Kettle Lake Survey Summary

Kettle Lake, located 5.0 miles west and 3 miles north of Eden, is primarily managed as a walleye and yellow perch fishery; however, a variety of other fish species (e.g., bluegill, bass and northern pike) are present and contribute to the fishery.

- **Bluegill.** With a mean CPUE of 41.7, bluegills were the second most abundant species in the 2021 frame net catch, behind only black bullheads. The entire sampled was comprised of fish from 3.1 to 5.1 inches.

- **Northern pike.** More northern pike were sampled in 2021 than in 2019. At 2.8 per gill net, relative abundance was considered moderate to high. Sampled northern pike ranged in length from 16.1 to 30.7 inches, most (79%) were ≥21.0 inches and 6% were ≥28.0 inches.

- **Walleye.** Like northern pike, more walleyes were sampled in 2021 than in 2019. In 2021, the mean gill net CPUE was 6.5 and suggested moderate to high relative abundance. Sampled walleyes ranged in length from 9.8 to 27.6 inches, most (72%) were ≥15.0 inches and 21% were ≥20.0 inches. Twelve year-classes contributed to the catch. Individuals from naturally produced cohorts in 2019 (age 2) and 2020 (age 1) were the most abundant accounting for 78% of fish in the sample. The oldest walleye collected was from the 1999 (age-22) year class. Based on the 2021 sample, growth appears to be fast with a mean length at capture at age 2 of 16.5 inches.

- **Yellow Perch**. Yellow perch were the most abundant species in the 2021 gill net catch. Relative abundance was moderate to high (29.3 per gill net). Sampled yellow perch ranged in length from 5.5 to 11.4 inches, 21% were ≥ 8.0 inches and 3% were ≥10.0 inches. Four consecutive year-classes (2017 – 2020) contributed to the catch. Fish from the 2020 (age-1) cohort, which had a mean length at capture of 6.3 inches, were the most abundant accounting for 76% of yellow perch in the sample.

For more detailed results see the computer-generated South Dakota Statewide Fisheries Survey for Kettle (Marshall; below).

SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Kettle, Marshall County
UJA-Lake-866-000
2021

Lake Information

Name: Kettle

County: Marshall

Surface Area: 3,229 Acres

Maximum Depth: 18 Feet

Mean Depth: 10 Feet

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
AFS std gill net	Aug 24, 2021	4 net-nights
AFS std gill net	Aug 25, 2021	4 net-nights
AFS std gill net	Aug 26, 2021	4 net-nights
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Aug 24, 2021	5 net-nights
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Aug 25, 2021	6 net-nights
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Aug 26, 2021	4 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Walleye

Northern Pike

Yellow Perch

Black Bullhead

Bluegill

White Sucker

Black Crappie

Common Carp

White Bass

Smallmouth Bass

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	Black Bullhead	72	5.8	2.6	50	9	6		97	1
	Black Crappie	4	0.3	0.3	25		25		118	2
	Bluegill	1	0.1	0.1	0		0		112	
	Common Carp	23	1.3	0.9	100		75		104	3
	Northern Pike	34	2.8	0.6	79	11	6		89	1
	Smallmouth Bass	2	0.2	0.2	0		0		109	11
	Walleye	78	6.5	2.0	72	7	21	7	92	1
	White Bass	7	0.5	0.4	100		67		102	3
	White Sucker	28	2.3	0.9	96		89		108	2
	Yellow Perch	351	29.3	5.7	21	3	3	1	100	1
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	1430	75.5	63.9	32	2	0		84	1
	Black Crappie	45	1.9	0.9	0		0		112	1
	Bluegill	626	41.7	23.1	0		0		102	1
	Common Carp	66	0.7	0.5	100		82		98	2
	Largemouth Bass	21	0.1	0.1	0		0		134	
	Northern Pike	16	1.1	0.6	88		19		87	3
	Smallmouth Bass	4	0.1	0.1	100		0		120	
	Walleye	12	0.8	0.5	100		25		89	5
	White Sucker	1	0.1	0.0						
	Yellow Perch	237	15.8	7.0	13	3	3	2	88	1

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	Black Bullhead					8.8	0.6	1.7	2.8		5.8	3.94
	Black Crappie					1.3	0.7	5.1	0.0		0.3	1.48
	Bluegill					0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2		0.1	0.26
	Common Carp					0.8	0.3	1.1	0.3		1.3	0.76
	Largemouth Bass					0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0		0.0	0.02
	Northern Pike					2.4	1.3	1.7	0.7		2.8	1.78
	Smallmouth Bass					0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4		0.2	0.24
	Walleye					2.6	5.1	6.1	2.0		6.5	4.46
	White Bass					0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1		0.5	0.14
	White Sucker					0.8	0.6	0.7	0.1		2.3	0.90
	Yellow Perch					19.2	12.2	27.3	14.5		29.3	20.50
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	4.4	20.2	23.7							75.5	30.95
	Black Crappie	11.9	3.2	1.9							1.9	4.73
	Bluegill	2.4	13.3	23.6							41.7	20.25
	Common Carp	0.2	0.0	0.1							0.7	0.25
	Green Sunfish	0.0	0.0	0.1							0.0	0.03
	Largemouth Bass	0.2	0.0	0.0							0.1	0.08
	Northern Pike	0.5	0.7	0.7							1.1	0.75
	Smallmouth Bass	0.6	0.7	0.5							0.1	0.48
	Walleye	0.5	0.3	0.1							0.8	0.43
	White Bass	0.0	0.0	0.0							0.0	0.00
	White Sucker	0.3	0.0	0.0							0.1	0.09
	Yellow Perch	21.2	26.1	36.7							15.8	24.95
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead	2.3	4.2	2.8	45.2							13.63
	Black Crappie	12.3	2.5	0.3	26.0							10.28
	Bluegill	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.2							0.18
	Common Carp	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0							0.05
	Largemouth Bass	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0							0.00
	Northern Pike	4.0	5.0	4.0	1.8							3.70
	Smallmouth Bass	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0							0.10
	Walleye	2.8	3.7	2.0	6.3							3.70
	White Bass	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0							0.00
	White Sucker	1.3	2.5	0.7	0.2							1.18
	Yellow Perch	152.0	156.8	67.2	28.8							101.20

