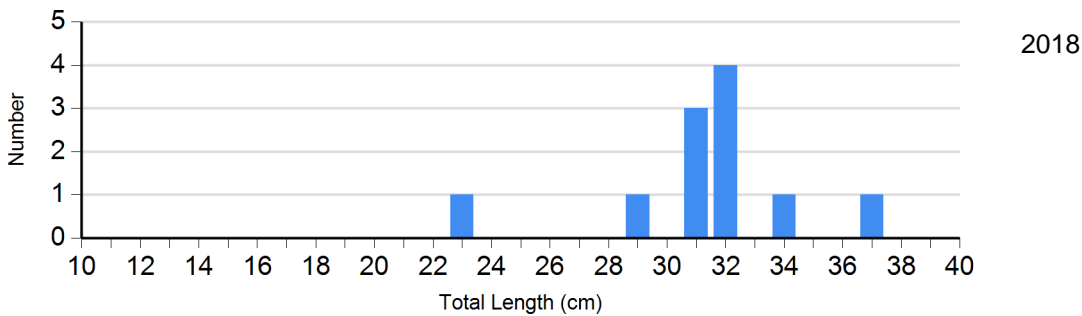
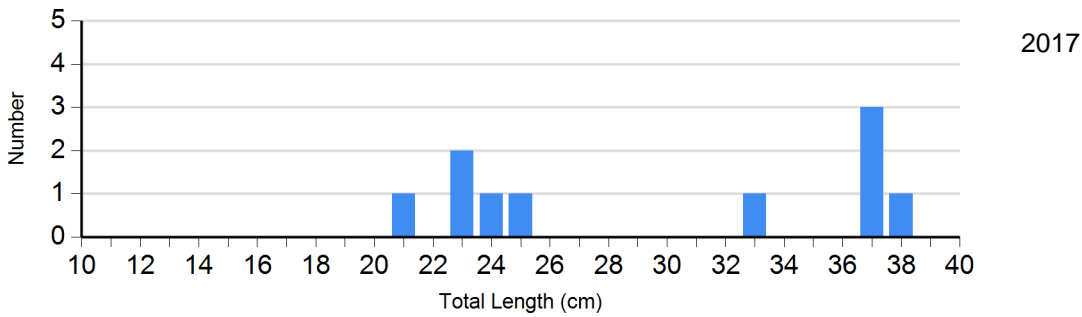


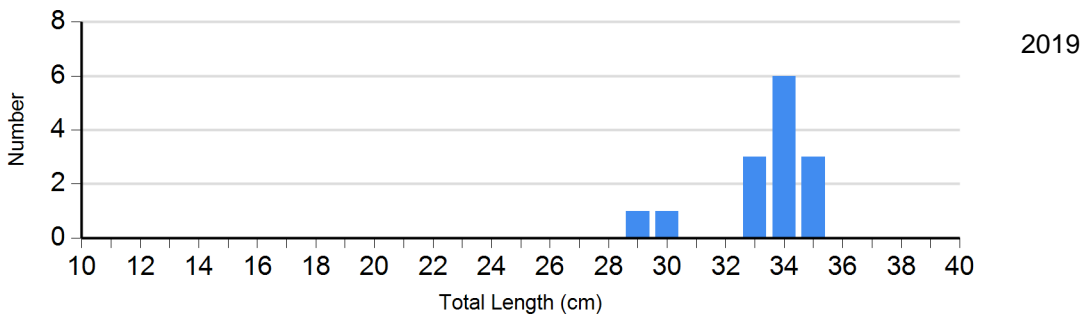


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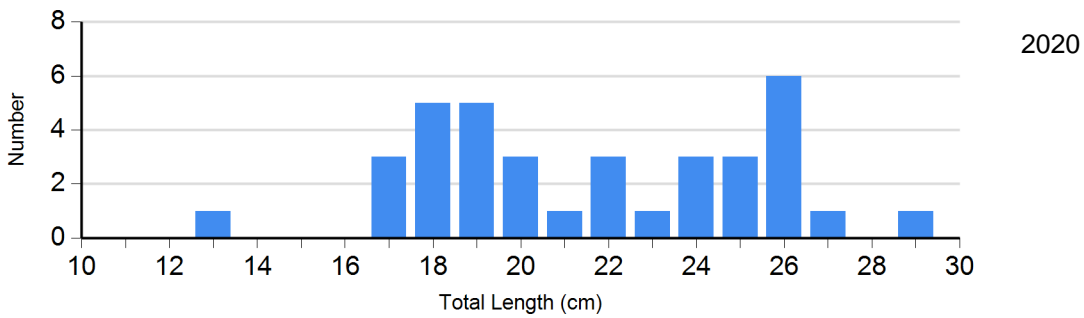
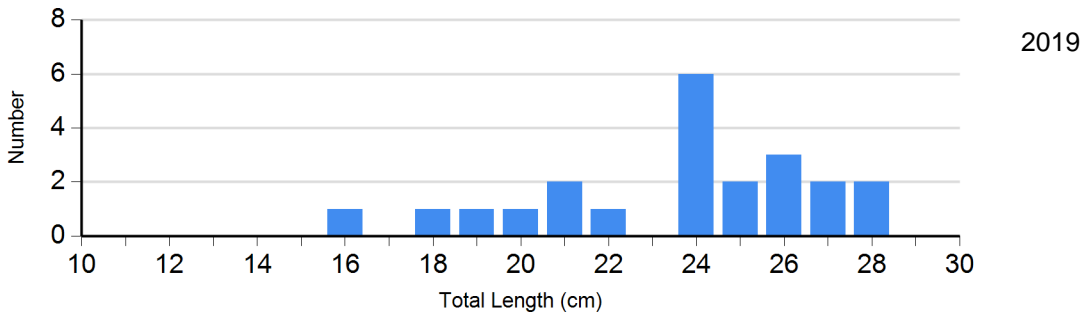
