SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Oakwood West, Brookings County
MBS-Lake-215-000
2023

Lake Information

Name: Oakwood West

County: Brookings

OHWM Elevation: 1,627

Surface Area: 1,183 Acres

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
AFS std gill net	Aug 10, 2023	6 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Yellow Perch

Walleye

Common Carp

Northern Pike

White Sucker

Black Bullhead

Bigmouth Buffalo

Yellow Bullhead

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	39	0.7	1.0	100		50			
	Black Bullhead	4	0.7	0.5	0		0			
	Common Carp	260	11.3	7.5	0		0			
	Northern Pike	10	1.2	0.9	100		43		86	11
	Walleye	38	0.2	0.2	100		0		97	
	White Sucker	6	1.0	0.5	100		67			
	Yellow Bullhead	1	0.2	0.2	0		0			

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 gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo				0.3	1.0	0.7	0.0	3.3		0.7	1.00
	Black Bullhead				7.0	11.5	1.8	2.3	11.8		0.7	5.85
	Common Carp				1.7	0.3	0.0	0.0	12.5		11.3	4.30
	Northern Pike				1.3	0.3	0.5	2.7	1.0		1.2	1.17
	Walleye				16.5	25.0	0.3	5.3	4.2		0.2	8.58
	White Sucker				1.7	1.2	4.3	2.3	0.5		1.0	1.83
	Yellow Bullhead				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.2	0.03
	Yellow Perch				16.3	35.2	12.3	8.3	9.2		0.0	13.55
std exp gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	1.7	1.0	0.0								0.90
	Black Bullhead	43.7	8.7	6.3								19.57
	Common Carp	2.0	0.3	0.3								0.87
	Green Sunfish	0.0	0.0	0.0								0.00
	Northern Pike	6.0	7.7	2.3								5.33
	Orangespotted Sunfish	0.0	0.0	0.0								0.00
	Walleye	16.3	31.3	33.3								26.97
	White Sucker	4.0	4.0	1.3								3.10
	Yellow Bullhead	0.3	0.0	0.0								0.10
	Yellow Perch	59.3	37.3	101.3								65.97

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 gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	PSD				100	67	0	0	0		100
		PSD-P				0	17	0	0	0		50
	Black Bullhead	PSD				24	61	0	14	1		0
		PSD-P				12	13	0	0	0		0
	Common Carp	PSD				90	100		0	0		0
		PSD-P				10	100		0	0		0
	Northern Pike	PSD				100	100	33	88	100		100
		PSD-P				63	50	33	0	17		43
		Wr				84	75	100	97	78		86
	Walleye	PSD				97	41	100	53	92		100
		PSD-P				20	22	50	13	28		0
		Wr				96	89	109	95	93		97
	White Sucker	PSD				100	100	92	93	100		100
		PSD-P				80	100	73	71	100		67
	Yellow Bullhead	PSD										0
		PSD-P										0
	Yellow Perch	PSD				57	41	53	24	71		
		PSD-P				28	9	4	4	11		
		Wr				95	96	110	96	89		
std exp gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	PSD	80	67								
		PSD-P	20	0								
	Black Bullhead	PSD	39	62	68							
		PSD-P	1	0	53							
	Common Carp	PSD	83	0	100							
		PSD-P	17	0	100							
	Northern Pike	PSD	67	91	86							
		PSD-P	28	35	14							
		Wr	95	87	89							
	Walleye	PSD	61	26	92							
		PSD-P	8	5	0							
		Wr	98	87	91							
	White Sucker	PSD	67	92	100							
		PSD-P	25	33	100							

			Year									
Gear	Species	Index	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
std exp gill net	Yellow Bullhead	PSD	100									
		PSD-P	100									
		Wr	114									
	Yellow Perch	PSD	29	56	49							
		PSD-P	5	14	18							
		Wr	102	97	97							

Fish Condition

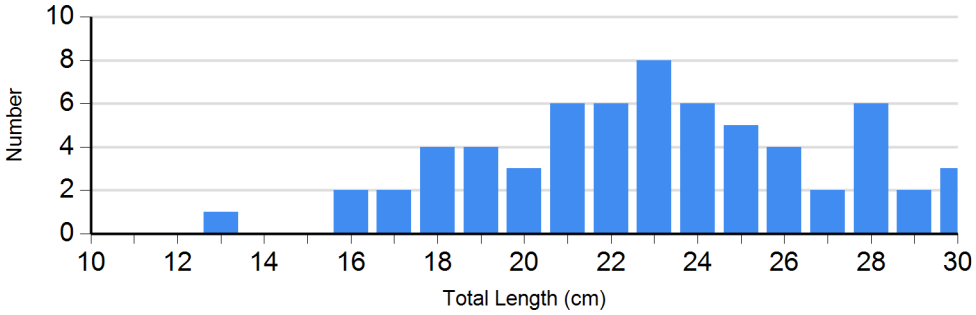
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

		Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
Species	Year	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Northern Pike Gill Net	2019	2	103 (5.9)	0		1	95	0	
	2020	2	101 (0.0)	14	97 (1.0)	0		0	
	2021	0		5	81 (3.5)	1	66	0	
	2023	0		4	98 (3.5)	2	86 (8.8)	1	42
Walleye Gill Net	2019	0		1	105	1	112	0	
	2020	15	98 (2.0)	13	93 (1.8)	4	95 (1.6)	0	
	2021	2	97 (1.2)	16	93 (2.3)	7	92 (4.2)	0	
	2023	0		1	97	0		0	
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2019	35	118 (2.4)	36	104 (1.2)	3	104	0	
	2020	38	96 (1.4)	10	95 (1.8)	2	100 (0.6)	0	
	2021	16	83 (4.3)	33	91 (2.0)	6	96 (3.3)	0	

Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

Species: Black Bullhead
Gear: AFS std gill net



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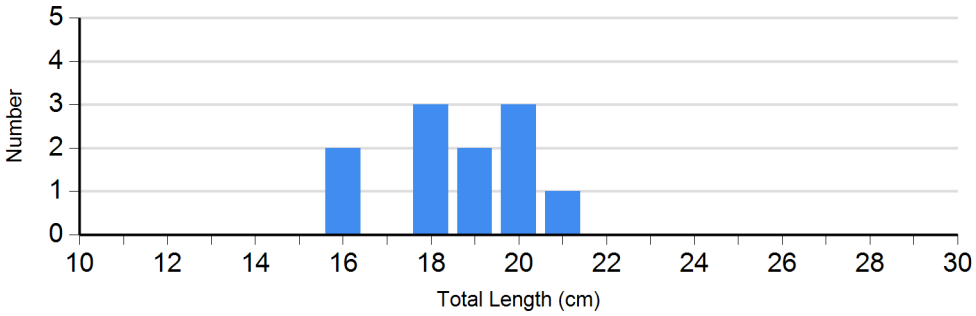

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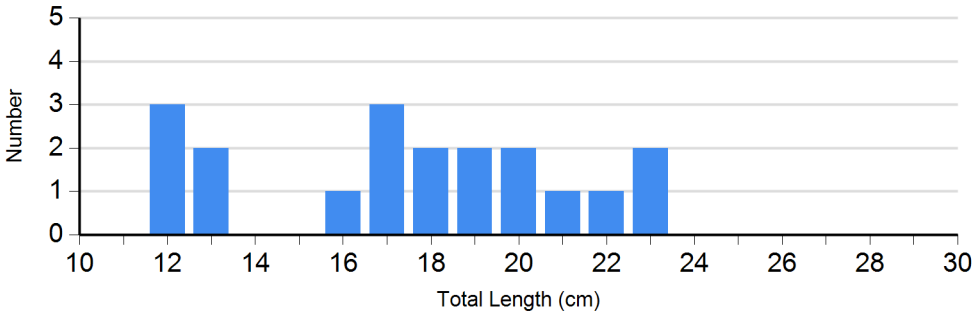

