SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Rush South, Day County
UBS-Lake-411-002
2022

Lake Information

Name: Rush South

County: Day

Surface Area: 1,800 Acres

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
AFS std gill net	Jul 12, 2022	4 net-nights
AFS std gill net	Jul 13, 2022	4 net-nights
AFS std gill net	Jul 14, 2022	4 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Walleye

Yellow Perch

Northern Pike

Common Carp

White Bass

Smallmouth Bass

Rock Bass

Black Crappie

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	Black Crappie	1	0.1	0.1	0		0		120	
	Common Carp	10	0.8	0.5	100		90		96	3
	Northern Pike	11	0.9	0.4	91		0		75	2
	Rock Bass	1	0.1	0.1	100		0		105	
	Smallmouth Bass	1	0.1	0.1	100		0		109	
	Walleye	112	8.0	1.4	75	6	25	6	86	1
	White Bass	4	0.3	0.3	100		100		97	3
	Yellow Perch	82	6.8	1.8	59	8	17	6	109	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
AFS std gill net	Black Bullhead				0.2			0.1			0.0	0.10
	Black Crappie				0.2			0.2			0.1	0.17
	Common Carp				0.3			0.6			0.8	0.57
	Northern Pike				0.5			1.8			0.9	1.07
	Rock Bass				0.0			0.0			0.1	0.03
	Smallmouth Bass				0.0			0.0			0.1	0.03
	Walleye				5.3			8.8			8.0	7.37
	White Bass				2.7			0.4			0.3	1.13
	White Sucker				1.3			0.3			0.0	0.53
	Yellow Perch				9.3			12.2			6.8	9.43
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	9.2										9.20
	Black Crappie	4.3										4.30
	Common Carp	0.2										0.20
	Northern Pike	0.5										0.50
	Rock Bass	0.4										0.40
	Walleye	6.8										6.80
	White Bass	5.9										5.90
	White Sucker	0.2										0.20
	Yellow Perch	0.1										0.10
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead	0.8										0.80
	Black Crappie	0.5										0.50
	Northern Pike	6.5										6.50
	Orangespotted Sunfish	0.0										0.00
	Spottail Shiner	0.0										0.00
	Walleye	14.7										14.70
	White Bass	0.5										0.50
	White Sucker	1.0										1.00
	Yellow Perch	12.3										12.30

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	Black Crappie	PSD				100			100			0
		PSD-P				100			100			0
		Wr				99			95			120
	Common Carp	PSD				75			100			100
		PSD-P				75			100			90
		Wr				109			91			96
	Northern Pike	PSD				83			95			91
		PSD-P				0			27			0
		Wr				79			85			75
	Rock Bass	PSD										100
		PSD-P										0
		Wr										105
	Smallmouth Bass	PSD										100
		PSD-P										0
		Wr										109
	Walleye	PSD				50			75			75
		PSD-P				11			12			25
		Wr				88			91			86
	White Bass	PSD				91			100			100
		PSD-P				88			100			100
		Wr				92			95			97
	Yellow Perch	PSD				85			50			59
		PSD-P				52			36			17
		Wr				109			107			109
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Crappie	PSD	96									
		PSD-P	40									
		Wr	115									
	Common Carp	PSD	67									
		PSD-P	33									
		Wr	106									
	Northern Pike	PSD	89									
		PSD-P	11									
		Wr	75									

			Year									
Gear	Species	Index	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Rock Bass	PSD	100									
		PSD-P	17									
		Wr	116									
	Walleye	PSD	86									
		PSD-P	23									
		Wr	85									
	White Bass	PSD	100									
		PSD-P	100									
		Wr	98									
	Yellow Perch	PSD	100									
		PSD-P	100									
		Wr	96									
std exp gill net	Black Crappie	PSD	67									
		PSD-P	67									
		Wr	111									
	Northern Pike	PSD	97									
		PSD-P	5									
		Wr	83									
	Walleye	PSD	86									
		PSD-P	15									
		Wr	89									
	White Bass	PSD	100									
		PSD-P	100									
		Wr	97									
	Yellow Perch	PSD	32									
		PSD-P	23									
		Wr	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+
2022	111	202 (16)	336 (7)	384 (28)	438 (29)	511 (6)	515 (5)	578 (5)	566 (8)	625 (1)	616 (6)
2019	113	188 (8)	339 (15)	383 (43)	435 (20)	467 (15)		622 (1)	546 (4)	612 (4)	702 (3)
2016	66	208 (2)	304 (27)	386 (5)	414 (14)	479 (4)	506 (10)	530 (1)	527 (1)	571 (1)	705 (1)
2013	93	130 (5)	302 (3)	419 (55)	492 (14)	517 (12)	633 (1)		600 (1)		580 (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+
2022	82	141 (26)	210 (35)	253 (10)	276 (10)						
2019	148	136 (5)	179 (78)	238 (14)	278 (18)	305 (10)	318 (11)	335 (1)	339 (6)	356 (2)	
2016	114	135 (8)	208 (33)	253 (37)	287 (7)	293 (24)	333 (2)	339 (2)	340 (1)		
2013	76	102 (2)	178 (55)	263 (10)	300 (6)		323 (3)				

Fish Condition

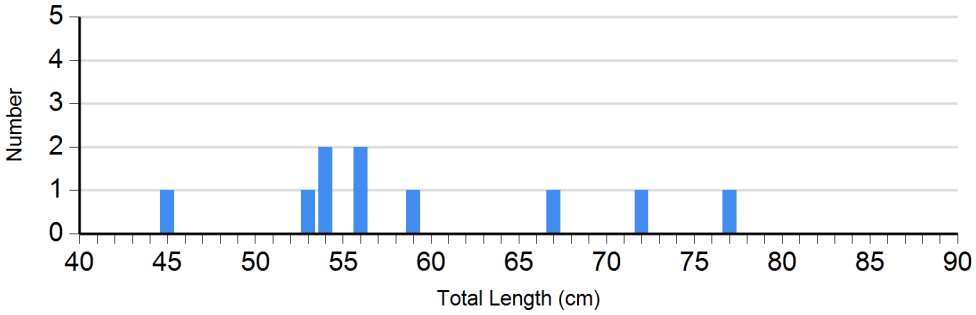
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

		Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
Species	Year	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Common Carp Gill Net	2019	0		0		1	95	6	90 (5.7)
	2022	0		1	100	6	96 (2.6)	3	95 (5.0)
Northern Pike Gill Net	2019	1	84	15	86 (1.5)	6	82 (2.2)	0	
	2022	1	80	10	75 (1.2)	0		0	
Walleye Gill Net	2019	26	93 (1.4)	66	91 (0.7)	8	91 (1.8)	5	89 (4.6)
	2022	24	87 (1.0)	48	87 (0.6)	21	85 (1.4)	3	90 (2.3)
White Bass Gill Net	2019	0		0		5	95 (1.1)	0	
	2022	0		0		1	100	3	95 (2.5)
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2019	73	113 (0.8)	20	108 (1.9)	24	103 (1.3)	29	94 (1.2)
	2022	34	112 (1.4)	34	107 (1.1)	14	108 (1.5)	0	

Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

Species: Common Carp
Gear: AFS std gill net



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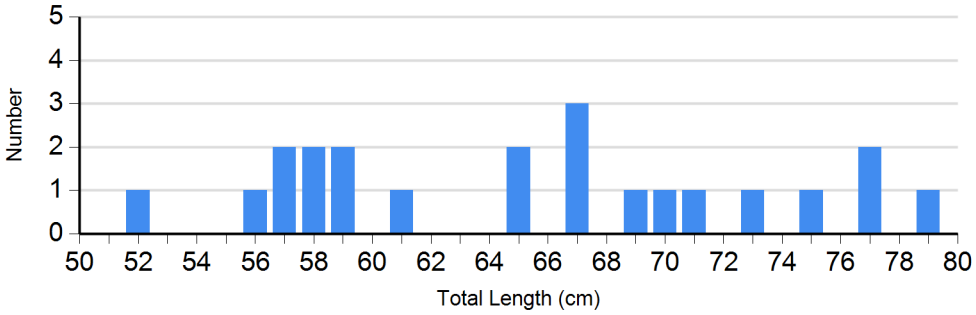
Species: Northern Pike
Gear: AFS std gill net



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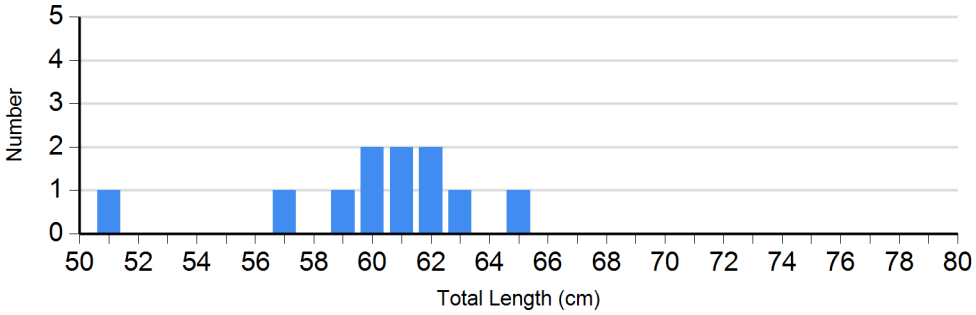

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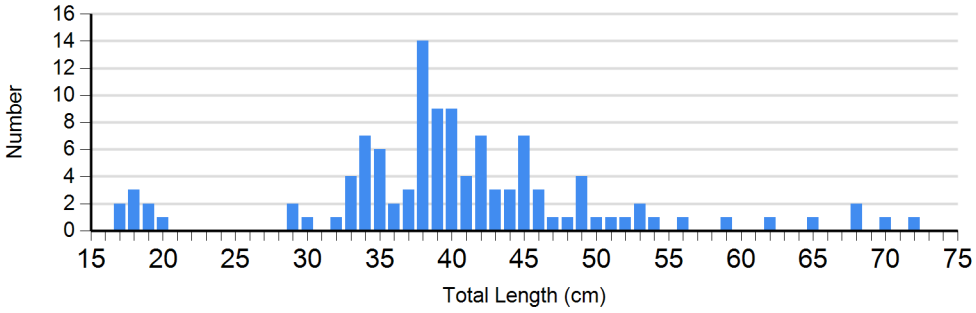
Species: Walleye
Gear: AFS std gill net



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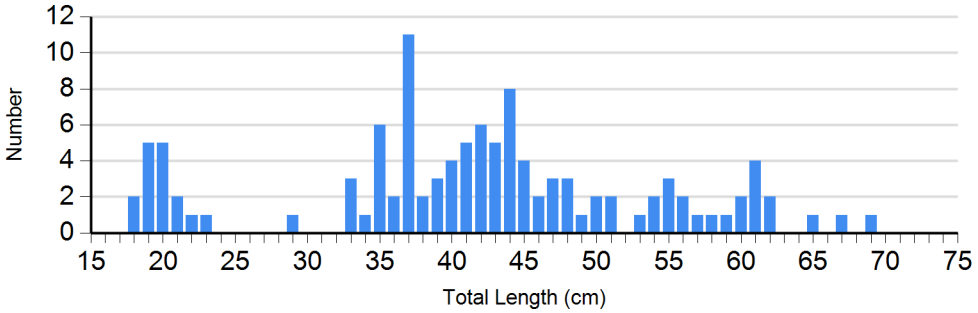

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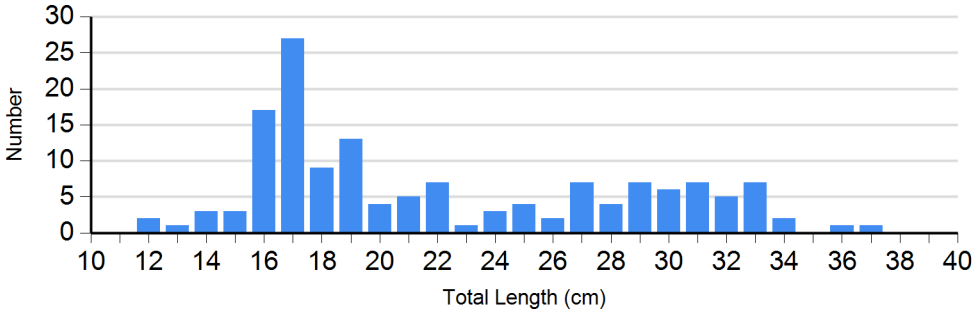
Species: Yellow Perch
Gear: AFS std gill net



