SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Menno, Hutchinson County
LJA-Lake-52-000
2023

Lake Information

Name: Menno

County: Hutchinson

Legal Description: T98N-R57W-Sec. 32

Surface Area: 39 Acres

Maximum Depth: 34 Feet

Mean Depth: 13 Feet

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
boat shocker (day)	May 15, 2023	2400 seconds

Common Fish Species Present

Largemouth Bass

Bluegill

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
boat shocker (day)	Largemouth Bass	29	43.5	12.9	52	14	14		85	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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Avg
AFS std frame net	Black Bullhead				0.4							0.40
	Black Crappie				0.0							0.00
	Bluegill				5.6							5.60
	Green Sunfish				0.4							0.40
	Sunfish Hybrid				0.2							0.20
AFS std gill net	Black Bullhead				3.8							3.80
	Channel Catfish				0.5							0.50
	Green Sunfish				0.3							0.30
	Largemouth Bass				1.8							1.80
	White Sucker				0.3							0.30
boat shocker (day)	Largemouth Bass						162.0			54.0	43.5	86.50
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass	29.1	48.0	132.6								69.90
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	3.0	3.2	0.8		0.2	8.3			18.2		5.62
	Black Crappie	27.0	13.3	1.9		0.2	0.0			26.6		11.50
	Bluegill	27.2	13.7	8.9		13.6	17.8			13.8		15.83
	Channel Catfish	0.2	0.1	0.0		0.0	0.0			0.0		0.05
	Green Sunfish	0.0	0.3	0.4		0.6	0.5			0.0		0.30
	Largemouth Bass	0.0	0.2	2.4		0.2	0.5			0.4		0.62
	Sunfish Hybrid	0.0	0.0	0.3		1.0	0.8			0.4		0.42
	White Sucker	0.4	0.9	0.1		0.0	0.0			0.0		0.23
	Yellow Perch	0.4	0.1	0.0		0.0	0.0			0.0		0.08

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
AFS std frame net	Black Crappie	PSD				0						
		PSD-P				0						
	Bluegill	PSD				50						
		PSD-P				39						
		Wr				108						
AFS std gill net	Largemouth Bass	PSD				100						
		PSD-P				14						
		Wr				102						
boat shocker (day)	Largemouth Bass	PSD						38			61	52
		PSD-P						0			28	14
		Wr						90			94	85
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass	PSD	100	64	7							
		PSD-P	69	64	5							
		Wr	91	94	101							
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Crappie	PSD	100	89	84		100				24	
		PSD-P	18	71	68		100				2	
		Wr	106	101	99		95				115	
	Bluegill	PSD	100	100	98		85	90			86	
		PSD-P	50	91	93		25	58			39	
		Wr	120	104	112		104	113			102	
	Largemouth Bass	PSD	0	0	0		100	100			100	
		PSD-P	0	0	0		0	0			100	
		Wr		93	109		100	93			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+
2015	133	162 (14)	218 (6)			255 (113)					
2014	135			212 (1)	242 (134)						

Species: Bluegill

		Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2022	69		98 (7)	142 (4)	181 (28)	208 (20)	220 (6)	237 (5)			
2015	137				202 (19)	214 (24)	215 (84)	214 (11)			
2014	136			171 (5)	188 (22)	201 (87)	202 (14)	195 (9)			

Fish Condition

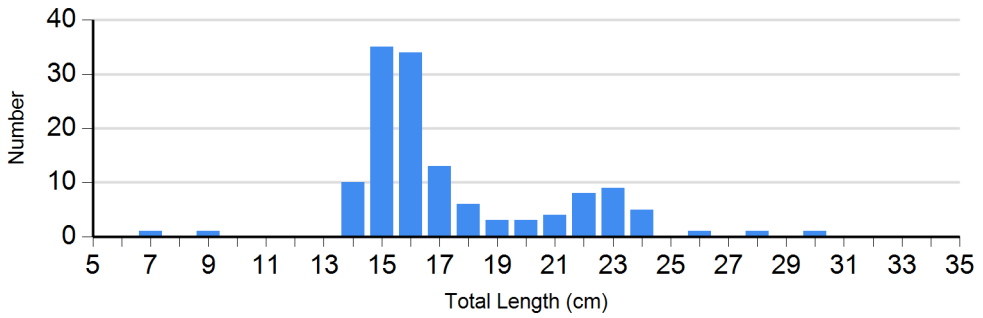
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