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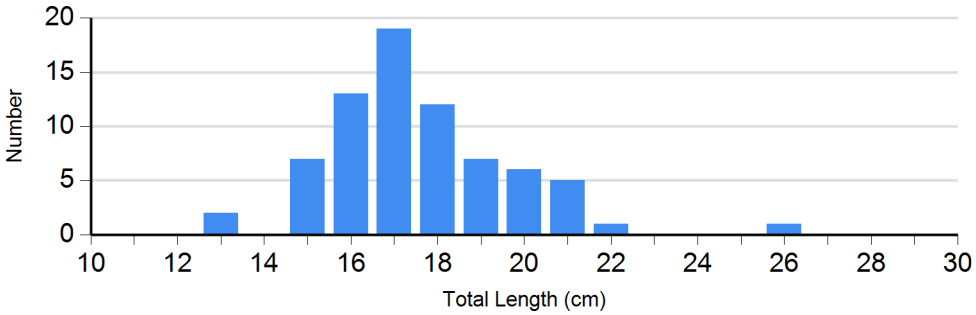

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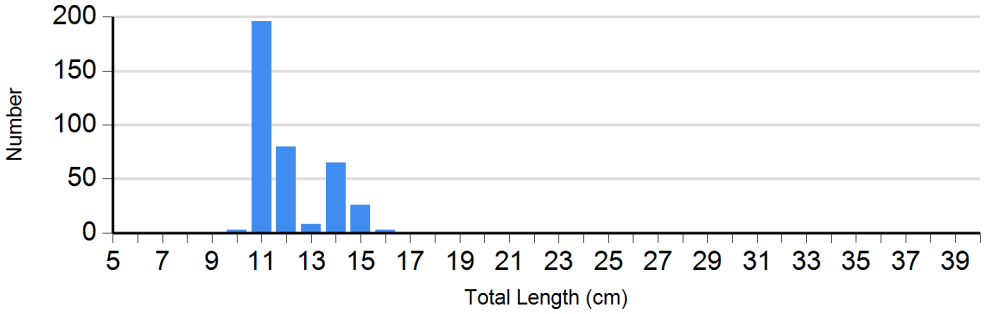
Species: Common Carp
Gear: AFS std gill net



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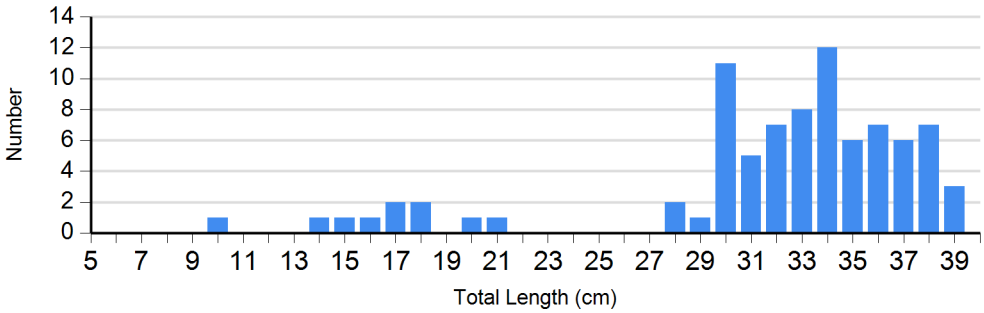

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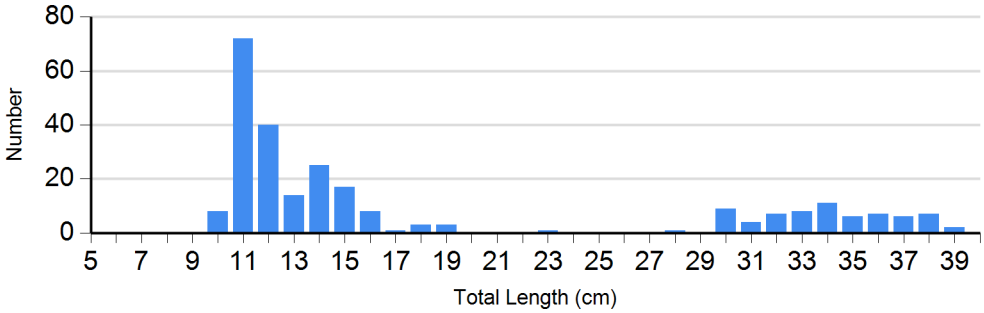

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Species: Northern Pike
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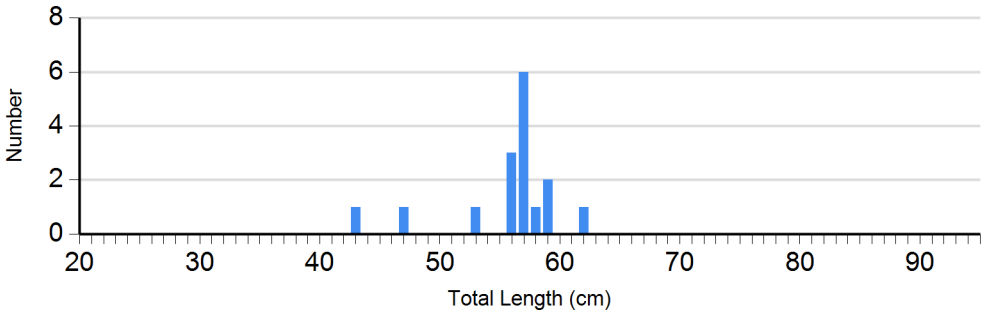

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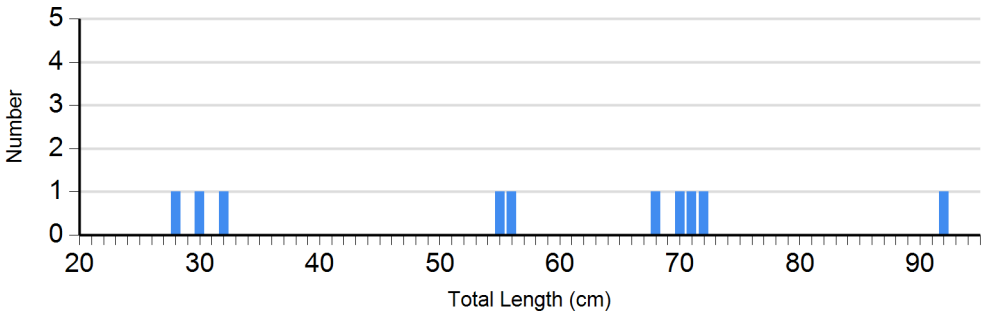

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Species: Walleye
Gear: AFS std gill net

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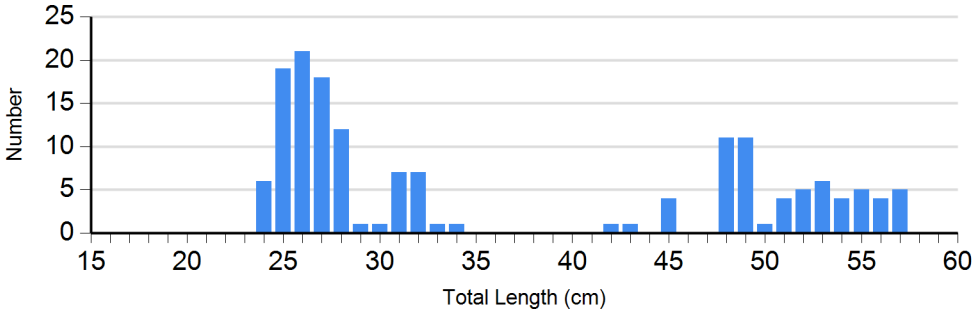

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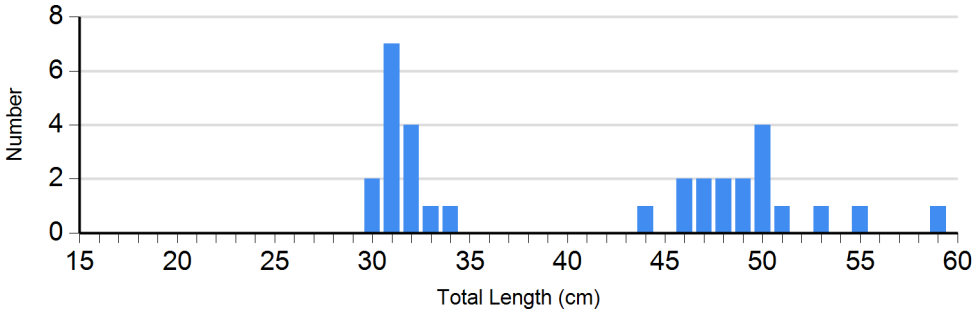

