

Common Fish Species Present

Largemouth Bass

Bluegill

Black Crappie

Walleye

Yellow Perch

Northern Pike

Black Bullhead

Green Sunfish

Golden Shiner

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 Bullhead	2	1.0	3.1	50		0	124	10	
	Black Crappie	8	2.0	6.2	25		0	113	7	
	Bluegill	4	2.0	0.0	50		0	103	5	
	Golden Shiner	12	0.0	0.0						
	Northern Pike	13	6.5	10.8	62		0	90	1	
	Yellow Perch	34	17.0	9.2	79	11	12	91	1	
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass	217	94.5	20.9	41	5	20	4	115	1
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	6	0.6	0.4	33		17		97	4
	Black Crappie	193	18.7	4.6	79	4	4	2	95	1
	Bluegill	553	55.3	8.6	97	1	7	2	95	1
	Green Sunfish	10	1.0	0.4	90		80		124	5
	Largemouth Bass	1	0.1	0.1	100		100		107	
	Northern Pike	27	2.5	0.7	68	15	16		85	4
	Yellow Perch	25	2.5	1.2	64	15	24	14	89	4

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 Crappie							2.6				2.60
	Bluegill							5.3				5.30
	Northern Pike							0.5				0.50
	Yellow Perch							2.1				2.10
AFS std gill net	Black Bullhead							0.0			1.0	0.50
	Black Crappie							0.5			2.0	1.25
	Bluegill							0.0			2.0	1.00
	Golden Shiner							0.0			0.0	0.00
	Largemouth Bass							0.5			0.0	0.25
	Northern Pike							3.0			6.5	4.75
	Yellow Perch							4.0			17.0	10.50
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass	99.0		65.0			82.5	76.0	40.0	103.5	94.5	80.07
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	1.7		1.1							0.6	1.13
	Black Crappie	6.1		10.0							18.7	11.60
	Bluegill	10.0		10.0							55.3	25.10
	Green Sunfish	0.8		0.0							1.0	0.60
	Largemouth Bass	0.1		0.7							0.1	0.30
	Northern Pike	0.1		0.7							2.5	1.10
	Walleye	0.1		0.1							0.0	0.07
std exp gill net	Yellow Perch	1.0		1.9							2.5	1.80
	Black Bullhead	2.0		0.5								1.25
	Black Crappie	5.0		1.0								3.00
	Bluegill	3.0		3.5								3.25
	Golden Shiner	0.0		0.0								0.00
	Largemouth Bass	0.0		0.0								0.00
	Northern Pike	4.5		3.5								4.00
	Walleye	1.5		0.5								1.00
Yellow Perch	15.5		0.0								7.75	

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 Crappie	PSD									92					
		PSD-P									23					
		Wr									106					
	Bluegill	PSD										36				
		PSD-P										23				
		Wr										111				
	Northern Pike	PSD										60				
		PSD-P										20				
		Wr										85				
	Yellow Perch	PSD										81				
		PSD-P										38				
		Wr										93				
	AFS std gill net	Black Bullhead	PSD													50
			PSD-P													0
			Wr													124
Black Crappie		PSD										100			25	
		PSD-P										0			0	
		Wr										120			113	
Bluegill		PSD													50	
		PSD-P													0	
		Wr													103	
Largemouth Bass		PSD										100				
		PSD-P										100				
		Wr										86				
Northern Pike		PSD										100			62	
		PSD-P										50			0	
		Wr										91			90	
Yellow Perch		PSD										25			79	
		PSD-P										0			12	
		Wr										101			91	
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass	PSD	63		89				33	53	54	66	41			
		PSD-P	33		57				33	33	18	26	20			

Gear	Species	Index	Year									
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass	Wr	111		119			111	112	110	112	115
		PSD	100									
	PSD-P	0										
	Wr	111										
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	PSD	65		100							33
		PSD-P	53		91							17
		Wr	94		98							97
	Black Crappie	PSD	59		24							79
		PSD-P	3		0							4
		Wr	105		112							95
	Bluegill	PSD	71		53							97
		PSD-P	11		3							7
		Wr	104		116							95
	Green Sunfish	PSD	100									90
		PSD-P	38									80
		Wr	132									124
	Largemouth Bass	PSD	100		100							100
		PSD-P	100		86							100
		Wr	102		104							107
	Northern Pike	PSD	100		86							68
		PSD-P	0		57							16
		Wr	92		88							85
	Walleye	PSD	100		100							
		PSD-P	100		100							
		Wr	83		90							
	Yellow Perch	PSD	100		84							64
		PSD-P	100		42							24
		Wr	87		93							89
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead	PSD	25		100							
		PSD-P	25		100							
		Wr	95		109							
	Black Crappie	PSD	0		100							
		PSD-P	0		0							
		Wr	104		104							
	Bluegill	PSD	50		100							
		PSD-P	0		43							

Gear	Species	Index	Year													
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
std exp gill net	Bluegill	Wr	102		102											
		Largemouth Bass	PSD			0										
			PSD-P			0										
	Northern Pike	PSD	89		100											
			PSD-P	22		57										
			Wr	93		84										
	Walleye	PSD	100		100											
			PSD-P	33		0										
			Wr	77		90										
	Yellow Perch	PSD	13													
			PSD-P	0												
			Wr	98												

Back-Calculated Lengths

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

Species: Black Crappie

Year Class	Age	N	Mean back-calculated length (SE) at age											
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
2019	1	1	107											
2018	2	15	77 (4)	123 (3.7)										
2017	3	7	76 (4.6)	124 (3.2)	172 (2.8)									
2016	4	18	80 (2.4)	131 (4.2)	175 (4.1)	197 (4.7)								
2015	5	8	80 (1.5)	126 (5.4)	177 (7.5)	208 (7.3)	228 (6.7)							
2014	6	1	83	122	172	201	222	237						
Weighted Mean		50	79	127	175	200	227	237						
Year Class	Age	N	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
2019	1	1												
2018	2	15												
2017	3	7												
2016	4	18												
2015	5	8												
2014	6	1												
Weighted Mean		50												

Species: Bluegill

Year Class	Age	N	Mean back-calculated length (SE) at age											
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
2018	2	9	88 (5.5)	126 (5.3)										
2017	3	24	80 (2.9)	128 (4)	161 (2.7)									
2016	4	7	64 (1.8)	109 (2.9)	162 (4.3)	185 (4.1)								
Weighted Mean		40	79	124	161	185								
Year Class	Age	N	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
2018	2	9												
2017	3	24												
2016	4	7												
Weighted Mean		40												

Species: Largemouth Bass

Year Class	Age	N	Mean back-calculated length (SE) at age											
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
2019	1	1	86											
2018	2	15	82 (2.8)	145 (5.6)										
2017	3	20	80 (3.2)	149 (2.7)	204 (2.6)									
2016	4	25	79 (2.3)	144 (3.4)	196 (4.5)	235 (4.7)								
2015	5	25	84 (3.7)	141 (5.3)	204 (6.2)	259 (7.2)	302 (7.3)							
2014	6	13	86 (4.7)	145 (9)	200 (11.8)	261 (12.6)	308 (14.3)	345 (12.1)						
2013	7	8	98 (7.9)	162 (9.1)	225 (12.5)	291 (12)	342 (12)	384 (13.1)	421 (13.8)					
2012	8	6	94 (4.1)	151 (9)	216 (15.3)	281 (20.5)	326 (18.9)	364 (18.6)	396 (18.9)	422 (18.3)				
Weighted Mean		113	84	146	204	257	312	361	410	422				

Year Class	Age	N	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2019	1	1										
2018	2	15										
2017	3	20										
2016	4	25										
2015	5	25										
2014	6	13										
2013	7	8										
2012	8	6										
Weighted Mean		113										

Length at Capture

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

Species: Black Crappie

Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age											
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2020	193	127 (2)	139 (36)	199 (18)	218 (111)	232 (27)	255 (2)				
2017	97	101 (71)		211 (18)	206 (2)	297 (3)	303 (3)				
2013	102		146 (56)	126 (2)	199 (32)	205 (13)					
2011	73	85 (1)	135 (34)	191 (2)	214 (34)	253 (2)					