		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	2022	101	116 (0.8)	29	102	2		1	
Bluegill Frame Net	2019	7		23	119 (1.4)	40	110 (1.6)	1	104
	2022	10	102 (9.1)	32	101 (1.8)	27	103 (1.6)	0	
Largemouth Bass Electro Fishing	2019	101	93 (1.3)	61	87 (0.8)	0		0	
	2022	14	91 (5.2)	12	98 (2.9)	10	93 (2.7)	0	
	2023	14	84 (1.2)	11	84 (1.8)	4	91 (2.3)	0	

Length Frequency Distribution

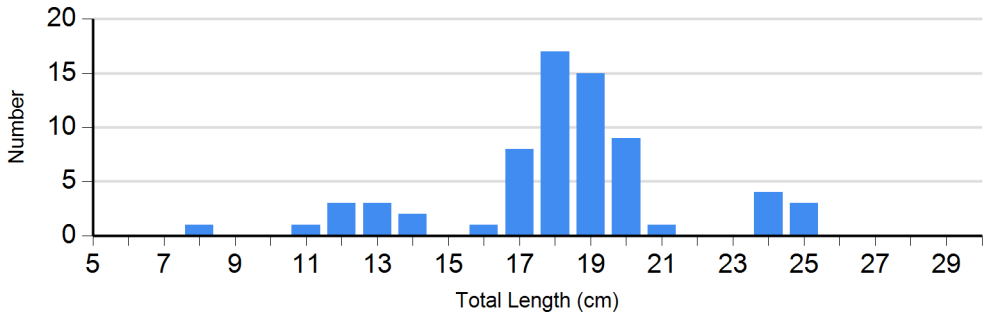
Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

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

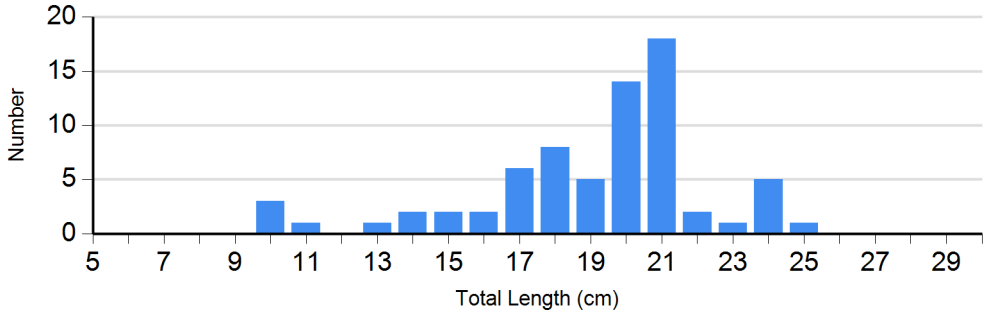


2022

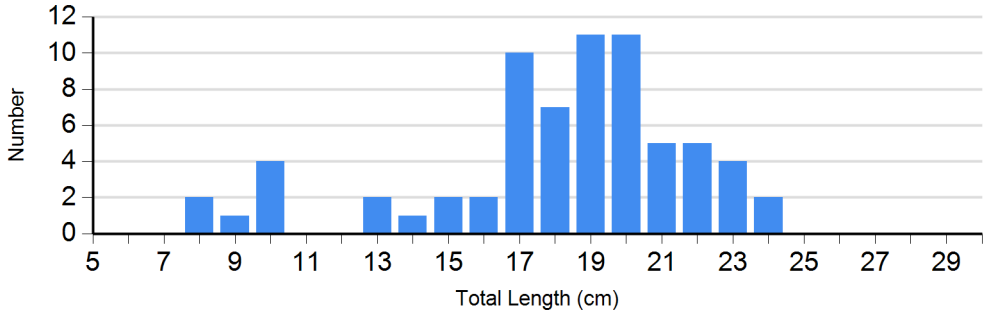
Species: Bluegill
Gear: frame net (std 3/4 in)