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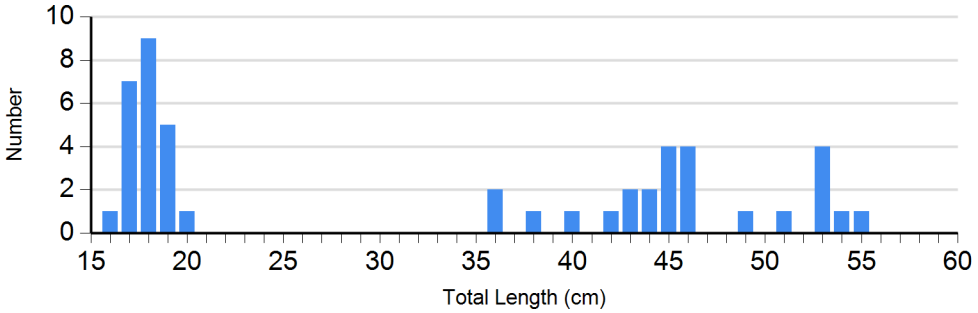

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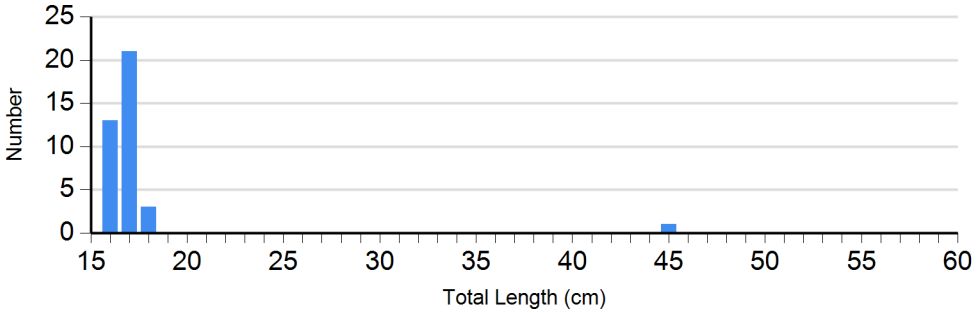

Species: White Sucker
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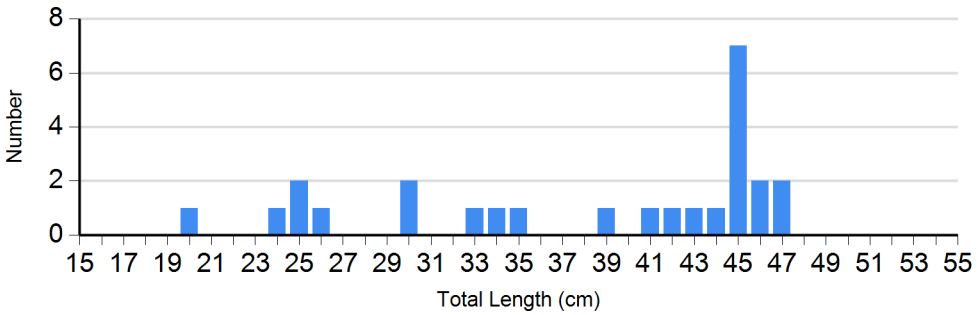

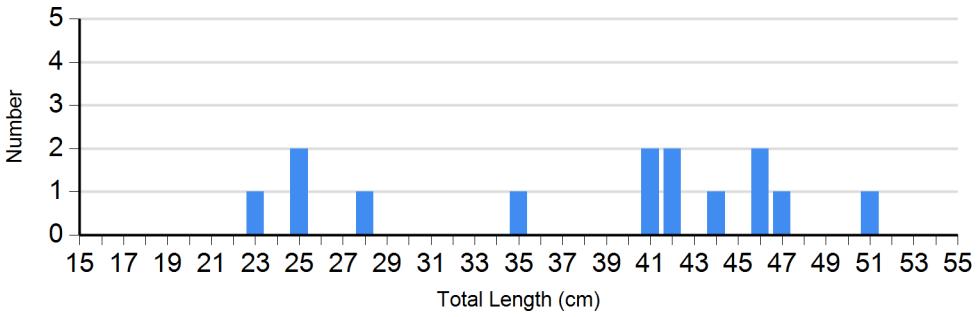

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Species: Yellow Perch
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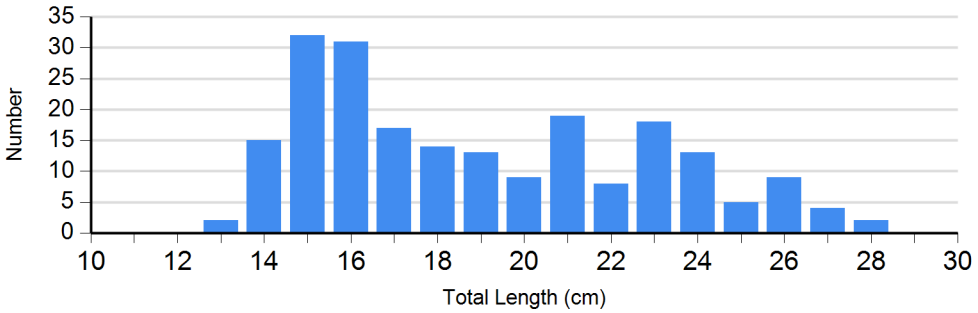

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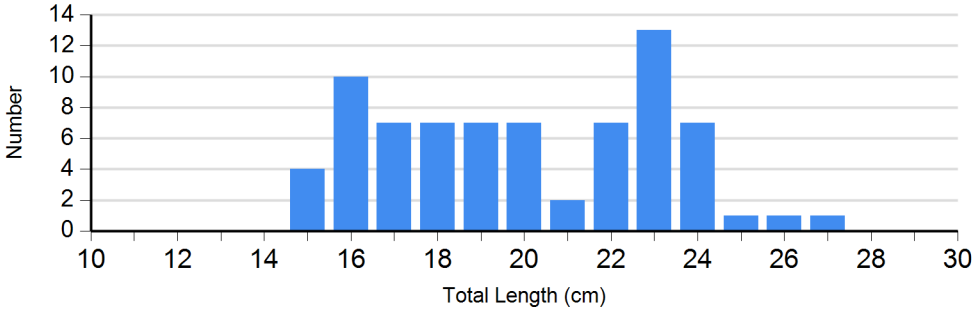

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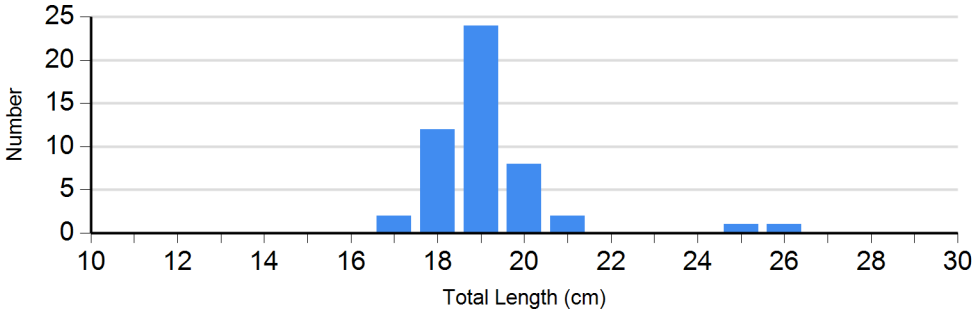

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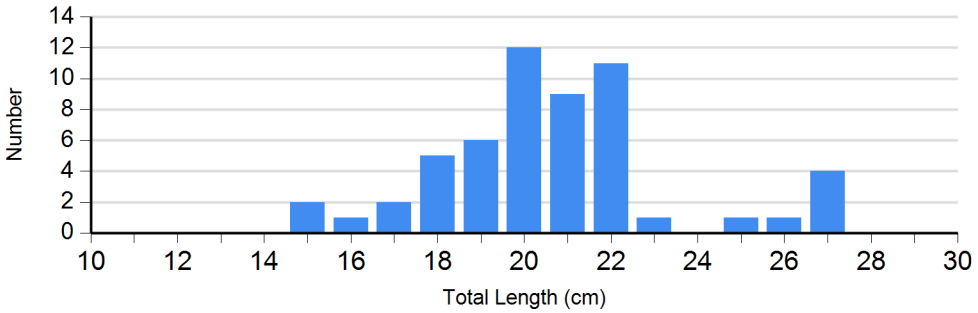