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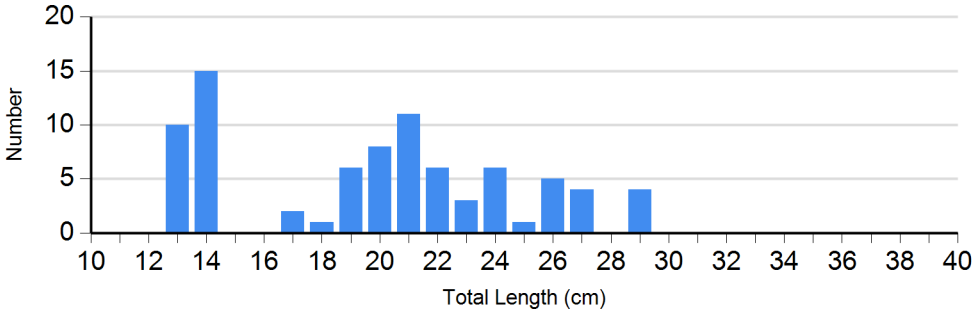

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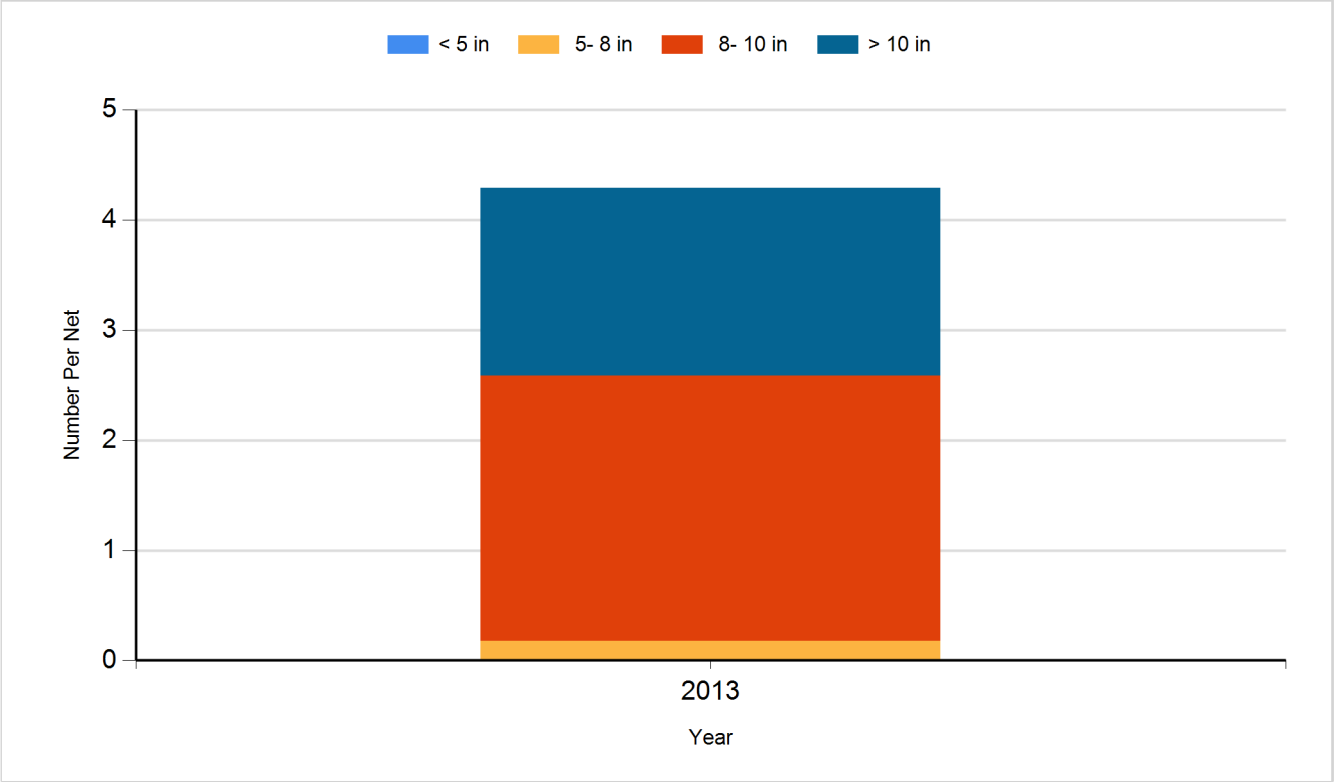
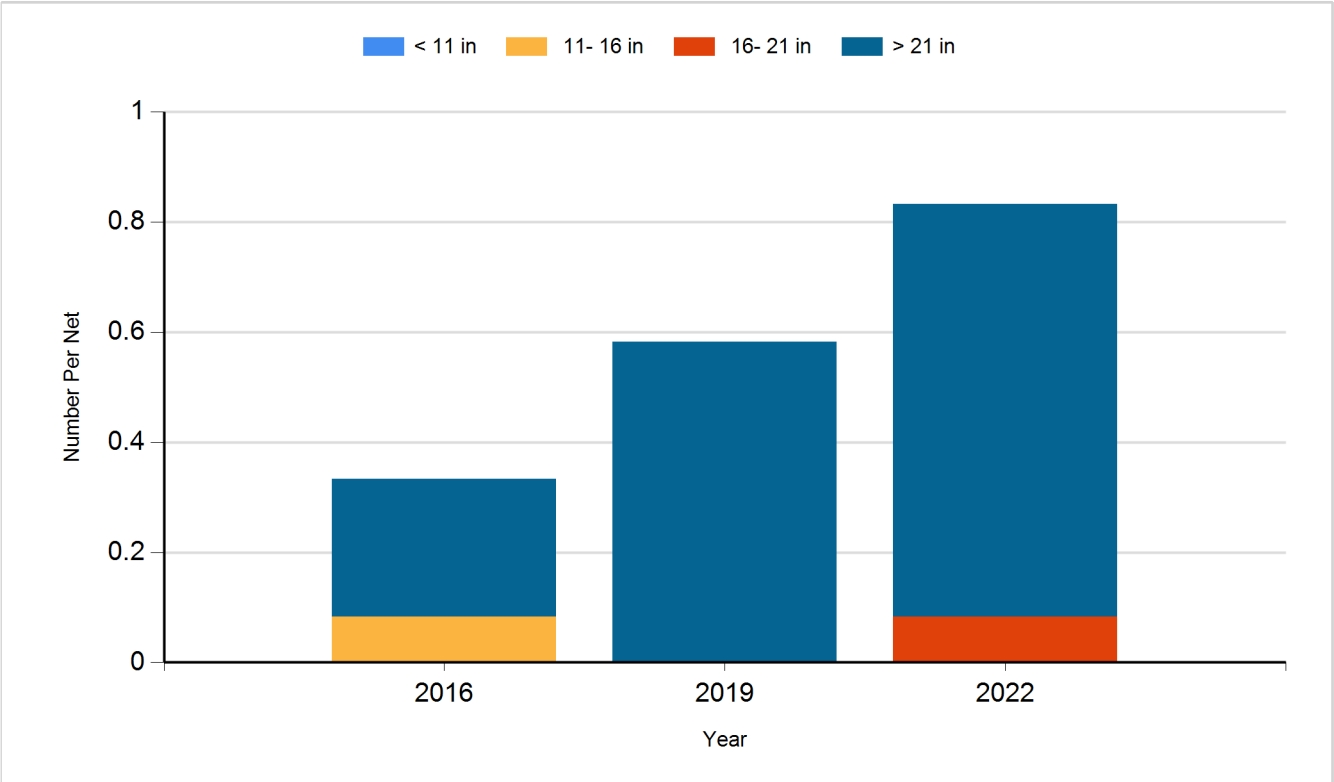
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

