SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Reliance, Lyman County
FTR-Lake-3897-000
2022

Lake Information

Name: Reliance

County: Lyman

Legal Description: T105-R73-S16

Surface Area: 39 Acres

Maximum Depth: 11 Feet

Mean Depth: 6 Feet

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
boat shocker (night)	Oct 05, 2022	2960 seconds
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Jun 15, 2022	5 net-nights
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Jun 16, 2022	5 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Largemouth Bass

Bluegill

Black Bullhead

Black Crappie

Yellow Perch

Channel Catfish

Sunfish (No Crappie)

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.
- 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
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass	41	33.1	13.4	89		22	13	100	3
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	227	22.7	9.0	87	3	65	4	91	2
	Black Crappie	146	14.6	6.4	10	4	1		107	2
	Bluegill	1243	124.3	41.8	98	1	2	1	101	1
	Channel Catfish	7	0.6	0.3	100		50		103	6
	Golden Shiner	24	0.0	0.0						
	Largemouth Bass	3	0.3	0.2	67		0		85	5
	Sunfish (No Crappie)	1	0.0	0.0						
	Yellow Perch	59	5.9	3.4	66	9	10	6	94	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	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Avg
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass		45.0		191.0			55.0			33.1	81.03
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead		3.6		3.8			13.7			22.7	10.95
	Black Crappie		0.0		0.0			24.9			14.6	9.88
	Bluegill		9.9		17.0			112.8			124.3	66.00
	Channel Catfish		0.0		0.0			0.8			0.6	0.35
	Golden Shiner		0.0		0.0			0.0			0.0	0.00
	Green Sunfish		10.0		1.0			0.0			0.0	2.75
	Largemouth Bass		0.4		0.5			0.2			0.3	0.35
	Sunfish (No Crappie)		0.0		0.0			0.0			0.0	0.00
	Sunfish Hybrid		0.0		0.0			0.6			0.0	0.15
	Yellow Perch		0.0		0.0			0.1			5.9	1.50

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	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass	PSD		2		67			93			89
		PSD-P		0		2			64			22
		Wr		108		111			103			100
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	PSD		42		79			66			87
		PSD-P		0		16			23			65
		Wr		106		104			93			91
	Black Crappie	PSD							57			10
		PSD-P							5			1
		Wr							85			107
	Bluegill	PSD		2		40			76			98
		PSD-P		0		0			3			2
		Wr		137		115			92			101
	Channel Catfish	PSD							50			100
		PSD-P							0			50
		Wr							105			103
	Largemouth Bass	PSD		0		40			100			67
		PSD-P		0		0			100			0
		Wr		138		97			85			85
	Yellow Perch	PSD							0			66
		PSD-P							0			10
		Wr							83			94

Back-Calculated Lengths

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

Species: Bluegill

Year Class	Age	N	Mean back-calculated length (SE) at age									
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2020	2	1	91	137								
2019	3	9	66 (5.8)	116 (5.6)	152 (5.2)							
2018	4	14	67 (2.1)	109 (4.3)	143 (4.6)	165 (4.3)						
2017	5	6	55 (2.3)	91 (3.6)	126 (4.6)	155 (4)	173 (2.5)					
Weighted Mean		30	65	108	142	162	173					

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2020	2	1										
2019	3	9										
2018	4	14										
2017	5	6										
Weighted Mean		30										

Species: Largemouth Bass

Year Class	Age	N	Mean back-calculated length (SE) at age									
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2021	1	10	109 (1.8)									
2020	2	6	85 (1.4)	153 (15.3)								
2018	4	6	98 (7.9)	171 (9.1)	234 (18)	297 (9.2)						
2017	5	9	98 (3.4)	160 (8.9)	216 (12.6)	288 (14.6)	330 (14.9)					
2016	6	3	102 (8.9)	166 (11.6)	214 (16.6)	289 (17.2)	332 (18.1)	364 (20.4)				
2015	7	3	96 (13.7)	163 (27.5)	228 (25.6)	288 (32.5)	338 (24)	385 (23.5)	410 (25.6)			
Weighted Mean		37	99	162	223	291	332	375	410			

Year Class	Age	N	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2021	1	10										
2020	2	6										
2018	4	6										
2017	5	9										
2016	6	3										
2015	7	3										
Weighted Mean		37										

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	256	123 (5)	123 (2)	184 (84)	208 (136)	242 (25)	273 (3)	271 (1)			