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Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

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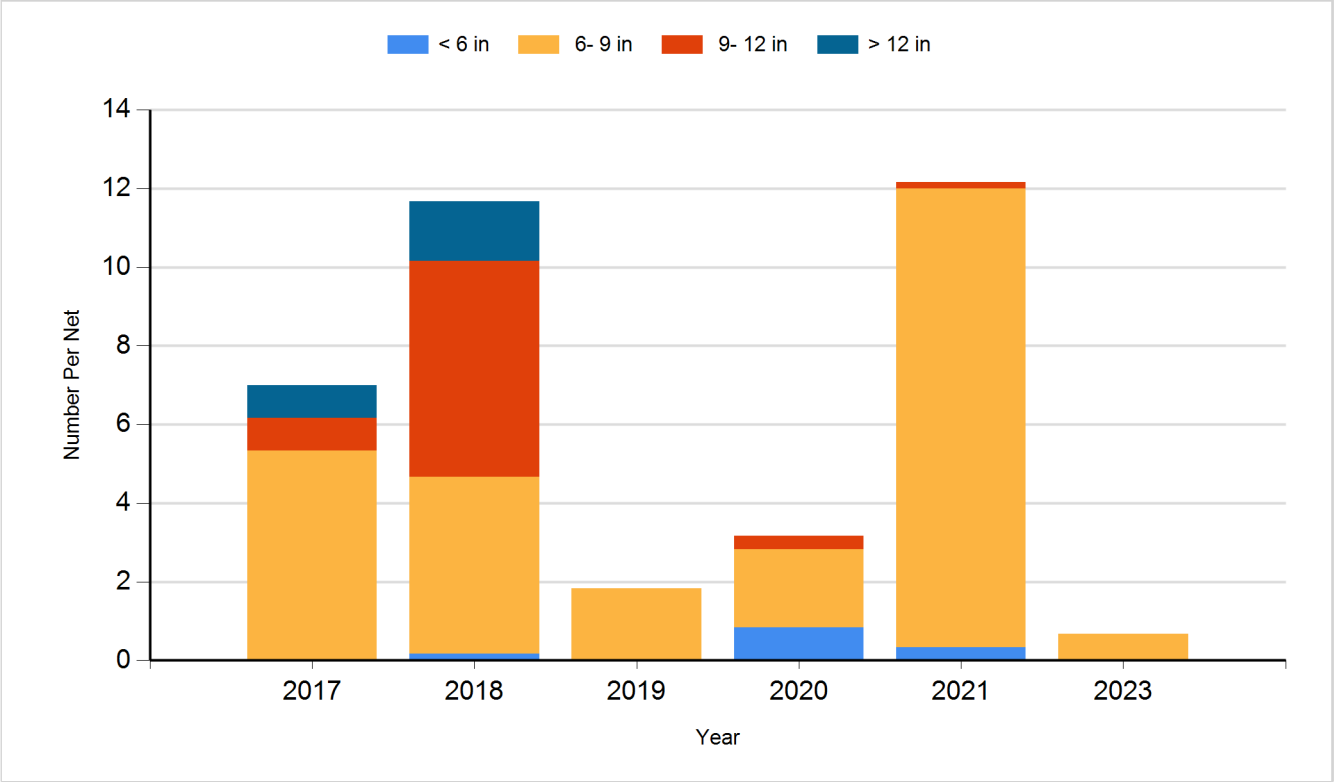
Gear: AFS std gill net



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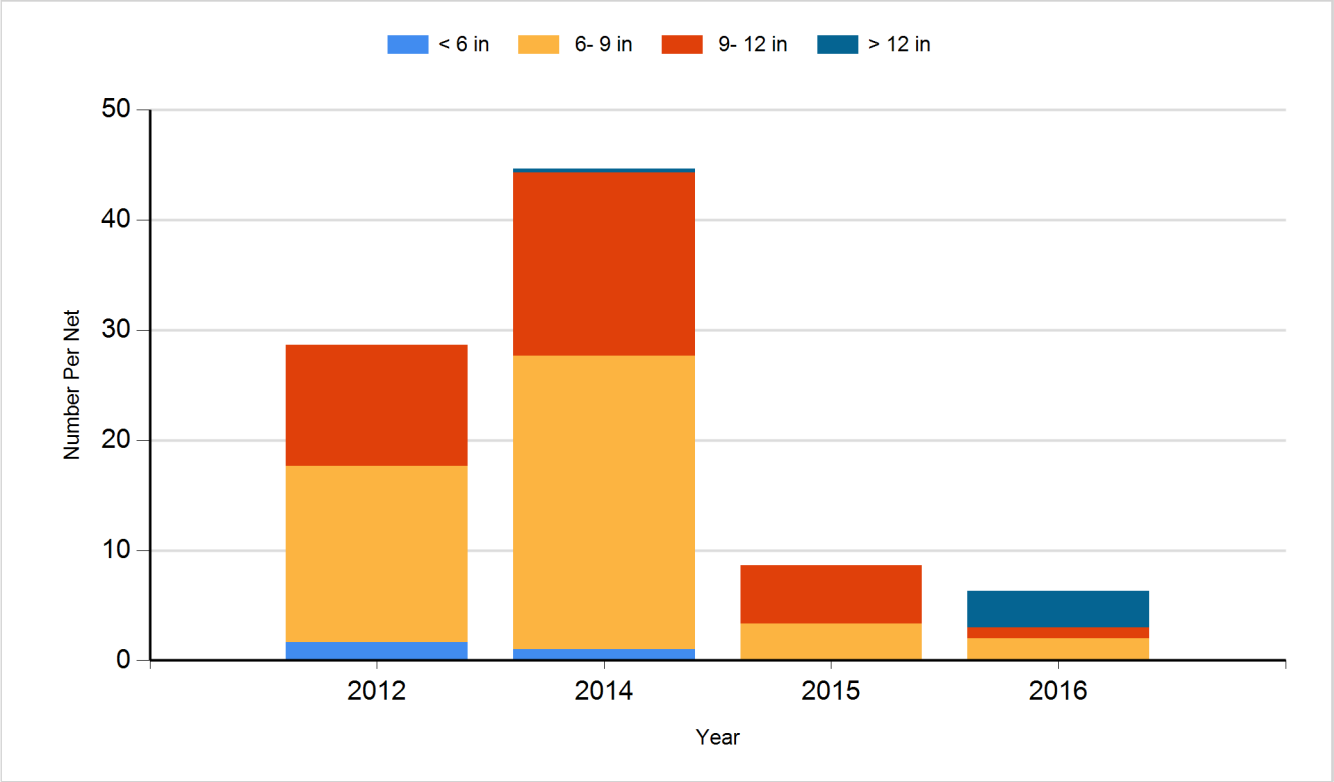
Gear: std exp gill net