Species: Bluegill

Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age											
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2020	553		159 (80)	175 (409)	195 (65)						
2017	42		135 (27)	195 (6)	216 (3)	253 (5)	255 (2)				
2013	100		101 (14)	137 (40)	151 (10)	183 (13)		185 (8)	187 (9)	196 (5)	194 (3)
2011	100			120 (3)	156 (65)	190 (24)	201 (7)	211 (1)			222 (1)

Species: Largemouth Bass

Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age											
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2020	214	141 (1)	177 (28)	231 (49)	262 (50)	331 (46)	376 (21)	448 (15)	436 (11)		
2018	90	177 (8)	224 (29)	279 (14)	328 (26)	421 (6)	455 (3)	443 (3)	436 (1)	479 (1)	
2013	64		240 (1)	299 (3)	327 (11)	374 (11)	388 (14)	404 (8)	434 (4)	440 (7)	472 (6)
2011	109	172 (9)	223 (28)	277 (9)	322 (16)	352 (9)	383 (15)	409 (13)	411 (3)	466 (2)	472 (5)

Species: Yellow Perch

Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age											
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2020	34	148 (2)	175 (4)	221 (7)	239 (17)	242 (4)					
2011	31		145 (27)			235 (3)	247 (1)				

Fish Condition

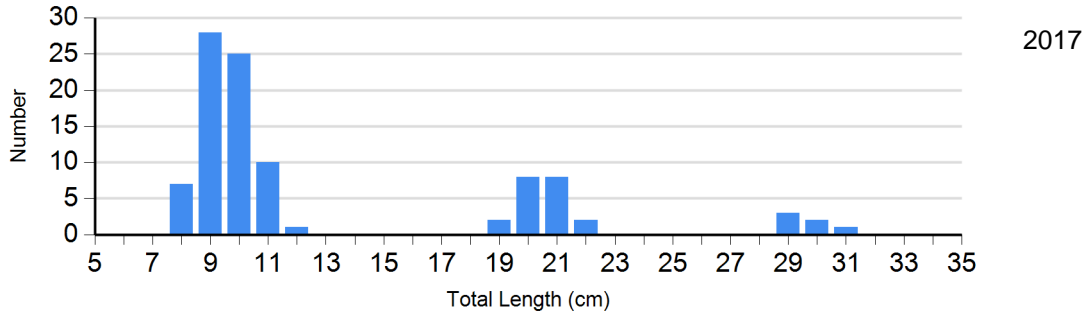
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

Species	Year	Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
		N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Black Bullhead Gill Net	2020	1	132	1	116	0		0	
Black Crappie Frame Net	2017	2	105 (0.4)	18	109 (3.0)	3	96 (4.9)	3	98 (4.6)
	2020	40	97 (1.7)	140	95 (0.8)	7	91 (2.4)	0	
Bluegill Frame Net	2017	34	106 (2.4)	7	112 (2.9)	8	127 (3.0)	4	118 (6.2)
	2020	16	96 (3.0)	499	95 (0.6)	38	95 (1.5)	0	
Largemouth Bass Electro Fishing	2016	110	112 (0.7)	1	124	53	109 (1.3)	1	79
	2017	36	116 (1.5)	15	109 (2.2)	25	108 (2.2)	0	
	2018	37	111 (2.1)	29	108 (1.3)	14	108 (2.4)	0	
	2019	71	115 (4.0)	82	108 (1.3)	53	112 (1.5)	1	110
	2020	112	115 (1.5)	40	113 (1.7)	37	116 (1.4)	0	
Northern Pike Gill Net	2017	0		3	97 (7.5)	3	85 (2.9)	0	
	2020	5	91 (1.4)	8	89 (1.5)	0		0	
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2017	6	101 (2.4)	2	102 (2.4)	0		0	
	2020	7	100 (1.6)	23	88 (1.0)	4	88 (2.2)	0	

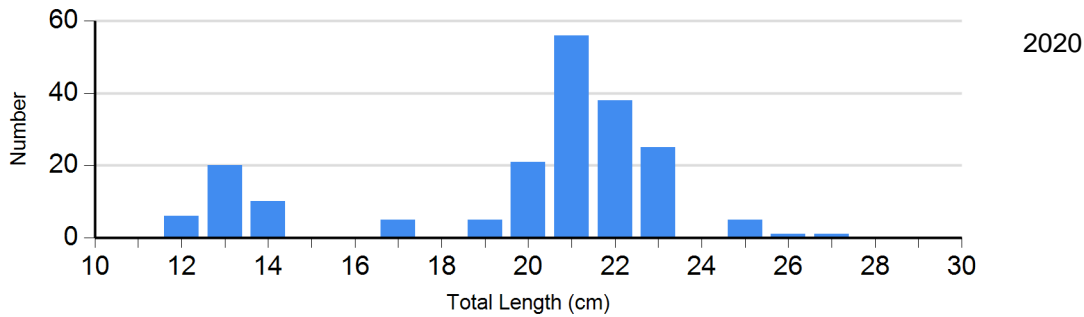
Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

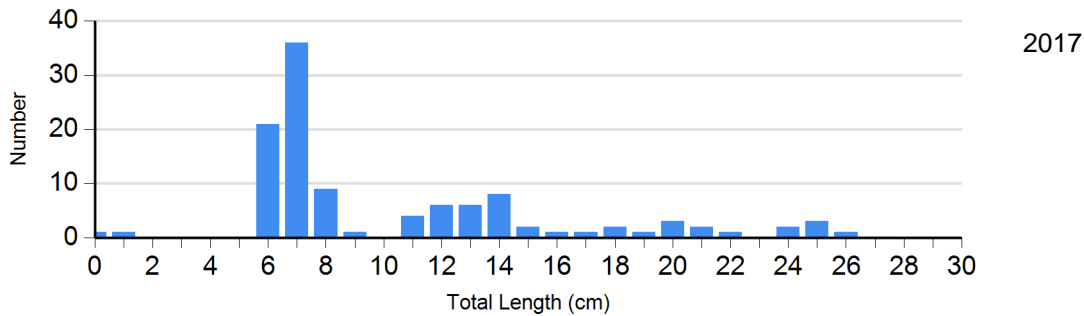
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Gear: AFS std frame net



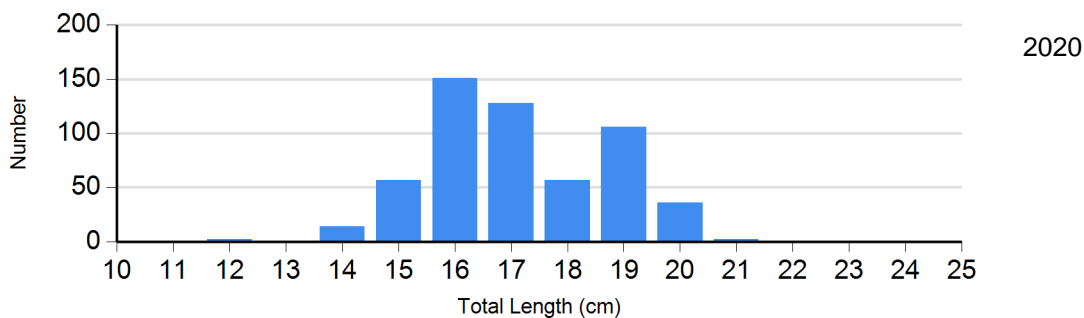
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Gear: frame net (std 3/4 in)