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



Species: Common Carp
Gear: AFS std gill net



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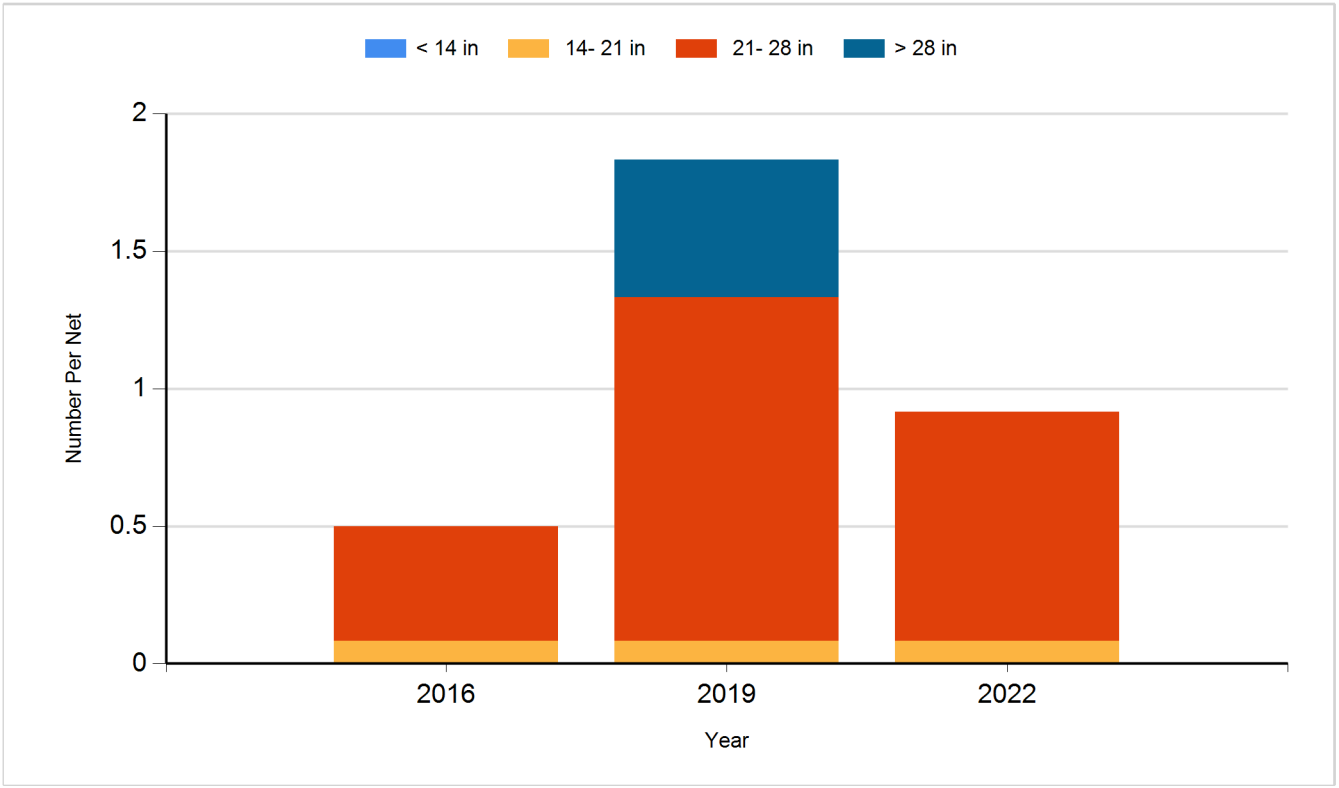
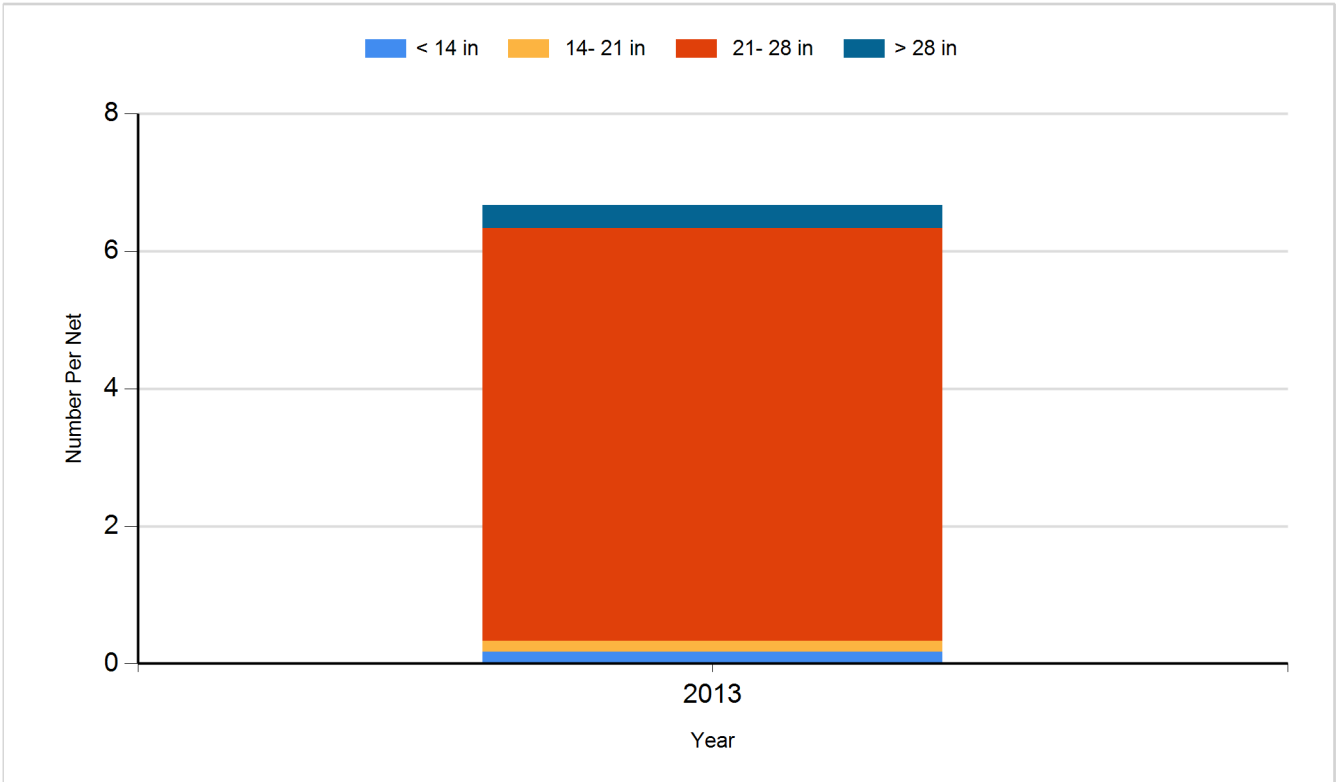
Gear: AFS std gill net



