Lake Information

Name: Mud

County: Spink

Surface Area: 422 Acres

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
AFS std gill net	Aug 08, 2023	4 net-nights
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Aug 08, 2023	8 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Yellow Perch

Walleye

Northern Pike

Black Crappie

Black Bullhead

Sunfish Hybrid

Green Sunfish

Common Carp

Freshwater Drum

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.

$$PSD = \left(\frac{number\ of\ fish \geq quality\ length}{number\ of\ fish \geq stock\ length}\right) \times 100$$

$$PSD - P = \left(\frac{number\ of\ fish \geq preferred\ length}{number\ of\ fish \geq stock\ length}\right) \times 100$$

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.

$$Wr = \left(\frac{W}{Ws}\right) \times 100$$

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 (in)	Stock (cm)	Quality (in)	Quality (cm)	Preferred (in)	Preferred (cm)	Memorable (in)	Memorable (cm)	Trophy (in)	Trophy (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
AFS std gill net	Black Bullhead	7	1.8	0.8	0		0		94	2
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	313	39.1	12.6	7	2	0			
	Black Crappie	74	9.3	5.2	20	7	0			
	Common Carp	29	0.4	0.3	100		67			
	Freshwater Drum	1	0.1	0.2	100		0			
	Green Sunfish	9	1.1	1.1	0		0			
	Sunfish Hybrid	15	1.9	0.8	13		0			
	Walleye	4	0.5	0.4	100		100			

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 | | | | | | | | | | |
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Avg
AFS std gill net	Black Bullhead										1.8	1.80
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead		4.7								39.1	21.90
	Black Crappie		4.2								9.3	6.75
	Bluegill		1.1								0.0	0.55
	Common Carp		0.2								0.4	0.30
	Freshwater Drum		0.0								0.1	0.05
	Green Sunfish		0.2								1.1	0.65
	Sunfish Hybrid		0.0								1.9	0.95
	Walleye		8.2								0.5	4.35
	Western Painted Turtle		0.0								0.0	0.00
	White Sucker		0.1								0.0	0.05
	Yellow Perch		0.4								0.0	0.20
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead		10.3									10.30
	Black Crappie		0.7									0.70
	Common Carp		2.7									2.70
	Walleye		6.0									6.00
	White Sucker		0.3									0.30
	Yellow Perch		13.7									13.70

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
AFS std gill net	Black Bullhead	PSD										0
		PSD-P										0
		Wr										94
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	PSD		86								7
		PSD-P		0								0
		Wr		80								
	Black Crappie	PSD		98								20
		PSD-P		60								0
		Wr		105								
	Common Carp	PSD		100								100
		PSD-P		100								67
		Wr		77								
	Green Sunfish	PSD		100								0
		PSD-P		0								0
		Wr		112								
	Walleye	PSD		1								100
		PSD-P		0								100
		Wr		77								
	Yellow Perch	PSD		20								
		PSD-P		0								
		Wr		101								
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead	PSD		84								
		PSD-P		0								
		Wr		88								
	Black Crappie	PSD		100								
		PSD-P		100								
		Wr		107								
	Common Carp	PSD		100								
		PSD-P		75								
		Wr		91								
	Walleye	PSD		0								
		PSD-P		0								

Gear	Species	Index		Year									
			2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
std exp gill net	Walleye	Wr		79								
	Yellow Perch	PSD		20								
		PSD-P		0								
		Wr		107								

Length at Capture

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

Species: Black Crappie

Year	N				Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2015	50	163 (1)		231 (19)	271 (30)						

Species: Walleye

Year	N				Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2015	29	237 (14)		297 (15)							

Species: Yellow Perch

Year	N				Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2015	41	185 (3)	189 (37)	203 (1)							

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)
Black Bullhead Gill Net	2023	7	94 (1.9)	0		0		0	

Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

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

2023
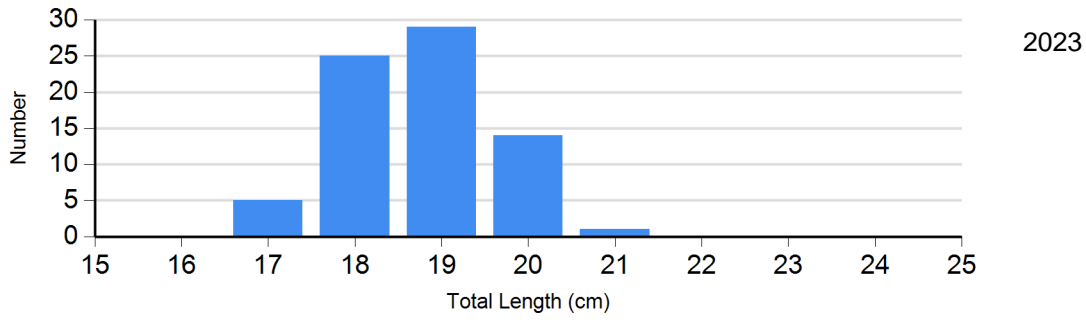
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

Size distribution per net by color for species sampled by year.
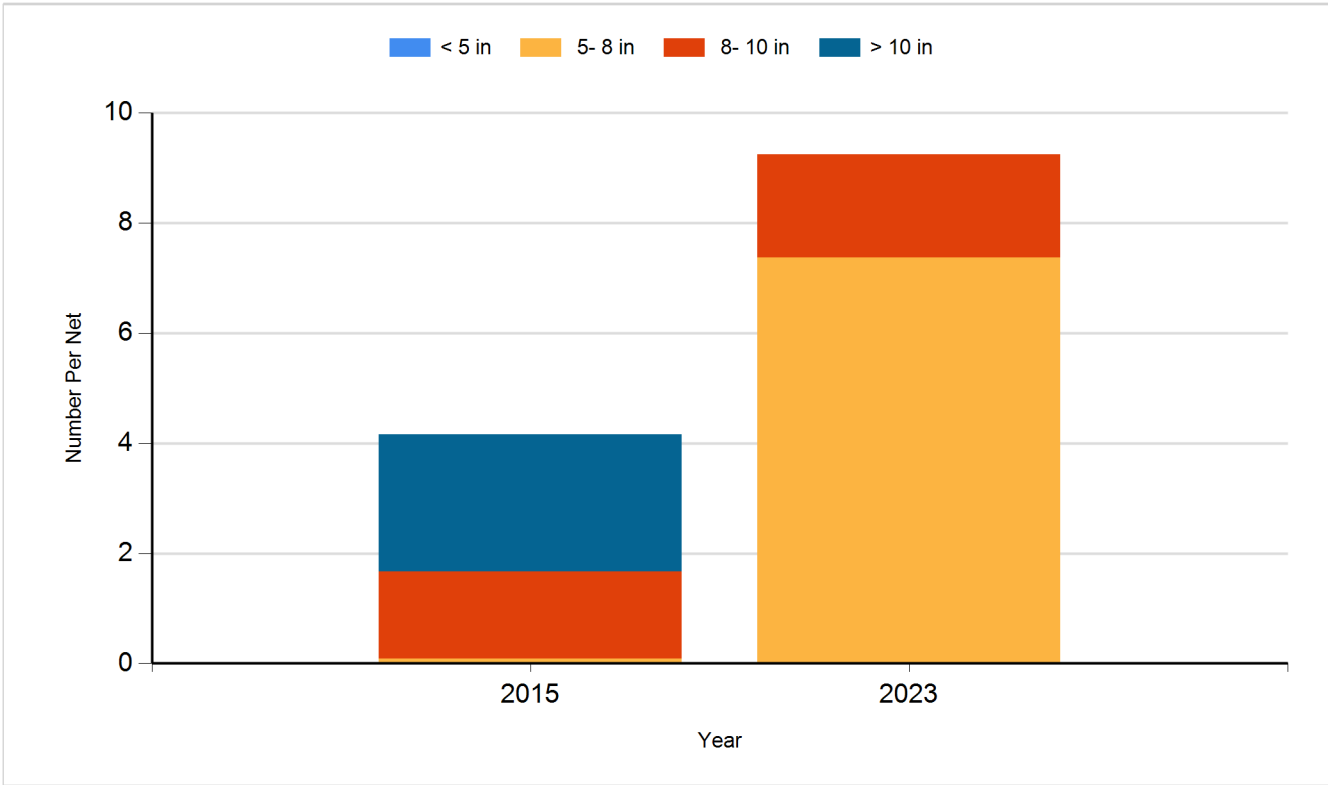
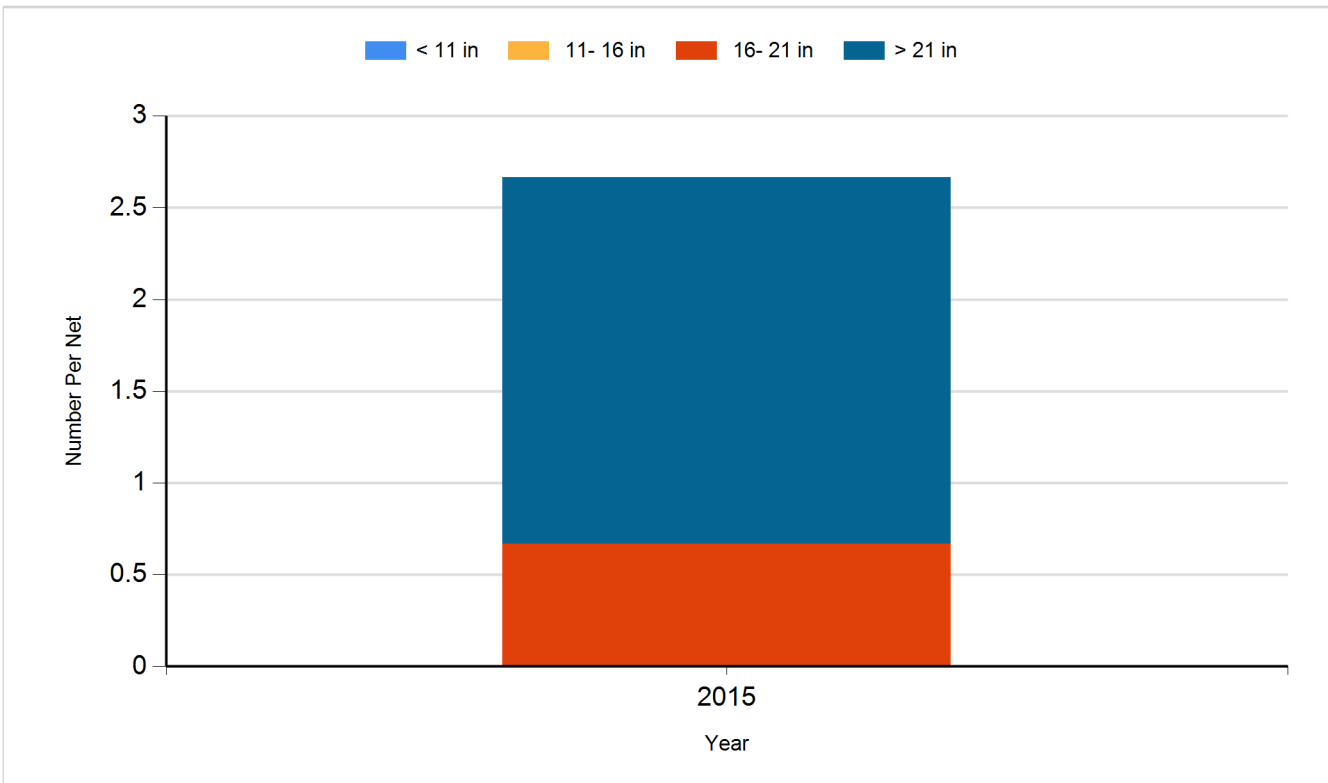Species: Black Bullhead
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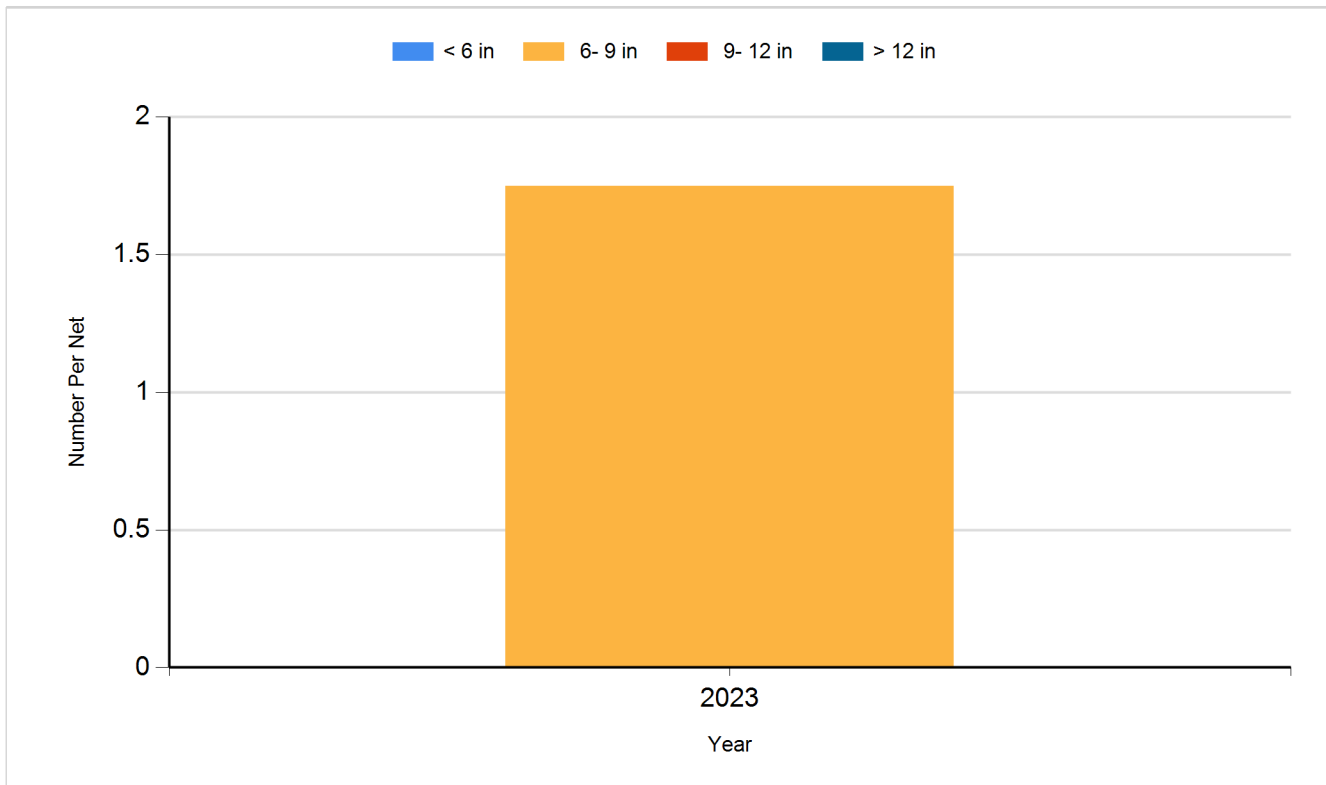