Species: Bluegill

		Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2022	1231		153 (25)	171 (409)	179 (563)	183 (234)					
2019	1128	107 (13)	116 (34)	147 (228)	167 (760)	193 (93)					
2016	169	93 (9)	145 (151)	191 (2)	195 (1)	191 (6)					
2014	99	118 (84)	114 (14)	165 (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+
2022	41	137 (10)	180 (6)		325 (7)	362 (12)	384 (3)	434 (3)			
2019	55	224 (2)	298 (3)	343 (5)	375 (21)	413 (14)	444 (9)	445 (1)			
2016	191	237 (55)	224 (3)	338 (129)	361 (4)						
2014	138	198 (138)									

Fish Condition

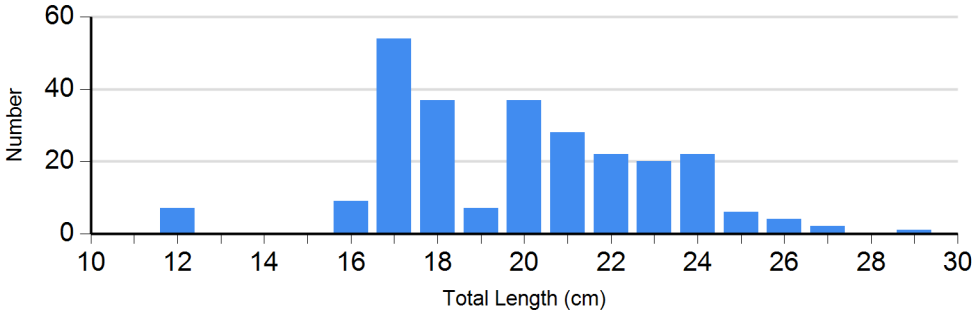
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

		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	107	85 (0.8)	129	84 (0.8)	13	86 (1.4)	0	
	2022	132	108 (1.3)	13	104 (2.9)	1	83	0	
Bluegill Frame Net	2019	272	87 (0.8)	822	93 (0.7)	34	93 (2.2)	0	
	2022	24	84	1195	101 (0.9)	24	97 (0.4)	0	
Largemouth Bass Electro Fishing	2019	4	101 (3.8)	16	102 (2.1)	35	104 (2.3)	0	
	2022	3	111 (2.0)	18	102 (1.6)	6	90 (9.6)	0	

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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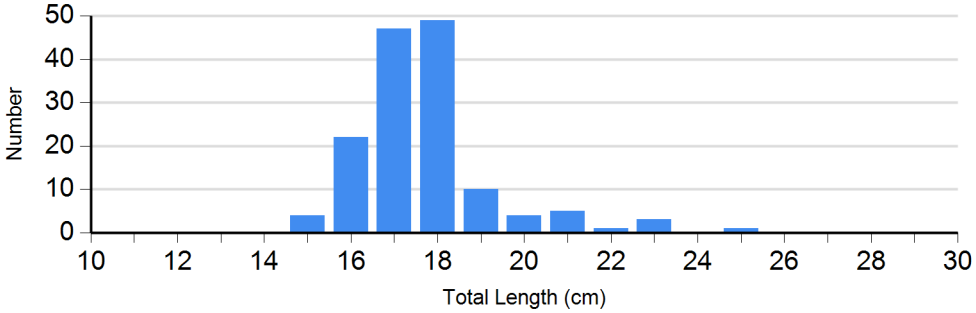

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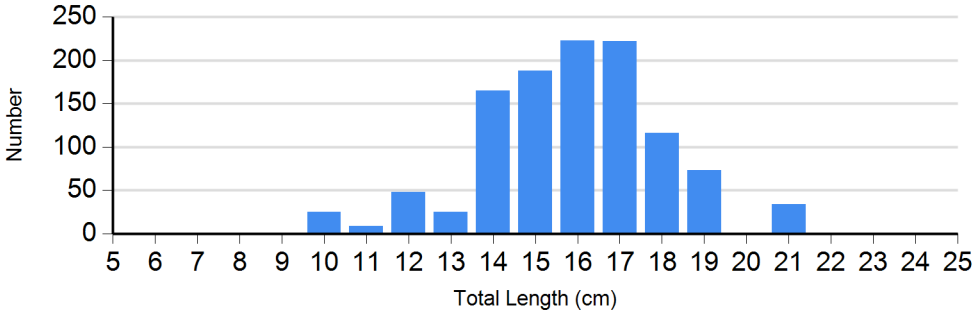
Species: Bluegill
Gear: frame net (std 3/4 in)