2018

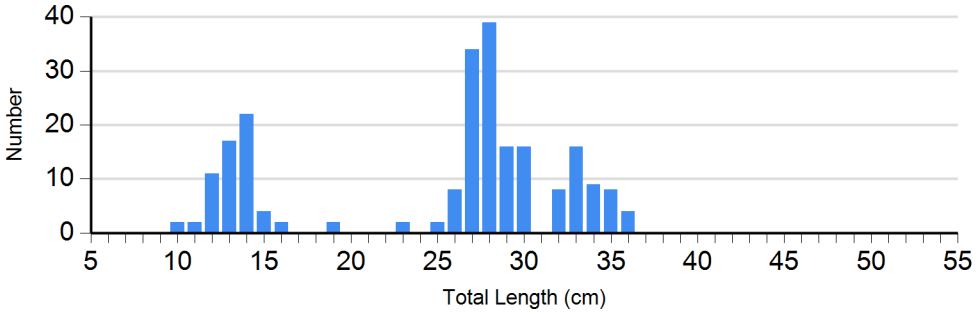


2019

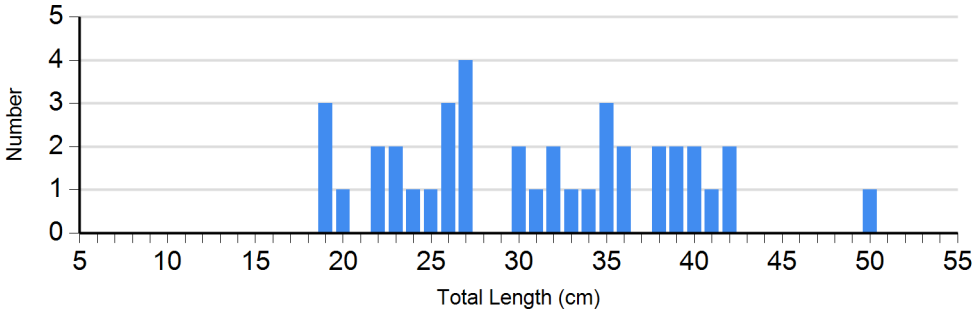


2022

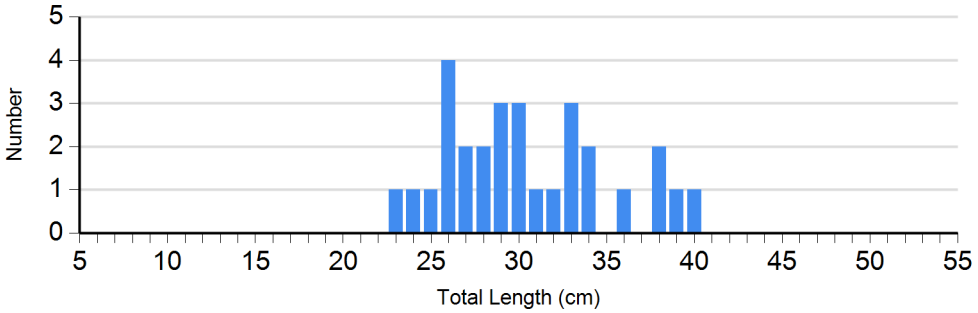
Species: Largemouth Bass
Gear: boat shocker (day)



