# Oak Lake

Oak lake, located 6 miles north and 5 miles east of White, SD, is managed as a saugeye and yellow perch fishery but other fish species (e.g., black bullhead, common carp, northern pike, walleye) are also present.

- **Saugeye.** Despite lower abundance in 2022 (CPUE = 10.3 fish per gill net) Oak lake still represented the highest catch rate for saugeye in the region. Sampled fish ranged from 7.9 to 18.9 inches. Age-1 fish (averaging 9.6 inches) dominated the catch (80% of fish sampled). Quality (>14 inches) and preferred (>18 inches) length fish comprised 9 and 11% of the sample respectively. Down in this year's catches were age-2 and older fish which accounted for approximately 95% of the sample the previous year. Saugeye continue to grow quite fast with fish averaging 18.3 inches by age-3.

- **Yellow Perch**. Yellow perch abundance decreased (CPUE = 2.5 fish per gill net in 2022) in comparison to the previous year (CPUE = 5.8 in 2021). This may be due to higher numbers of predators (saugeye) in recent years. The population did shift towards larger individuals with quality (>8 inches) and preferred (>10 inches) length fish accounting for 70 and 20% of the sample respectively. Quality length and larger fish accounted for just 39% of the sample the previous year.

For more detailed results see the computer-generated South Dakota Statewide Fisheries Survey for Oak lake (below).

# SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
## Oak, Brookings County
## LQP-Lake-68-000
## 2022

## Lake Information

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Name:** | Oak | **Maximum Depth:** | 6 Feet |
| **County:** | Brookings | **Mean Depth:** | 4 Feet |
| **Legal Description:** | T110N- R48W-Sec 1, 12, 13; T112N-R47W-Sec 7, 18 | **OHWM Elevation:** | 1,802 |
| **Surface Area:** | 394 Acres | **Outlet Elevation:** | 1,802 |

## Surveys and Investigations

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

| Gear | Date | Effort |
|---|---|---|
| AFS std gill net | Jul 14, 2022 | 4 net-nights |

## Common Fish Species Present

Yellow Perch

Walleye

Black Bullhead

Saugeye

Bigmouth Buffalo

Common Carp

## 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 |
| AFS std gill net | Bigmouth Buffalo | 19 | 4.8 | 1.2 | 21 | | 5 | | | |
| | Black Bullhead | 52 | 13.0 | 3.5 | 38 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| | Common Carp | 4 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 100 | | 75 | | | |
| | Saugeye | 54 | 9.5 | 1.4 | 21 | 10 | 16 | 9 | 94 | 1 |
| | Walleye | 4 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 50 | | 25 | | 94 | 3 |
| | Yellow Perch | 10 | 2.5 | 1.6 | 90 | | 20 | | 93 | 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.

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

| | | CPUE | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gear | Species | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Avg |
| AFS std gill net | Bigmouth Buffalo | | | | | 2.5 | | 0.0 | | 4.0 | 4.8 | 2.83 |
| | Black Bullhead | | | | | 18.2 | | 6.0 | | 12.3 | 13.0 | 12.38 |
| | Common Carp | | | | | 7.0 | | 3.8 | | 0.3 | 1.0 | 3.03 |
| | Northern Pike | | | | | 0.0 | | 0.2 | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.05 |
| | Saugeye | | | | | 0.0 | | 1.2 | | 20.3 | 9.5 | 7.75 |
| | Walleye | | | | | 11.3 | | 0.0 | | 0.5 | 1.0 | 3.20 |
| | White Sucker | | | | | 0.2 | | 0.0 | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.05 |
| | Yellow Perch | | | | | 10.8 | | 6.2 | | 5.8 | 2.5 | 6.33 |
| std exp gill net | Bigmouth Buffalo | | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | | | | | | | 0.53 |
| | Black Bullhead | | 92.7 | 79.3 | 37.3 | | | | | | | 69.77 |
| | Common Carp | | 5.0 | 0.7 | 15.7 | | | | | | | 7.13 |
| | Northern Pike | | 1.3 | 0.3 | 1.0 | | | | | | | 0.87 |
| | Walleye | | 6.3 | 2.7 | 58.7 | | | | | | | 22.57 |
| | White Sucker | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| | Yellow Perch | | 40.3 | 55.3 | 92.7 | | | | | | | 62.77 |

## 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 |
| AFS std gill net | Bigmouth Buffalo | PSD | | | | | 33 | | | | 6 | 21 |
| | | PSD-P | | | | | 0 | | | | 6 | 5 |
| | Black Bullhead | PSD | | | | | 53 | | 64 | | 29 | 38 |
| | | PSD-P | | | | | 6 | | 8 | | 4 | 0 |
| | Common Carp | PSD | | | | | 95 | | 100 | | 100 | 100 |
| | | PSD-P | | | | | 0 | | 39 | | 100 | 75 |
| | Saugeye | PSD | | | | | | | 86 | | 95 | 21 |
| | | PSD-P | | | | | | | 43 | | 10 | 16 |
| | | Wr | | | | | | | 97 | | 98 | 94 |
| | Walleye | PSD | | | | | 44 | | | | 100 | 50 |
| | | PSD-P | | | | | 10 | | | | 100 | 25 |
| | | Wr | | | | | 90 | | | | 82 | 94 |
| | Yellow Perch | PSD | | | | | 38 | | 68 | | 39 | 90 |
| | | PSD-P | | | | | 2 | | 24 | | 0 | 20 |
| | | Wr | | | | | 100 | | 99 | | 84 | 93 |
| std exp gill net | Bigmouth Buffalo | PSD | | 0 | | 100 | | | | | | |
| | | PSD-P | | 0 | | 0 | | | | | | |
| | Black Bullhead | PSD | | 2 | 78 | 54 | | | | | | |
| | | PSD-P | | 0 | 0 | 4 | | | | | | |
| | Common Carp | PSD | | 20 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| | | PSD-P | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| | Walleye | PSD | | 0 | 100 | 5 | | | | | | |
| | | PSD-P | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| | | Wr | | 93 | 98 | 91 | | | | | | |
| | Yellow Perch | PSD | | 22 | 17 | 41 | | | | | | |
| | | PSD-P | | 2 | 0 | 1 | | | | | | |
| | | Wr | | 92 | 104 | 97 | | | | | | |

## Length at Capture

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

Species: Saugeye

| | | Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | N | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10+ |
| 2022 | 54 | 244 (46) | | 466 (8) | | | | | | | |
| 2021 | 81 | 332 (5) | 420 (66) | 494 (9) | 457 (1) | | | | | | |
| 2019 | 7 | | 370 (4) | 461 (1) | 532 (2) | | | | | | |