Species: Northern Pike
Gear: std exp gill net



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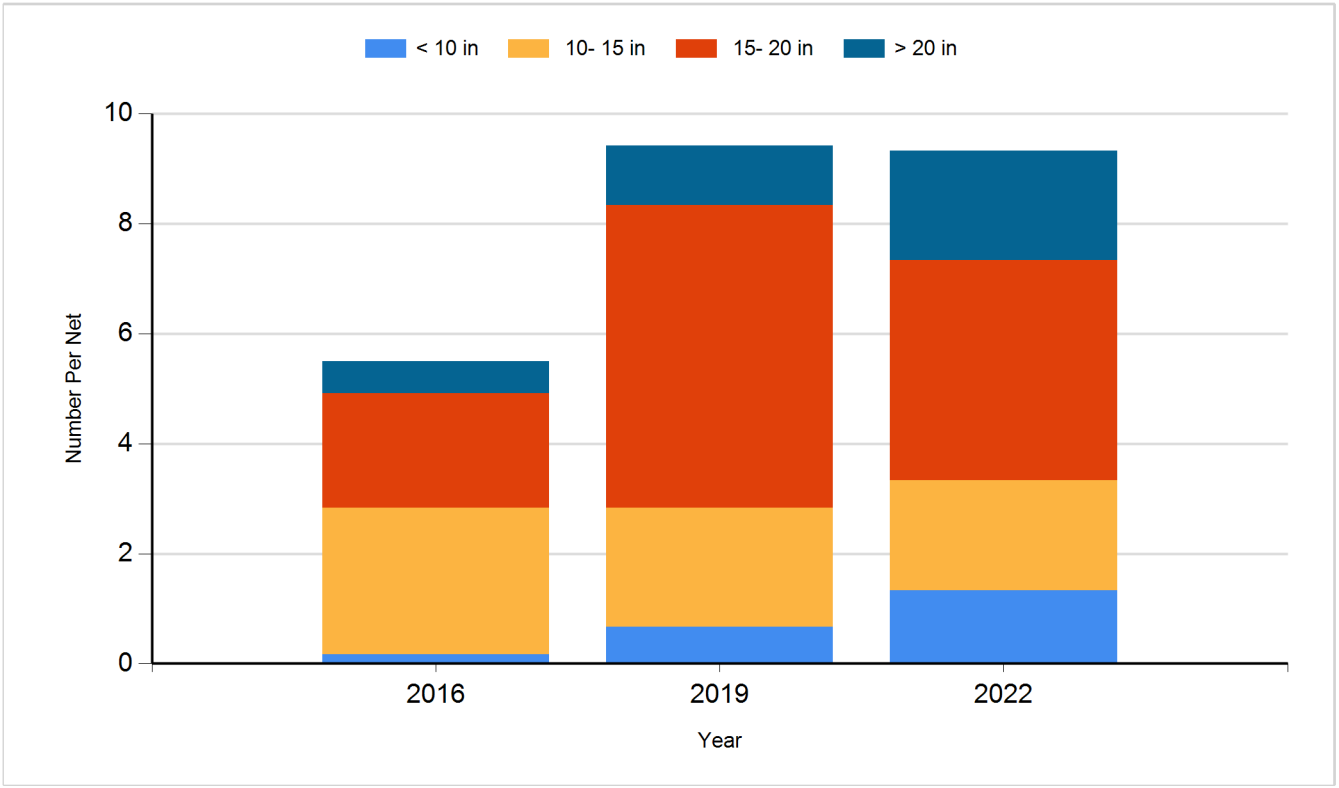
Gear: AFS std gill net