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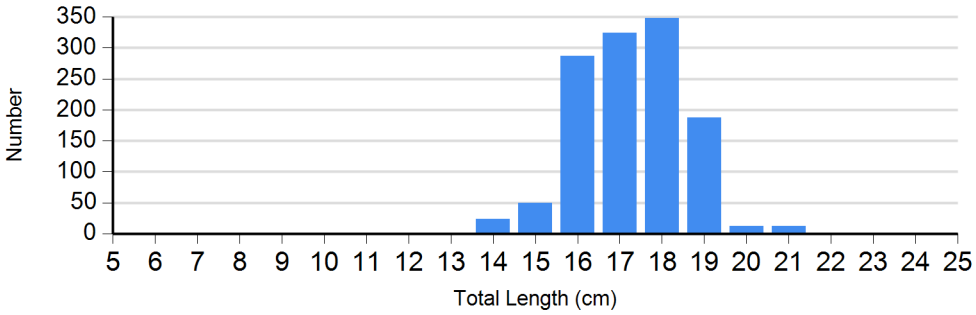

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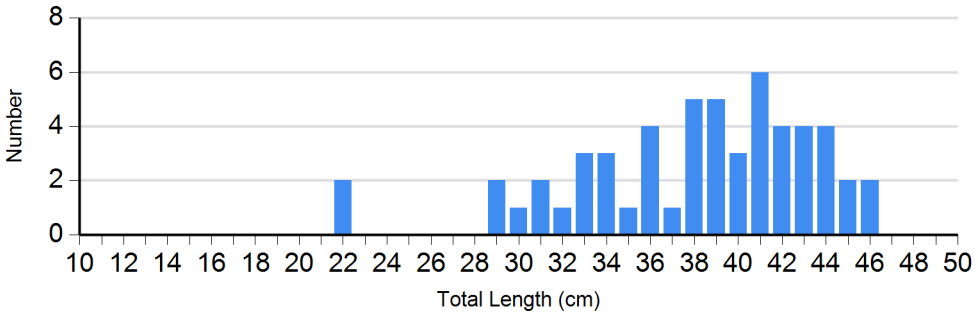
Species: Largemouth Bass
Gear: boat shocker (night)



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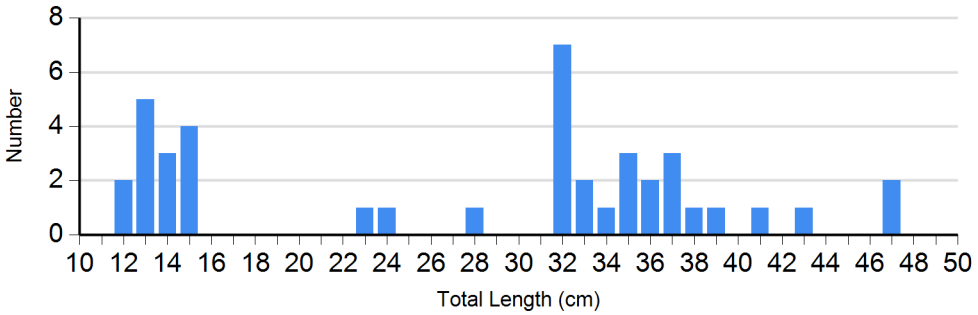