Species: Walleye

| | | Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year | N | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10+ |
| 2022 | 4 | | 371 (3) | | | | | 611 (1) | | | |
| 2021 | 2 | | | | | | 555 (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+ |
| 2019 | 37 | 166 (11) | 217 (15) | 246 (4) | 262 (7) | | | | | | |
| 2014 | 123 | 140 (50) | 162 (8) | 186 (21) | 204 (38) | 226 (5) | | | | | |

## Fish Condition

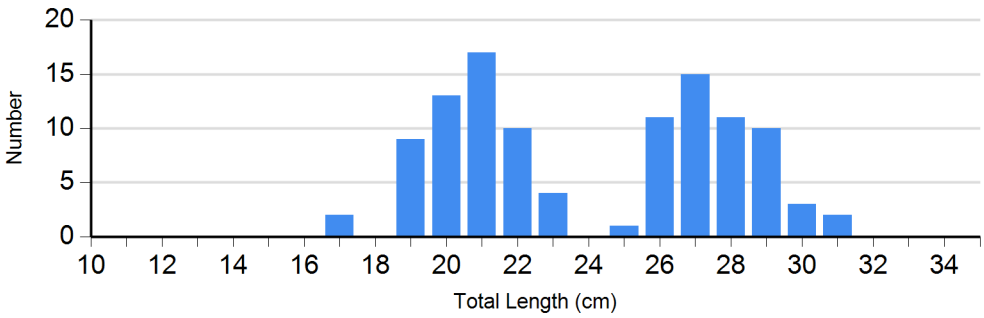
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

| | | Length Groups | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | S-Q | | Q-P | | P-M | | M | |
| Species | Year | N | Wr (SE) | N | Wr (SE) | N | Wr (SE) | N | Wr (SE) |
| Saugeye Gill Net | 2019 | 1 | 106 | 3 | 100 (3.0) | 3 | 91 (3.2) | 0 | |
| | 2021 | 4 | 105 (5.5) | 69 | 97 (1.1) | 8 | 99 (2.7) | 0 | |
| | 2022 | 30 | 96 (1.0) | 2 | 92 (1.5) | 6 | 88 (1.0) | 0 | |
| Walleye Gill Net | 2021 | 0 | | 0 | | 2 | 82 (4.2) | 0 | |
| | 2022 | 2 | 97 (1.7) | 1 | 86 | 1 | 94 | 0 | |
| Yellow Perch Gill Net | 2019 | 12 | 98 (2.3) | 16 | 99 (1.8) | 9 | 99 (2.2) | 0 | |
| | 2021 | 14 | 83 (1.5) | 9 | 85 (2.3) | 0 | | 0 | |
| | 2022 | 1 | 110 | 7 | 93 (1.0) | 2 | 85 (3.9) | 0 | |

## Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

Species: Black Bullhead
Gear: AFS std gill net

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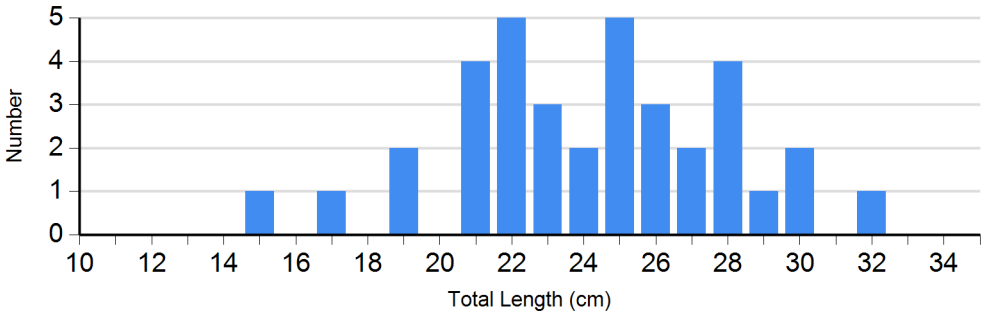


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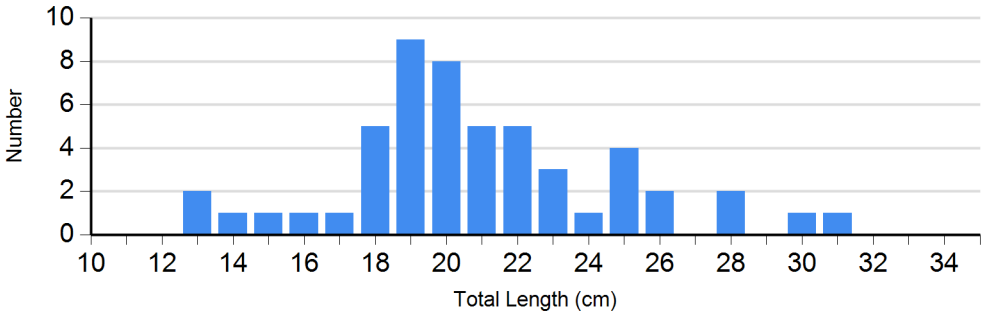


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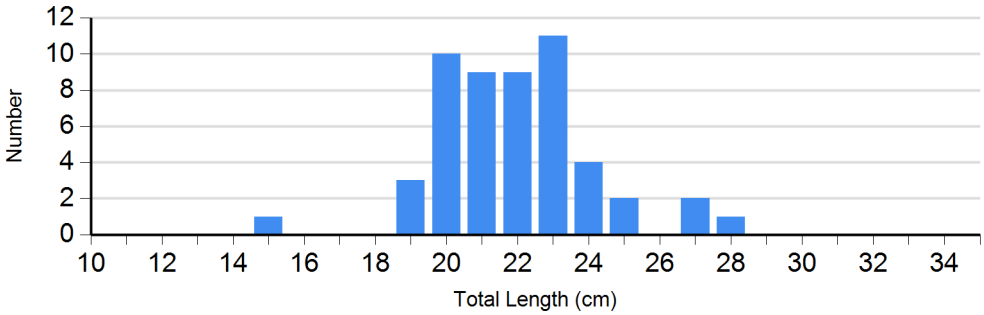


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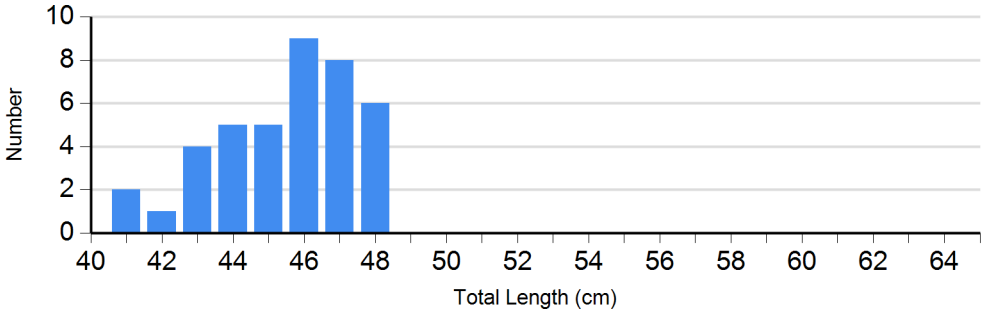
Species: Common Carp
Gear: AFS std gill net

