

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY**  
**Lewis and Clark - Fort Randall Reach, Charles Mix County**  
**LCL-Lake-73-002**  
**2022**

**Lake Information**

**Name:** Lewis and Clark - Fort Randall  
Reach  
**County:** Charles Mix  
**Surface Area:** 8,503 Acres

**Surveys and Investigations**

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

Gear	Date	Effort
boat shocker (night)	Oct 20, 2022	3600 seconds
fall night EF-WAE	Oct 20, 2022	7998 seconds

## **Common Fish Species Present**

Walleye

Smallmouth Bass

Sauger

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## 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
boat shocker (night)	Smallmouth Bass	145	22.0	13.2	64	16	32	16	107	2

## **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
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
boat shocker (night)	Smallmouth Bass	19.0	12.0	33.0	49.0	43.0	49.0		37.0	15.0	22.0	31.00
fall night EF- WAE*	Sauger								0.0	0.0	0.6	0.20
	Saugeye								0.0	1.2	0.0	0.40
	Walleye								47.3	10.8	48.9	35.67

## **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									
			2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
boat shocker (night)	Smallmouth Bass	PSD	47	50	24	27	26	63		30	27	64
		PSD-P	16	8	12	6	7	16		11	13	32
		Wr	99	98	93	100	100	109		101	99	107

## **Back-Calculated Lengths**

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

Species: Smallmouth Bass

Year Class	Age	Mean back-calculated length (SE) at age											
		N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
2022	0	6											
2021	1	11	94 (3.6)										
2020	2	5	94 (6.7)	157 (8.2)									
2019	3	7	98 (6.9)	175 (14.5)	239 (13.9)								
2018	4	4	90 (4.1)	184 (10.2)	253 (17.2)	307 (22.1)							
2017	5	6	93 (6.7)	162 (10.9)	231 (19.4)	307 (14.9)	344 (14)						
Weighted Mean		39	94	169	239	307	344						
Year Class	Age	N	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
2022	0	6											
2021	1	11											
2020	2	5											
2019	3	7											
2018	4	4											
2017	5	6											
Weighted Mean		39											



## Length at Capture

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

Species: Smallmouth Bass

Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age											
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2022	41	122 (19)	203 (5)	292 (7)	348 (4)	383 (6)					
2021	51	115 (29)	171 (10)	220 (7)	274 (2)	347 (2)	422 (1)				
2020	57	164 (25)	204 (16)	288 (9)	345 (6)	423 (1)					
2018	49	231 (9)	281 (25)	338 (7)	383 (6)	414 (2)					
2016	68	186 (38)	261 (17)	282 (9)	313 (2)		452 (2)		496 (1)		
2015	67	160 (45)	239 (13)	299 (4)	367 (4)	437 (1)					
2014	28	153 (18)	241 (2)	289 (7)		387 (1)					
2013	19	192 (2)	227 (7)	322 (7)	346 (3)						