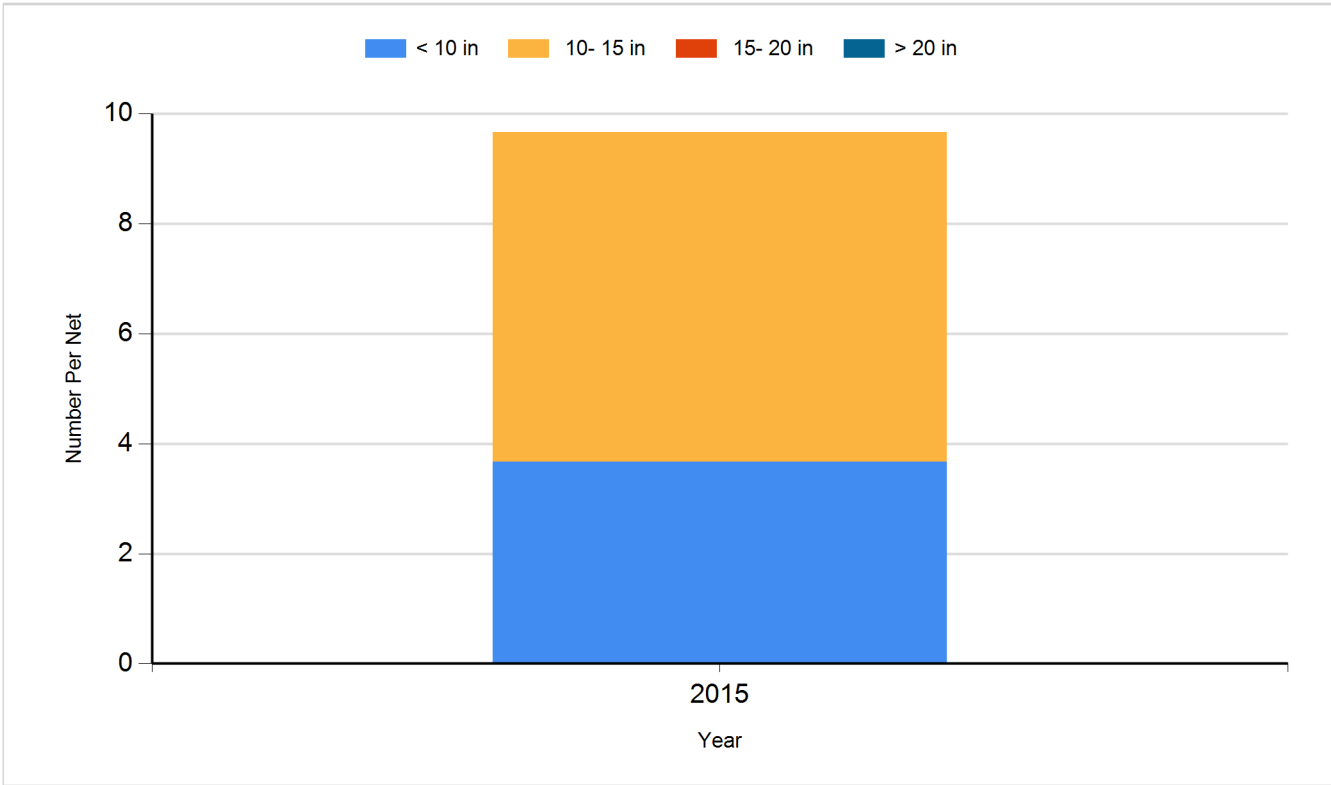Species: Black Bullhead
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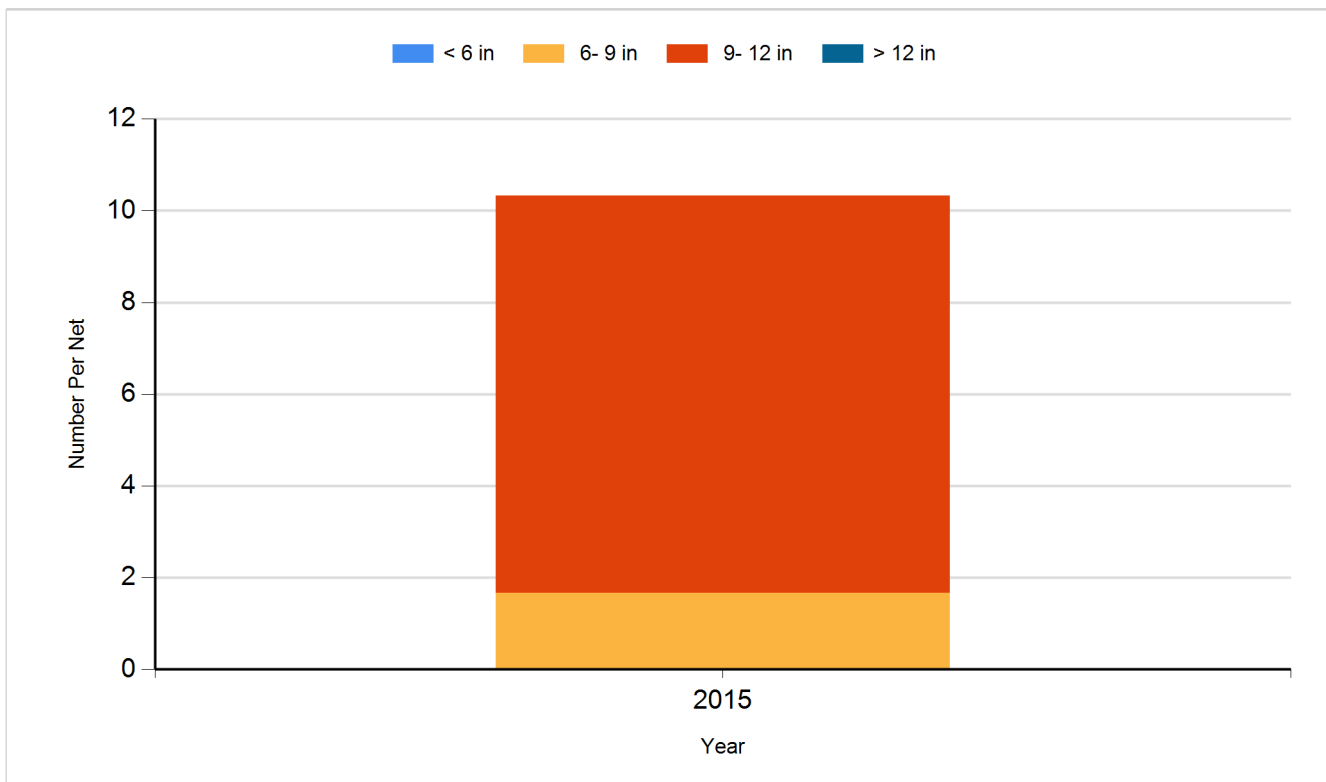
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