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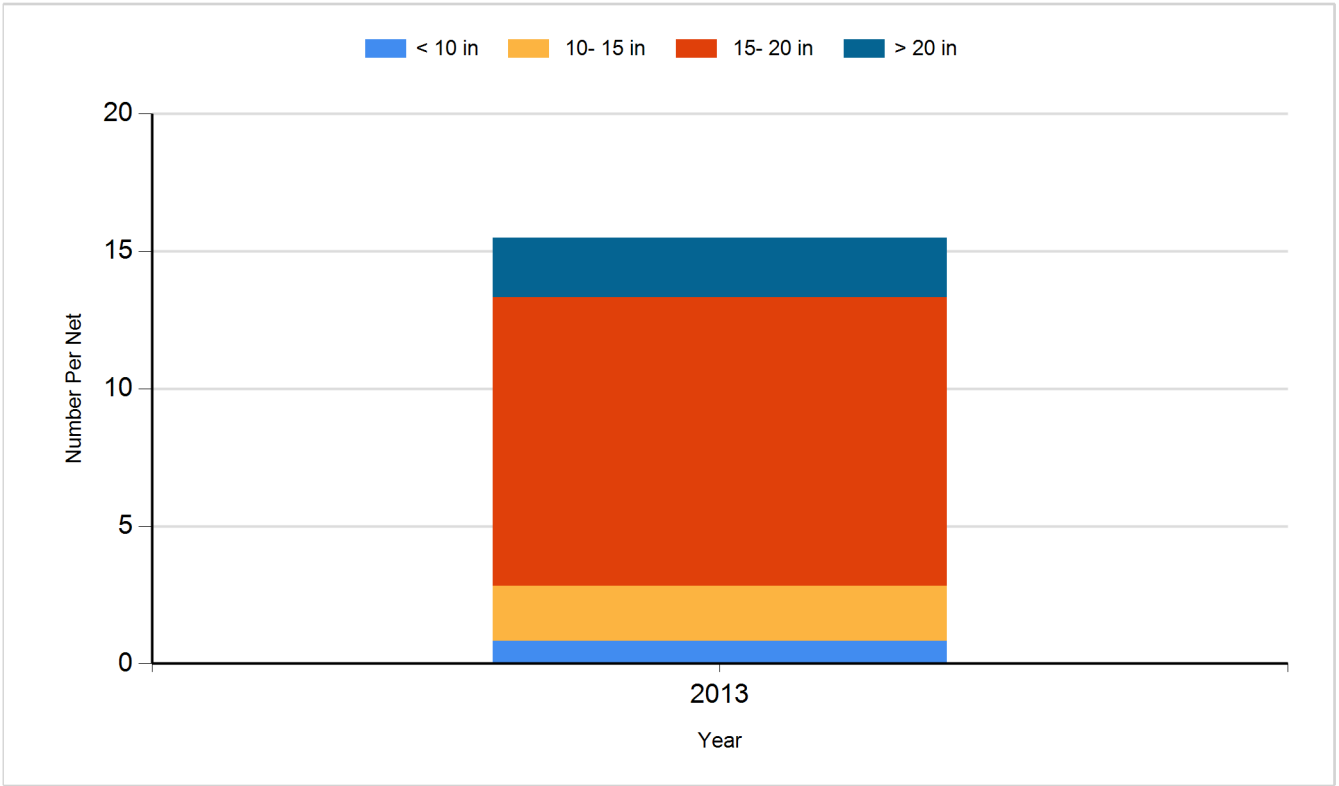
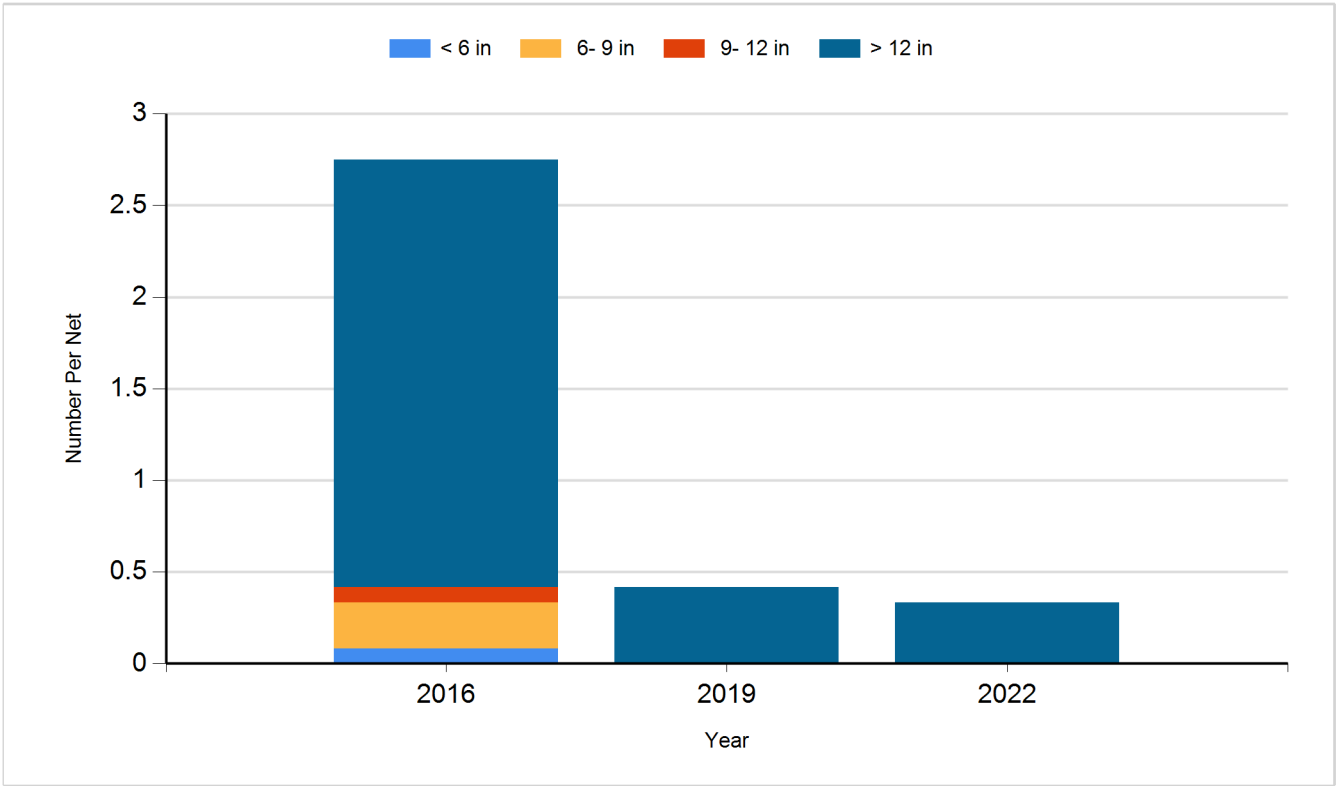
Gear: std exp gill net