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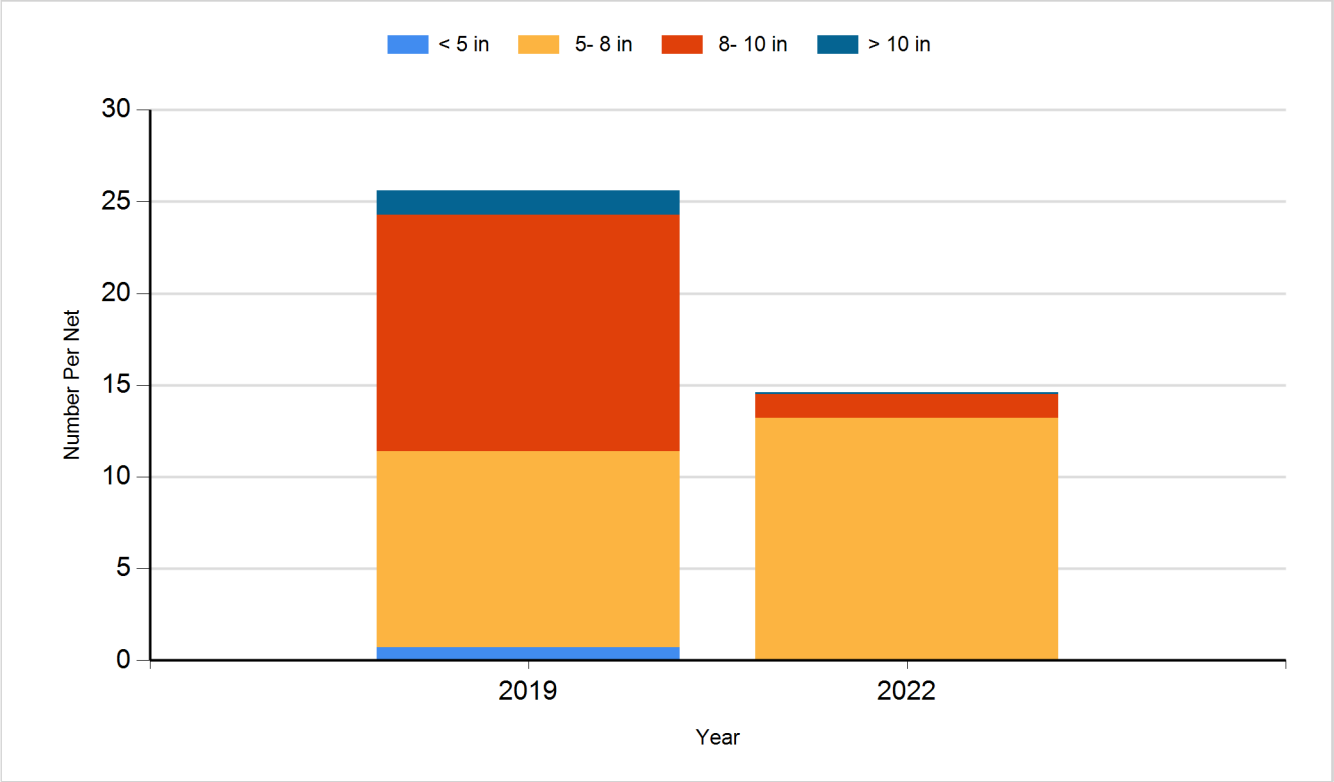
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

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



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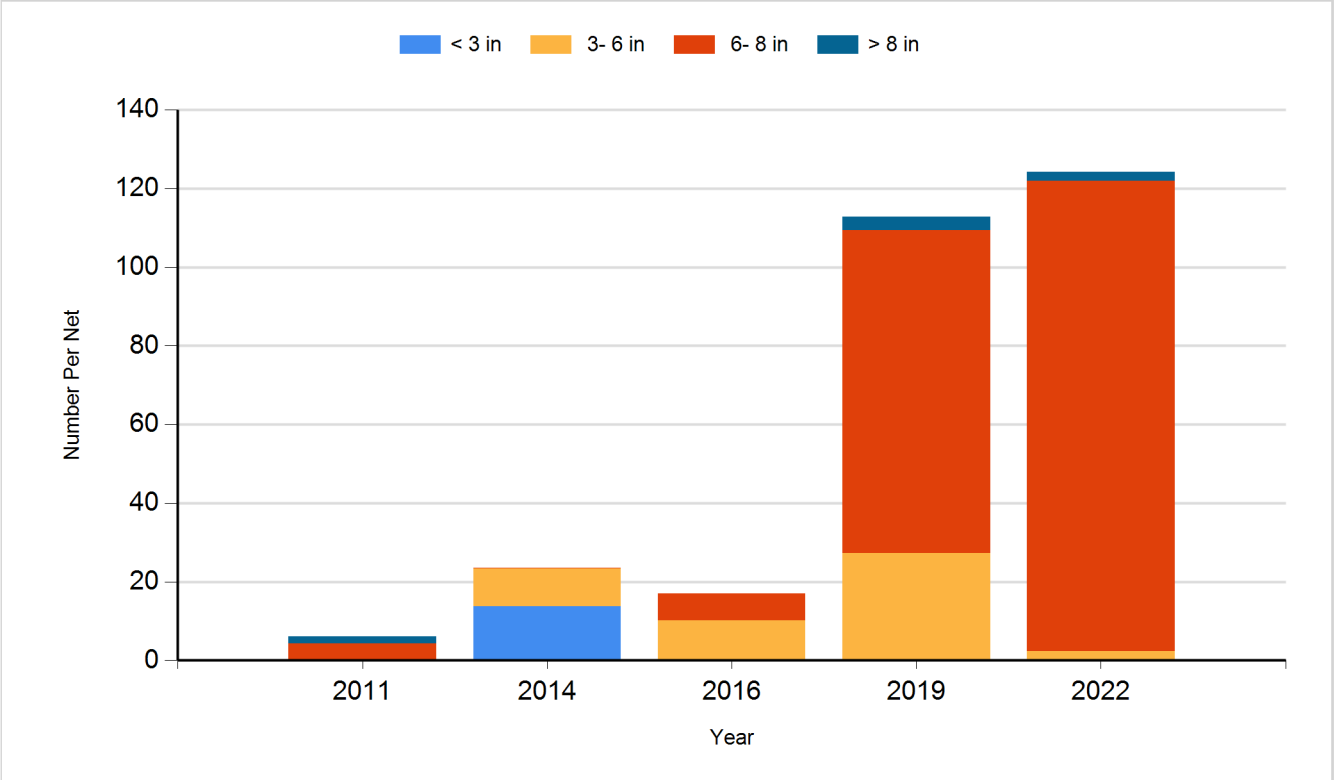
Gear: frame net (std 3/4 in)