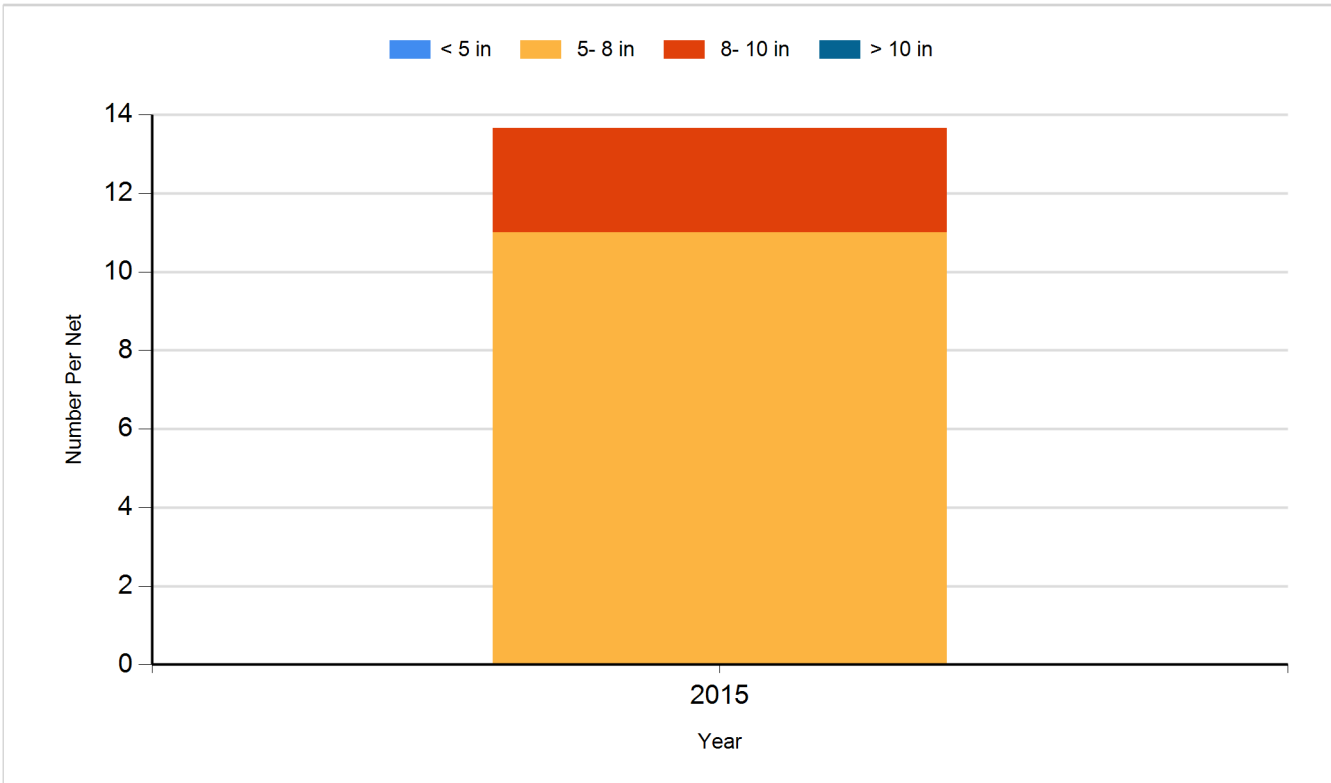**Gear: frame net (std 3/4 in)**

Species: Common Carp
Gear: std exp gill net

Species: Walleye
Gear: std exp gill net

Species: Yellow Perch
Gear: std exp gill net

Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2014	Walleye	Fry	200,000
2015	Yellow Perch	Adult	4,125
2018	Saugeye	Small Fingerling	30,000
2021	Walleye	Fry	200,000
2022	Walleye	Fry	620,000
2023	Walleye	Fry	200,000