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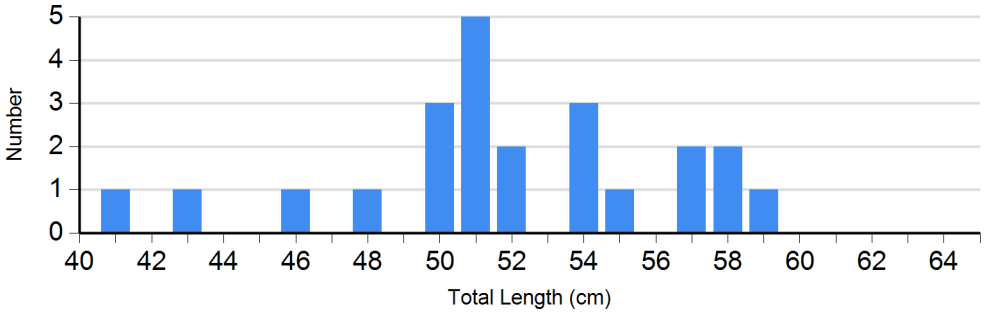


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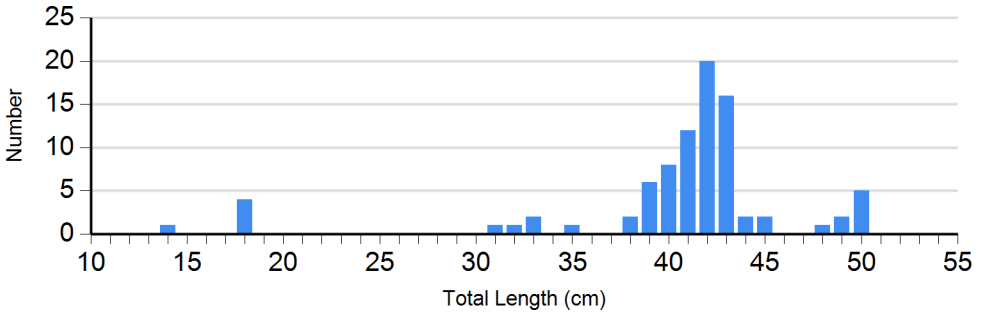
Species: Saugeye
Gear: AFS std gill net

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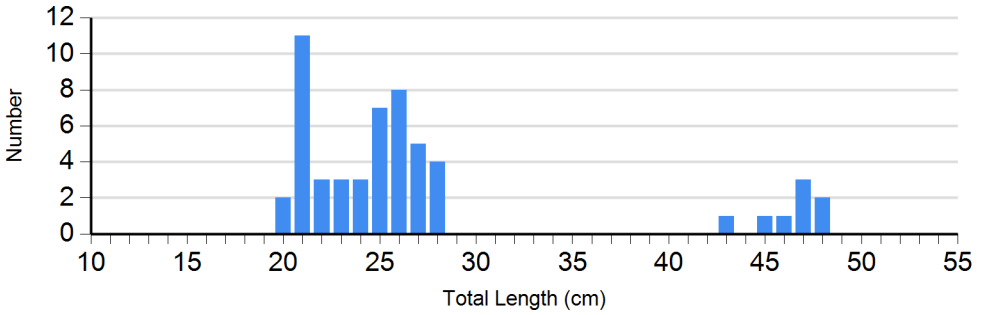


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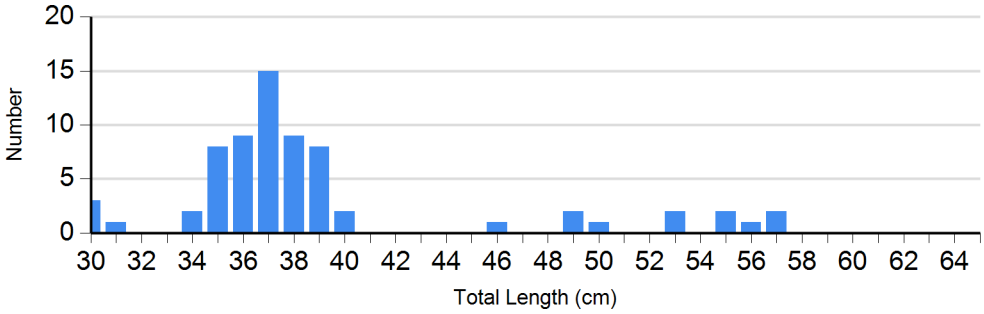
Species: Walleye
Gear: AFS std gill net

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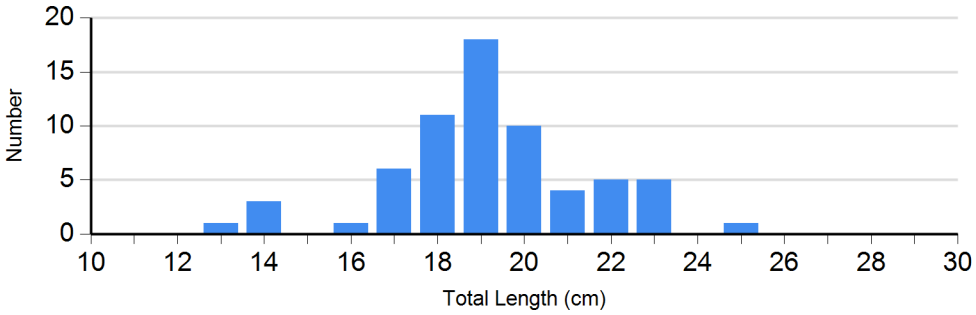
Species: Yellow Perch
Gear: AFS std gill net

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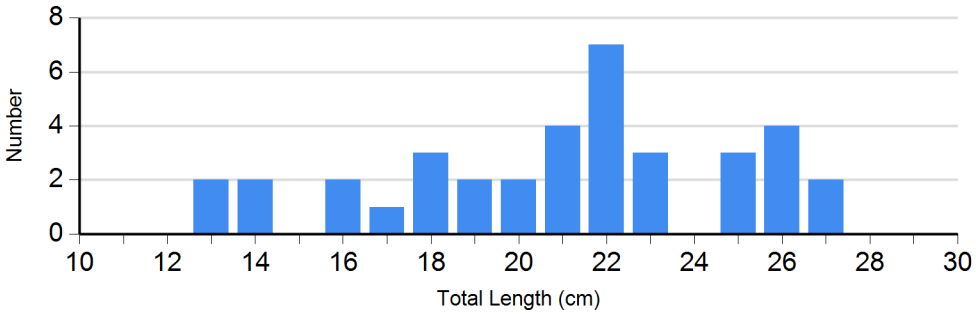