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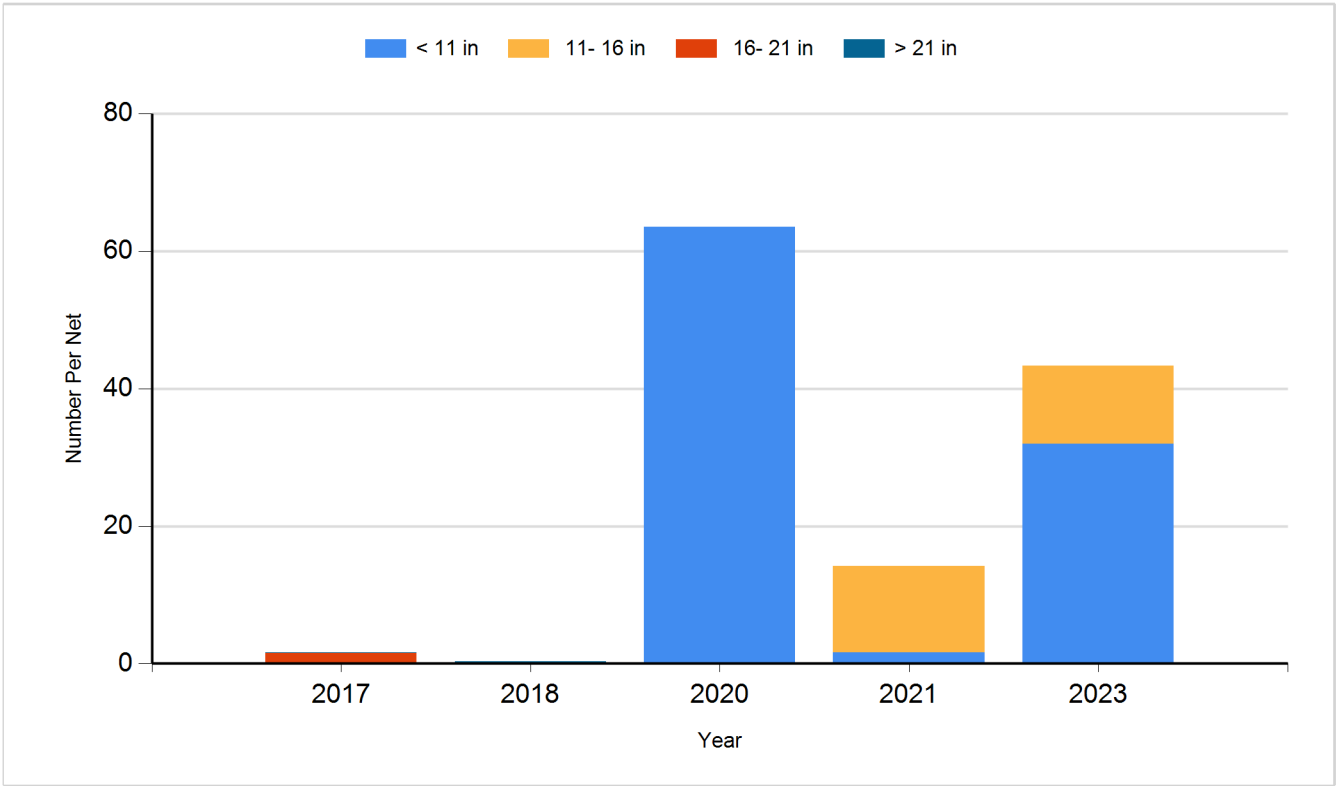

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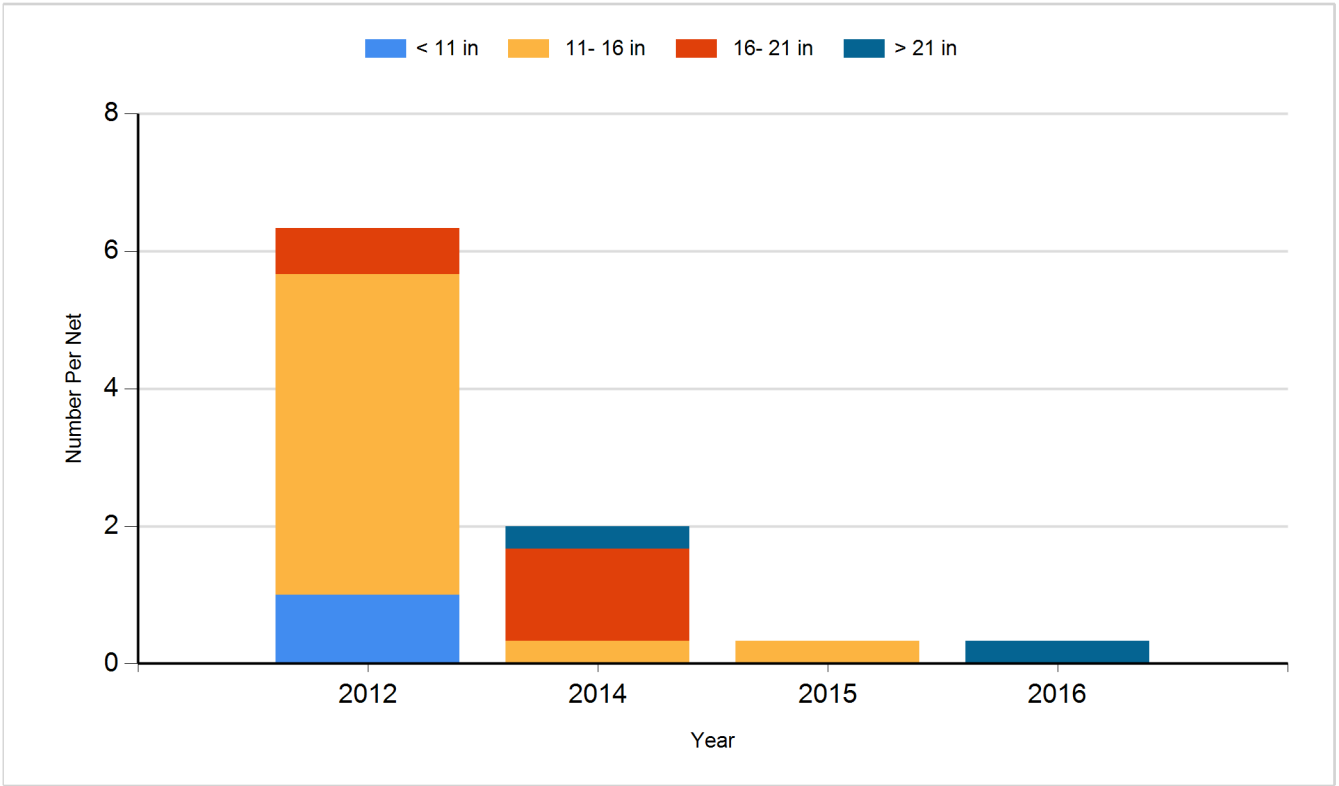

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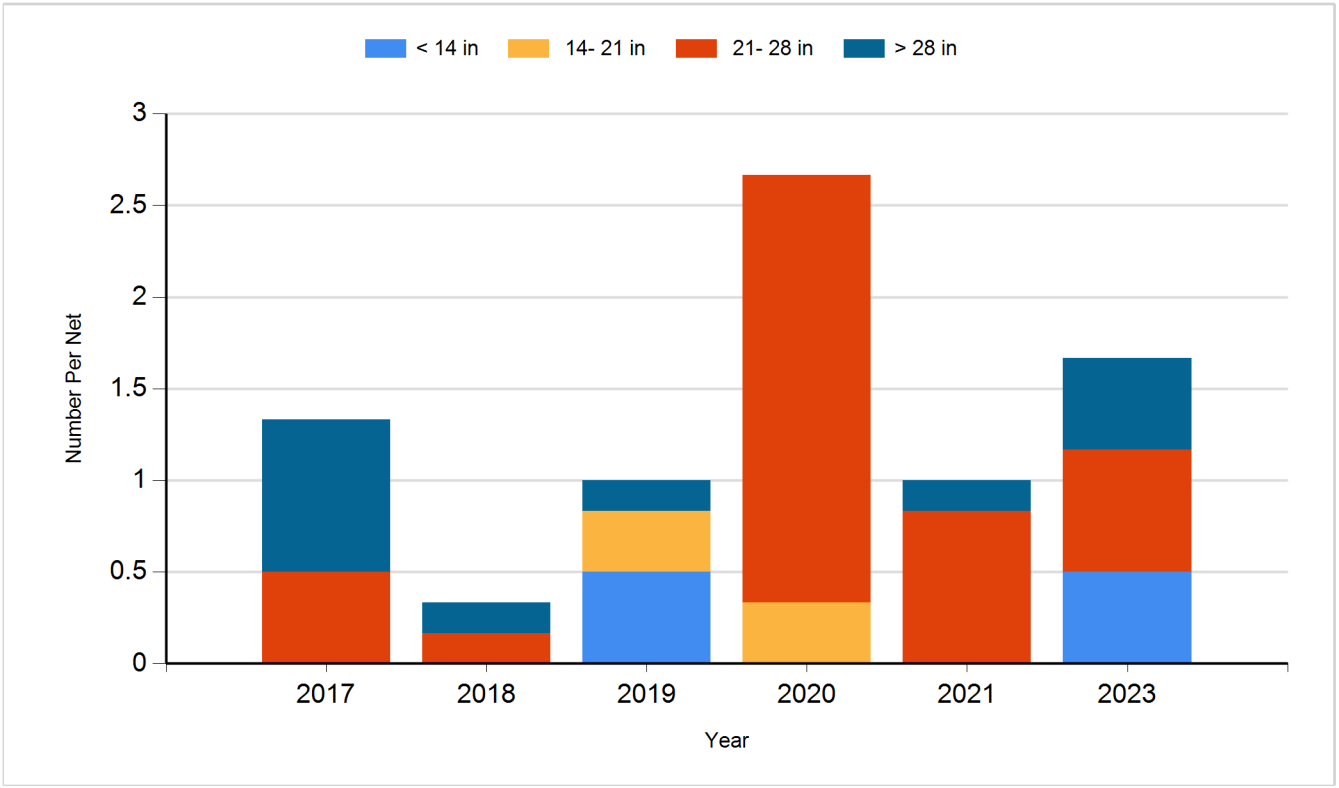