Species: White Bass
Gear: AFS std gill net



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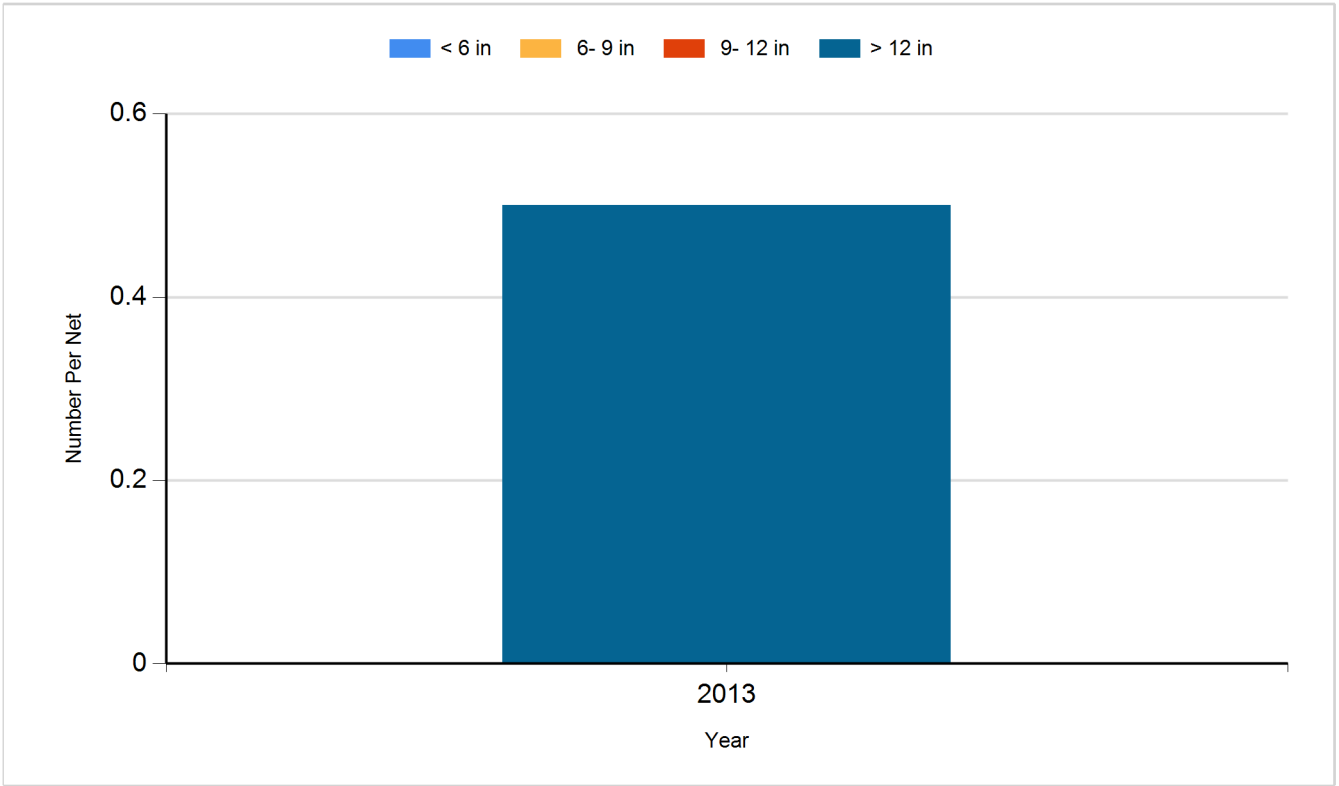
Gear: std exp gill net