2019



2022

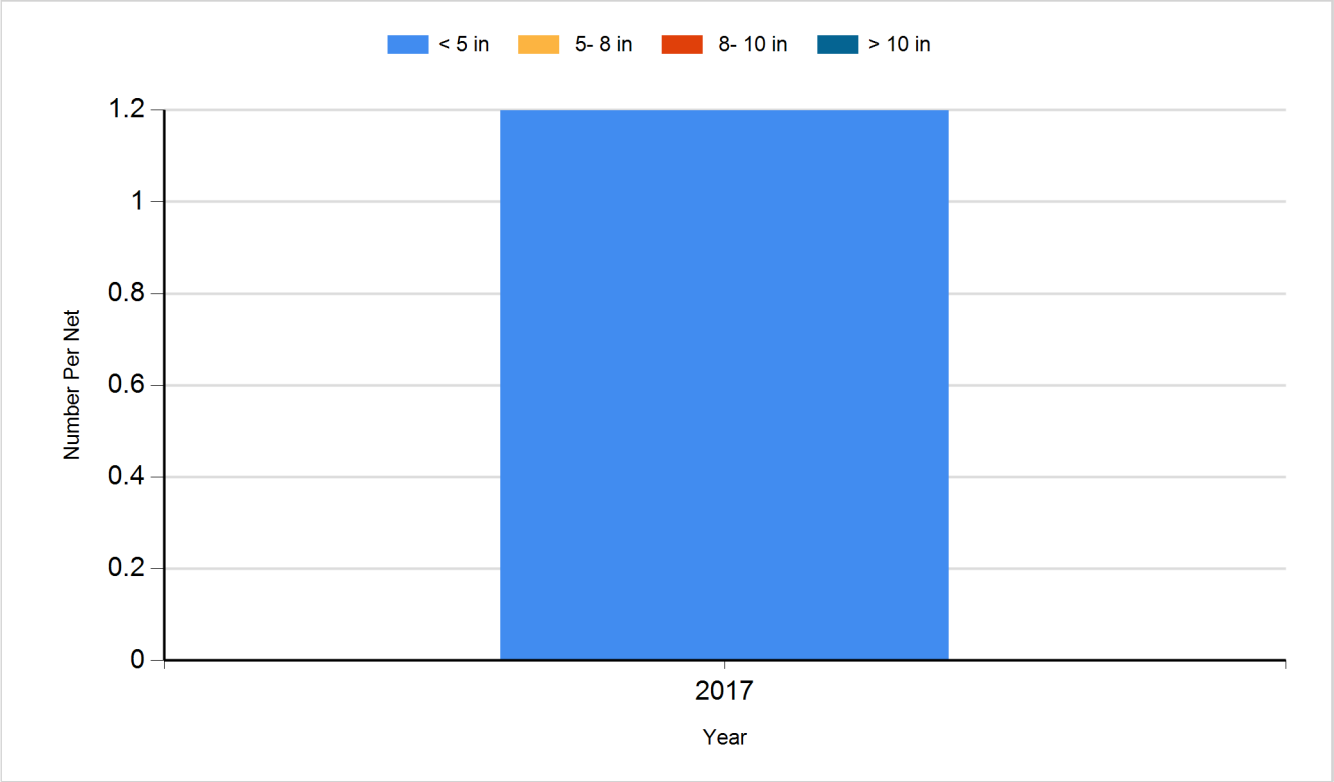


2023

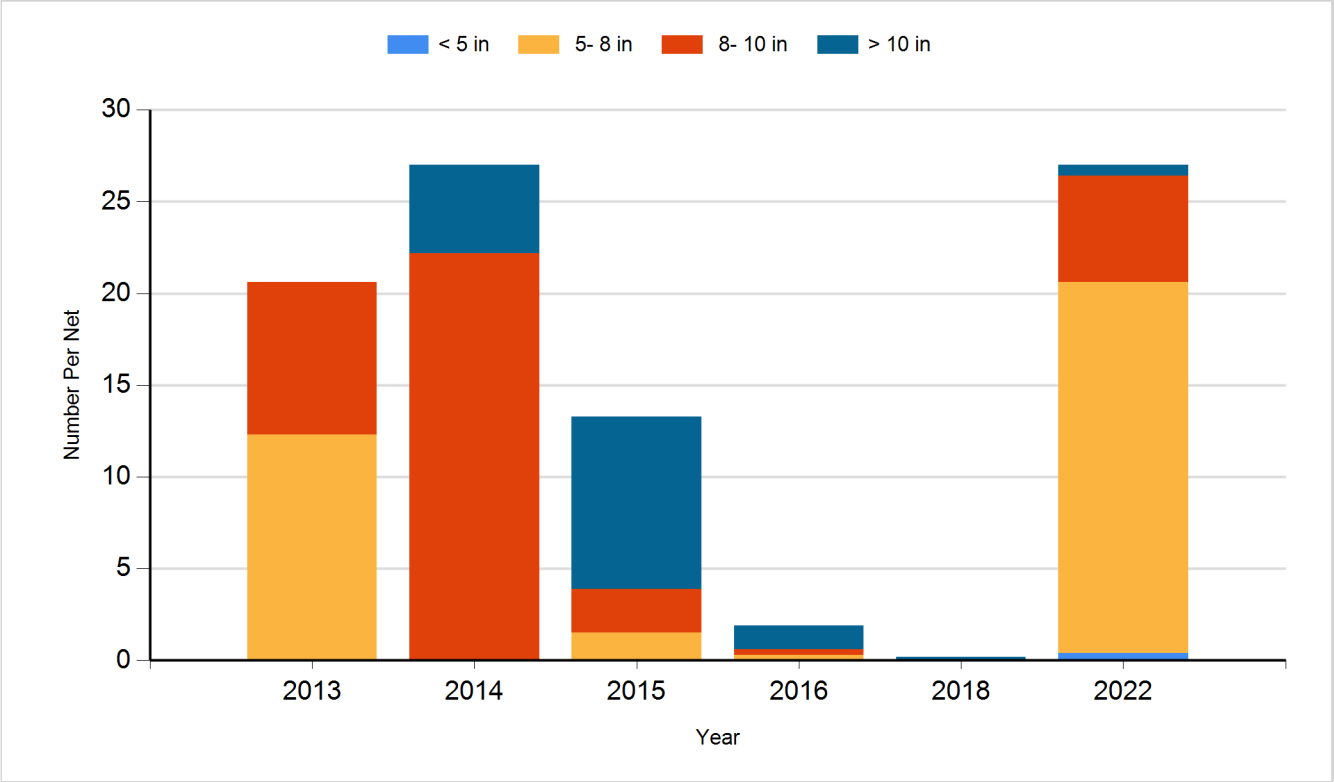