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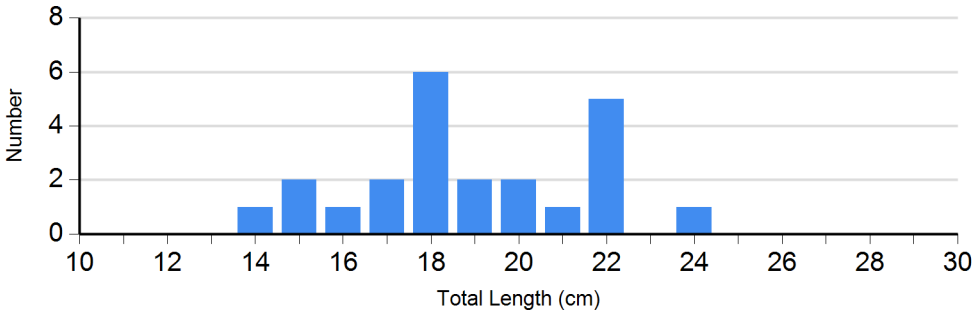


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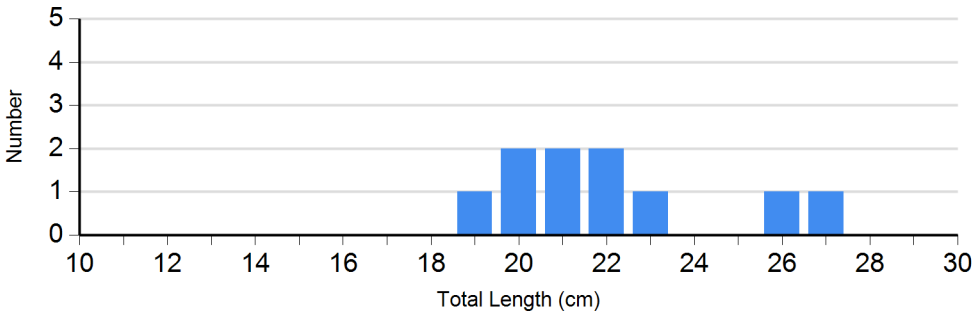


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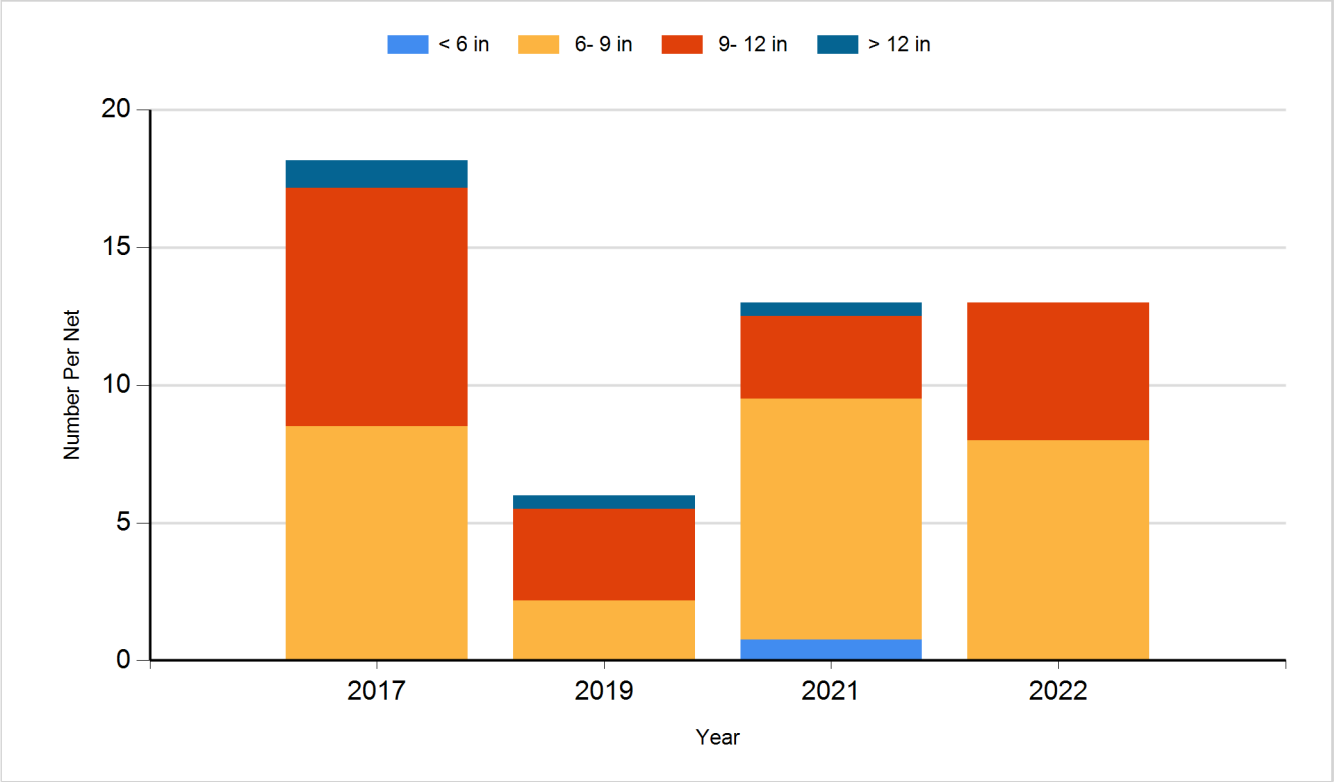
## Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