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					97	100	85	100		79
		PSD-P					21	31	5	13		6
		Wr					86	77	90	94		89
	Walleye	PSD					74	90	84	92		72
		PSD-P					61	75	48	63		21
		Wr					93	88	95	102		92
	Yellow Perch	PSD					1	8	12	3		21
		PSD-P					0	0	0	0		3
		Wr					99	102	100	108		100
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Bluegill	PSD	5	2	0							0
		PSD-P	0	0	0							0
		Wr	114	101	110							102
std exp gill net	Northern Pike	PSD	75	90	100	100						
		PSD-P	4	3	13	9						
		Wr	93	88	89	91						
	Walleye	PSD	65	73	83	26						
		PSD-P	18	36	50	24						
		Wr	94	89	93	98						
	Yellow Perch	PSD	10	3	5	5						
		PSD-P	2	0	0	0						
		Wr	96	98	97	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+
2021	78	296 (21)	419 (40)	476 (1)		600 (2)	561 (1)	556 (1)			638 (12)
2019	24	336 (2)	435 (5)	507 (3)	541 (2)	550 (4)			565 (1)		614 (7)
2018	73	346 (12)	432 (21)	467 (3)	530 (12)	553 (1)	584 (1)	593 (2)	657 (1)	639 (2)	626 (18)
2017	61	302 (6)	398 (2)	492 (6)	521 (2)		535 (4)	599 (4)	625 (2)	592 (7)	620 (28)
2016	31	292 (8)	436 (3)	520 (1)		526 (3)	545 (1)	568 (2)	573 (1)		598 (12)
2015	40	311 (30)			518 (4)	514 (1)		632 (1)		557 (4)	
2014	12	307 (1)	331 (1)	467 (4)		526 (1)			565 (5)		
2013	22	309 (1)	377 (9)	492 (4)	567 (2)	554 (1)		559 (3)			618 (2)
2012	17	301 (6)	440 (4)		494 (6)		546 (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+
2021	351	160 (268)	219 (76)	276 (6)	283 (2)						
2019	174	160 (132)	178 (41)	224 (1)							
2018	327	157 (256)	198 (66)	211 (5)							
2017	146	158 (129)	209 (17)								
2016	231	150 (170)	171 (43)	154 (18)							
2015	258	134 (227)	192 (31)								
2014	495	144 (462)	196 (23)	212 (10)							
2013	1412	129 (788)	169 (624)								
2012	2774	121 (2573)	195 (187)	254 (14)							

Fish Condition

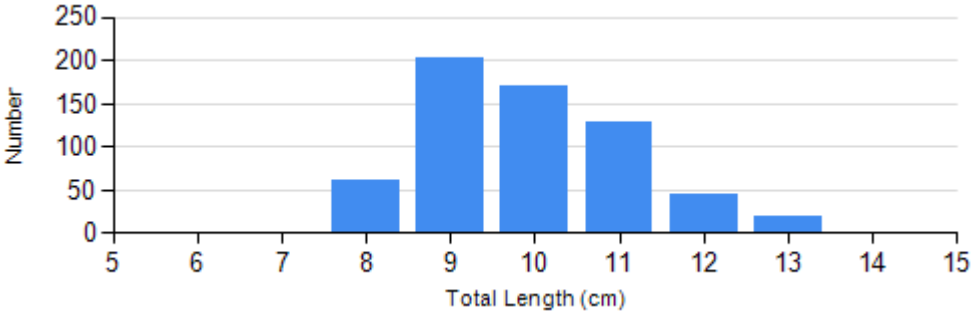
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

		Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
Species	Year	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Bluegill Frame Net	2021	626	102 (0.7)	0		0		0	
Northern Pike Gill Net	2017	0		11	79 (3.2)	5	71 (1.6)	0	
	2018	3	100 (1.8)	16	89 (1.0)	1	76	0	
	2019	0		7	96 (3.8)	1	86	0	
	2021	7	91 (1.4)	25	88 (1.1)	2	93 (1.6)	0	
Walleye Gill Net	2017	6	92 (2.7)	9	94 (2.1)	31	89 (1.1)	15	81 (2.1)
	2018	12	96 (1.9)	26	100 (1.1)	24	93 (1.5)	11	88 (2.8)
	2019	2	100 (3.7)	7	102 (1.9)	13	102 (1.6)	2	98 (6.2)
	2021	22	91 (1.3)	40	92 (1.1)	9	95 (1.4)	7	96 (2.0)
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2017	134	102 (0.6)	12	96 (2.2)	0		0	
	2018	287	101 (0.5)	40	93 (0.8)	0		0	
	2019	168	109 (0.6)	6	99 (3.8)	0		0	
	2021	277	101 (0.6)	64	97 (0.9)	10	98 (2.5)	0	

Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

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



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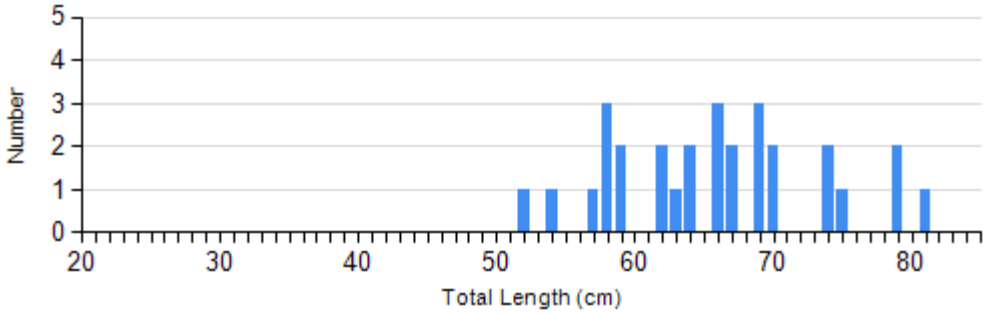
Species: Northern Pike
Gear: AFS std gill net



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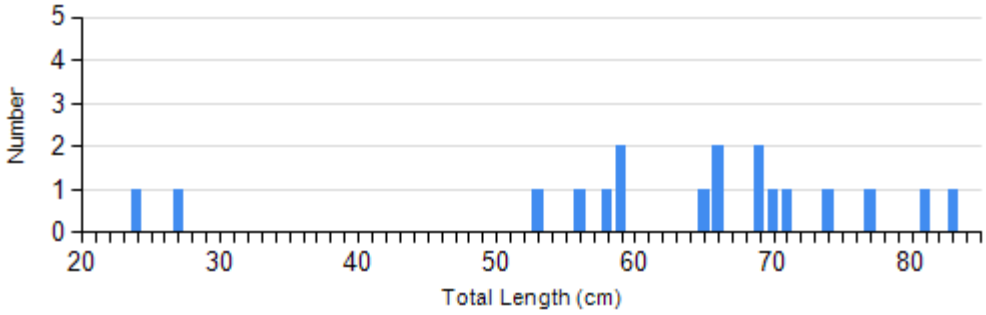