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

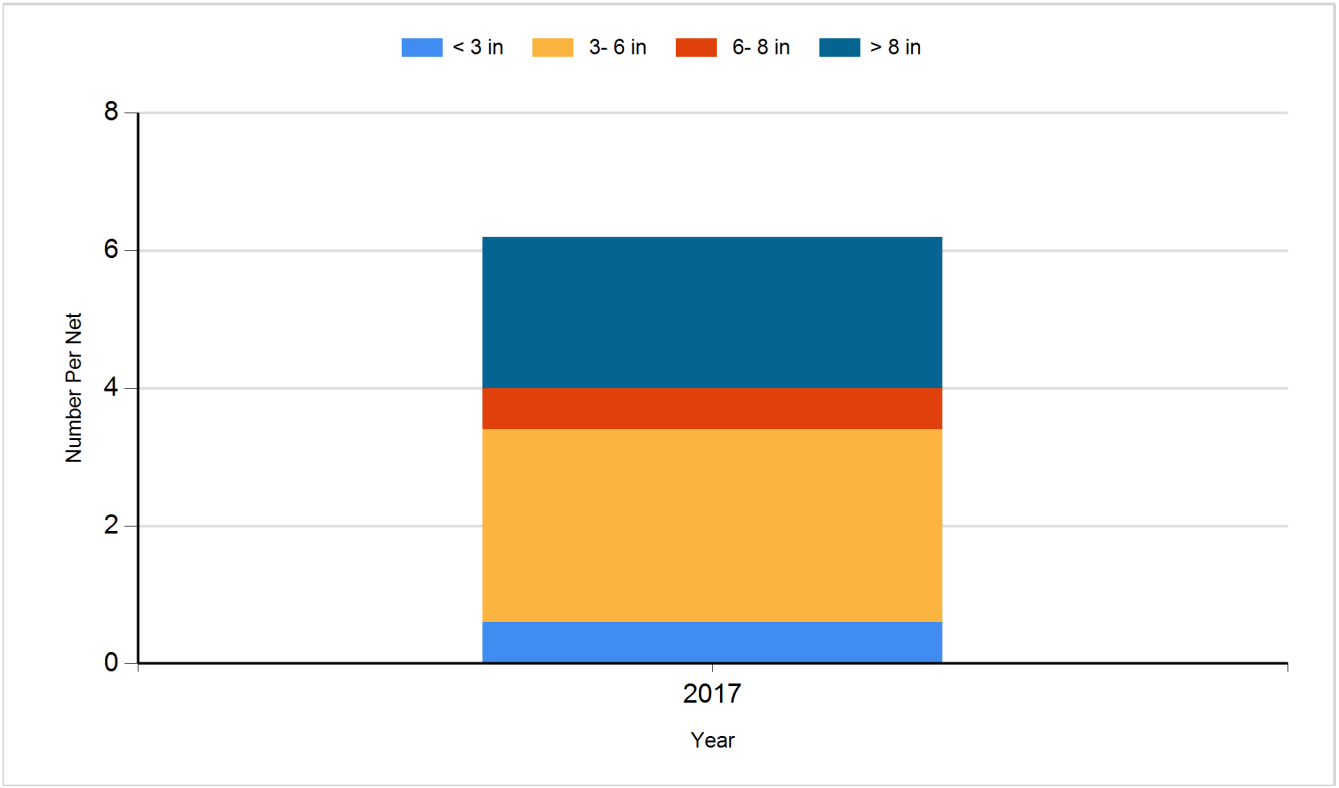
Species: Black Crappie
Gear: AFS std frame net



