SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Little Moreau #1, Dewey County
LMO-Lake-1058-000
2021

Lake Information

Name: Little Moreau #1

County: Dewey

Legal Description: T16-R25-S17

Surface Area: 34 Acres

Maximum Depth: 20 Feet

Mean Depth: 10 Feet

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Jul 07, 2021	5 net-nights
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Jul 08, 2021	5 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Largemouth Bass

Bluegill

Black Crappie

Yellow Perch

Black Bullhead

Green Sunfish

Northern Pike

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).

*** Methods/Species that ignore stock length**

			Abundance		Stock Density Indices				Condition	
Gear	Species	Sample Size (n)	CPUE	CI-80	PSD	CI-80	PSD-P	CI-80	Wr	CI-80
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	36	2.2	0.9	0		0		93	3
	Black Crappie	438	43.8	16.8	3	1	0		105	1
	Bluegill	244	24.4	15.9	80	4	6	2	106	1
	Green Sunfish	15	1.5	2.1	0		0		100	4
	Largemouth Bass	2	0.0	0.0	0		0			
	Northern Pike	6	0.6	0.4	100		17		99	4
	Yellow Perch	120	12.0	5.4	16	5	2		95	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.

*** Methods/Species that ignore stock length**

		CPUE										
Gear	Species	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Avg
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass			24.0		70.0		33.0	29.0	41.0		39.40
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead		0.1			0.0			0.0		2.2	0.58
	Black Crappie		1.8			2.1			5.3		43.8	13.25
	Bluegill		9.9			7.9			14.4		24.4	14.15
	Green Sunfish		2.9			0.0			0.0		1.5	1.10
	Largemouth Bass		0.0			0.0			0.0		0.0	0.00
	Northern Pike		2.4			1.4			1.7		0.6	1.53
	Yellow Perch		2.4			2.0			2.9		12.0	4.83

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
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass	PSD			88		49		76	57	66	
		PSD-P			56		30		39	50	51	
		Wr			120		121		105	113	122	
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	PSD		0								0
		PSD-P		0								0
		Wr		98								93
	Black Crappie	PSD		39			52			19		3
		PSD-P		39			10			0		0
		Wr		98			103			107		105
	Bluegill	PSD		4			16			36		80
		PSD-P		1			4			1		6
		Wr		114			125			117		106
	Green Sunfish	PSD		0								0
		PSD-P		0								0
		Wr		106								100
	Largemouth Bass	PSD					0					0
		PSD-P					0					0
	Northern Pike	PSD		88			93			100		100
		PSD-P		33			29			35		17
		Wr		98			98			91		99
	Yellow Perch	PSD		25			65			21		16
		PSD-P		0			5			3		2
		Wr		97			98			100		95

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+
2019	54	98 (1)	140 (17)	173 (12)	192 (5)	195 (15)	203 (2)	203 (2)		240 (1)	
2016	21		153 (9)	211 (10)		269 (1)		292 (1)			
2013	18		151 (10)	190 (1)		264 (1)			287 (4)	267 (2)	

Species: Bluegill

		Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2019	144	92 (15)	110 (68)	149 (15)	158 (13)	170 (12)	179 (7)	184 (2)	190 (8)	193 (2)	206 (2)
2016	78		120 (66)	154 (5)	178 (5)	207 (2)					
2013	99		104 (95)	163 (1)			178 (1)	199 (1)		200 (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+
2019	59	120 (2)		195 (25)	235 (7)	265 (4)			391 (1)	350 (1)	436 (19)
2016	80	208 (32)	258 (9)	273 (5)	364 (16)	431 (8)	475 (1)	466 (1)		499 (4)	492 (4)
2014	17	201 (3)		357 (6)		420 (2)	431 (2)	450 (2)	493 (1)	477 (1)	

Fish Condition

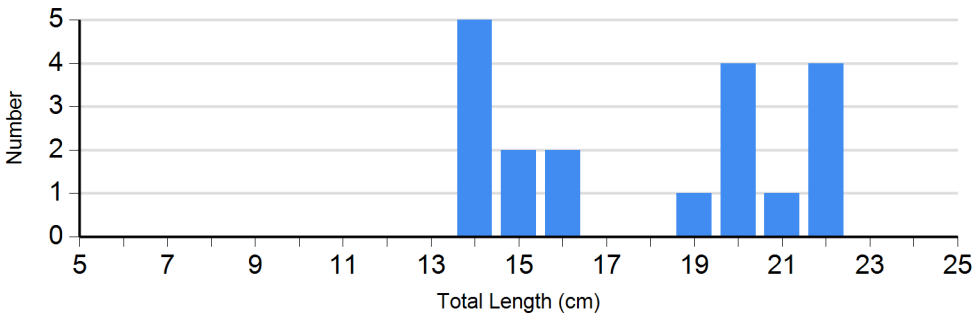
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

		Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
Species	Year	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Black Crappie Frame Net	2019	43	108 (1.3)	10	103 (1.7)	0		0	
	2021	423	106 (0.7)	15	88 (2.0)	0		0	
Bluegill Frame Net	2019	92	122 (4.3)	50	107 (1.1)	2	111 (4.1)	0	
	2021	49	109 (1.1)	181	106 (0.9)	14	100 (1.4)	0	
Largemouth Bass Electro Fishing	2018	8	104 (2.0)	12	108 (2.5)	12	102 (8.6)	1	120
	2019	25	121 (2.0)	4	112 (2.5)	28	107 (1.8)	1	112
	2020	14	121 (3.9)	6	127 (1.8)	19	121 (1.4)	2	123 (15.7)

Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

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



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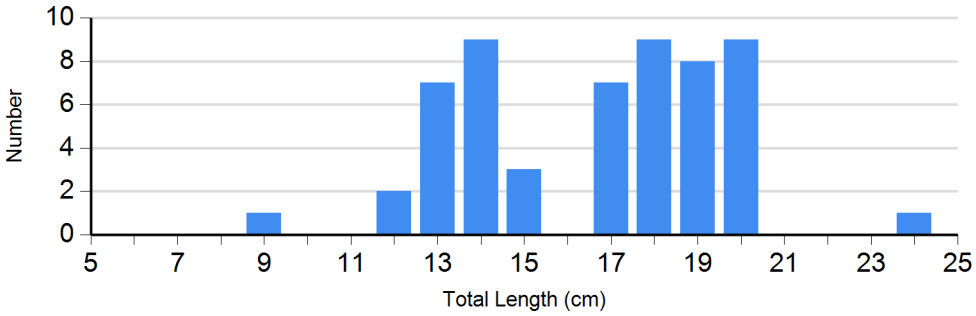

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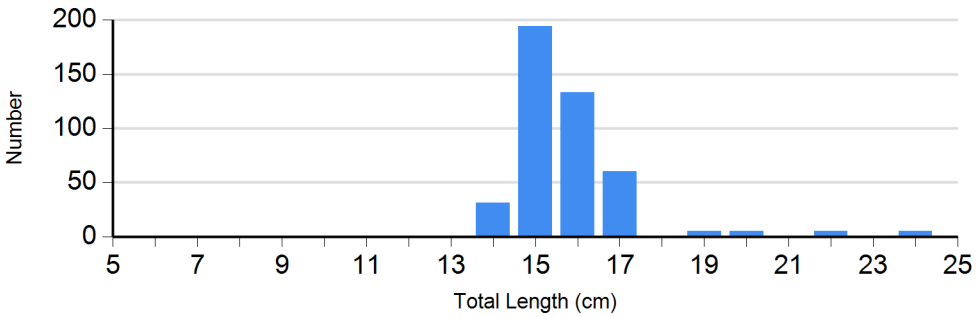

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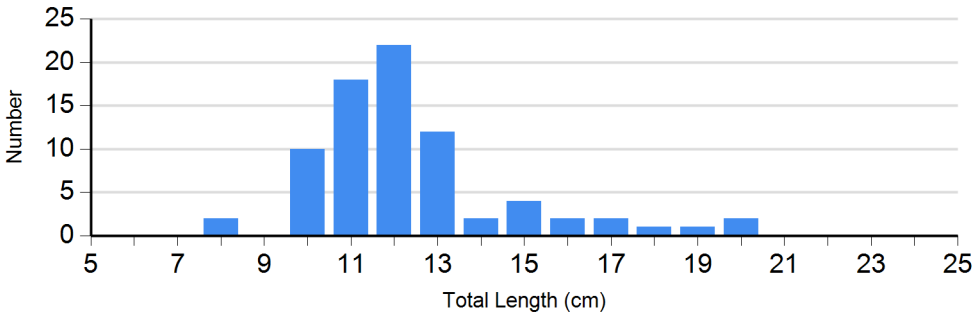
Species: Bluegill
Gear: frame net (std 3/4 in)