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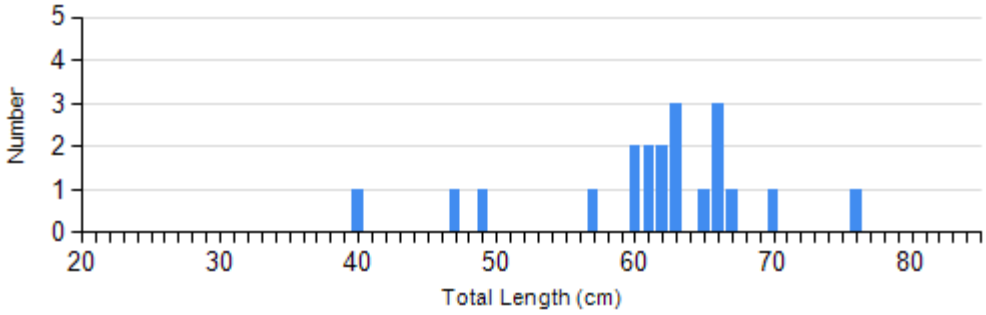

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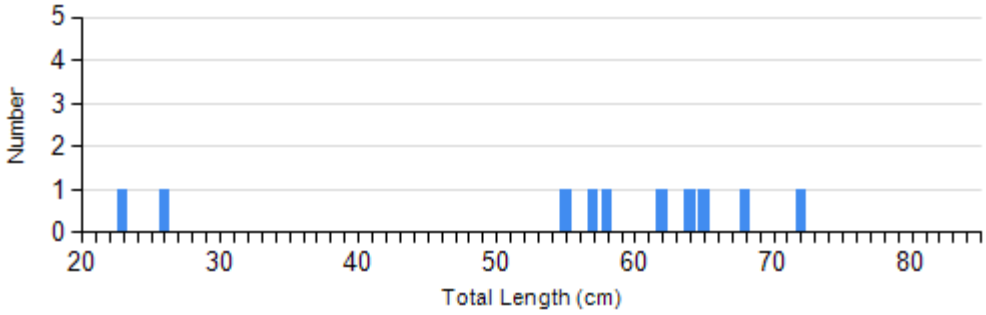

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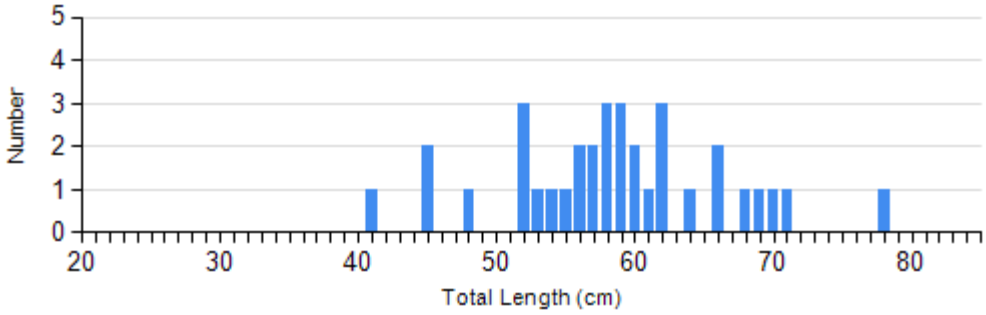

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Species: Walleye
Gear: AFS std gill net

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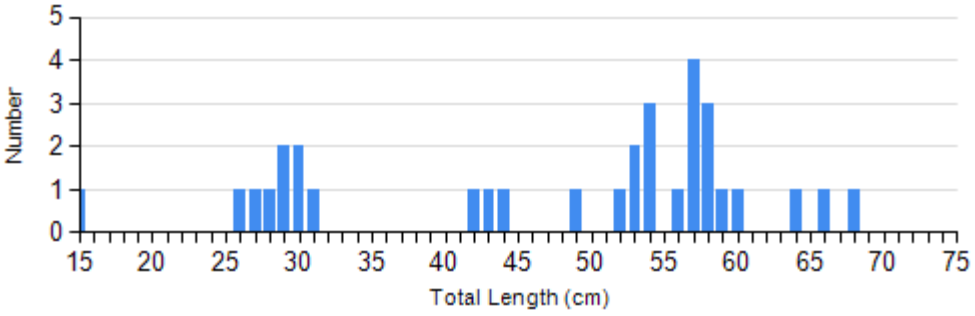

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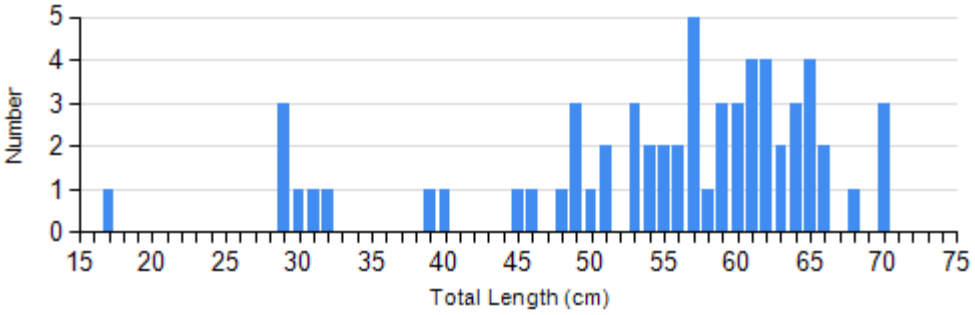

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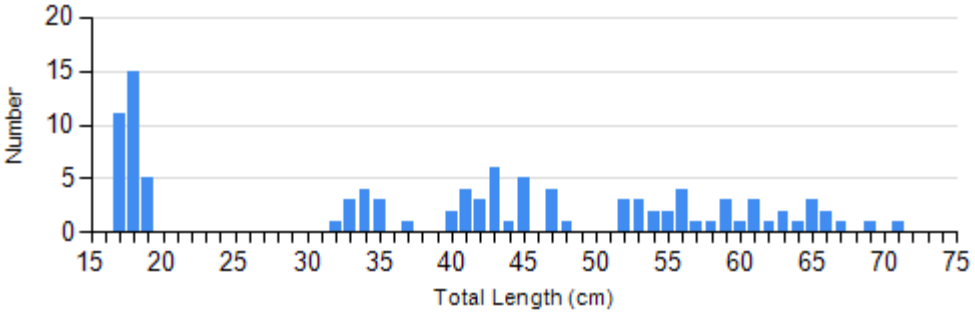