Species: Black Bullhead
Gear: AFS std gill net

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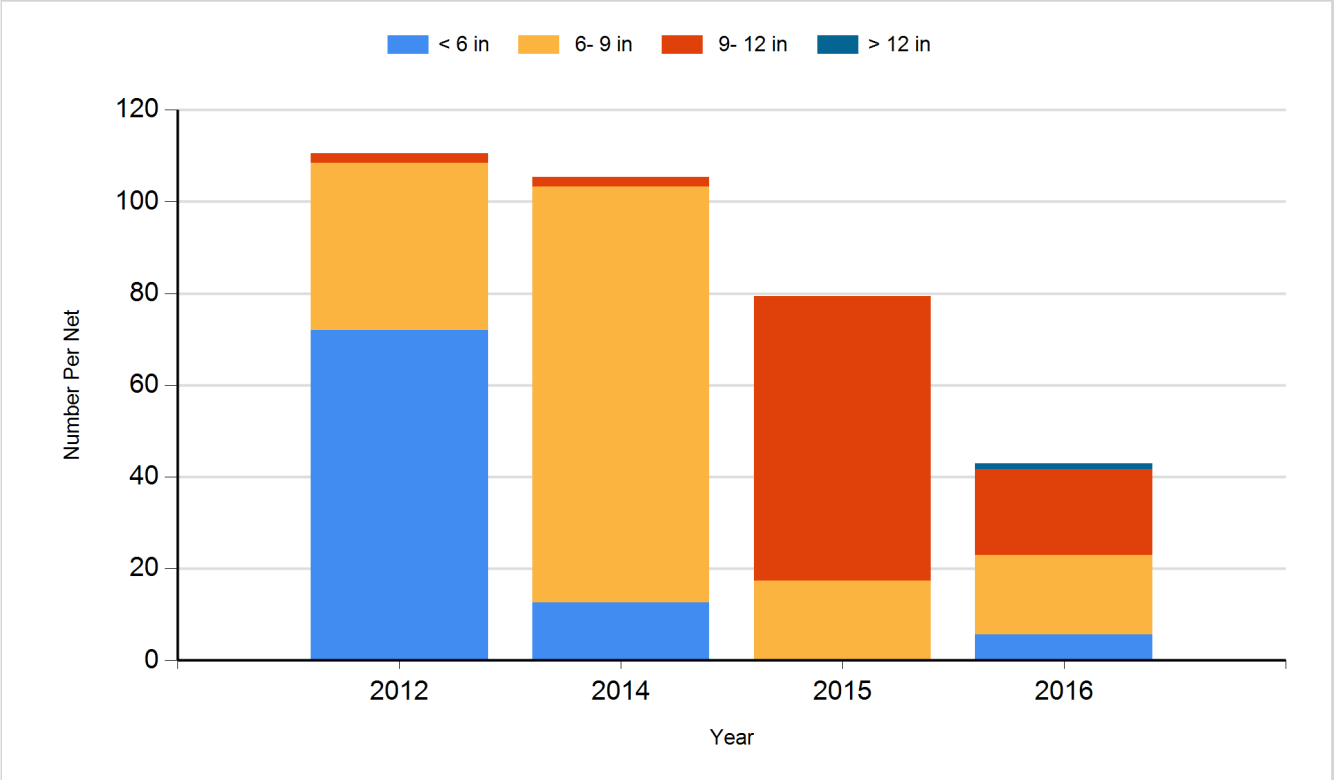
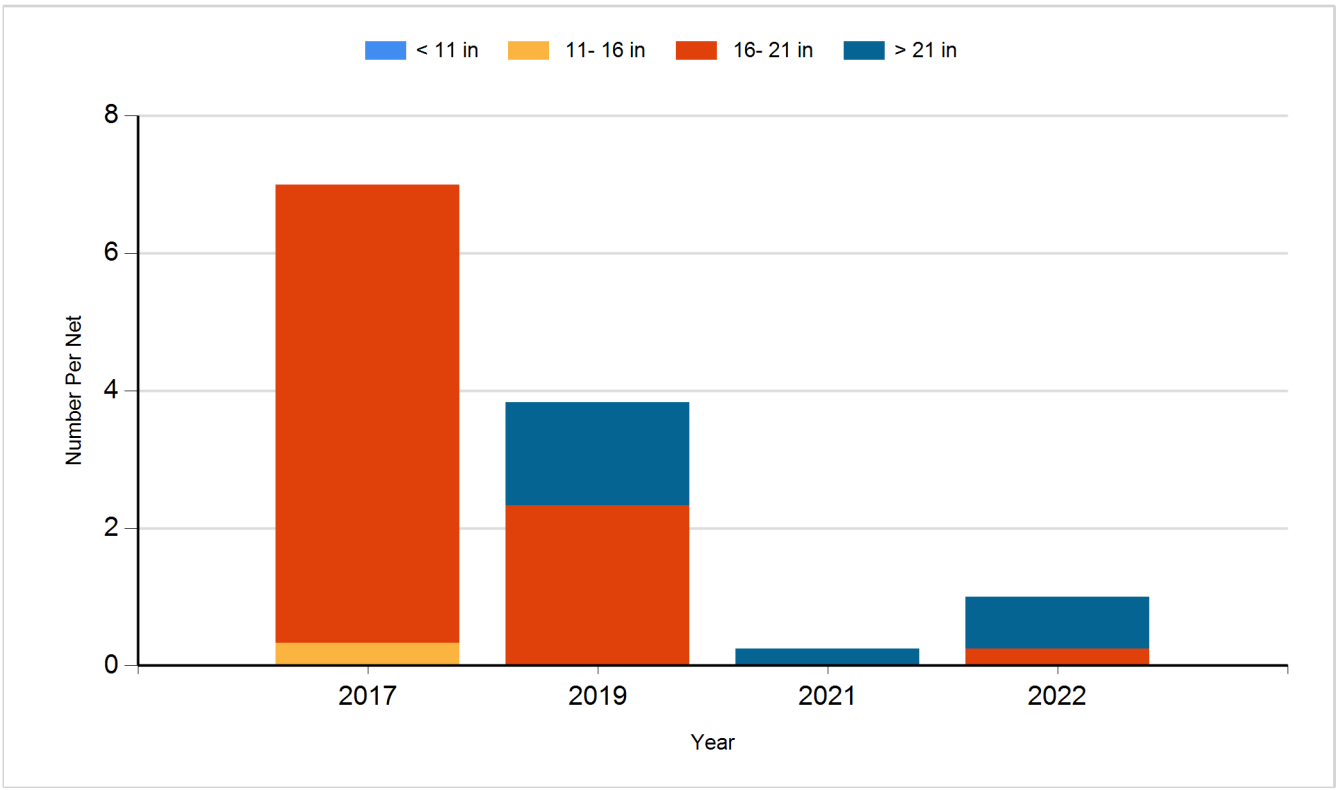
Gear: std exp gill net