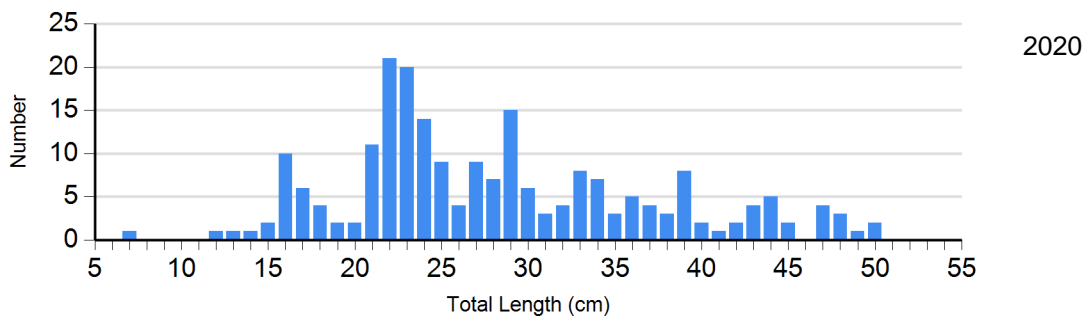
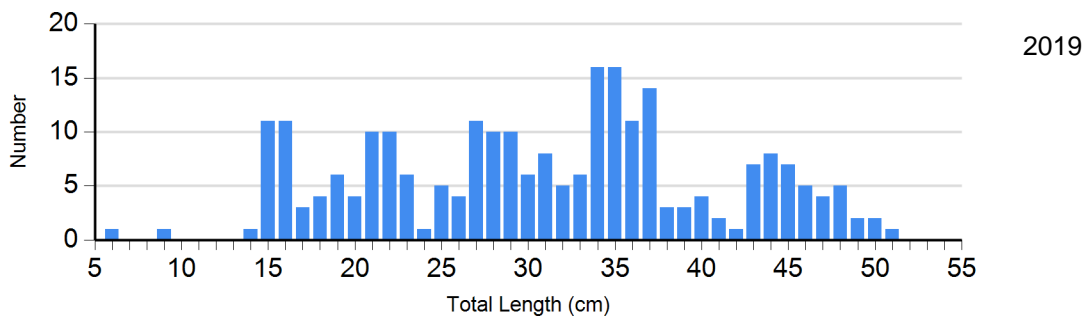
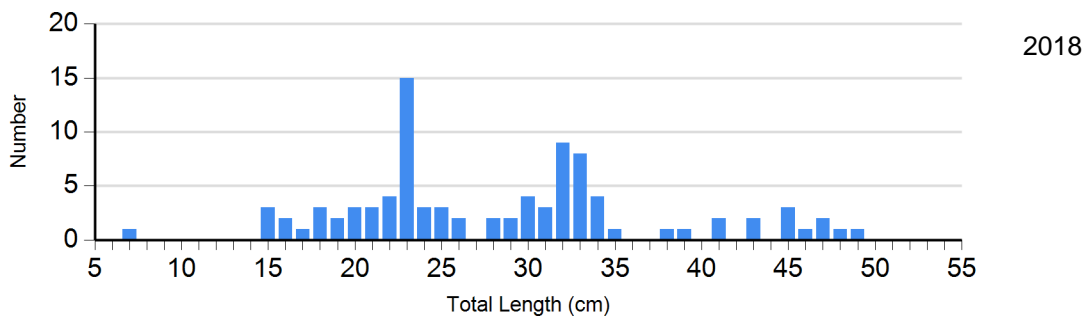
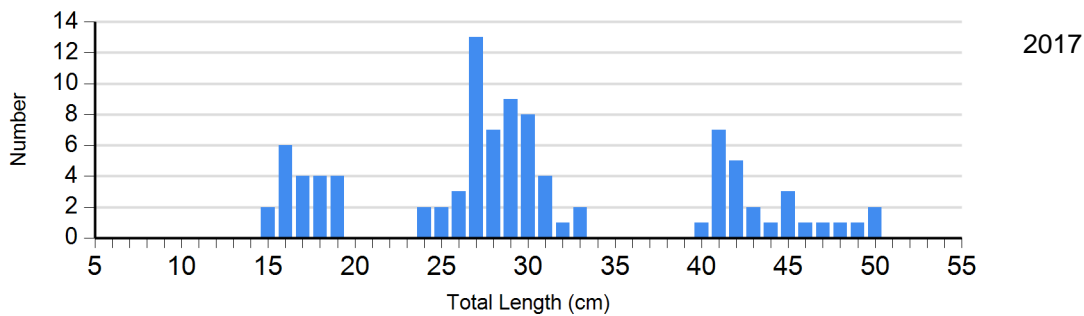
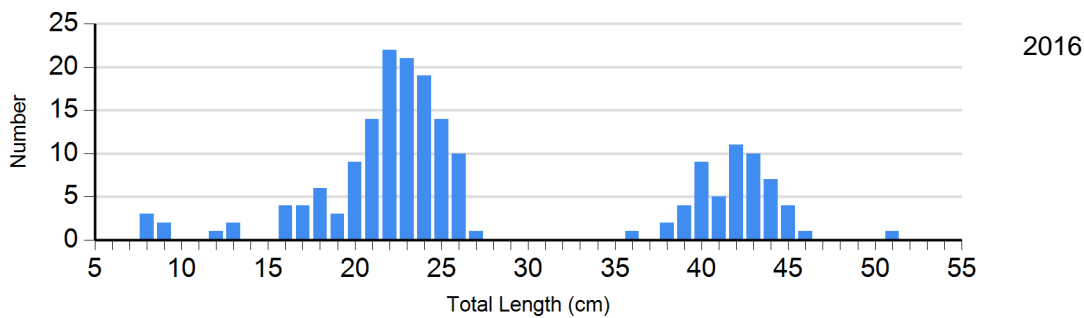
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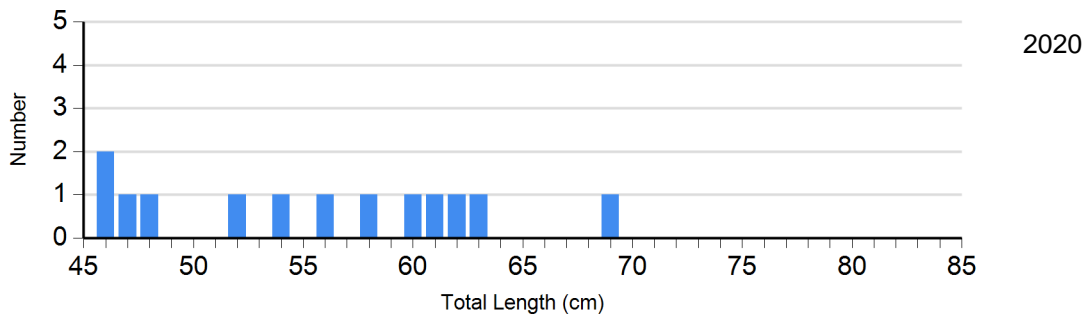
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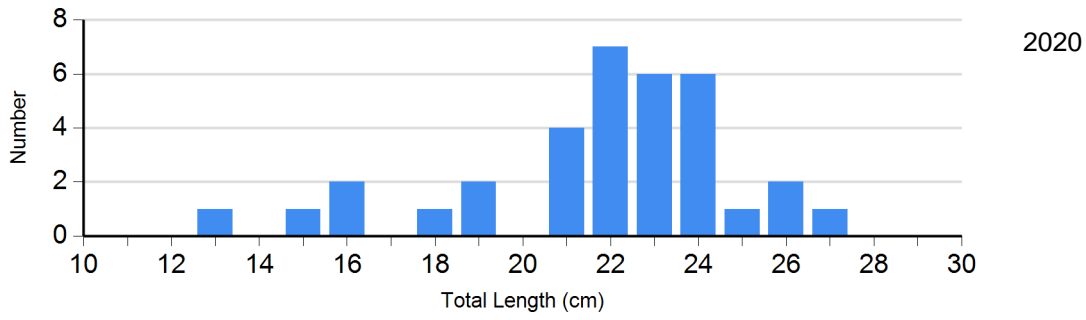
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Gear: boat shocker (night)