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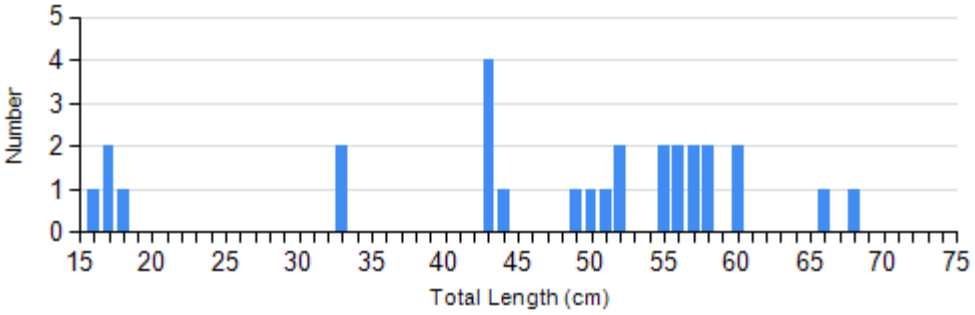

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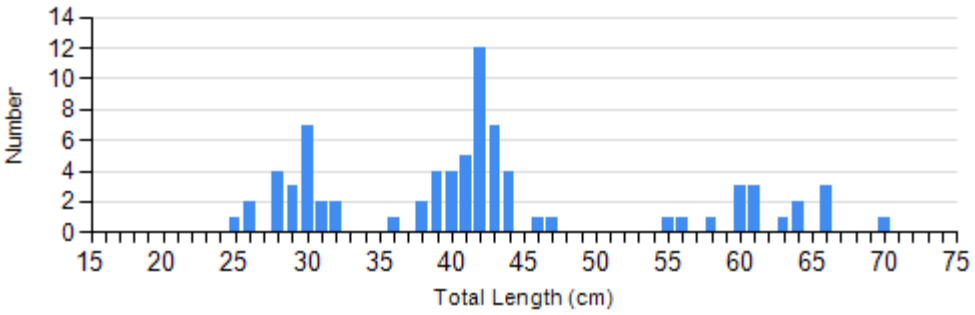
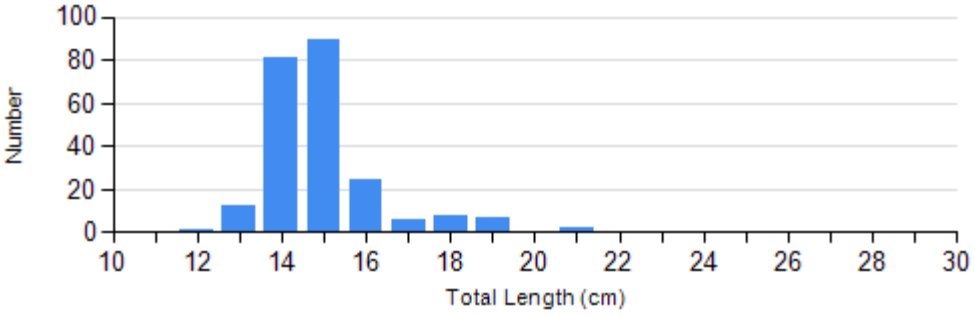


Species: Yellow Perch
Gear: AFS std gill net



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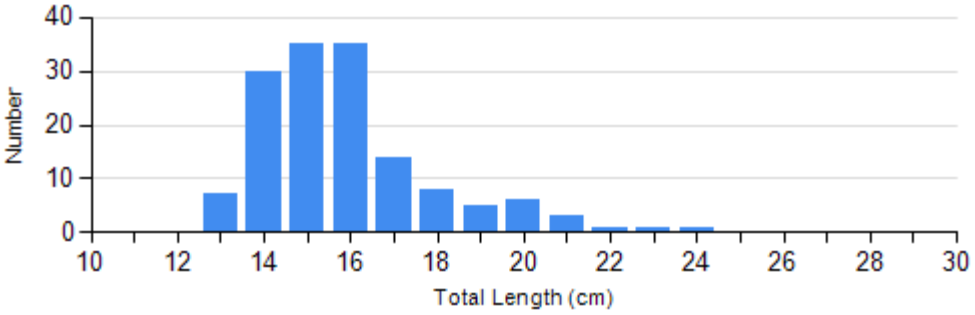

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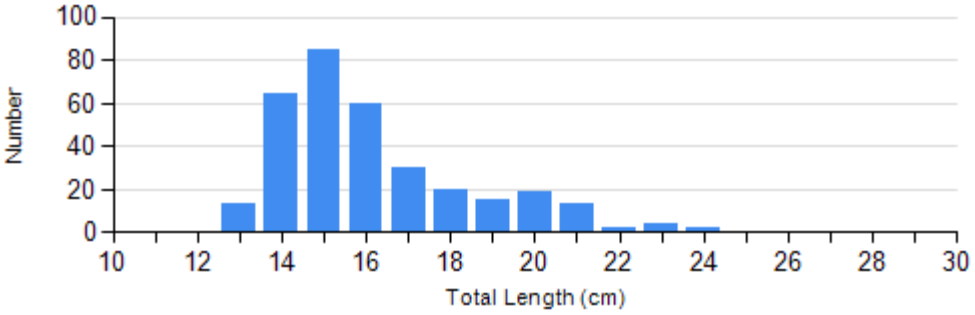

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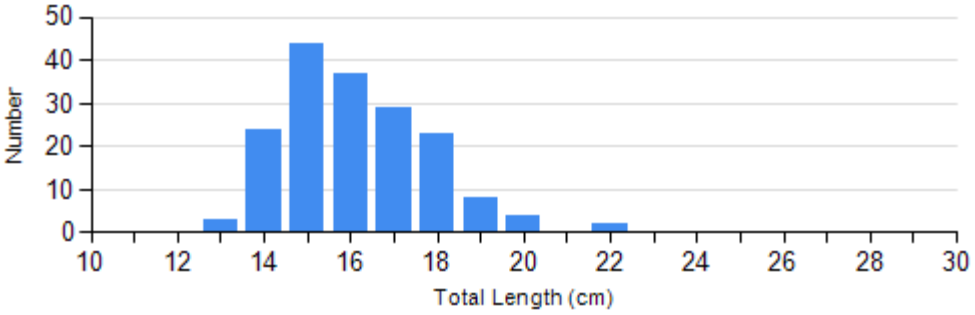