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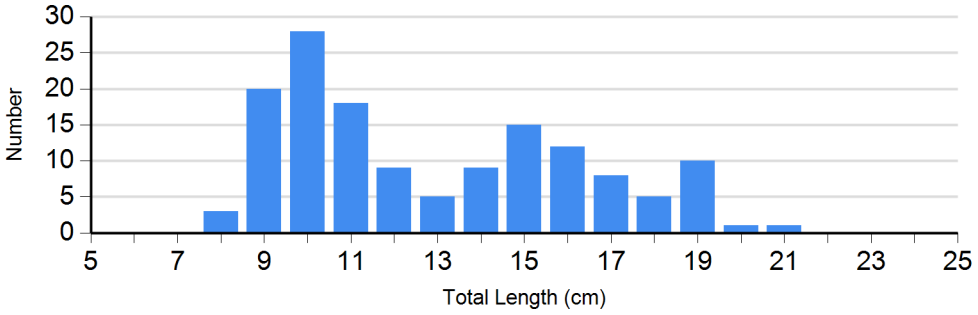

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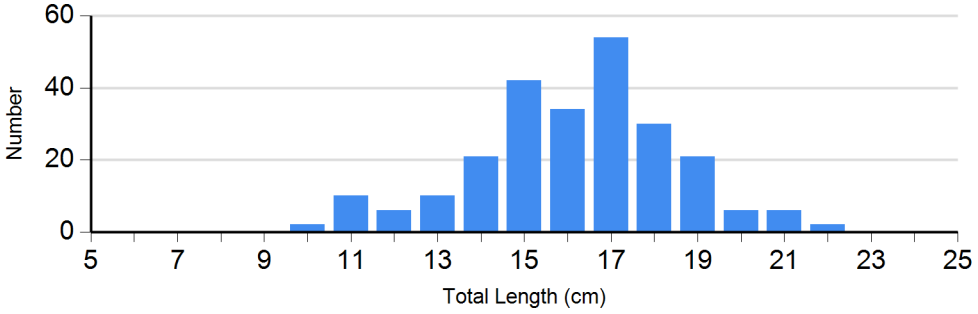

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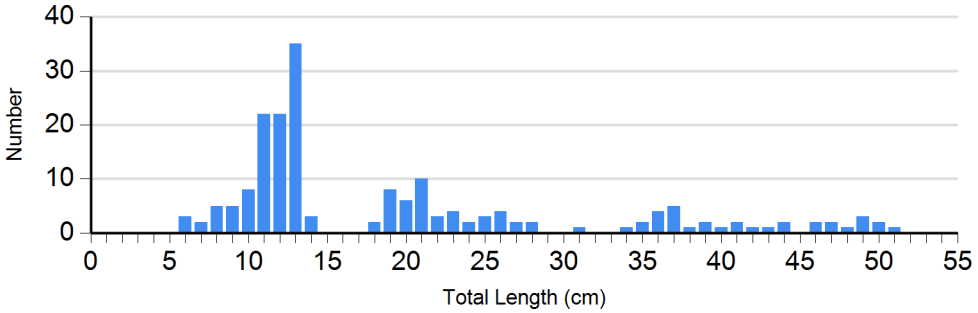
Species: Largemouth Bass
Gear: boat shocker (night)



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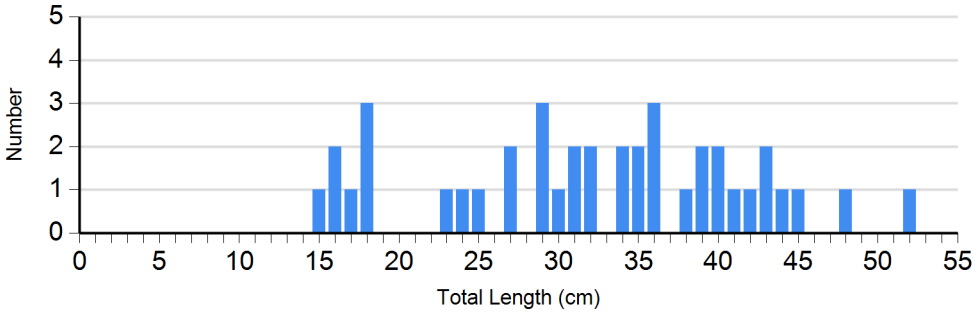