## **Fish Condition**

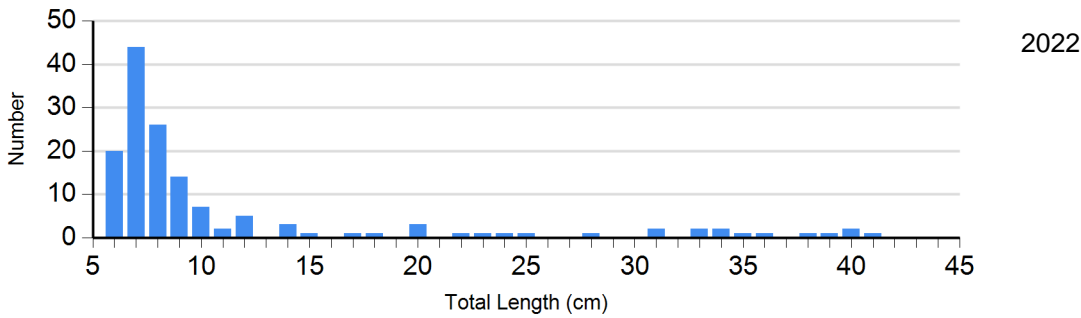
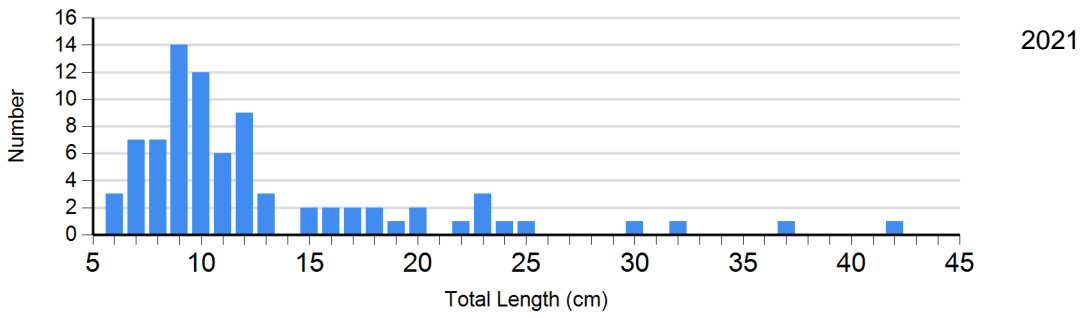
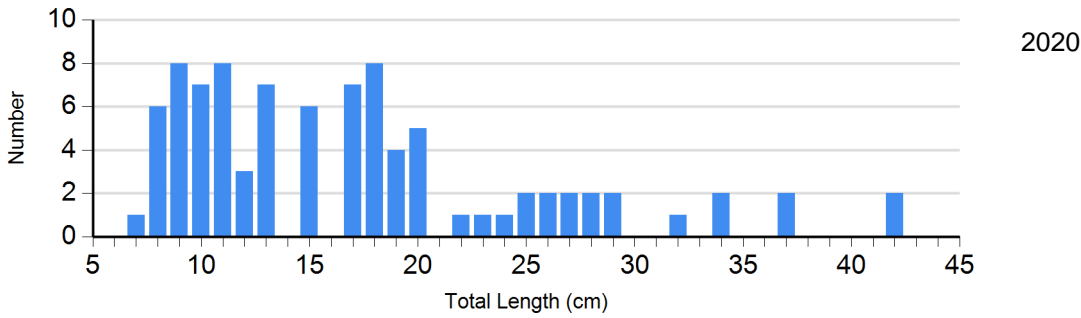
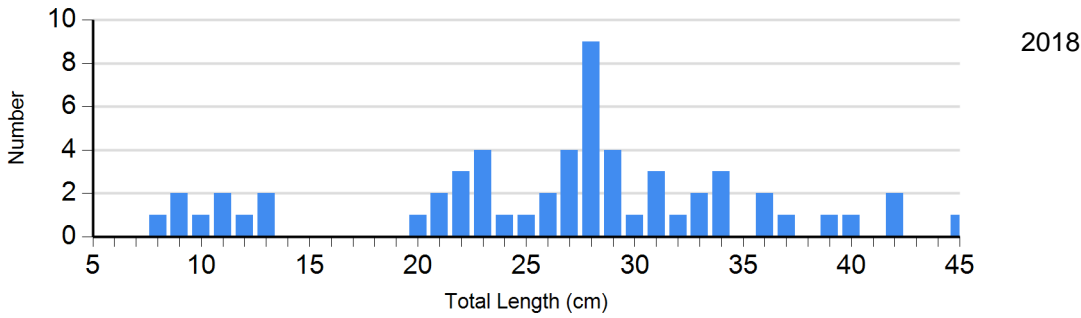
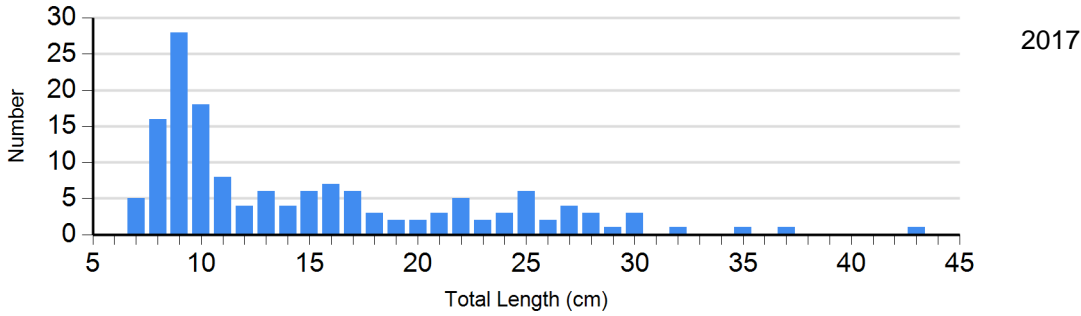
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

Species	Year	Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
		N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Smallmouth Bass Electro Fishing	2018	18	111 (2.1)	23	109 (2.3)	7	105 (3.8)	1	97
	2020	26	105 (1.8)	7	93 (1.7)	4	90 (2.9)	0	
	2021	11	99 (2.3)	2	92 (3.9)	2	104 (1.6)	0	
	2022	8	107 (3.1)	7	103 (2.8)	7	110 (2.4)	0	

# Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

Species: Smallmouth Bass  
Gear: boat shocker (night)