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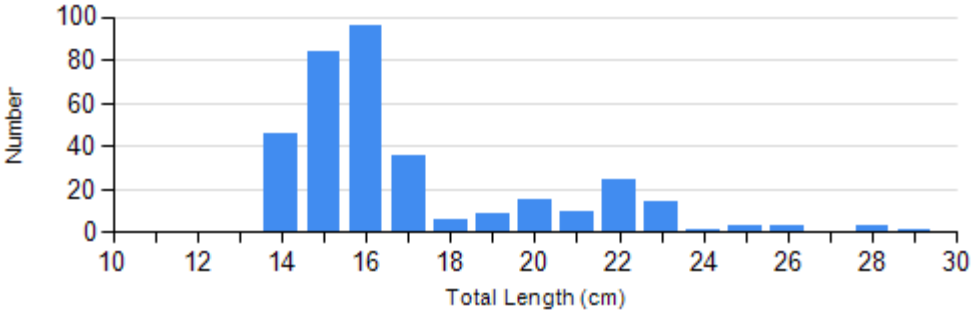

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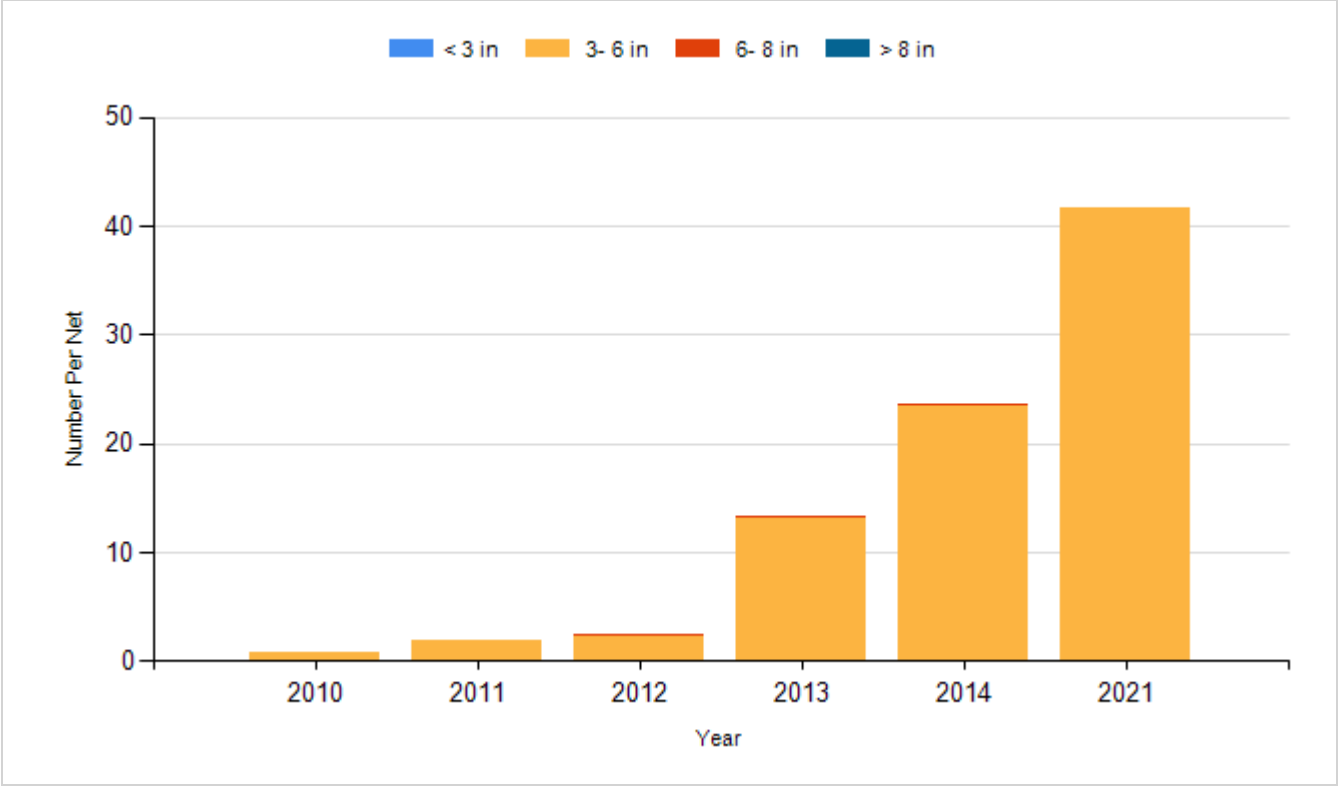
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

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



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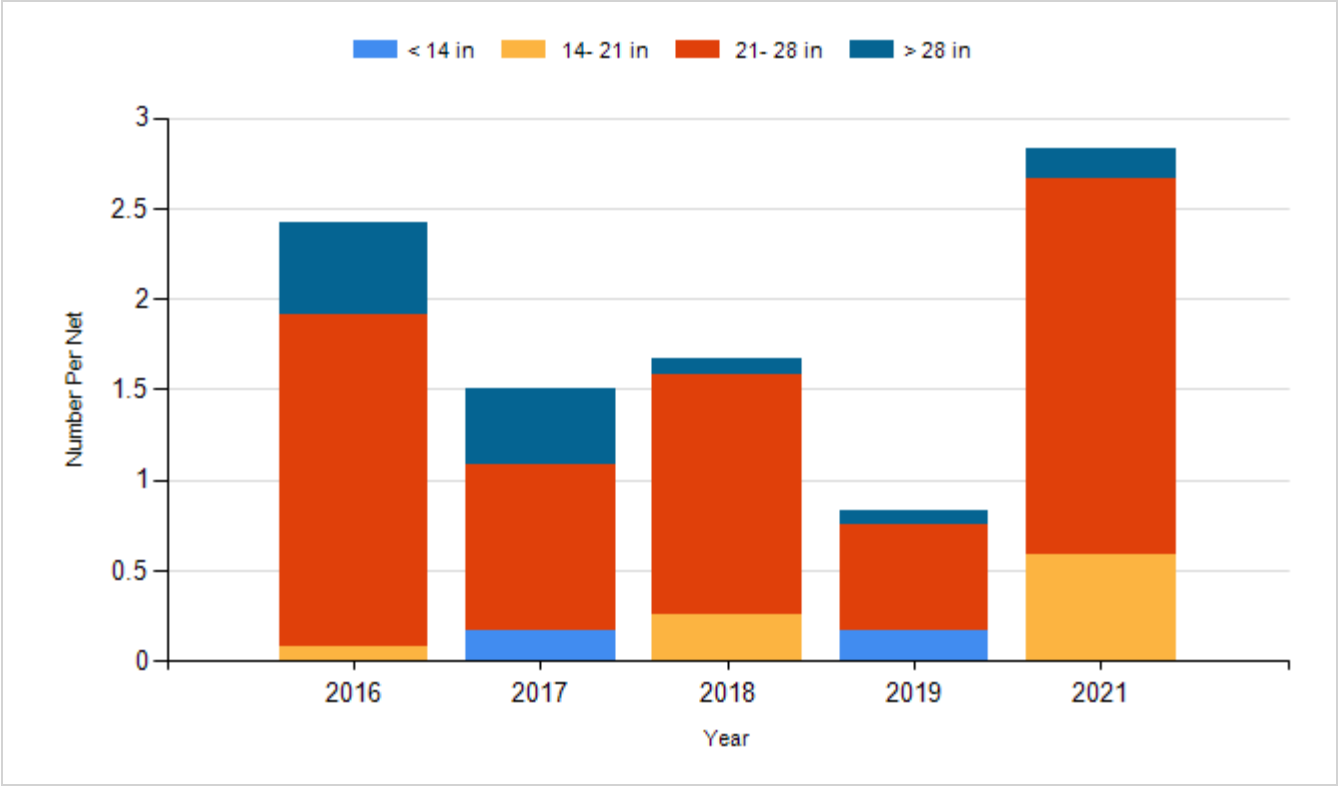