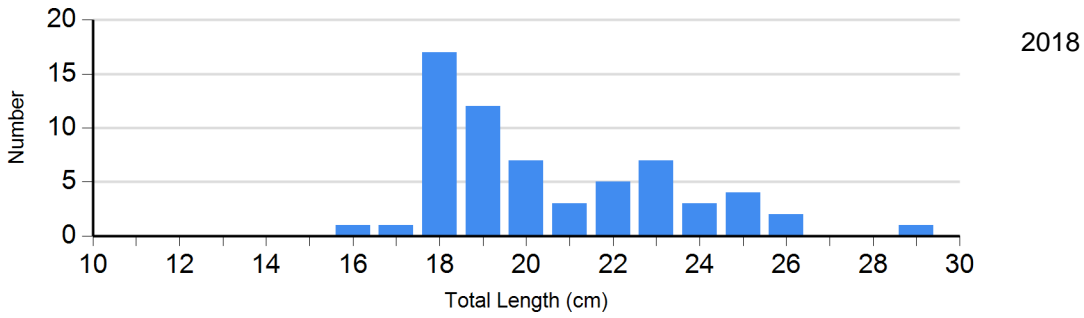
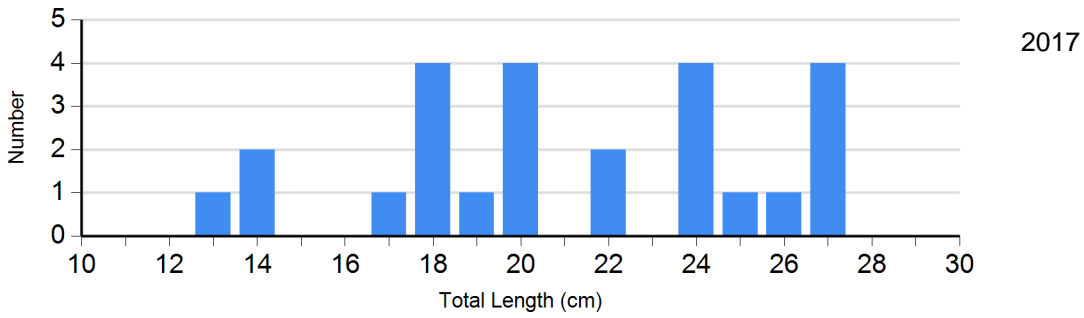


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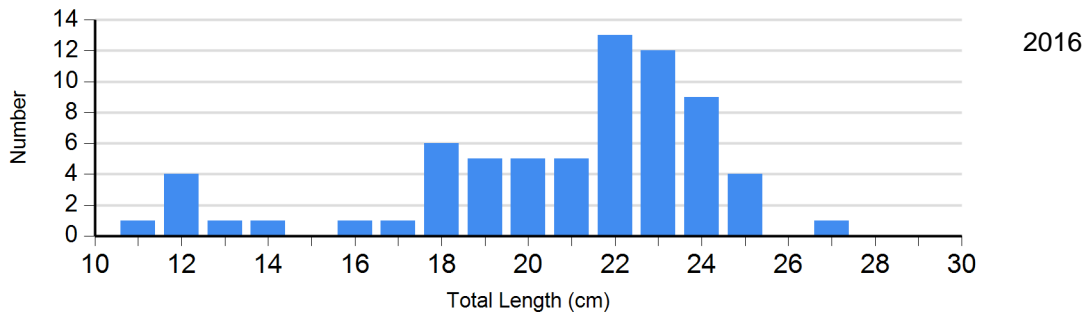
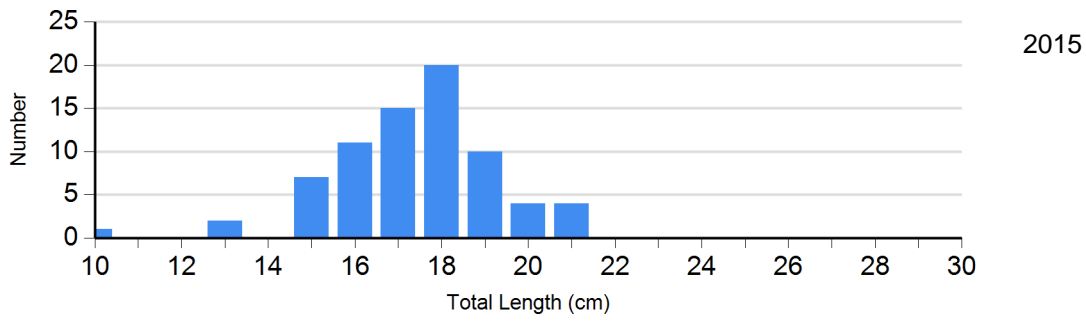




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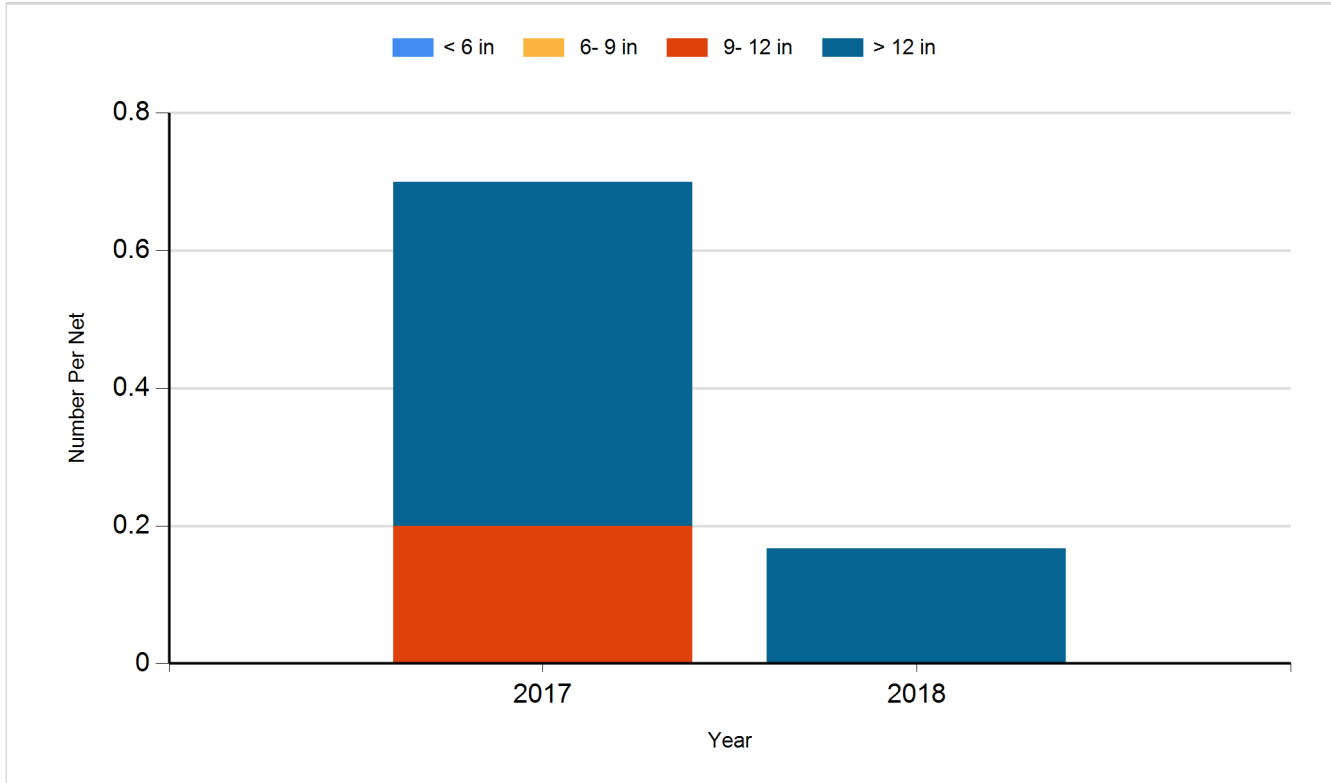