Species: Northern Pike
Gear: AFS std gill net



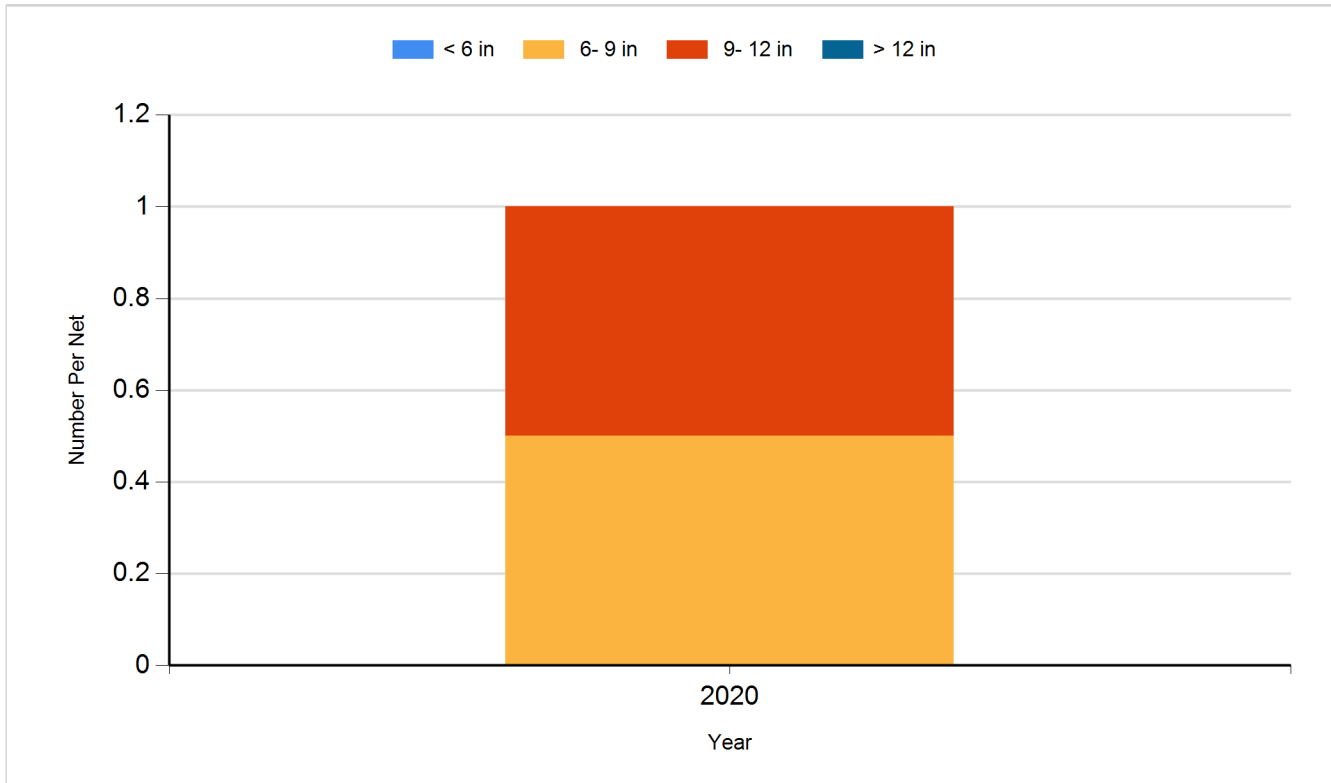
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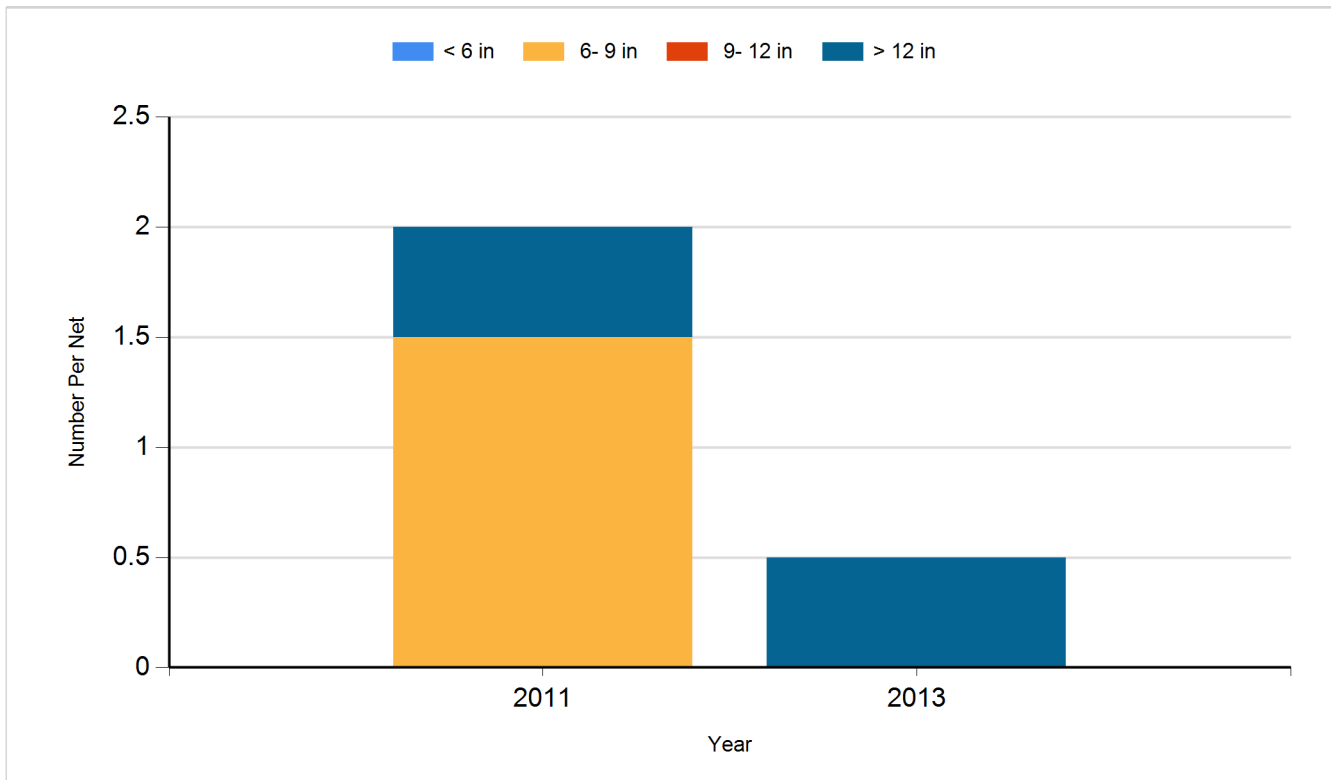
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