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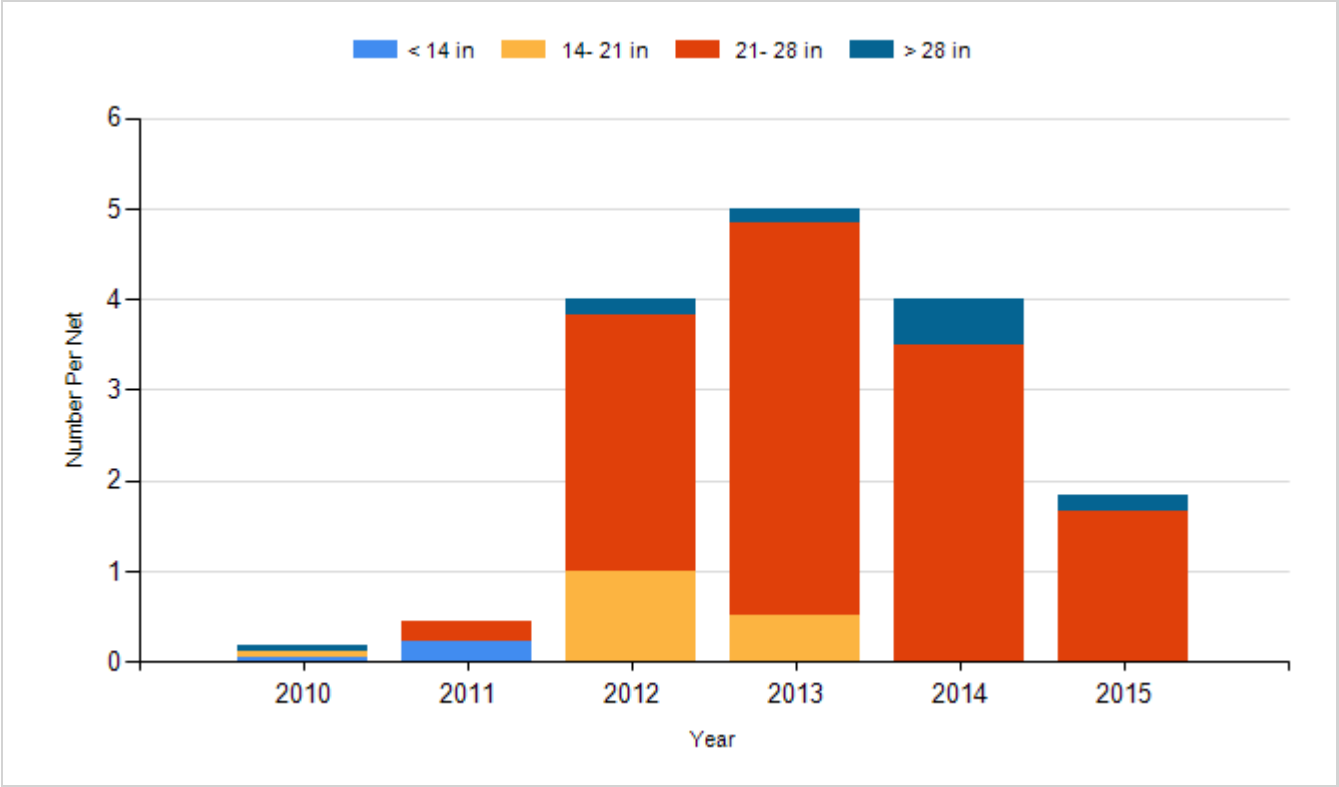
Gear: std exp gill net