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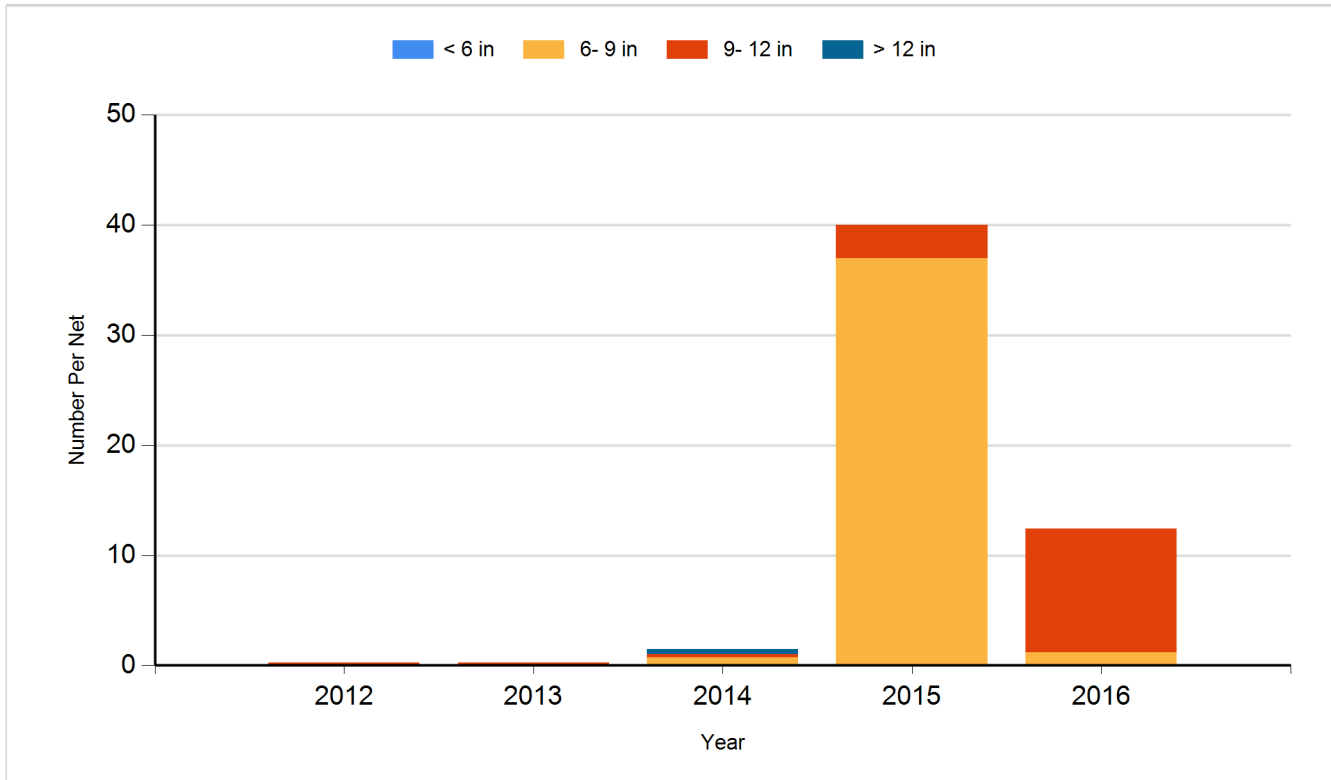
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

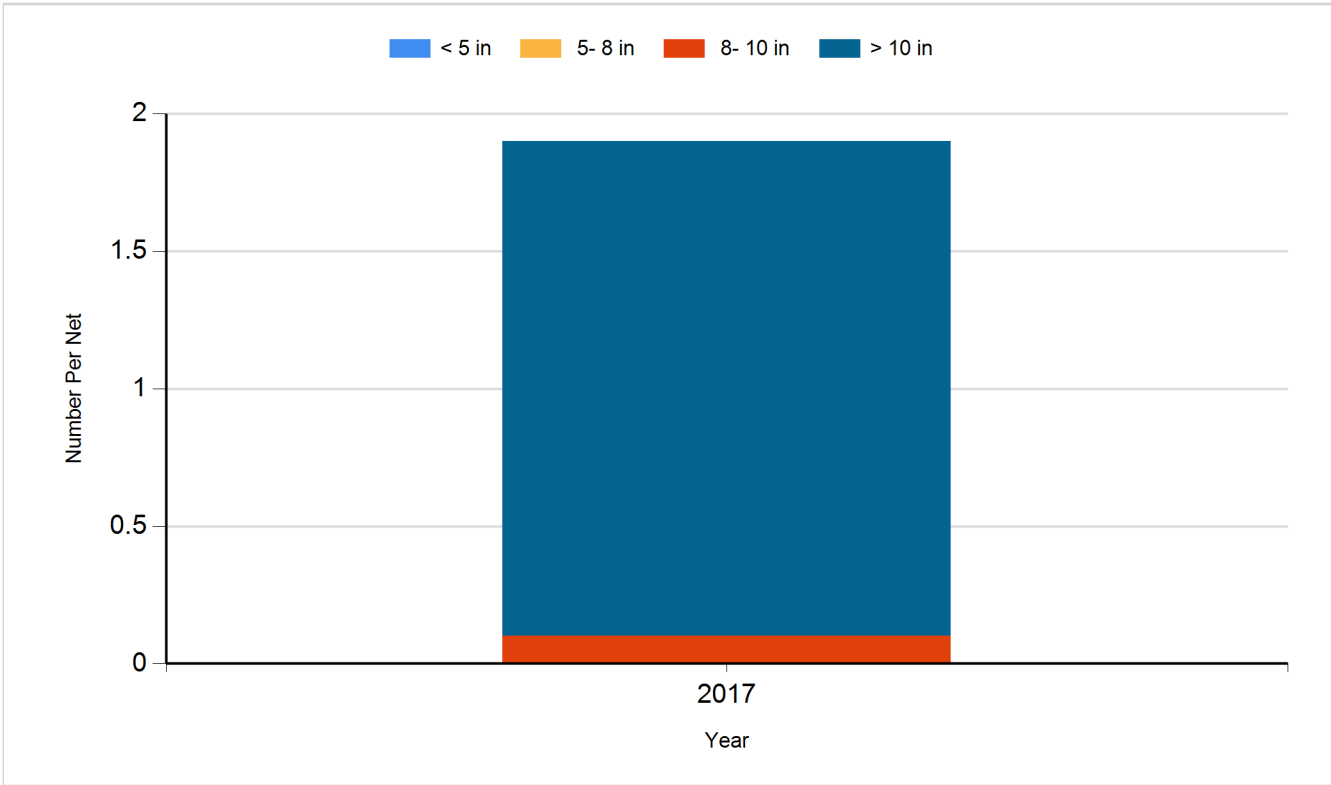
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