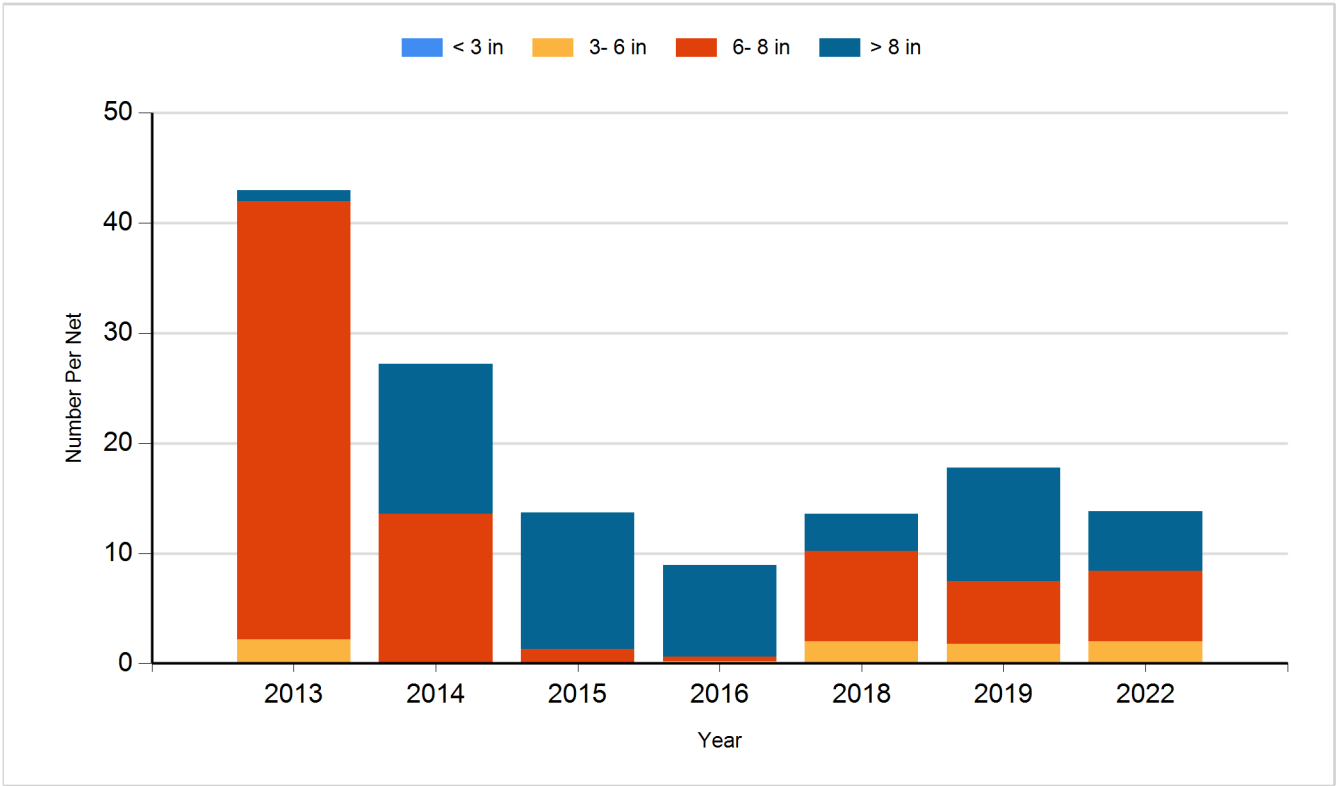
Species: Black Crappie
Gear: frame net (std 3/4 in)