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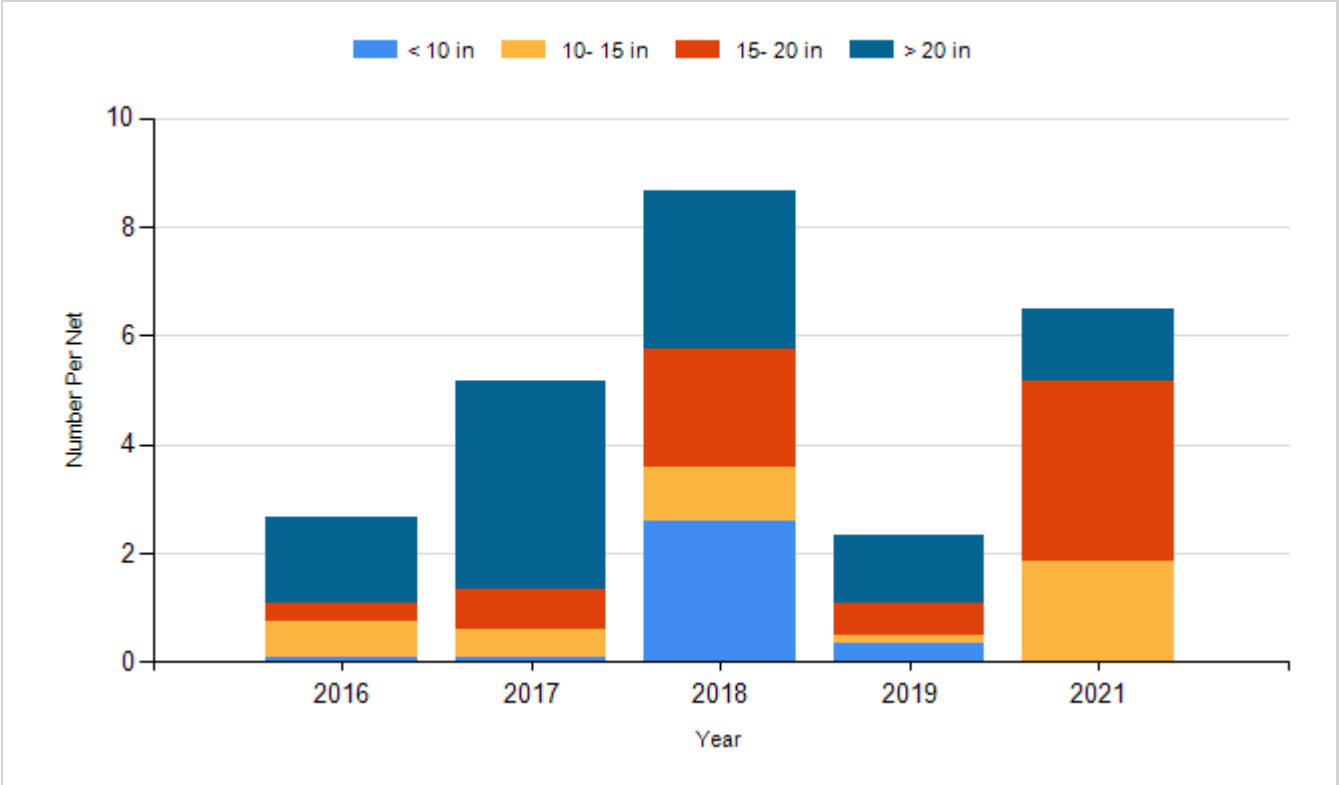

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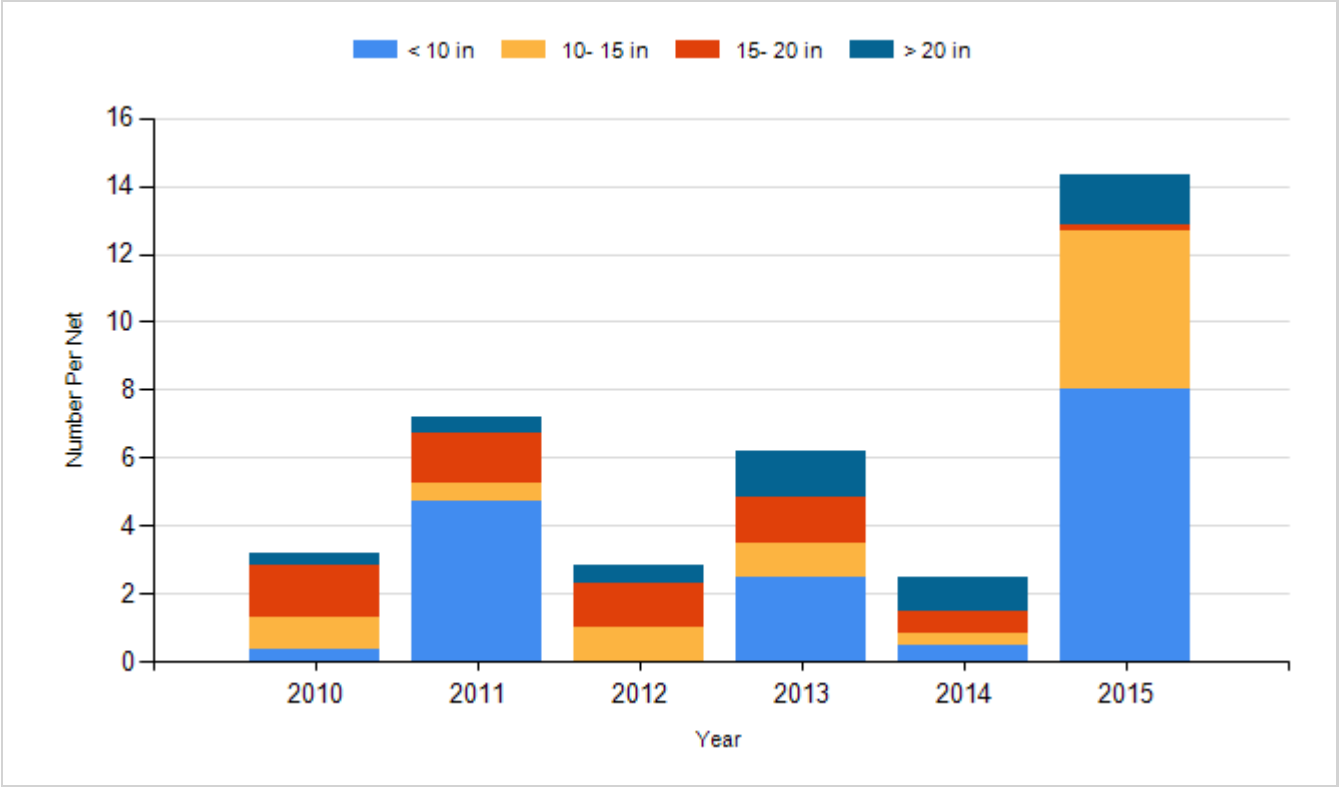