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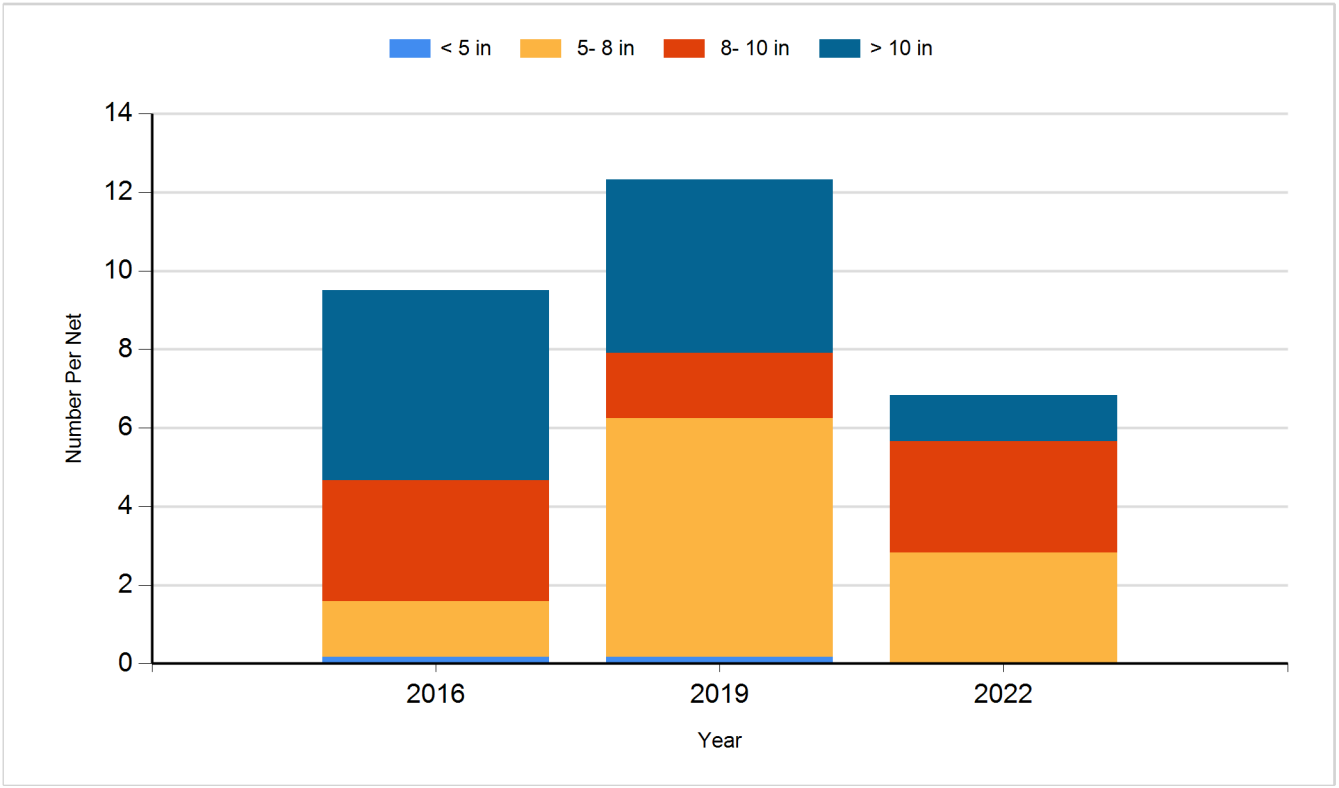

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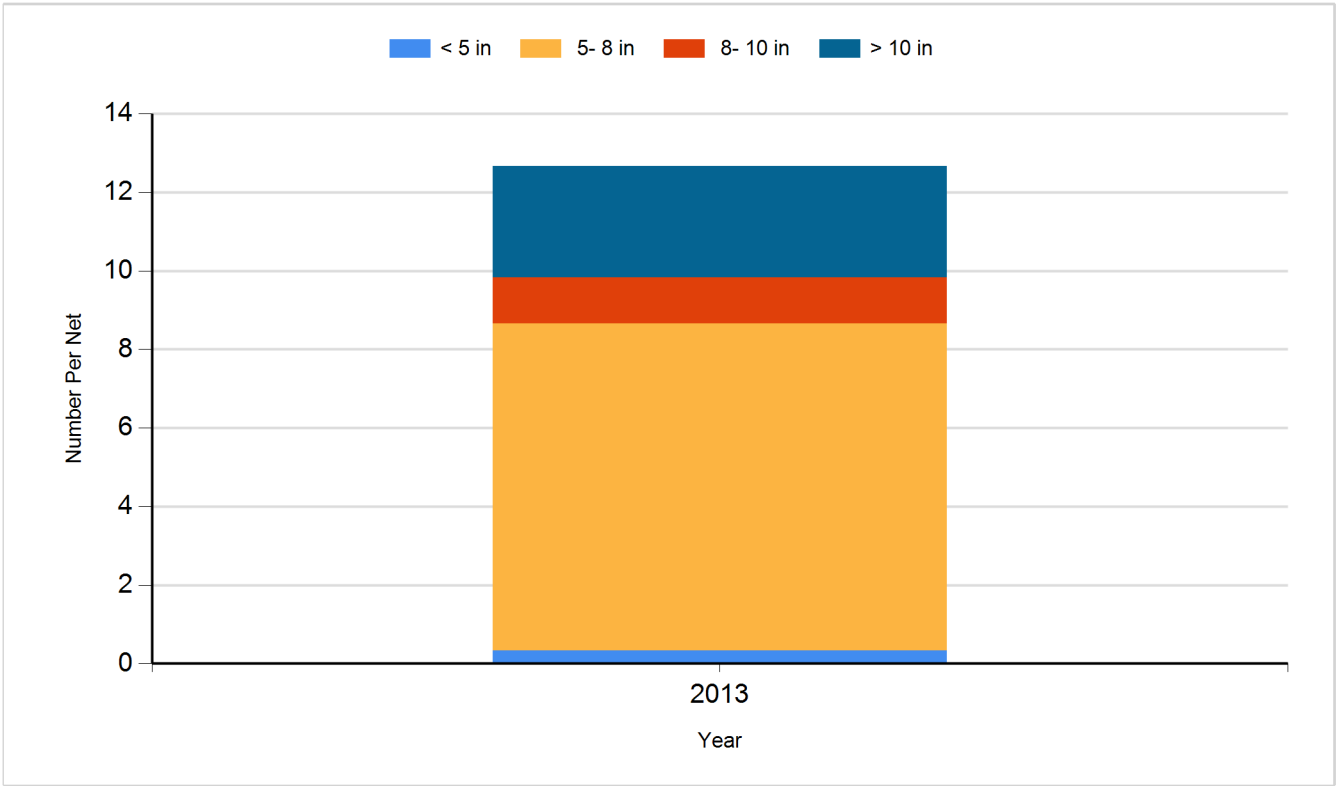

Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2012	Walleye	Fry	850,000
2014	Walleye	Fry	850,000
2016	Walleye	Fry	850,000
2018	Walleye	Fry	850,000
2021	Walleye	Fry	850,000
2022	Walleye	Fry	850,000