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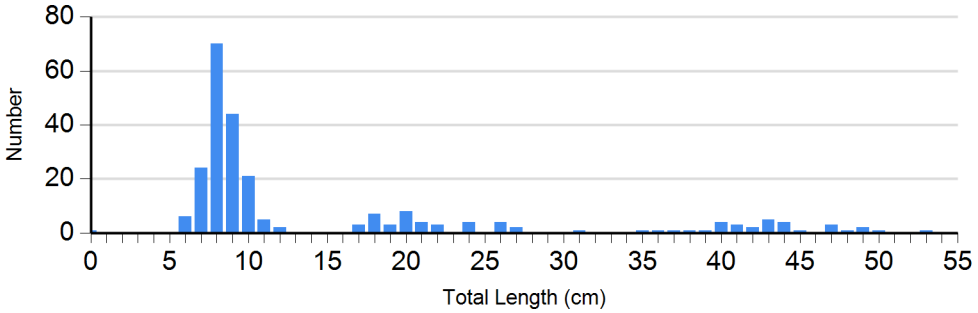

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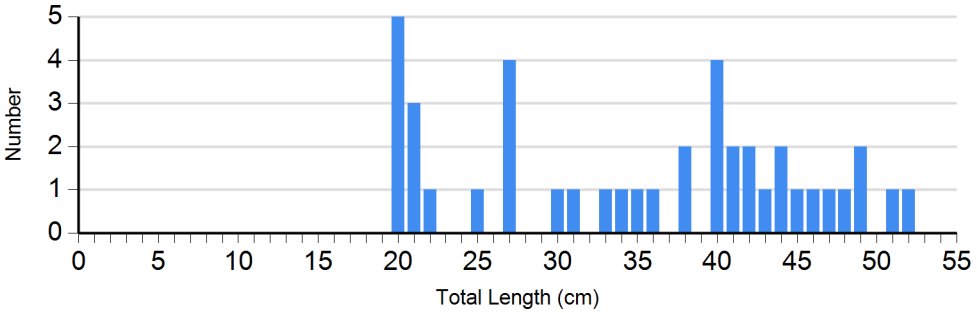