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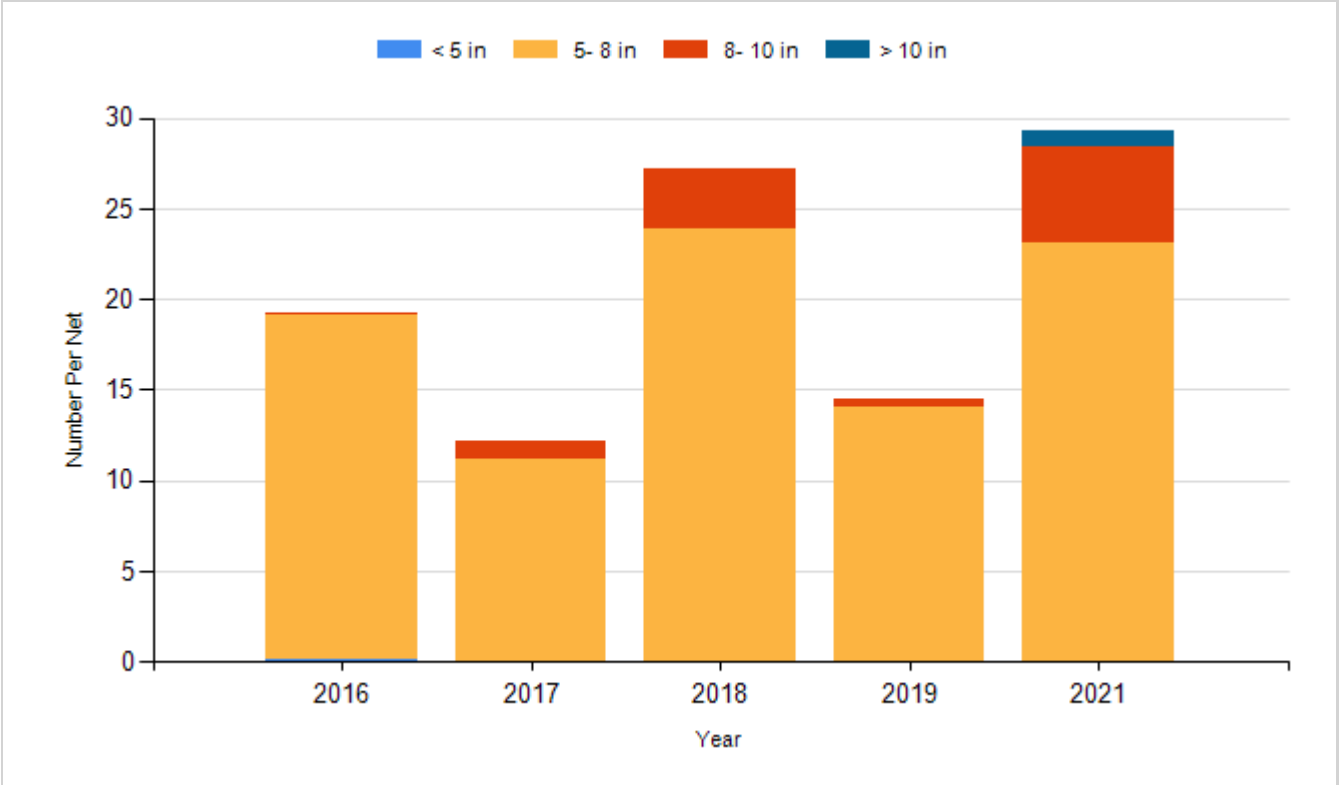

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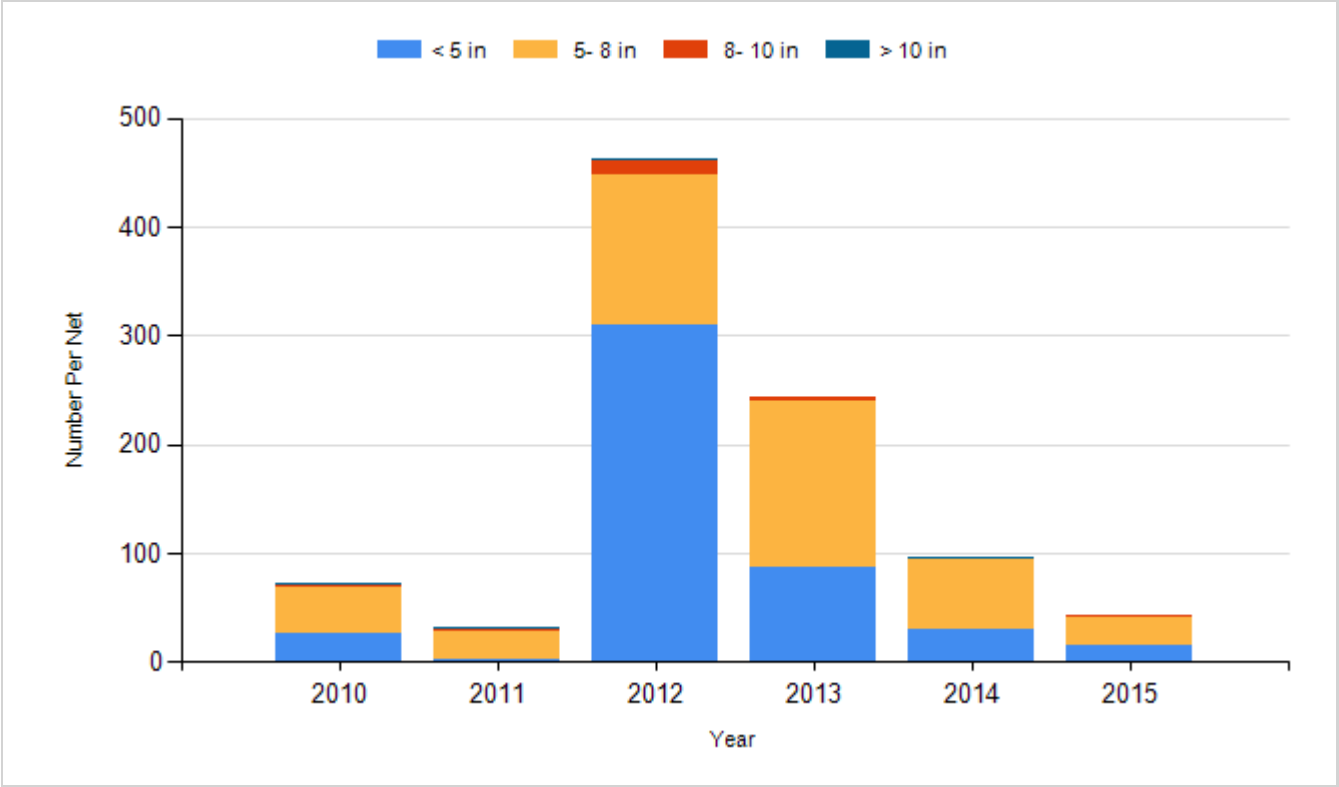

Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2010	Walleye	Fry	1,350,000
2011	Walleye	Fry	1,400,000
2013	Walleye	Fry	1,350,000
2014	Walleye	Large Fingerling	5,165
2015	Walleye	Small Fingerling	270,120
2018	Walleye	Fry	1,350,000
2021	Walleye	Fry	1,400,000