Species: Common Carp
Gear: AFS std gill net

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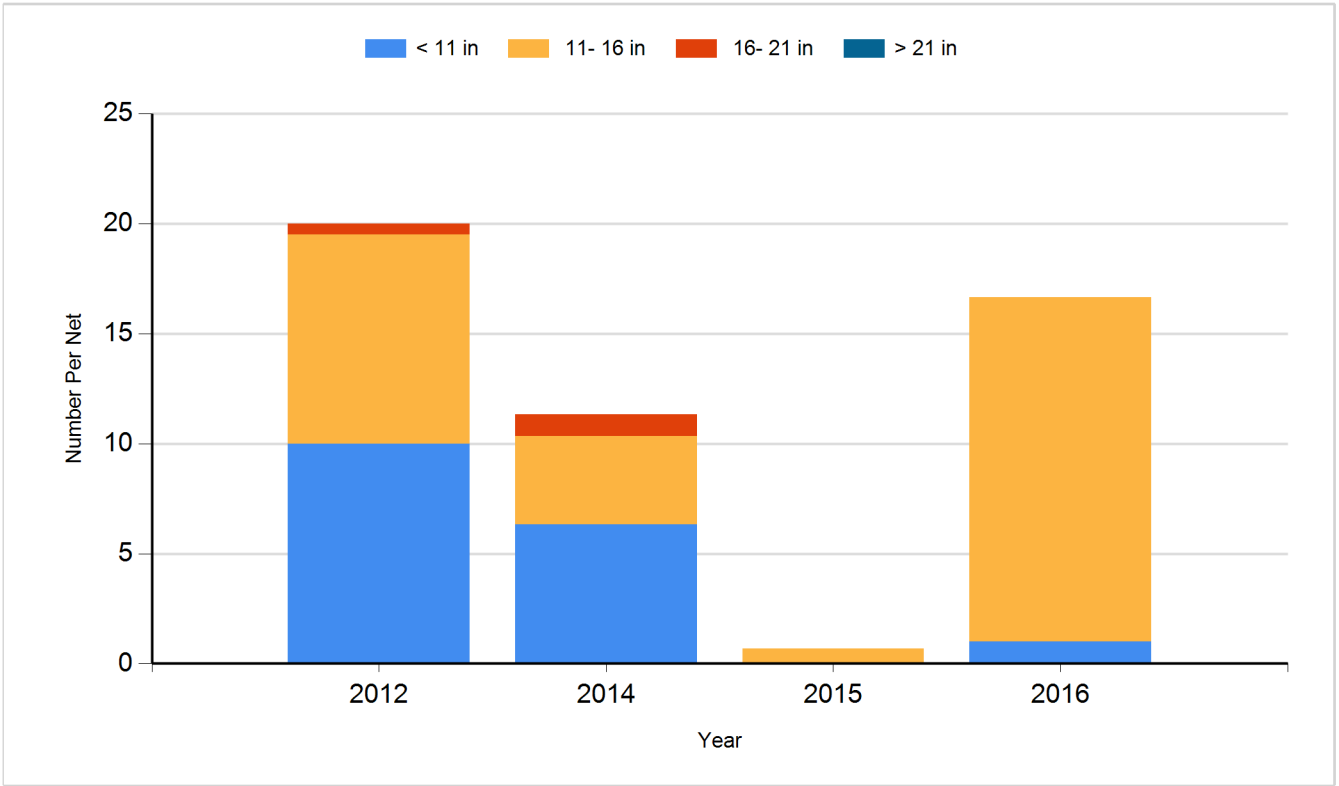
Gear: std exp gill net



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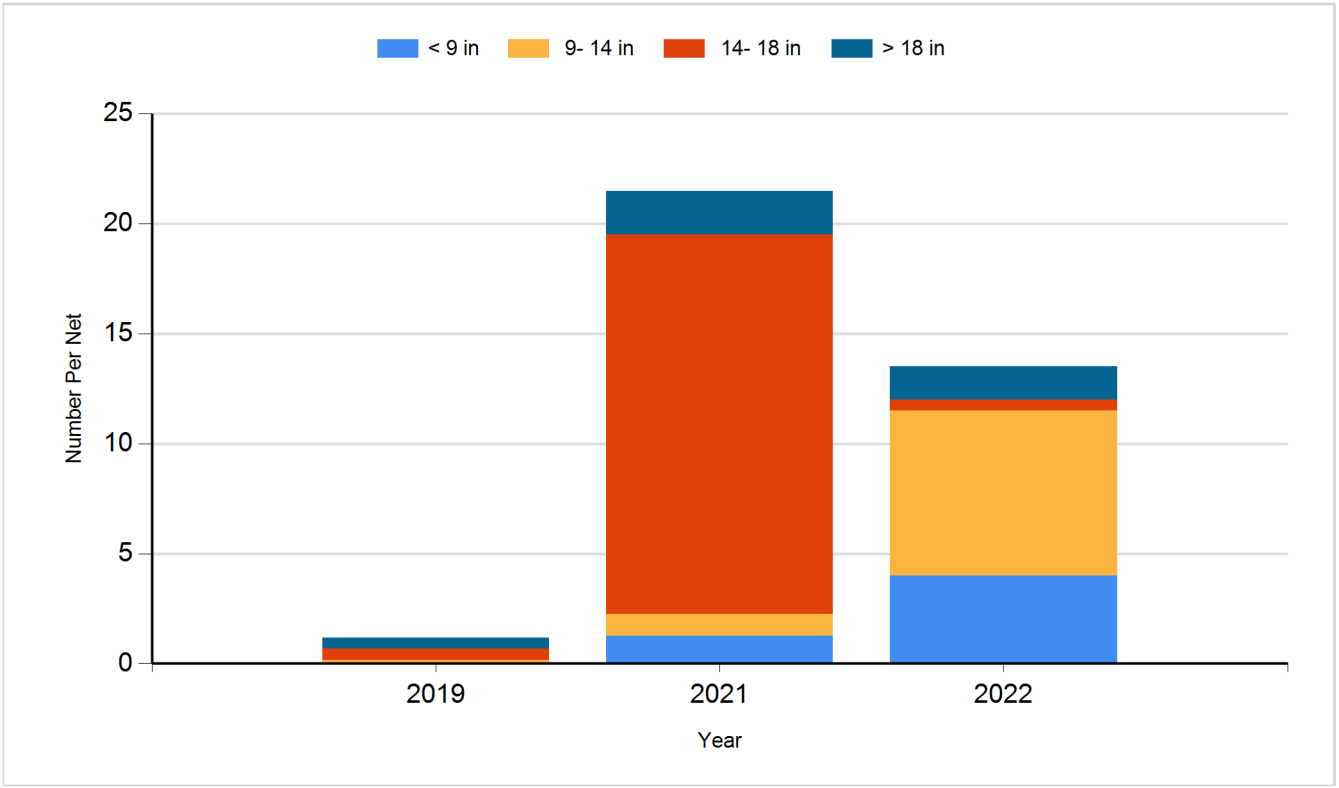