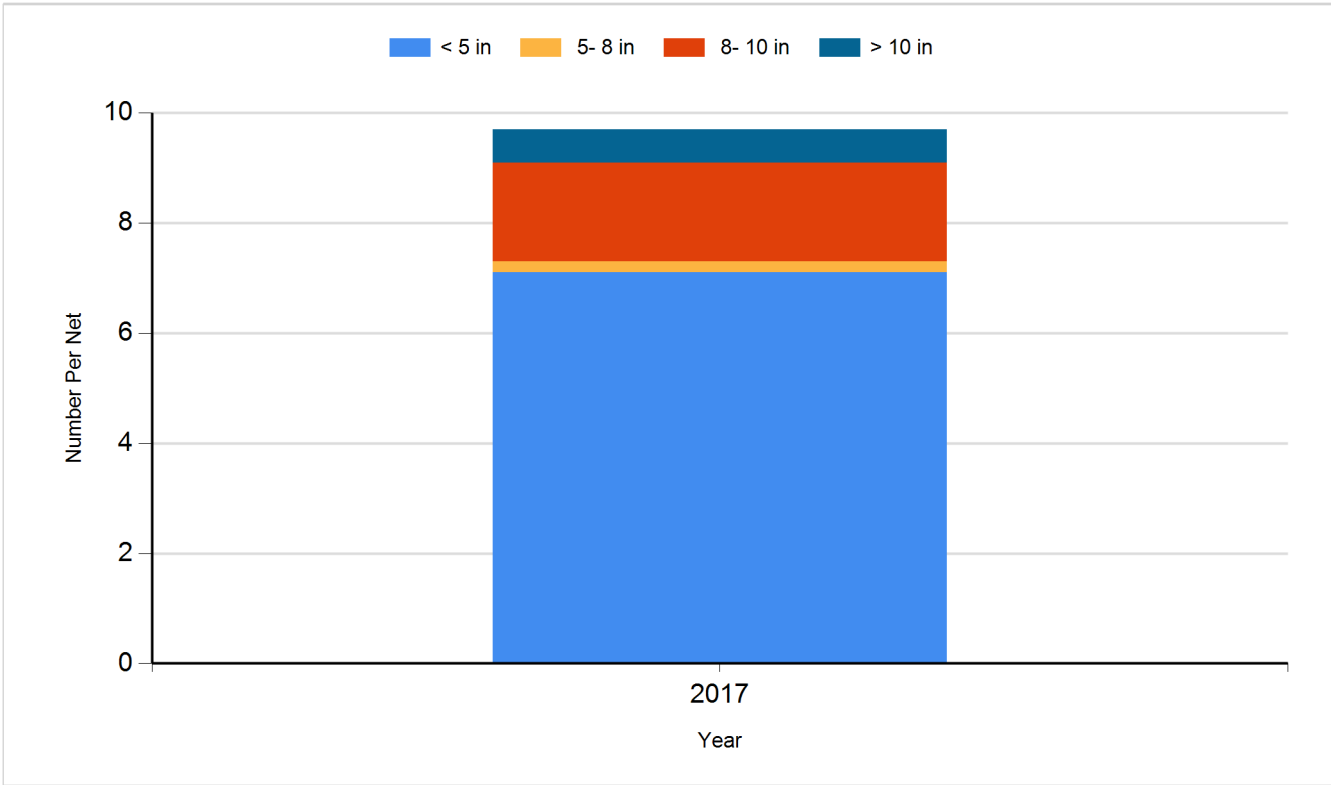
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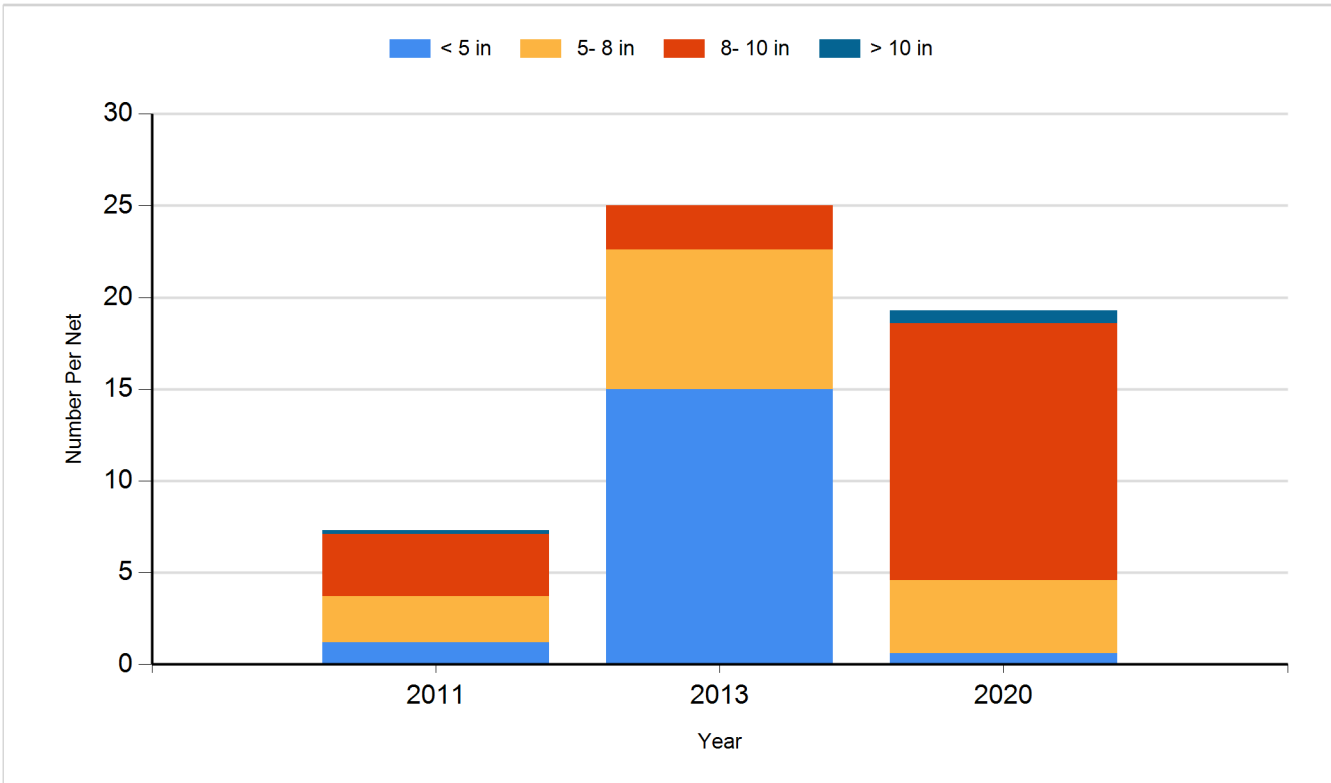
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Gear: std exp gill net



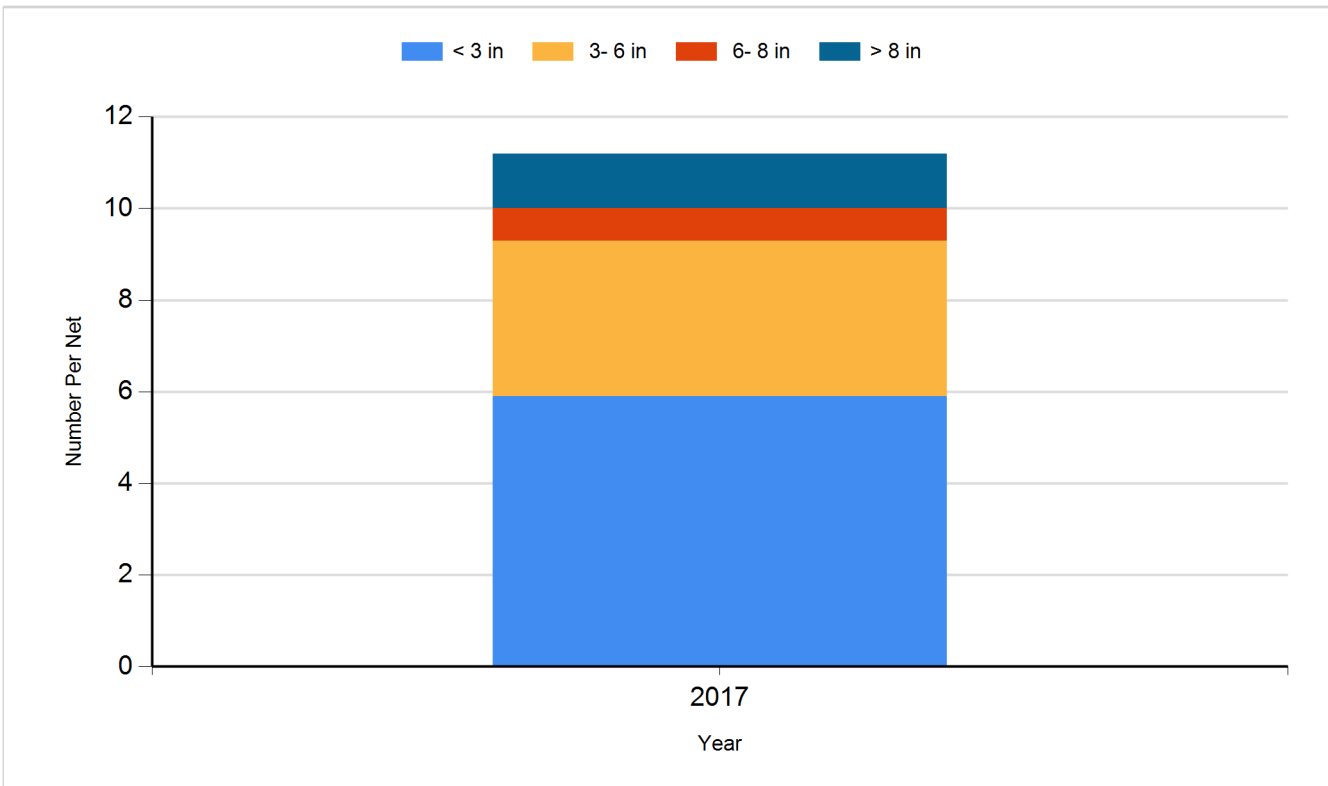
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Gear: AFS std frame net