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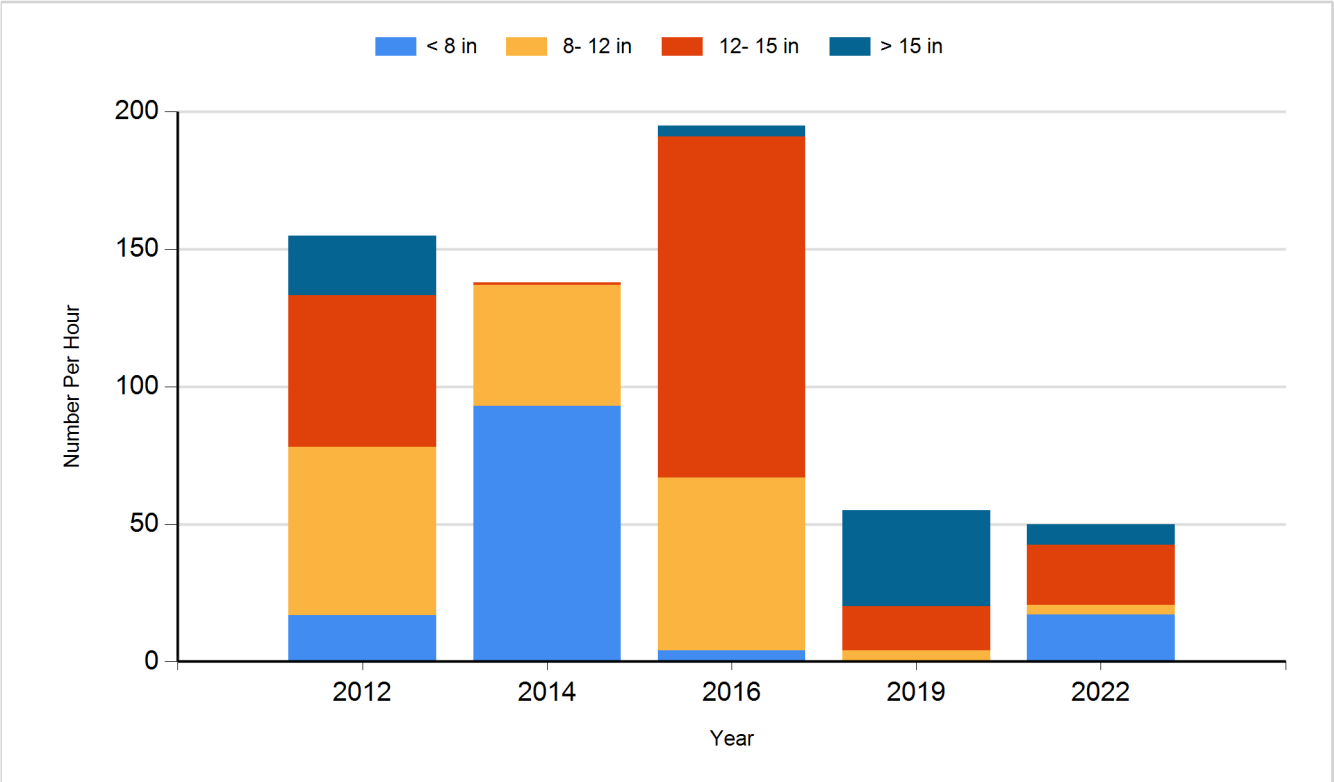
Gear: boat shocker (night)



Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2012	Largemouth Bass	Juvenile	100
2015	Channel Catfish	Adult	90
2022	Channel Catfish	Adult	120