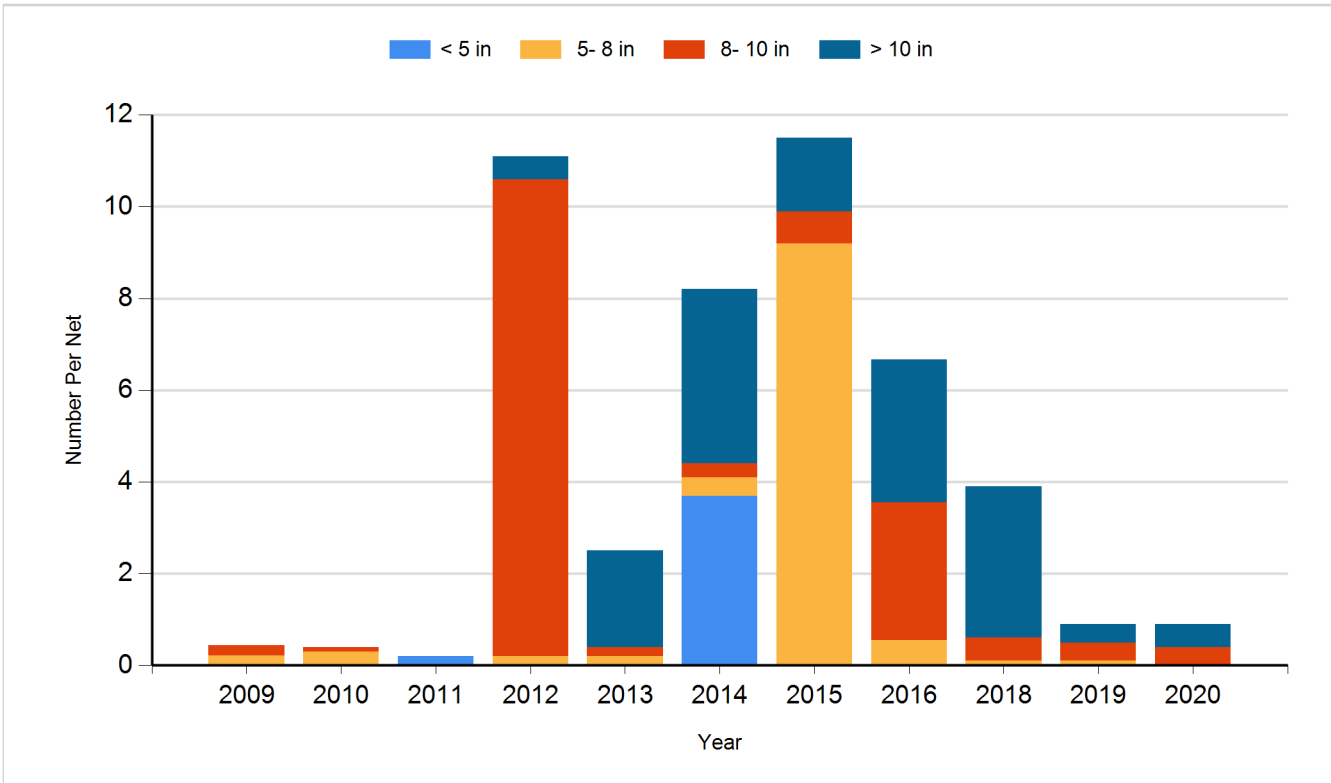
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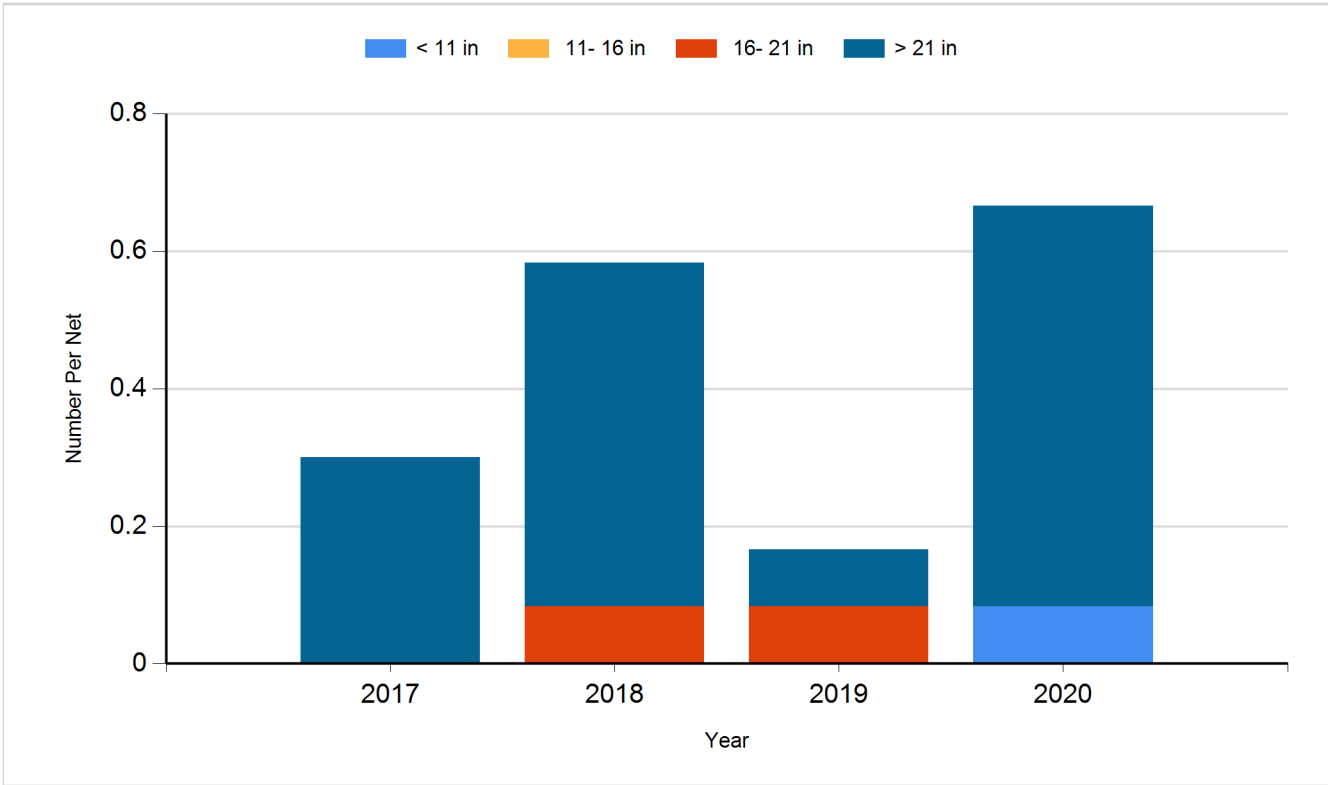
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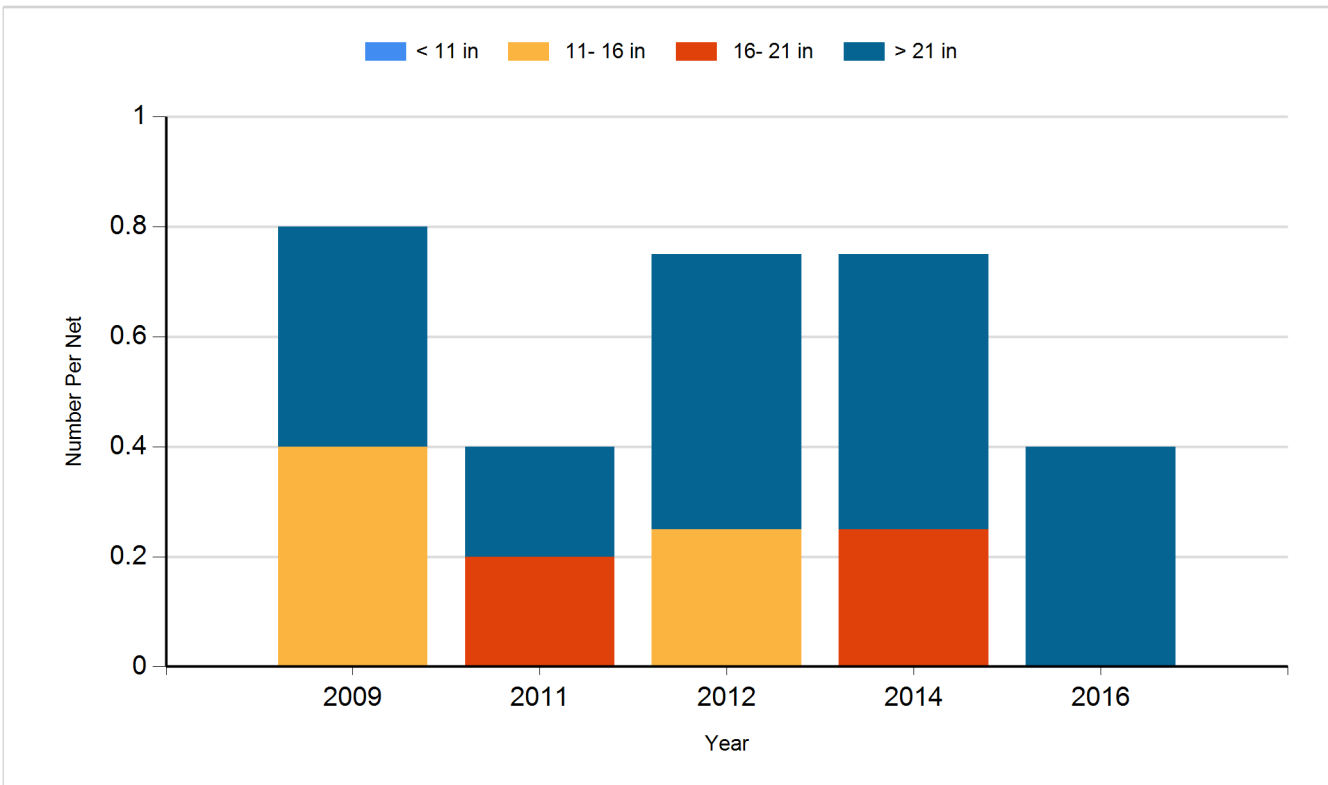