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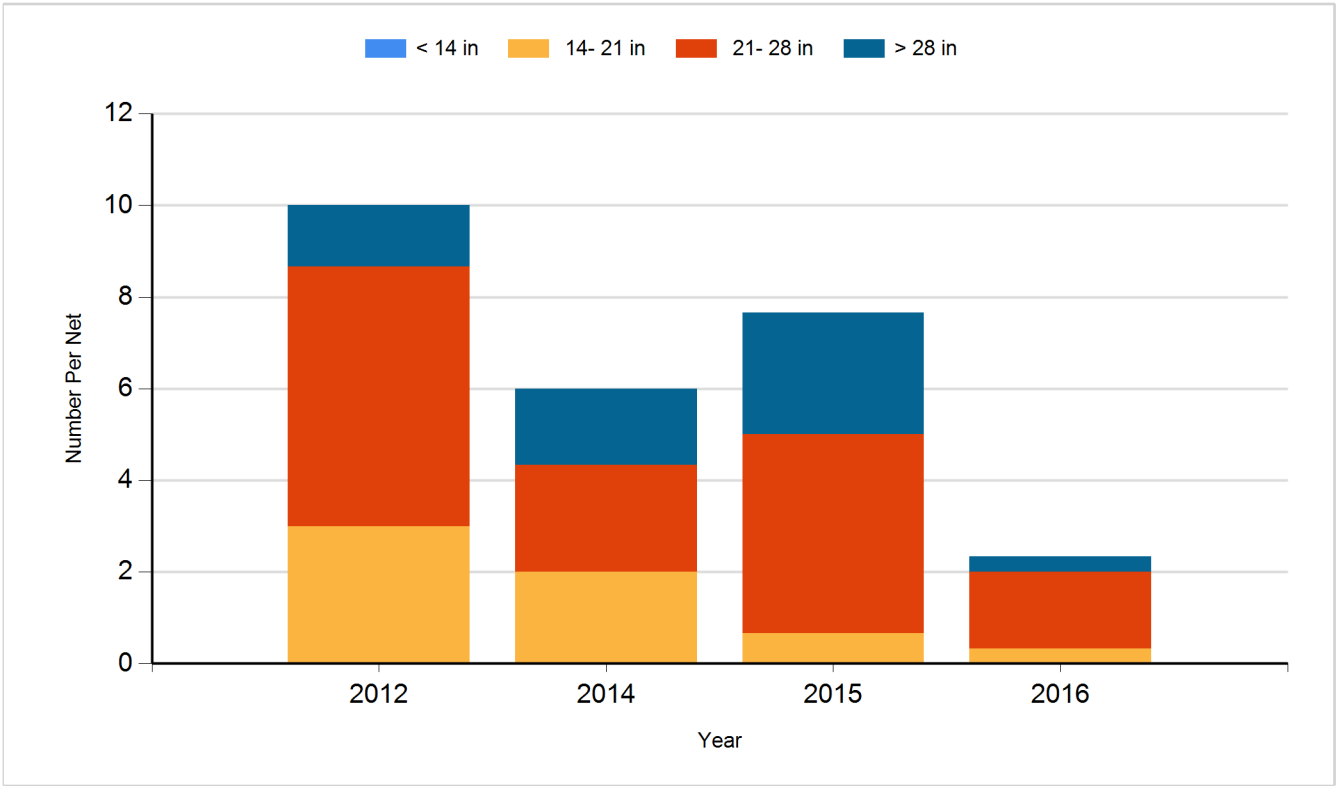

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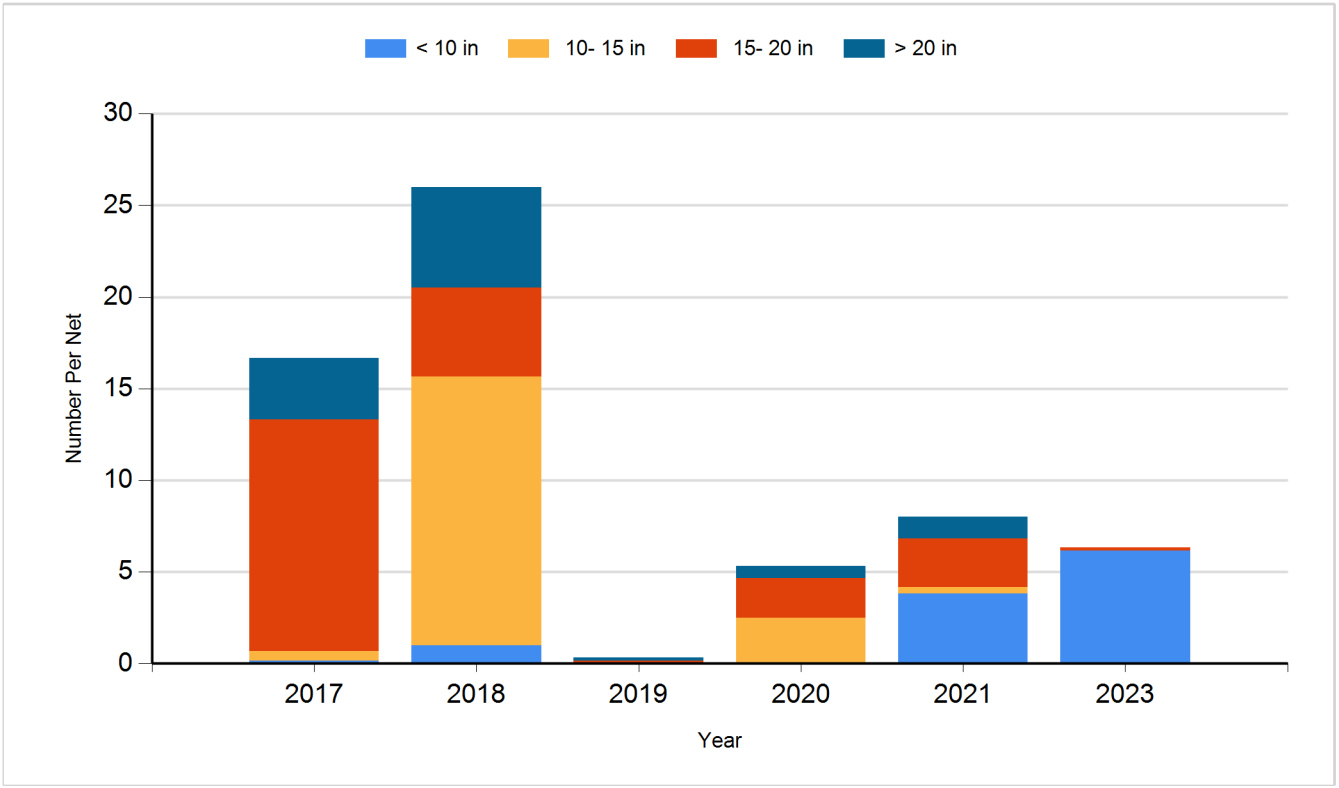