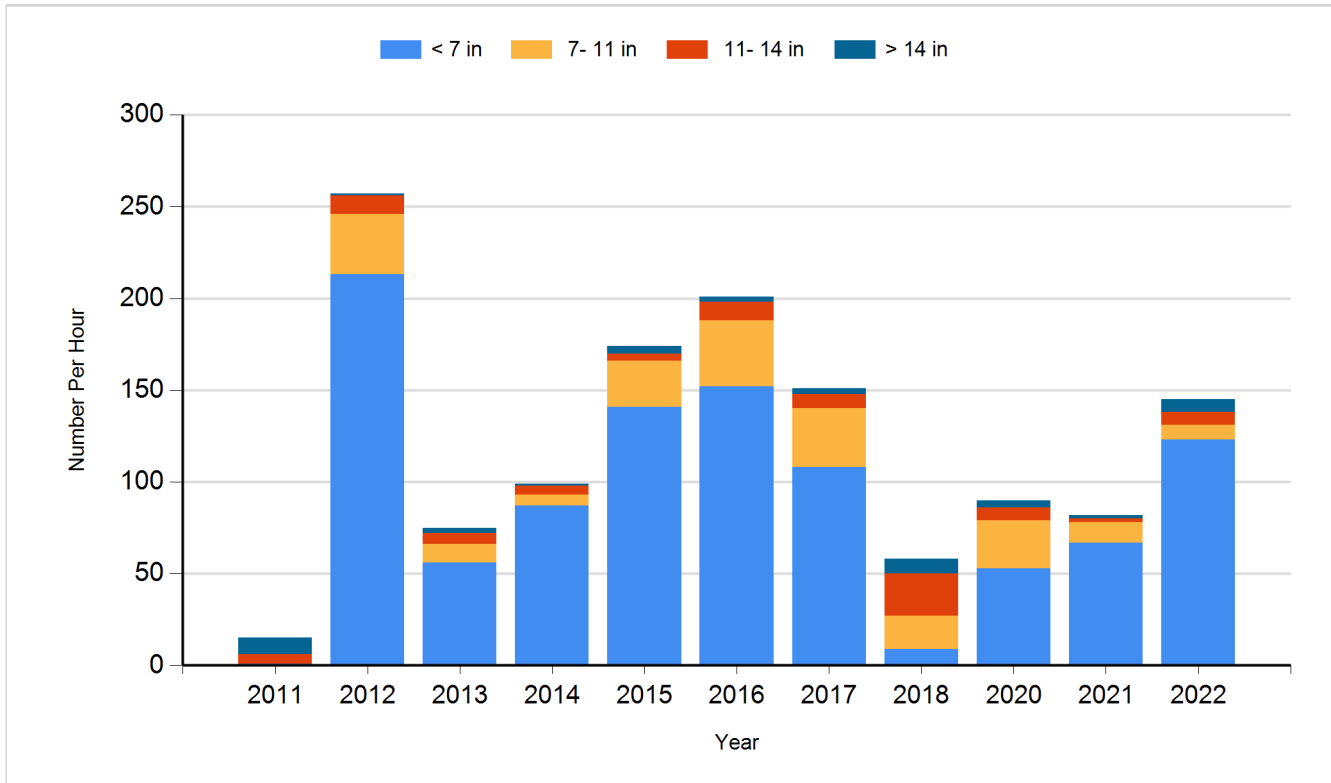




## Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

Species: Smallmouth Bass  
Gear: boat shocker (night)



## **Fish Stocking**

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2011	Brown Trout (Plymouth Rock)	Catchable	2,170
2011	Brown Trout (Plymouth Rock)	Catchable 11"	2,490
2011	Rainbow Trout (McConaugRainbow Trout)	Catchable	2,296
2011	Rainbow Trout (McConaugRainbow Trout)	Catchable 11"	2,370
2011	Rainbow Trout (Shasta)	Catchable	2,376
2011	Rainbow Trout (Shasta)	Catchable 11"	2,270
2012	Brown Trout (Plymouth Rock)	Catchable 11"	5,000
2012	Rainbow Trout (McConaugRainbow Trout)	Catchable 11"	5,000
2012	Rainbow Trout (Shasta)	Catchable 11"	5,000
2013	Brown Trout (Plymouth Rock)	Catchable	4,765
2013	Rainbow Trout (McConaugRainbow Trout)	Catchable 11"	5,000
2013	Rainbow Trout (Shasta)	Catchable	5,000
2014	Brown Trout (Plymouth Rock)	Catchable	6,399
2014	Pallid Sturgeon	Juvenile	102
2014	Rainbow Trout (Shasta)	Catchable	7,946
2015	Rainbow Trout (Shasta)	Catchable	10,000
2016	Rainbow Trout (Shasta)	Catchable	8,283
2017	Rainbow Trout (Shasta)	Catchable	10,000
2018	Rainbow Trout (Shasta)	Catchable	10,000
2018	Walleye		42,000
2018	Walleye	Fingerling	227,606
2019	Rainbow Trout (Shasta)	Catchable 11"	10,000
2020	Rainbow Trout (Arlee)	Catchable 11"	5,000
2020	Walleye	Fingerling	157,000
2021	Rainbow Trout (Arlee)	Catchable 11"	10,081
2022	Rainbow Trout (Shasta)	Adult	7,352