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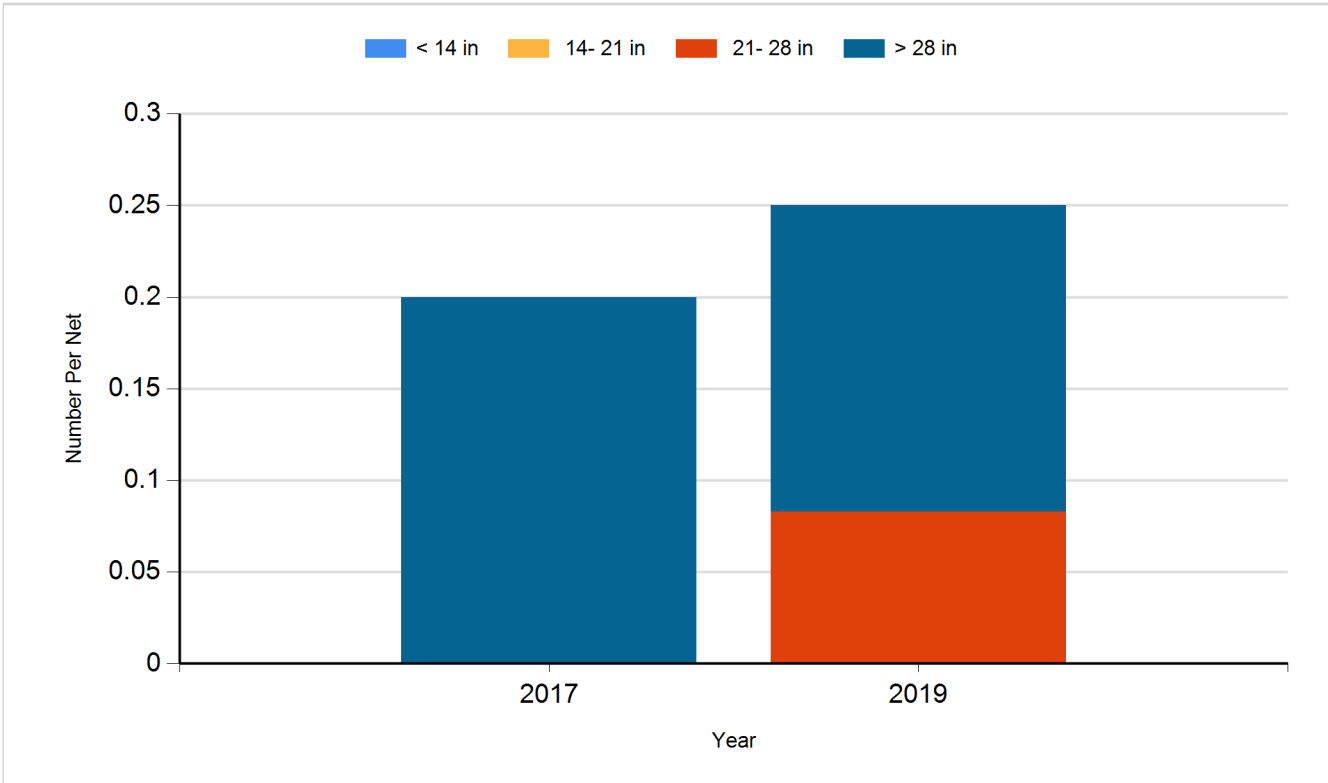
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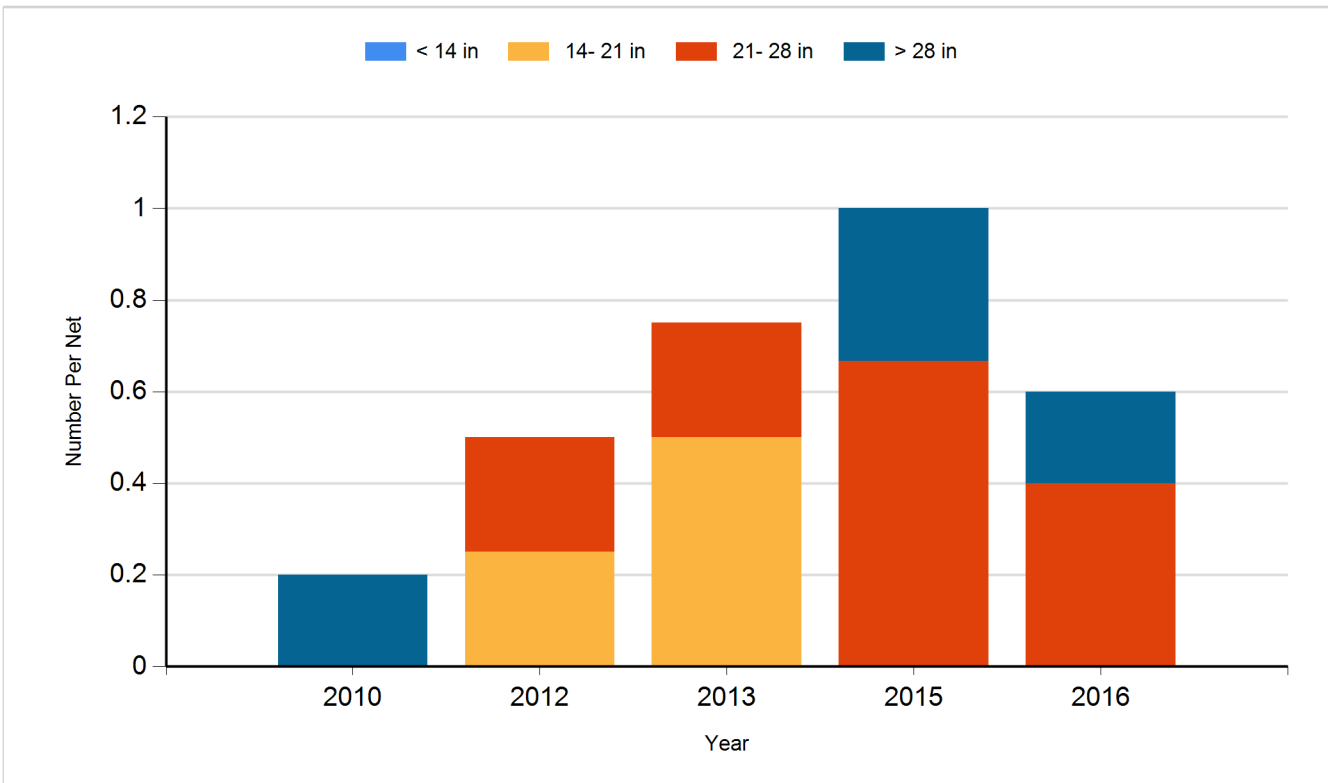
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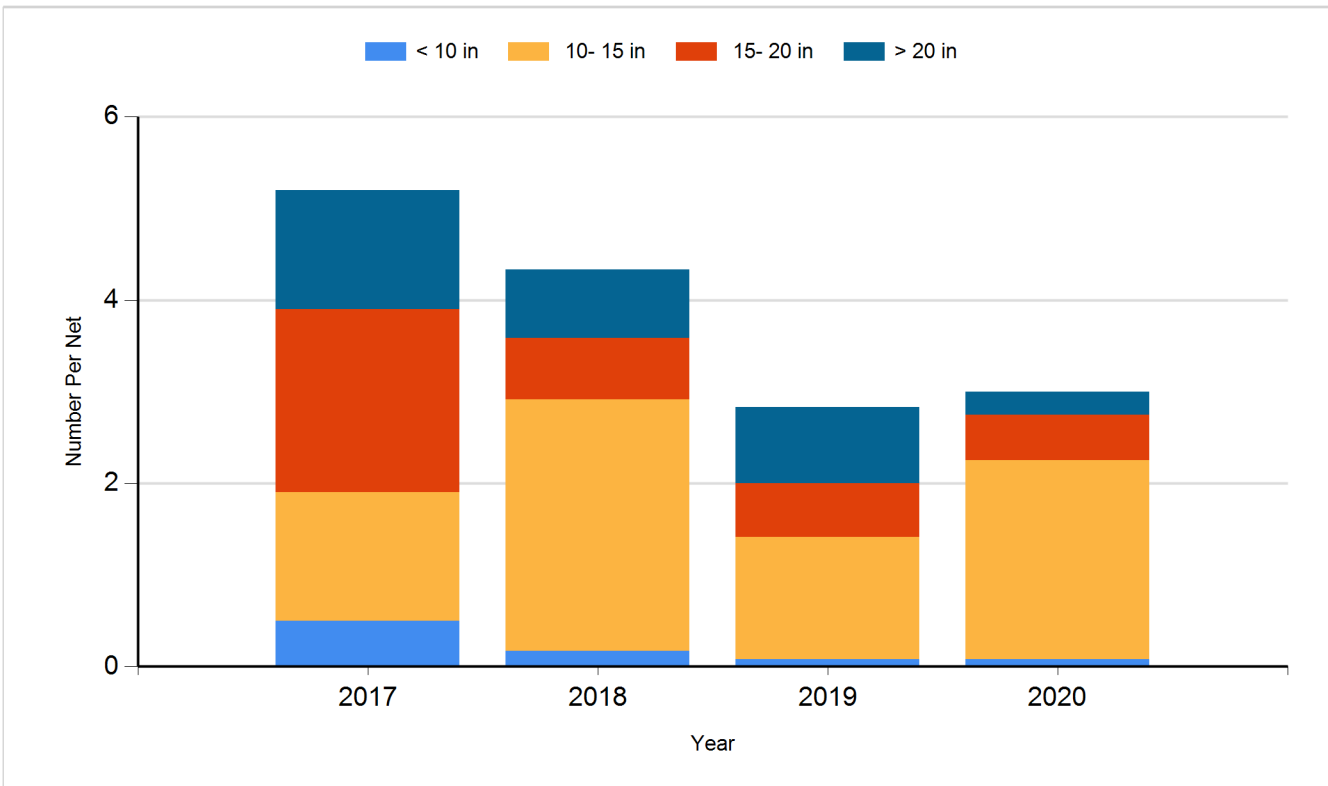