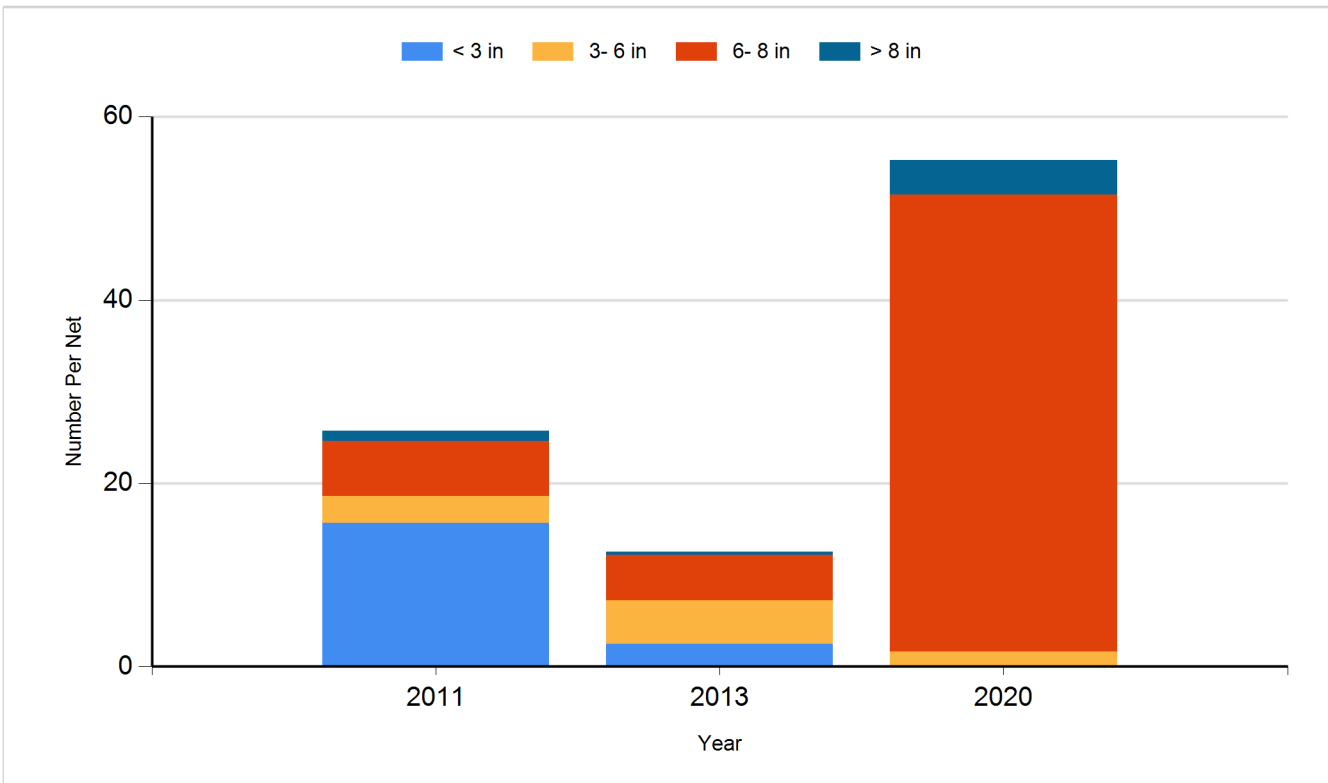
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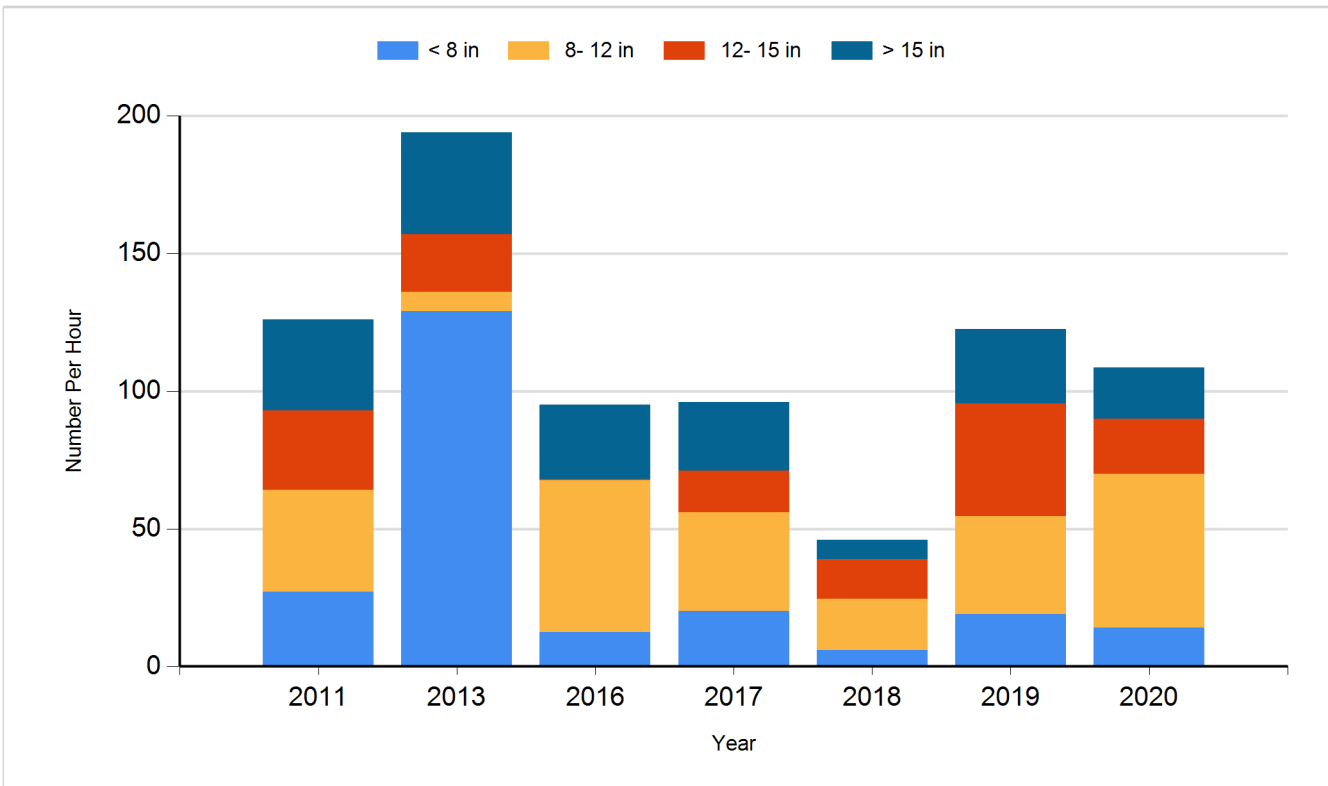
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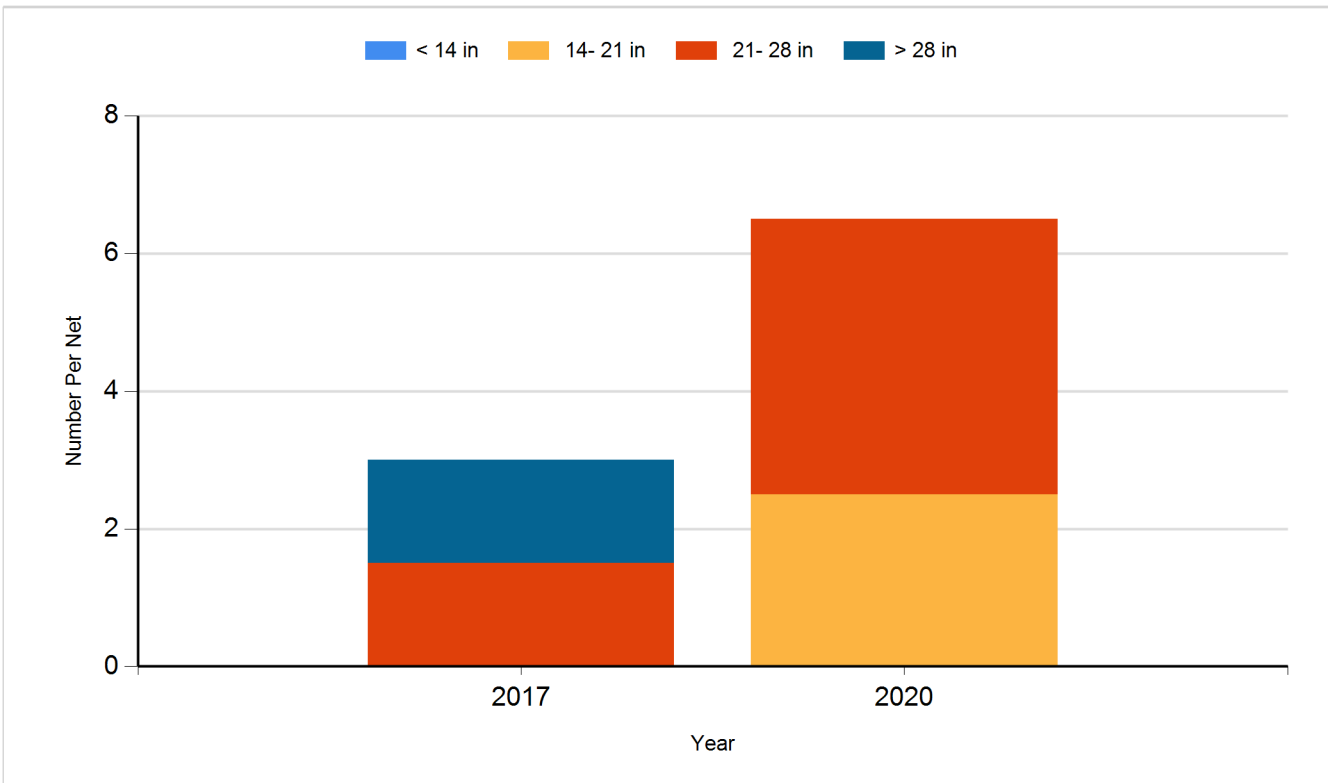
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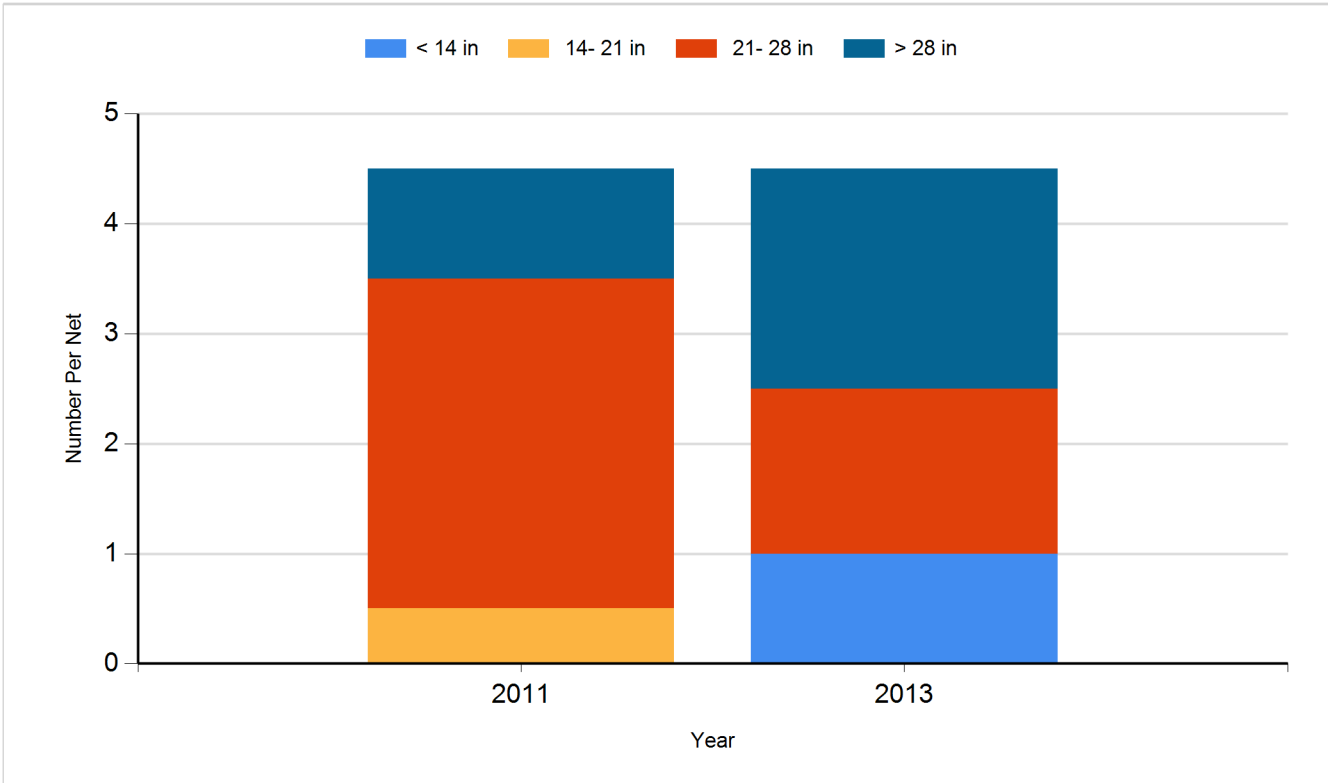