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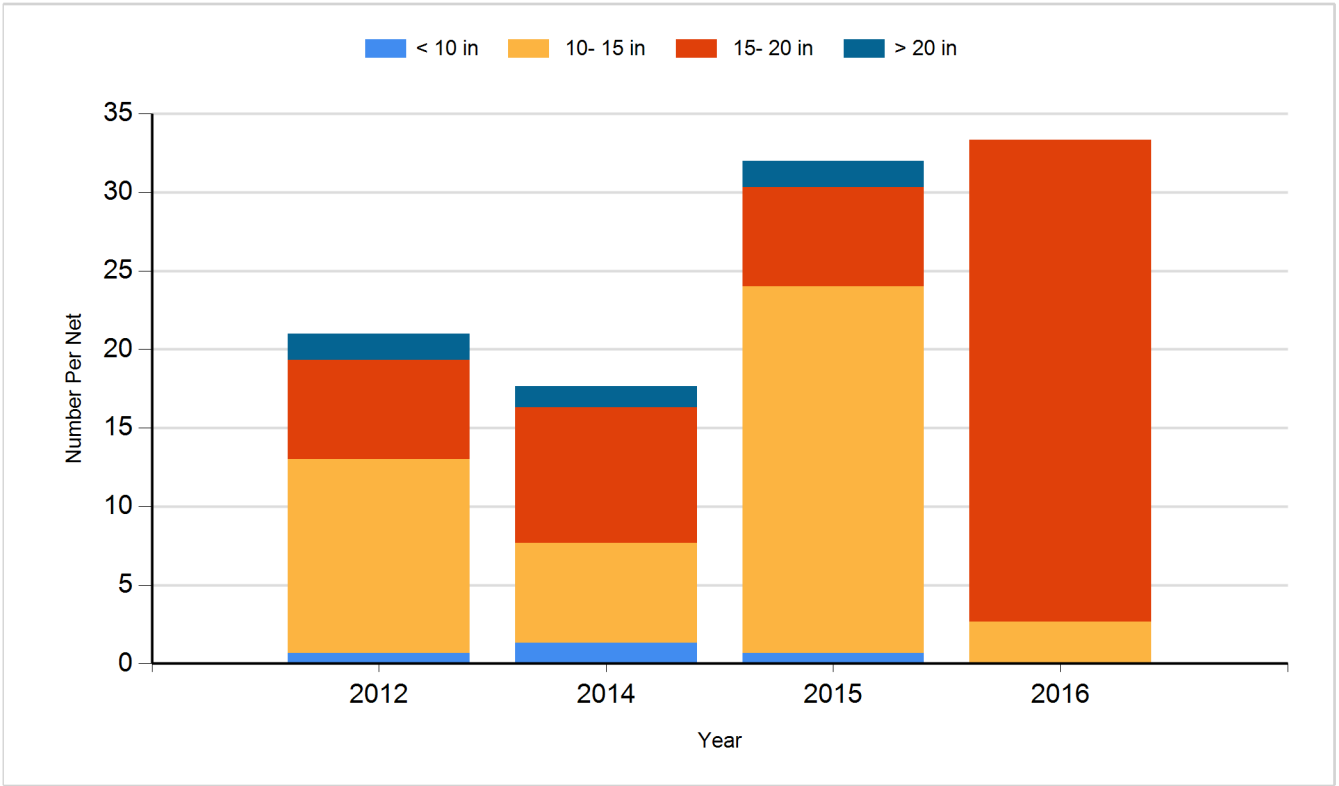

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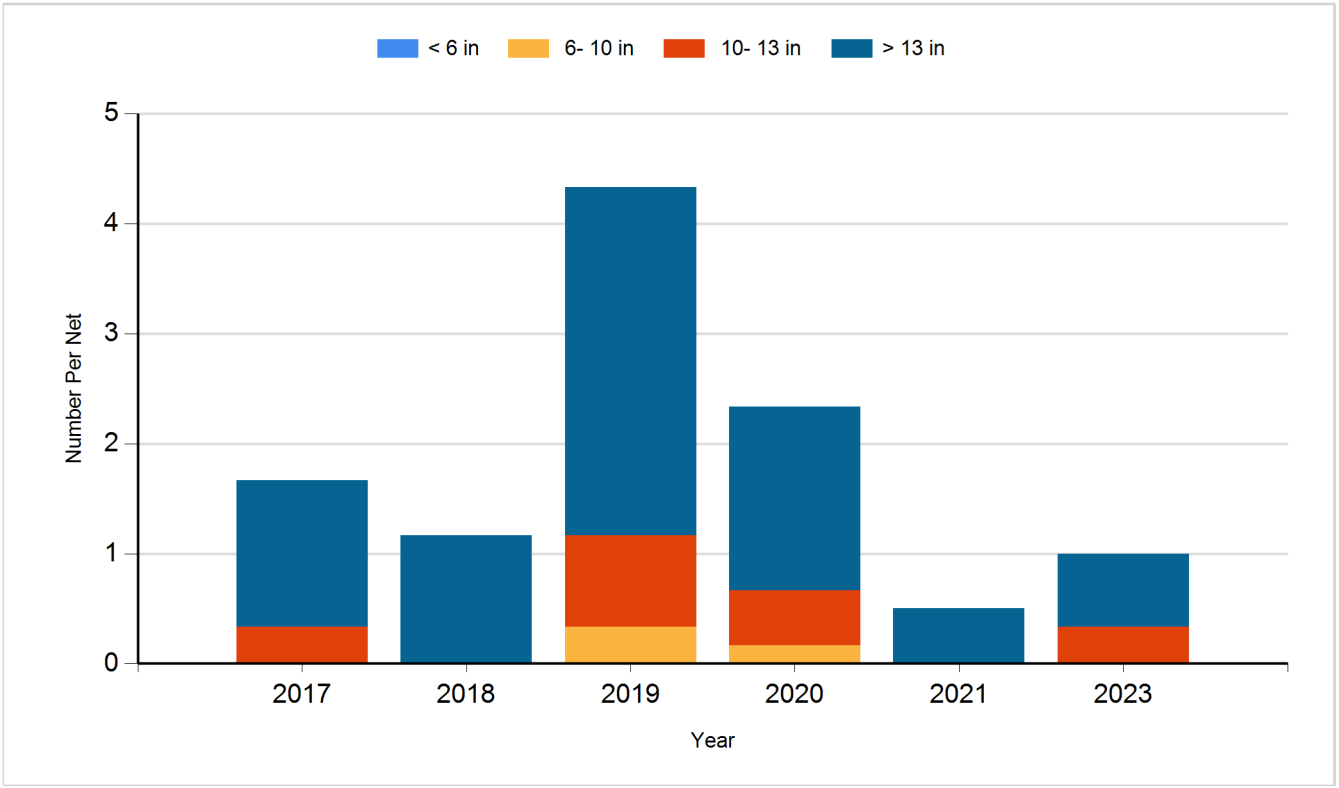

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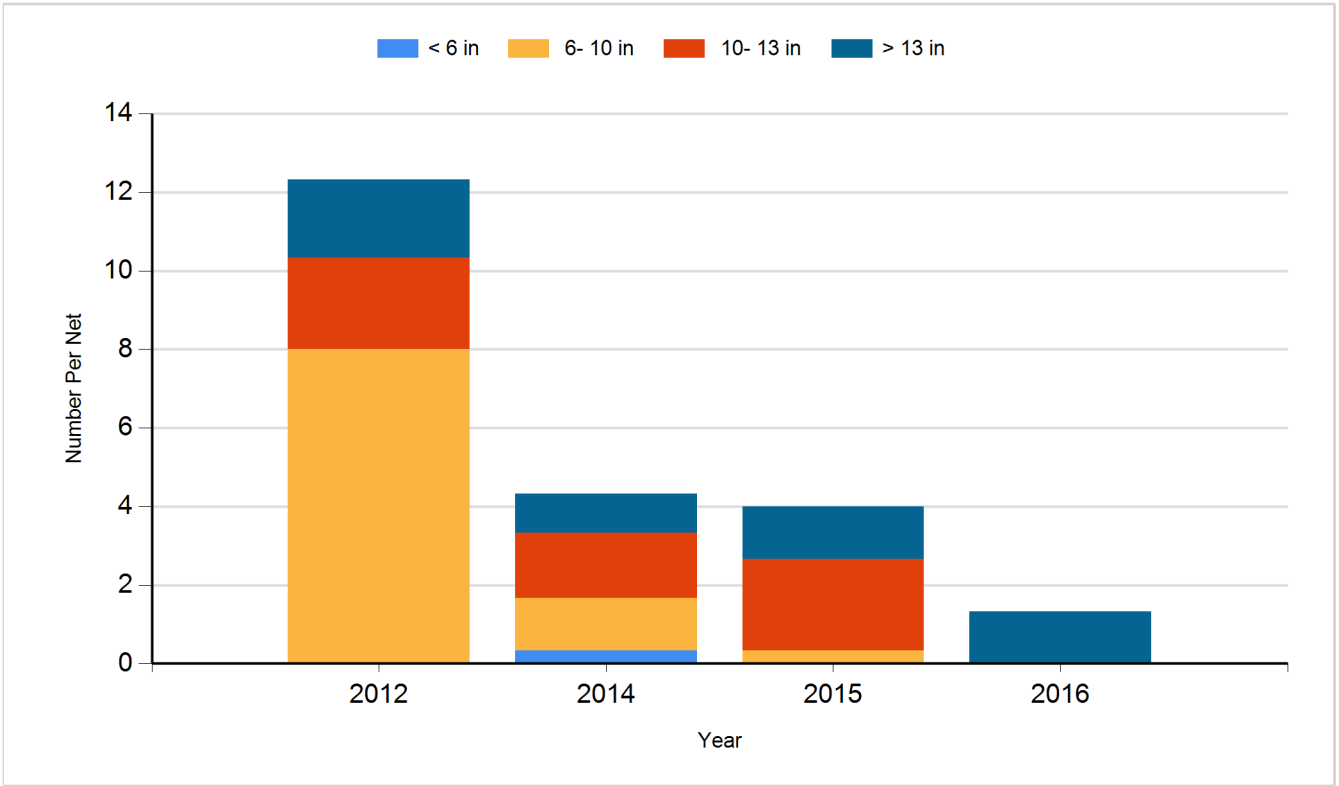