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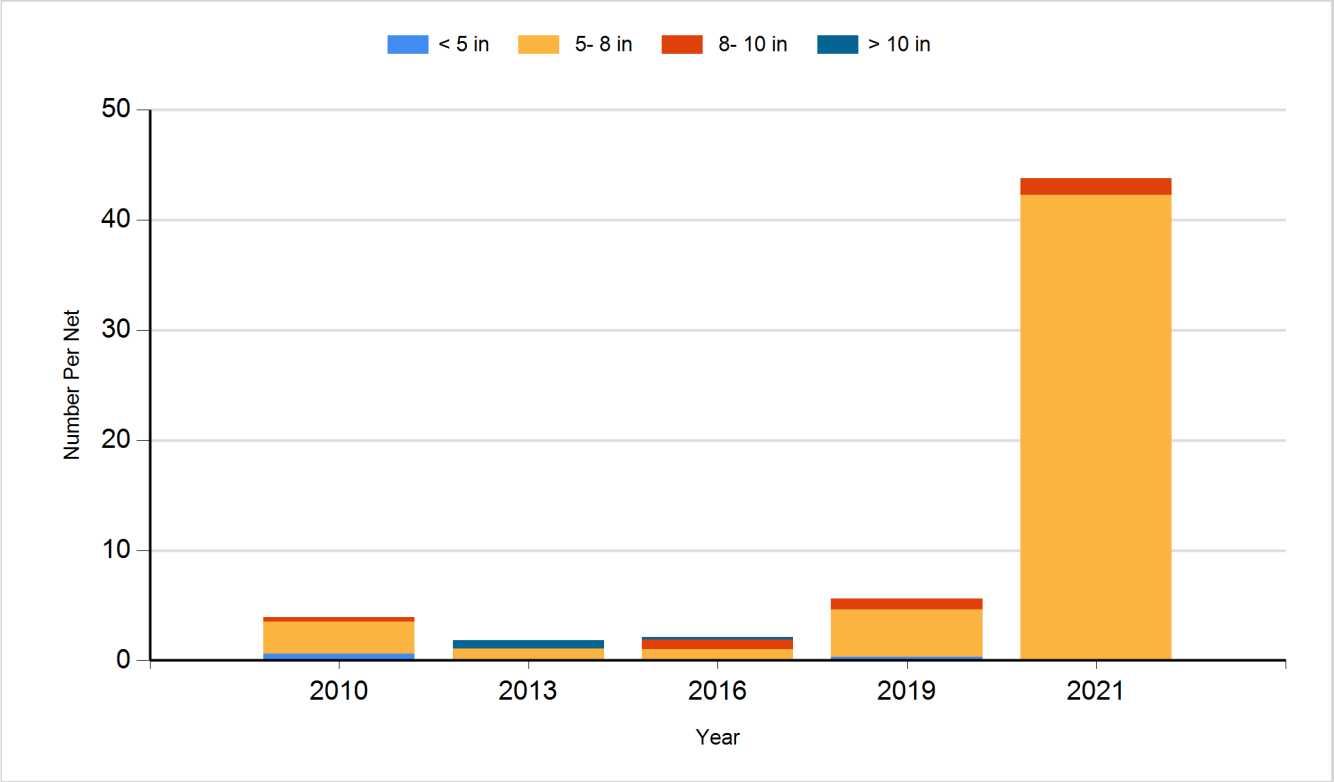
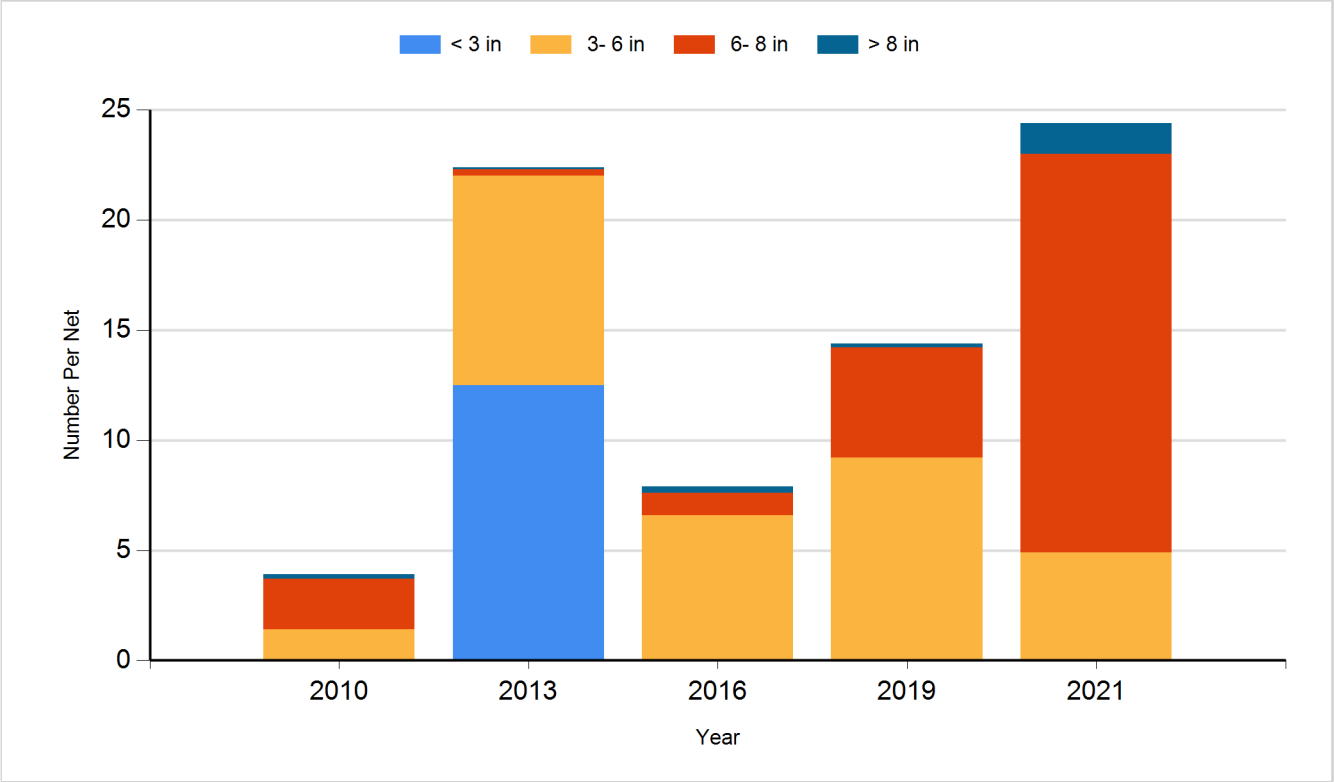
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

