North Scatterwood Lake Survey Summary

North Scatterwood Lake, located 5.0 miles north and 1.0 miles west of Chelsea, typically is managed as a northern pike and yellow perch fishery, but other fish species (e.g., walleye) are present at times and contribute to the fishery.

- **Northern pike.** No northern pike were sampled in 2021.

- **Walleye.** Walleyes were the second most abundant fish species in 2021 gill net catch, behind black bullheads. At 19.8 per gill net, the relative abundance of walleyes ≥10.0 inches was considered high. Nearly all (99%) of walleyes in the gill net catch were from the 2019 (age-2) year class, which coincided with a fry stocking. Individuals from the 2019 (age 2) cohort had a mean length at capture of 16.9 inches.

- **Yellow perch**. Yellow perch were not abundant (0.7 per gill net) in 2021. Eight yellow perch from 7.5 to 11.0 inches were netted.

For more detailed results see the computer-generated South Dakota Statewide Fisheries Survey for North Scatterwood Lake (Edmunds; below)

SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Scatterwood North, Edmunds County
SNK-Lake-435-000
2021

Lake Information

Name: Scatterwood North

County: Edmunds

Surface Area: 1,215 Acres

Maximum Depth: 11 Feet

Mean Depth: 5 Feet

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
AFS std gill net	Aug 03, 2021	4 net-nights
AFS std gill net	Aug 04, 2021	4 net-nights
AFS std gill net	Aug 05, 2021	4 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Yellow Perch

Walleye

Northern Pike

Black Bullhead

Common Carp

Bigmouth Buffalo

White Sucker

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).

			Abundance		Stock Density Indices				Condition	
Gear	Species	Sample Size (n)	CPUE	CI-80	PSD	CI-80	PSD-P	CI-80	Wr	CI-80
AFS std gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	31	2.4	1.4	3		3		99	2
	Black Bullhead	402	33.4	4.4	43	3	0		98	2
	Common Carp	166	13.6	2.0	63	5	3		106	1
	Green Sunfish	3	0.3	0.2	0		0		122	7
	Walleye	239	19.8	3.8	100		0		101	1
	White Sucker	6	0.5	0.5	100		100		99	4
	Yellow Perch	8	0.7	0.6	75		38		100	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.

		CPUE										
Gear	Species	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Avg
AFS std gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo					0.9					2.4	1.65
	Black Bullhead					2.5					33.4	17.95
	Common Carp					0.8					13.6	7.20
	Freshwater Drum					0.3					0.0	0.15
	Green Sunfish					0.0					0.3	0.15
	Northern Pike					0.6					0.0	0.30
	Walleye					27.3					19.8	23.55
	White Sucker					3.1					0.5	1.80
	Yellow Perch					10.7					0.7	5.70

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	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
AFS std gill net	Northern Pike	PSD					100					
		PSD-P					29					
		Wr					91					
	Walleye	PSD					92					100
		PSD-P					13					0
		Wr					97					101
	Yellow Perch	PSD					2					75
		PSD-P					2					38
		Wr					100					100

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+
2021	237		428 (237)								
2016	327	335 (20)	405 (175)		472 (8)	499 (48)	509 (75)				554 (2)

Species: Yellow Perch

		Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2021	8	201 (5)	264 (3)								
2016	128	178 (126)	263 (1)				344 (1)				

Fish Condition

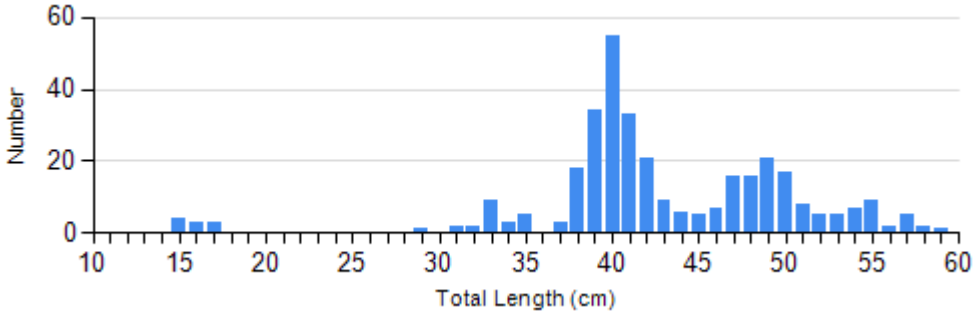
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

		Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
Species	Year	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Walleye Gill Net	2021	1	97	237	101 (0.4)	0		0	
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2021	2	98 (0.3)	3	95 (1.5)	3	106 (6.3)	0	

Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

Species: Walleye
Gear: AFS std gill net



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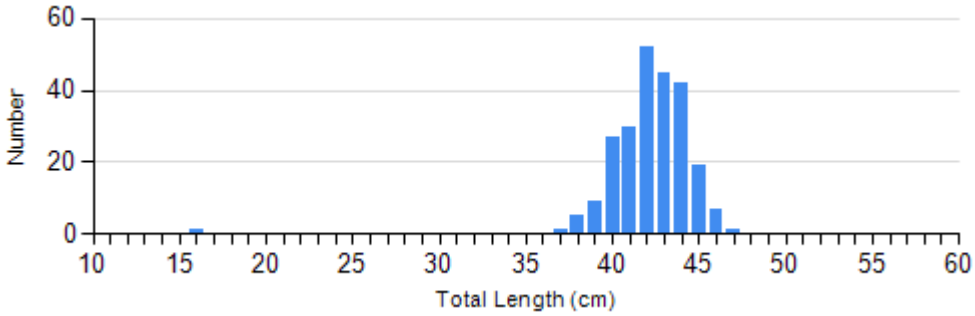

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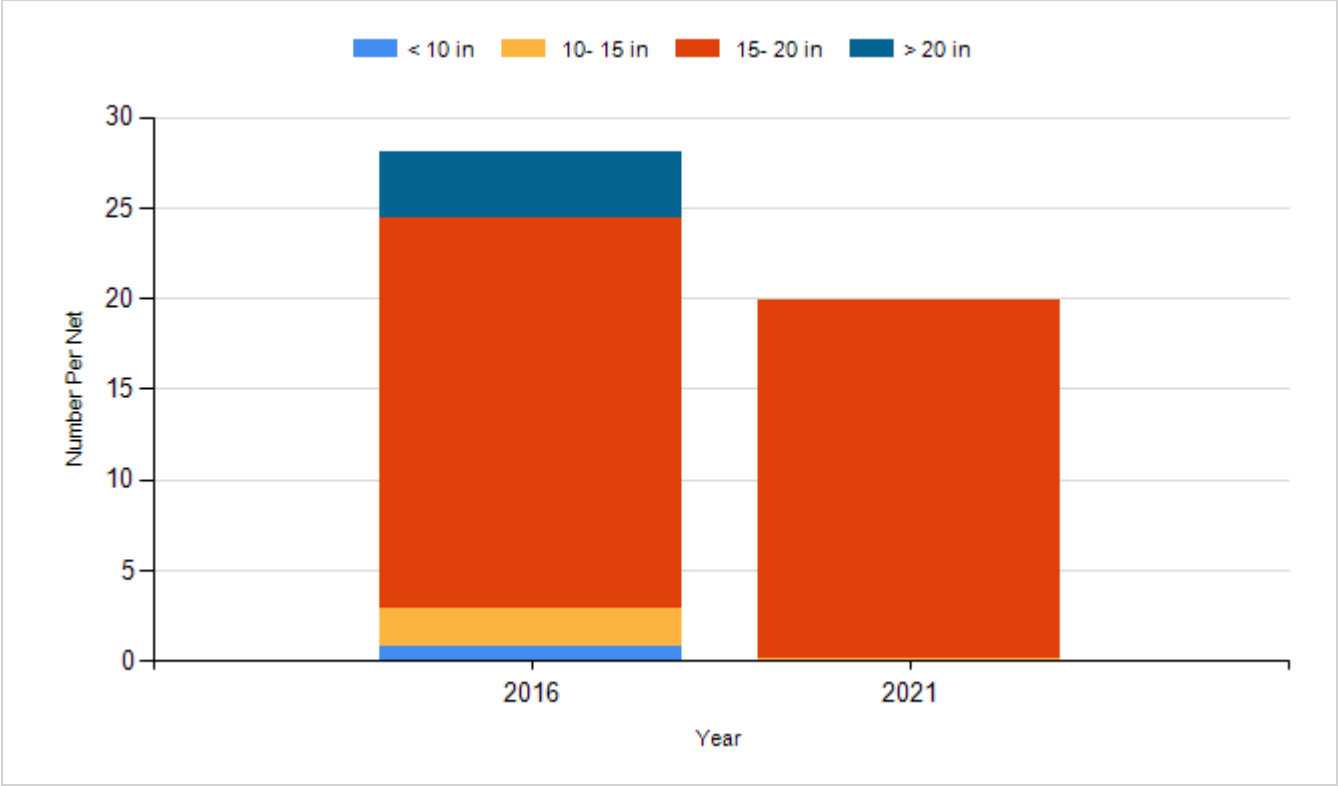
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

Species: Walleye
Gear: AFS std gill net



Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2010	Walleye	Fry	1,000,000
2010	Yellow Perch	Juvenile	3,200
2011	Walleye	Fry	500,000
2012	Walleye	Fry	500,000
2014	Walleye	Fry	600,000
2014	Yellow Perch	Small	6,250
2019	Walleye	Fry	600,000
2021	Walleye	Fry	600,000