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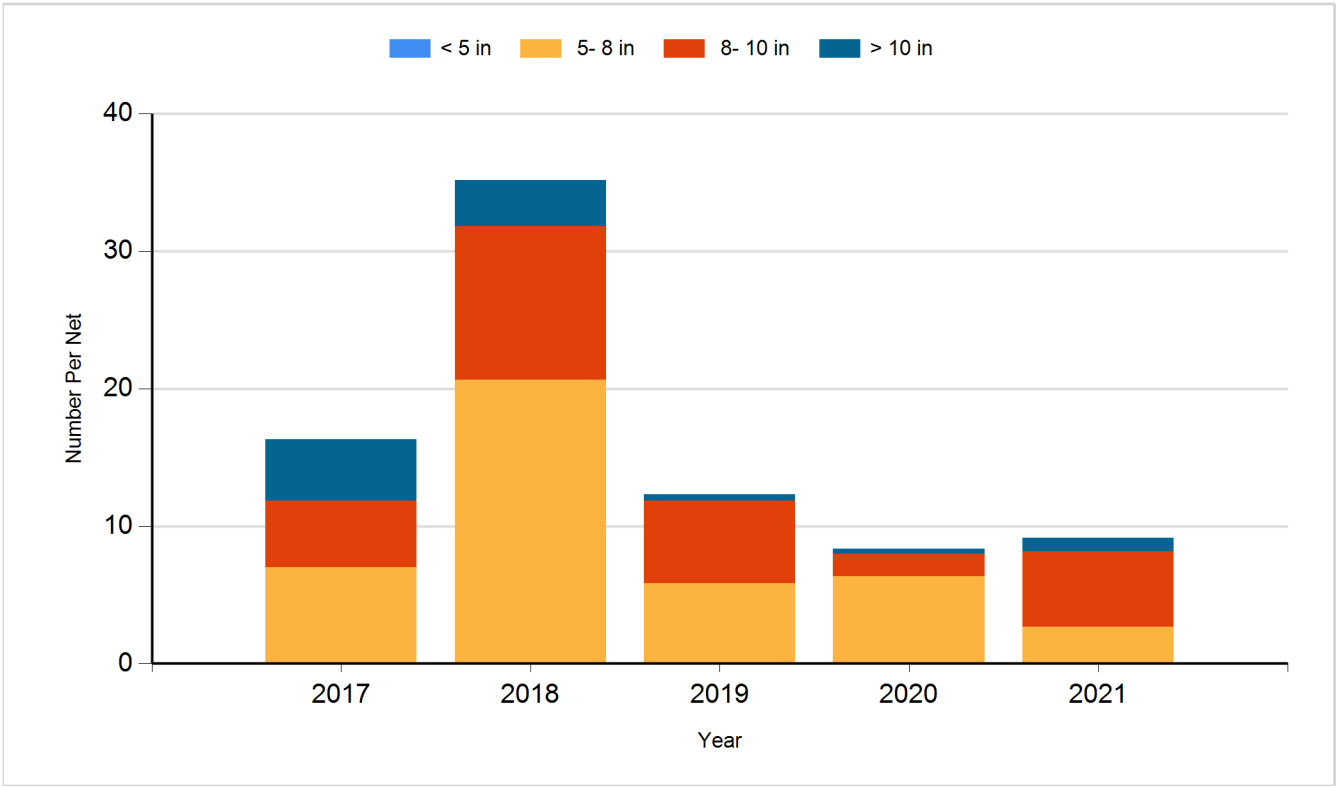

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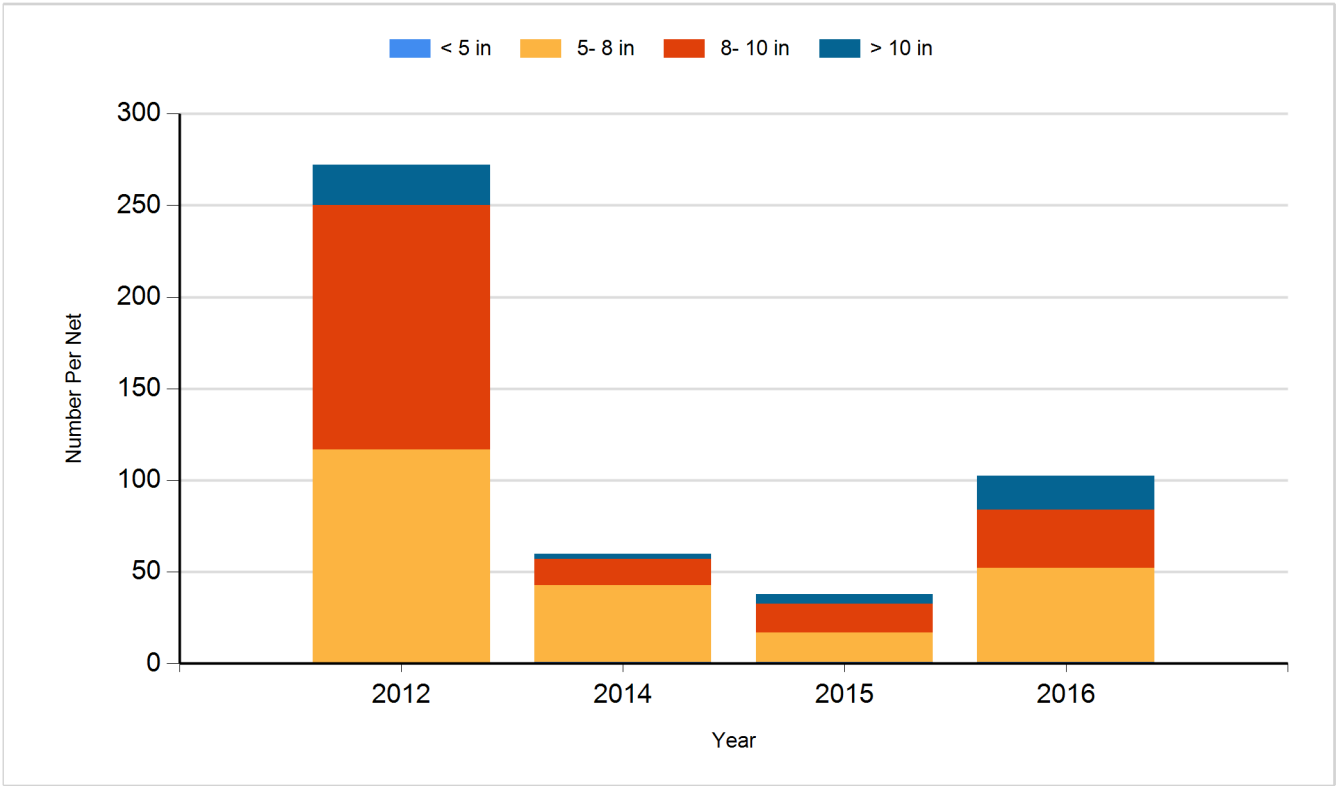

Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2012	Walleye	Fry	450,000
2012	Walleye	Juvenile	1,350
2014	Walleye	Fry	600,000
2017	Walleye	Fry	1,200,000
2019	Walleye	Fry	1,077,000
2021	Walleye	Fry	2,200,000
2023	Walleye	Juvenile	75,932