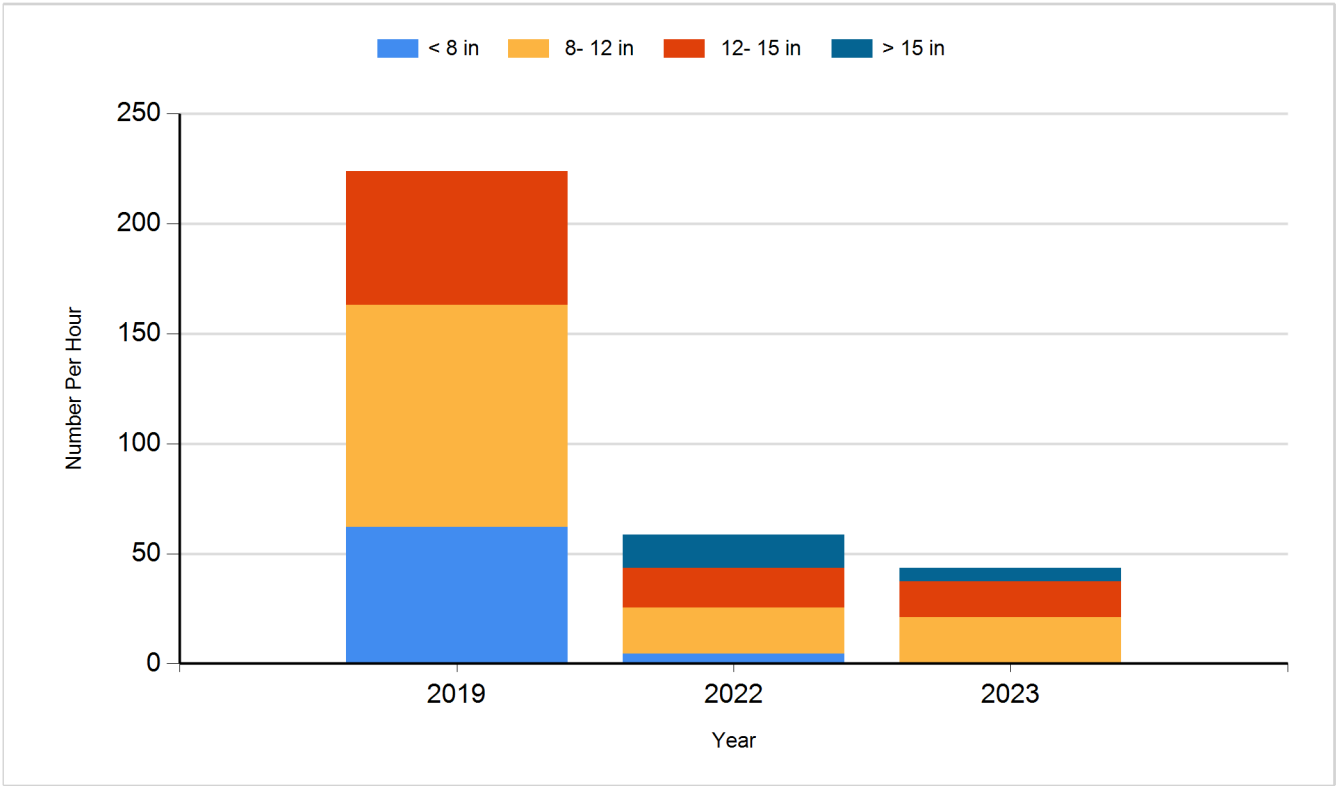
Species: Bluegill
Gear: AFS std frame net