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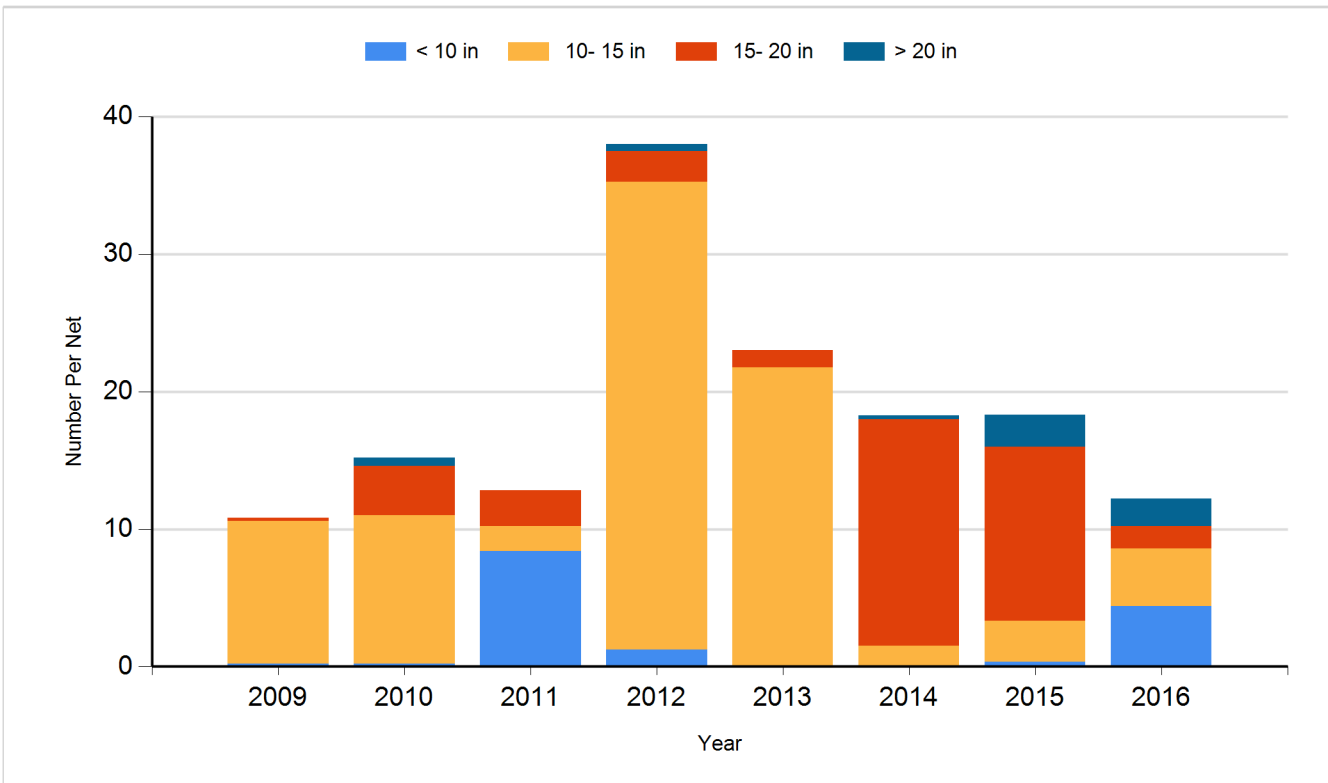
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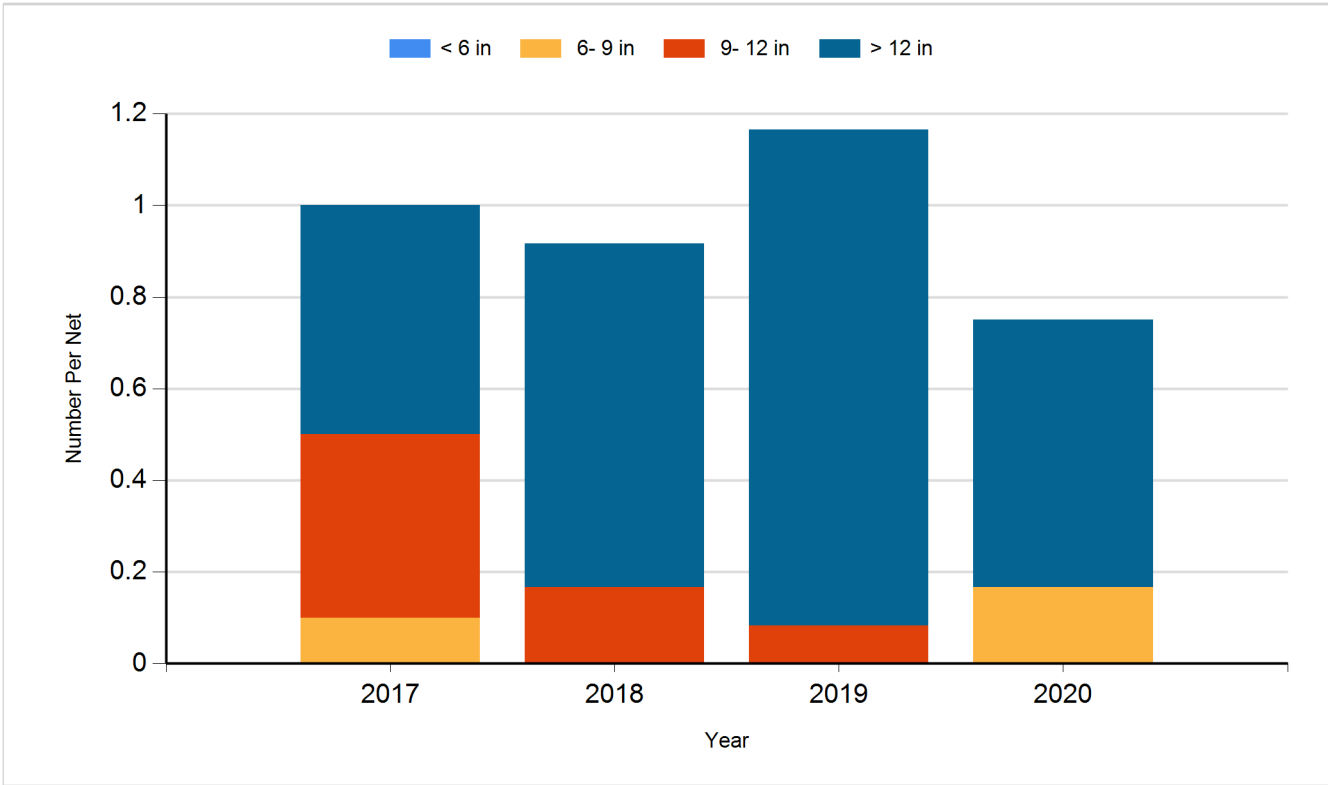
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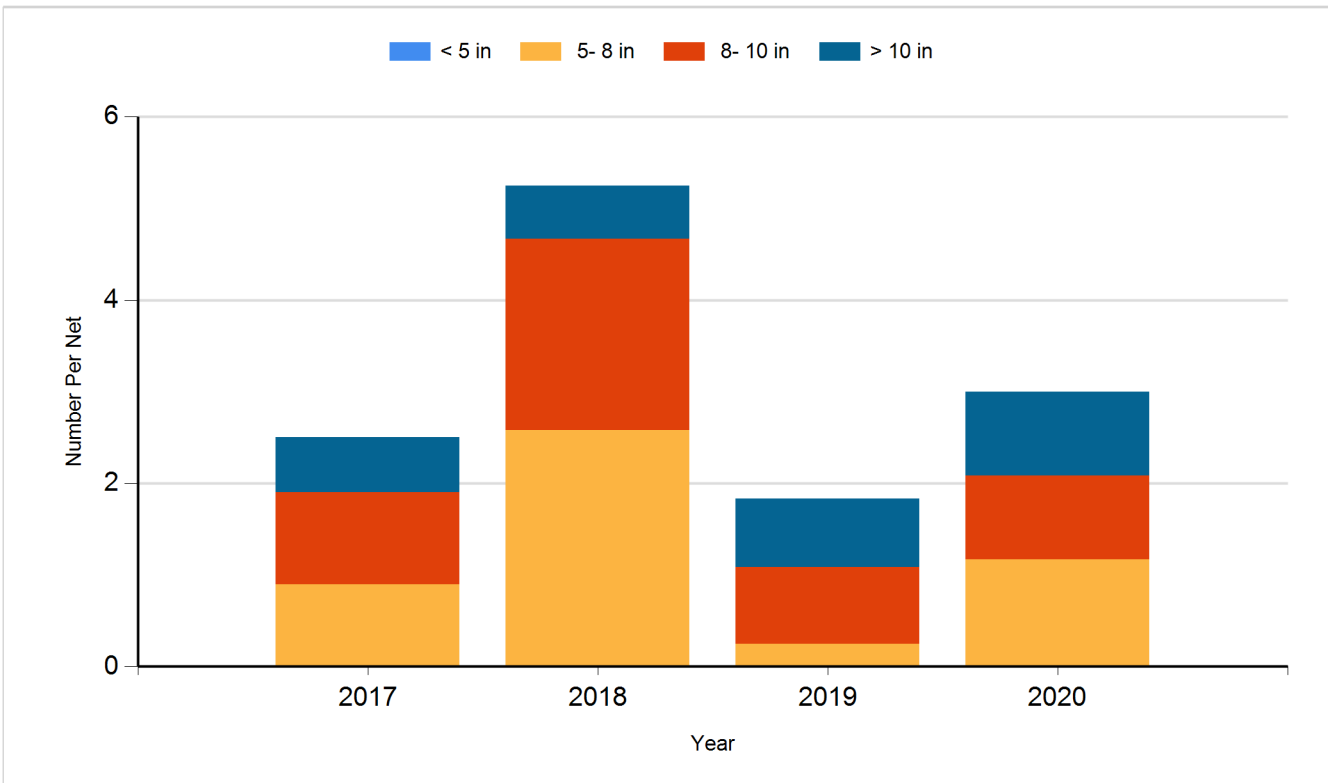