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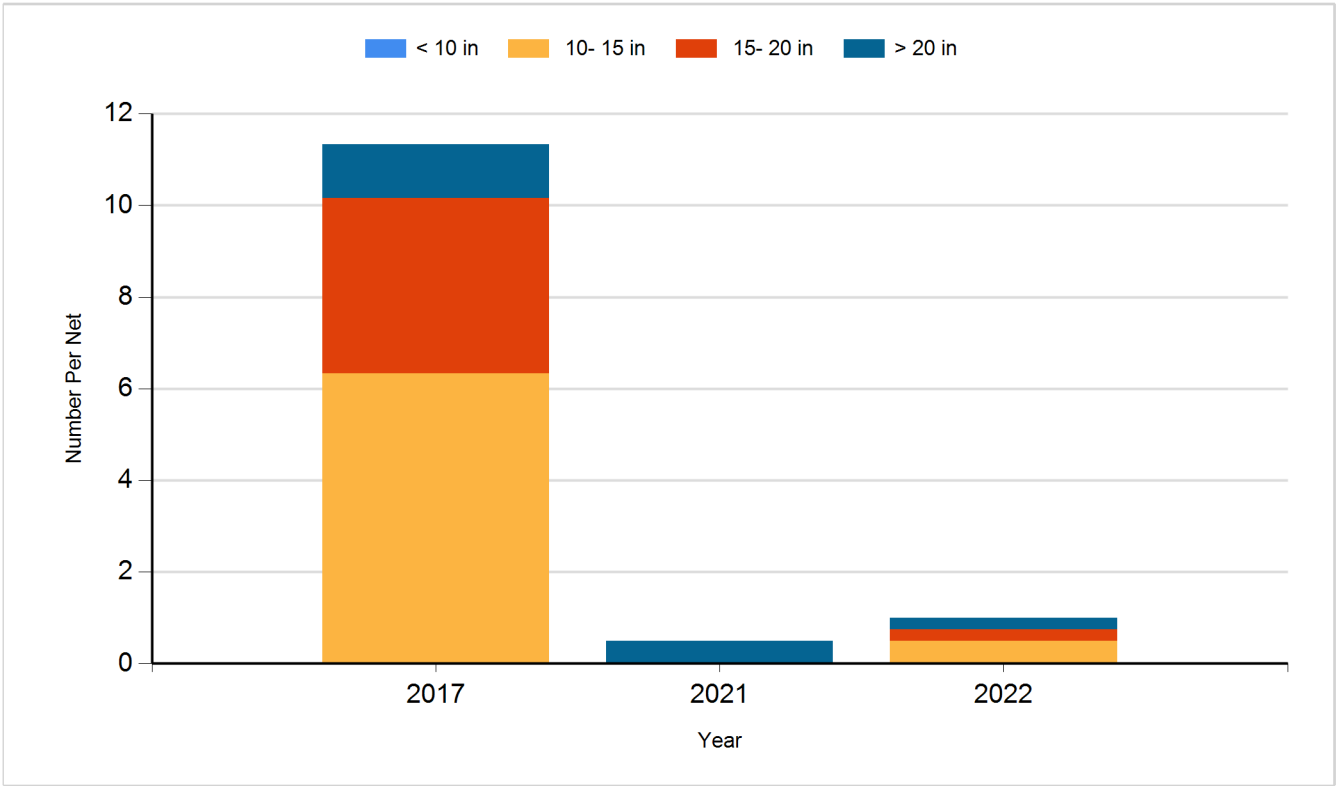
Gear: AFS std gill net



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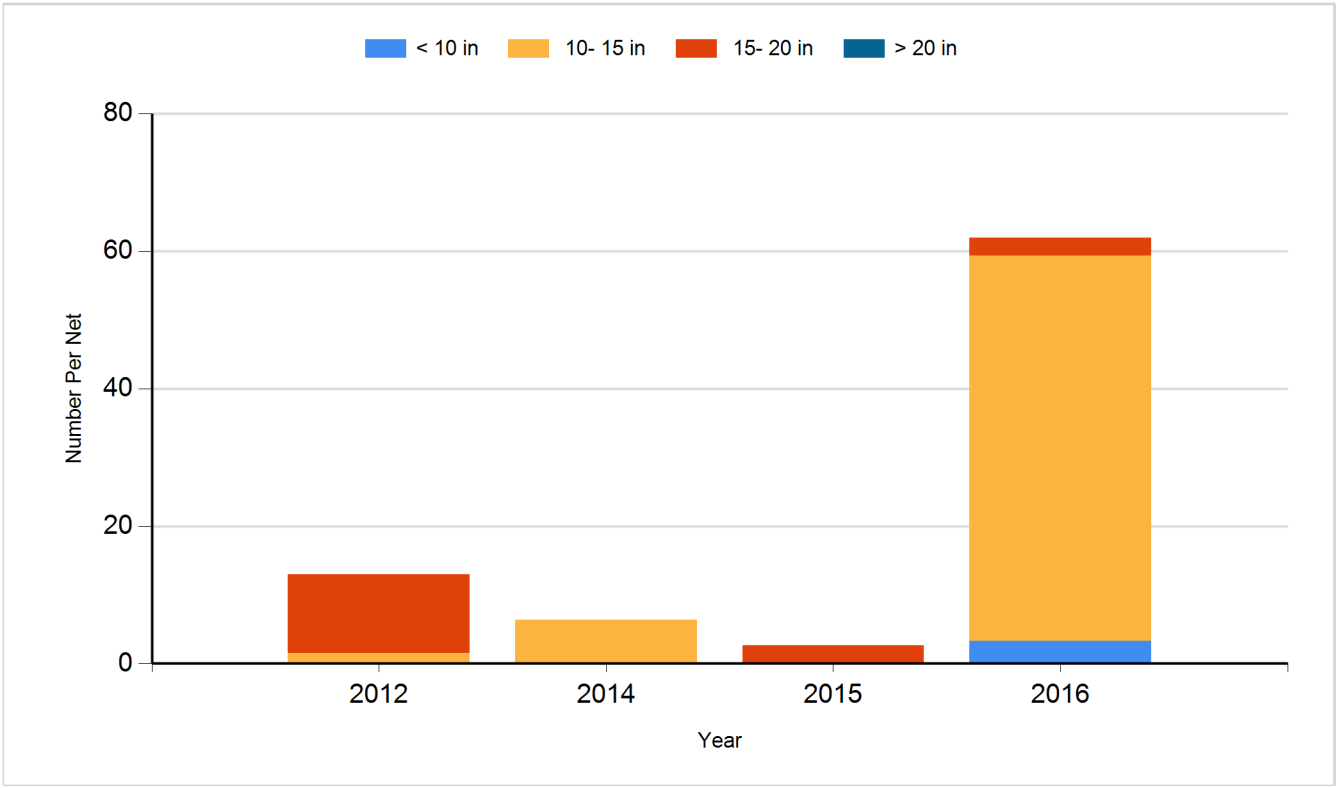