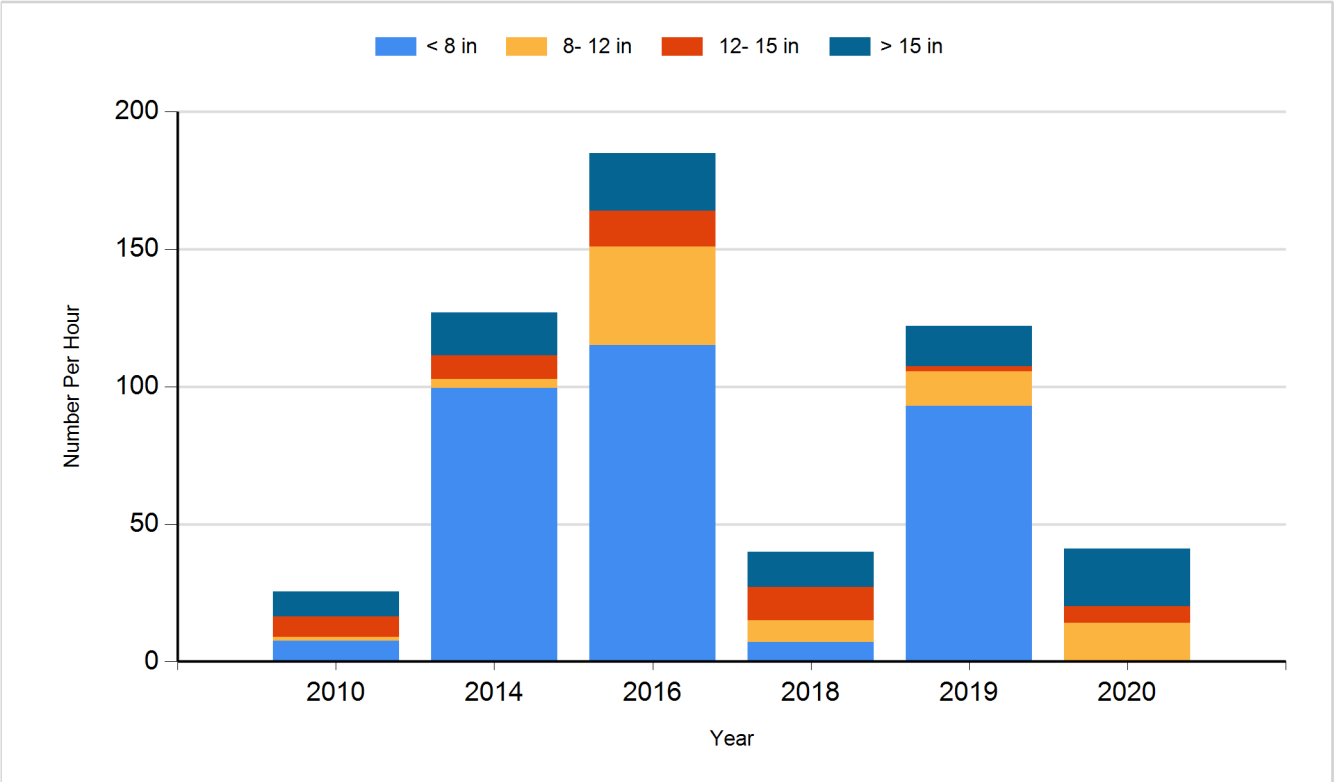
Species: Black Crappie
Gear: frame net (std 3/4 in)



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



Species: Largemouth Bass
Gear: boat shocker (night)



Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2010	Largemouth Bass	Fingerling	3,000
2011	Largemouth Bass	Juvenile	25
2012	Largemouth Bass	Juvenile	100
2013	Largemouth Bass	Fingerling	1,300
2016	Black Crappie	Adult	205
2016	Yellow Perch	Adult	65
2017	Black Crappie	Adult	153