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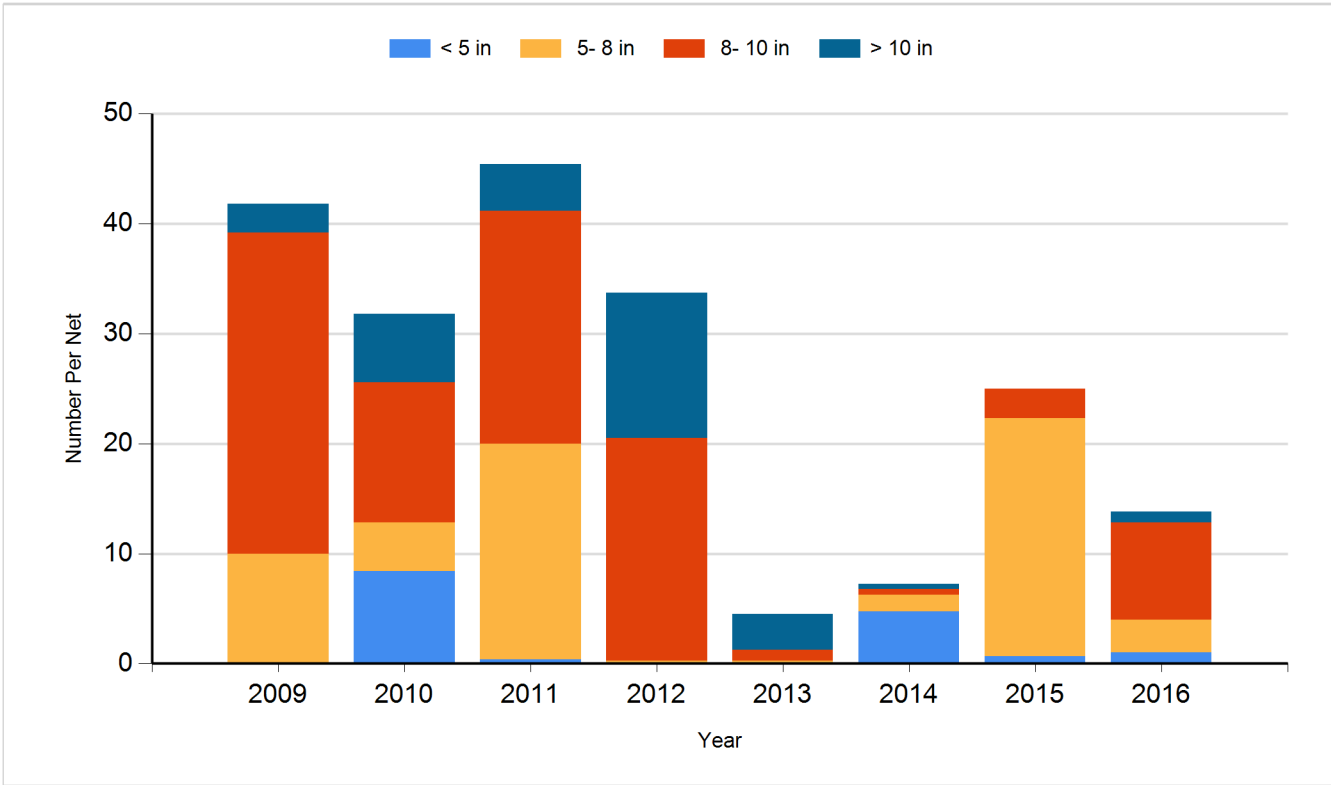
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Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2010	Walleye	Small Fingerling	172,480
2011	Muskellunge	Large Fingerling	1,223
2012	Muskellunge	Adult	2
2013	Muskellunge	Fingerling	780
2014	Muskellunge	Large Fingerling	1,719
2015	Muskellunge	Large Fingerling	1,720
2015	Walleye	Small Fingerling	118,400
2017	Muskellunge	Large Fingerling	3,206
2017	Walleye	Small Fingerling	121,030
2019	Walleye	Small Fingerling	117,220