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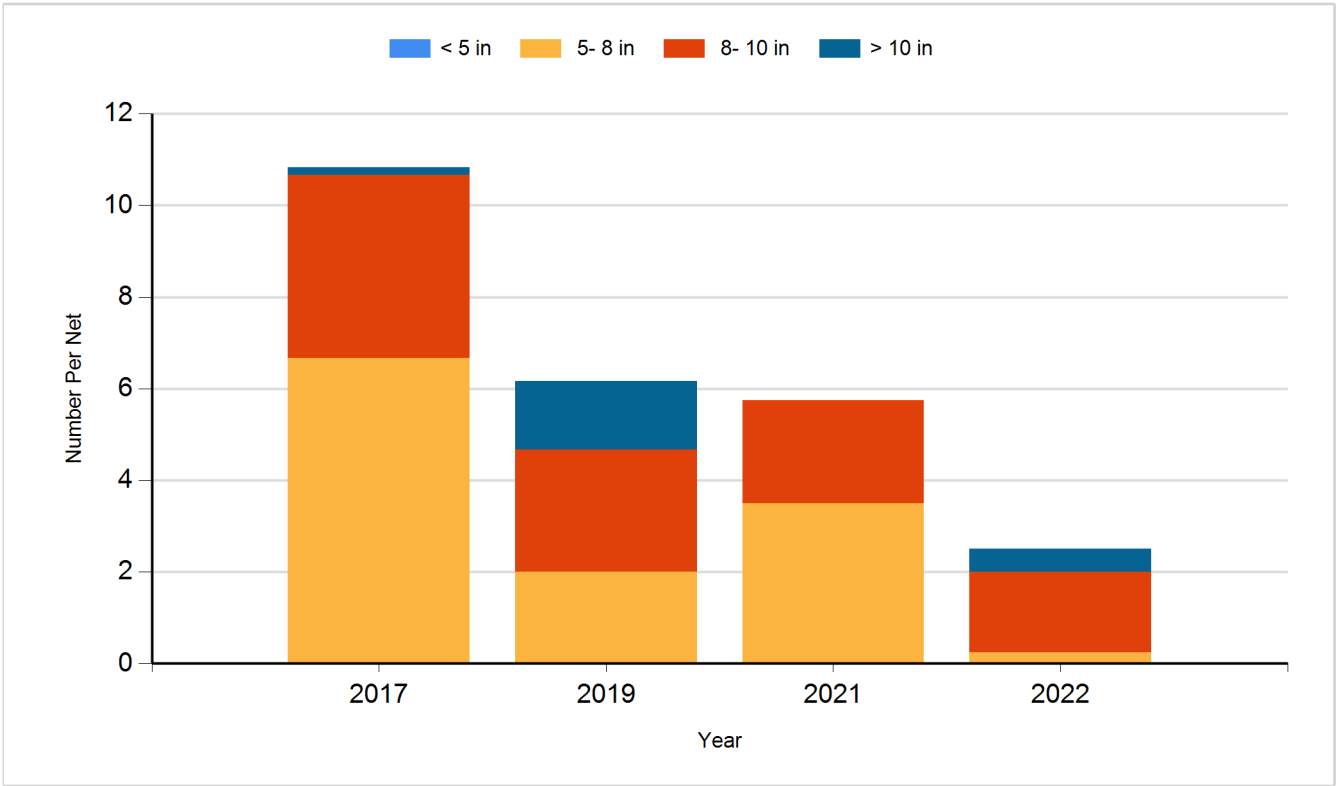

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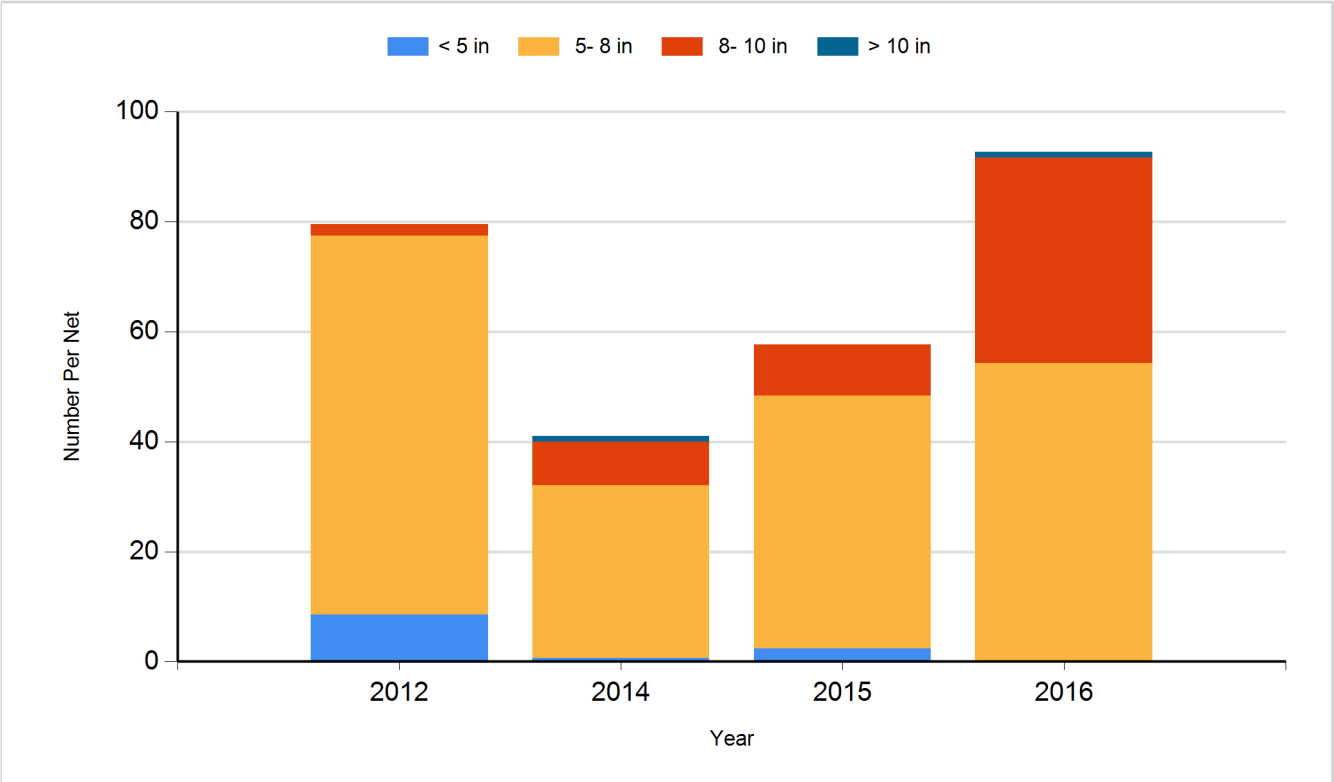

## Fish Stocking

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

| Year | Species | Size | Number |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2011 | Yellow Perch | Small Fingerling | 2,560 |
| 2012 | Yellow Perch | Adult | 3,053 |
| 2012 | Yellow Perch | Fingerling | 3,950 |
| 2013 | Walleye | Small Fingerling | 39,930 |
| 2013 | Yellow Perch | Fry | 1,440,000 |
| 2013 | Yellow Perch | Small Fingerling | 5,170 |
| 2014 | Walleye | Fry | 400,000 |
| 2014 | Yellow Perch | Small Fingerling | 5,700 |
| 2015 | Walleye | Small Fingerling | 28,160 |
| 2016 | Saugeye | Small Fingerling | 28,000 |
| 2018 | Saugeye | Small Fingerling | 27,400 |
| 2019 | Saugeye | Small Fingerling | 28,000 |
| 2021 | Saugeye | Fry | 400,000 |
| 2021 | Saugeye | Juvenile | 35,670 |