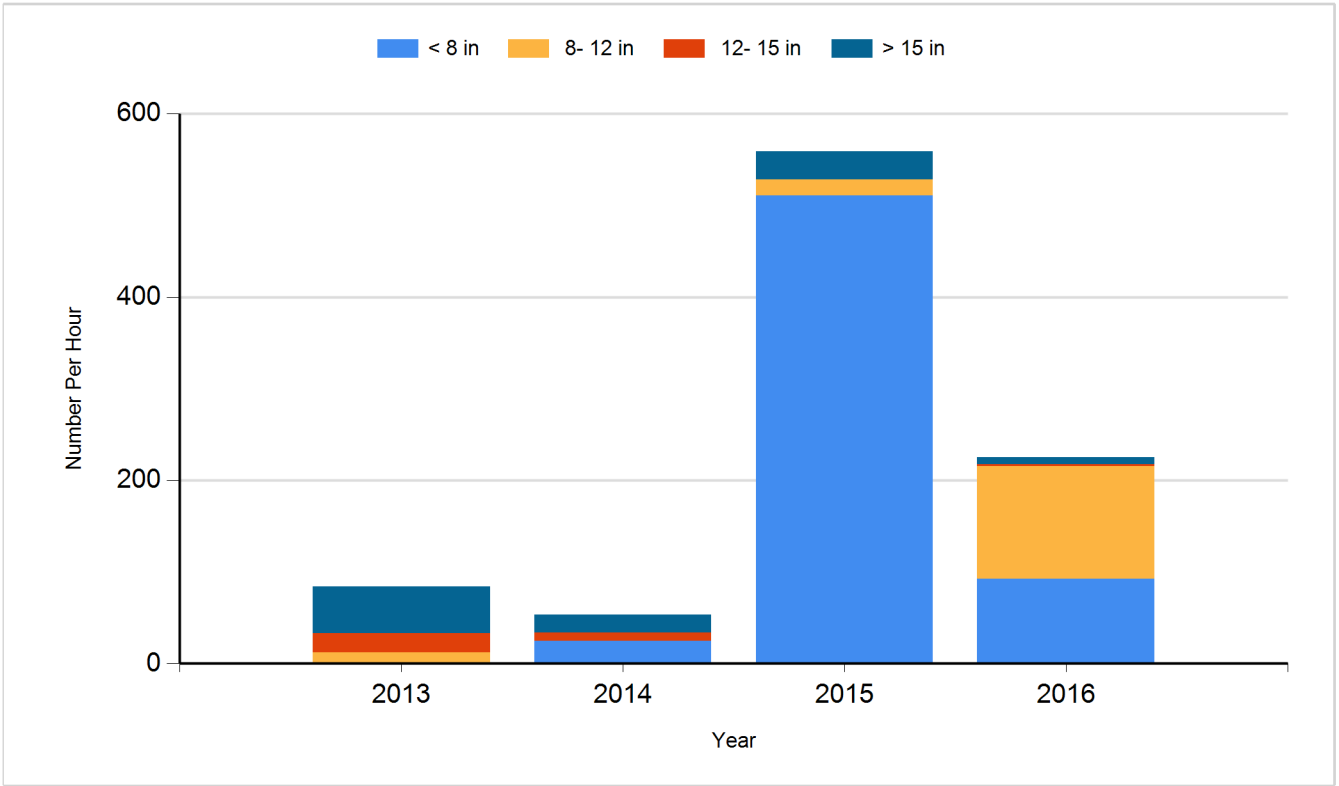
Species: Bluegill
Gear: frame net (std 3/4 in)



Species: Largemouth Bass
Gear: boat shocker (day)



Species: Largemouth Bass
Gear: boat shocker (night)



Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2013	Channel Catfish	Large Fingerling	4,950
2023	Channel Catfish	Juvenile	948