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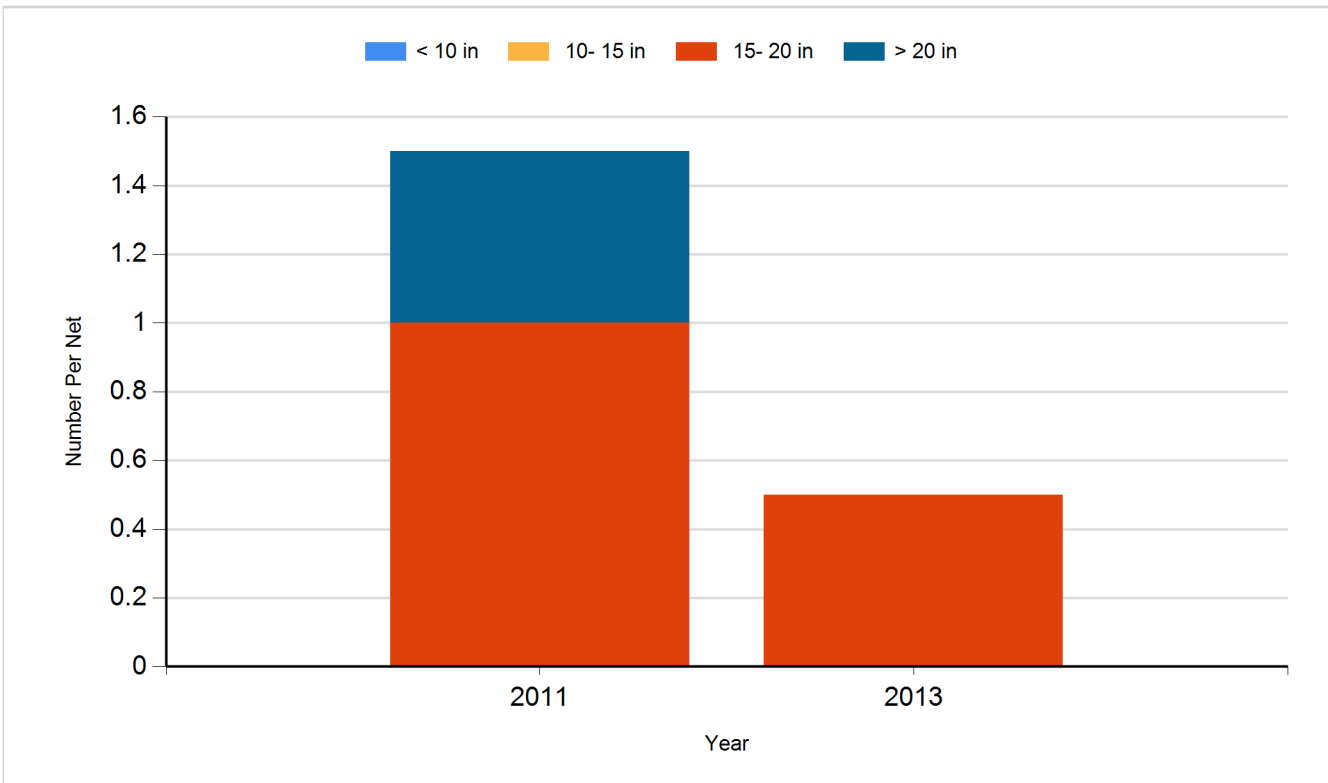
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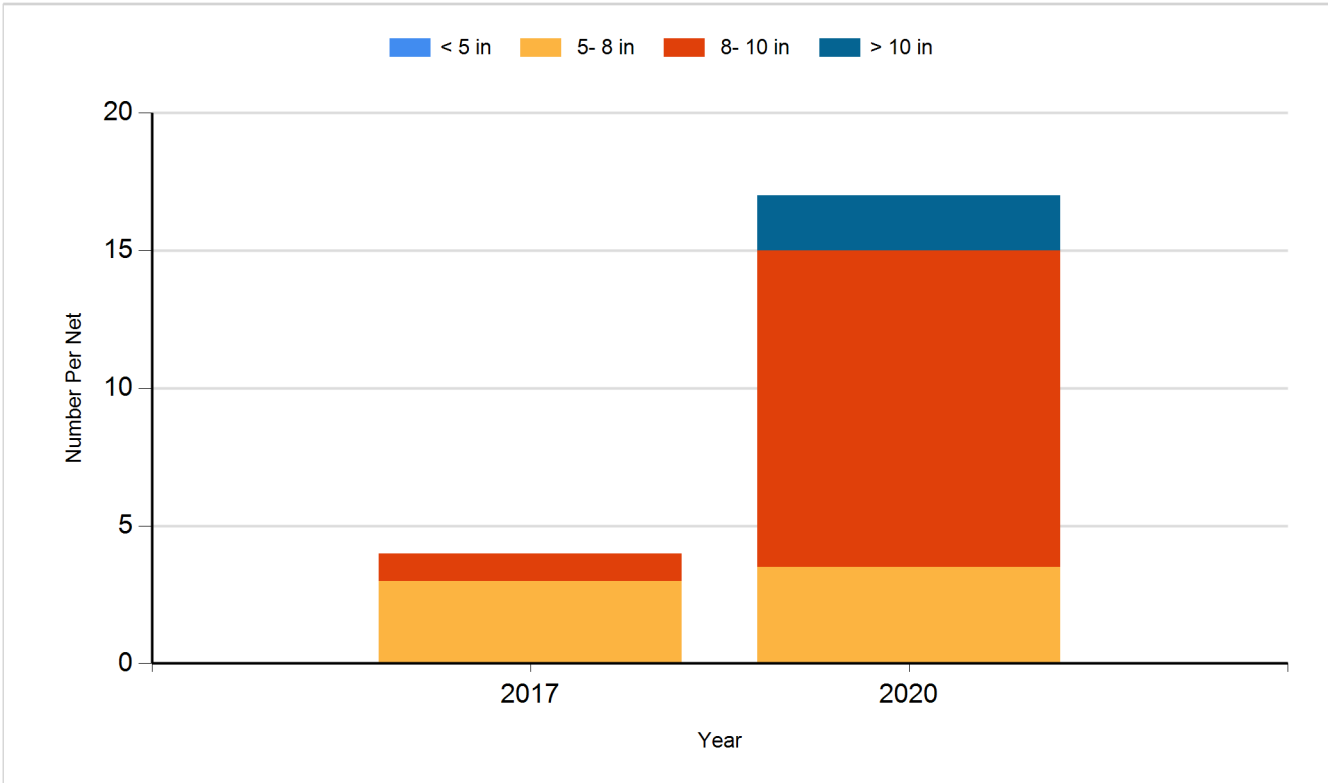
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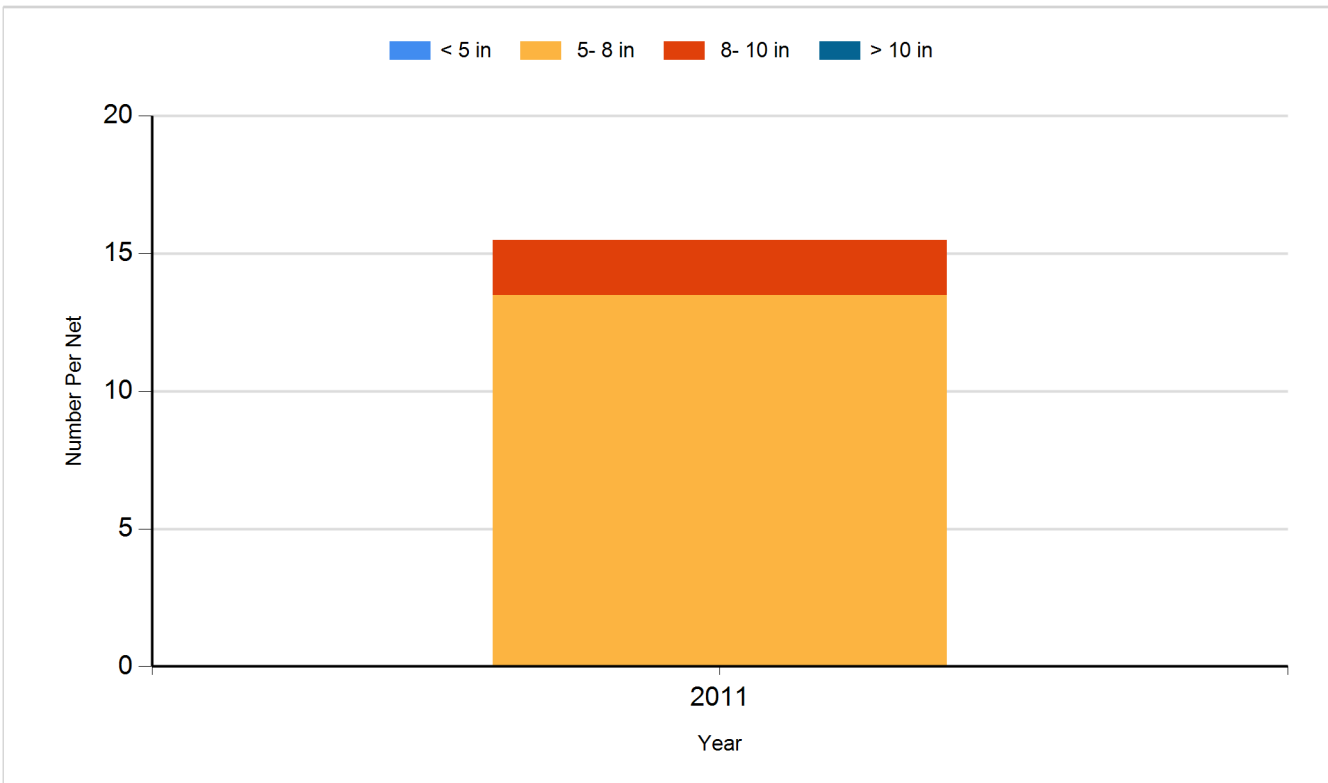
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Gear: std exp gill net



Species: Yellow Perch
Gear: AFS std gill net



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Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2011	Walleye	Large Fingerling	1,705
2013	Walleye	Large Fingerling	2,356
2015	Walleye	Large Fingerling	540
2019	Walleye	Small Fingerling	5,845