SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Spirit, Kingsbury County
LKT-Lake-95-801
2023

Lake Information

Name: Spirit

County: Kingsbury

Legal Description: T112-R57-Sec. 13, 24-25 and T112- R56- Sec. 18-19, 30

Surface Area: 1,245 Acres

Maximum Depth: 11 Feet

Mean Depth: 9 Feet

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
AFS std gill net	Aug 15, 2023	6 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Walleye

Yellow Perch

White Sucker

Black Bullhead

Common Carp

Northern Pike

Bigmouth Buffalo

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	1	0.2	0.2	100		0			
	Black Bullhead	13	2.2	2.0	31		31			
	Common Carp	45	1.7	0.9	100		100			
	Northern Pike	8	1.3	0.8	75		25		82	8
	Walleye	18	2.2	1.1	77		31		94	2
	White Sucker	21	3.5	1.7	100		100			
	Yellow Perch	59	9.8	4.4	12	7	8		112	2

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				0.0	0.0	0.7		0.0		0.2	0.18
	Black Bullhead				0.3	2.7	1.7		13.8		2.2	4.14
	Common Carp				1.0	0.2	1.0		3.3		1.7	1.44
	Northern Pike				1.8	0.3	2.8		1.5		1.3	1.54
	Walleye				1.2	7.8	7.2		3.3		2.2	4.34
	White Sucker				4.3	2.3	0.7		5.2		3.5	3.20
	Yellow Perch				18.2	29.5	29.8		15.0		9.8	20.46
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead	13.7	10.7	1.3								8.57
	Common Carp	1.3	0.7	1.0								1.00
	Northern Pike	0.7	3.0	1.7								1.80
	Walleye	8.7	1.3	6.0								5.33
	White Sucker	3.0	6.3	6.0								5.10
	Yellow Perch	17.3	46.7	19.3								27.77

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
AFS std gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	PSD					0	0		0		100
		PSD-P					0	0		0		0
	Black Bullhead	PSD				100	81	30		57		31
		PSD-P				100	6	0		8		31
	Common Carp	PSD				100	100	67		35		100
		PSD-P				83	100	0		10		100
	Northern Pike	PSD				100	100	35		67		75
		PSD-P				27	50	6		11		25
		Wr				73	85	93		78		82
	Walleye	PSD				29	15	81		90		77
		PSD-P				0	2	5		10		31
		Wr				73	88	93		81		94
	White Sucker	PSD				100	100	100		97		100
		PSD-P				100	100	50		77		100
	Yellow Perch	PSD				61	66	48		13		12
		PSD-P				49	44	27		8		8
		Wr				114	101	105		96		112
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead	PSD	5	81	100							
		PSD-P	2	0	0							
	Common Carp	PSD	100	100	100							
		PSD-P	100	100	100							
	Northern Pike	PSD	100	33	100							
		PSD-P	0	0	0							
		Wr	104	79	83							
	Walleye	PSD	96	100	0							
		PSD-P	0	0	0							
		Wr	92	87	86							
	White Sucker	PSD	89	100	100							
		PSD-P	78	95	100							
	Yellow Perch	PSD	4	78	76							
		PSD-P	4	6	62							
		Wr	116	107	110							

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+
2023	18	234 (7)	397 (5)			504 (5)					633 (1)

Fish Condition

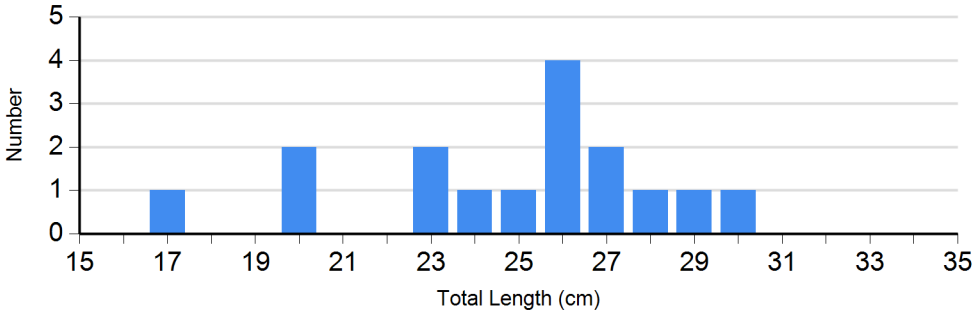
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

		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	11	92 (2.0)	5	96 (3.2)	1	85	0	
	2021	3	87 (2.0)	5	75 (2.7)	1	62	0	
	2023	2	92 (3.0)	4	91 (4.6)	0		2	54 (1.4)
Walleye Gill Net	2019	8	90 (3.1)	33	94 (0.9)	2	101 (0.9)	0	
	2021	2	83 (5.2)	16	82 (1.6)	2	76 (4.9)	0	
	2023	3	91 (0.8)	6	96 (3.2)	3	95 (3.3)	1	93
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2019	93	104 (0.9)	37	105 (1.5)	43	105 (1.7)	6	
	2021	78	96 (1.5)	5	100 (1.9)	5	90 (15.6)	2	95 (8.2)
	2023	52	112 (1.8)	2	119 (6.5)	2	110 (3.7)	3	107 (7.8)

Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

Species: Black Bullhead
Gear: AFS std gill net



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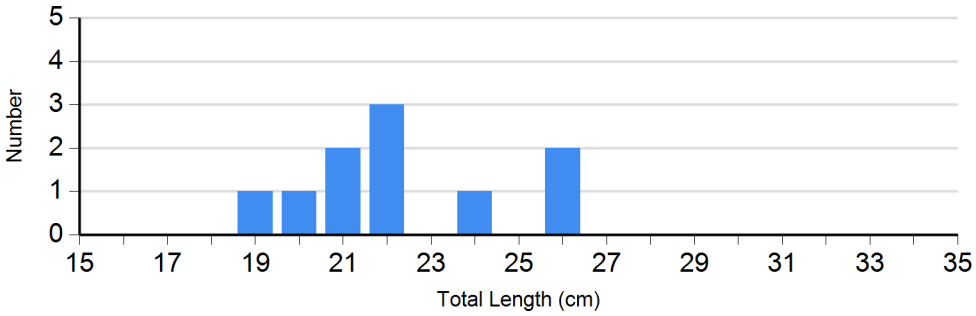

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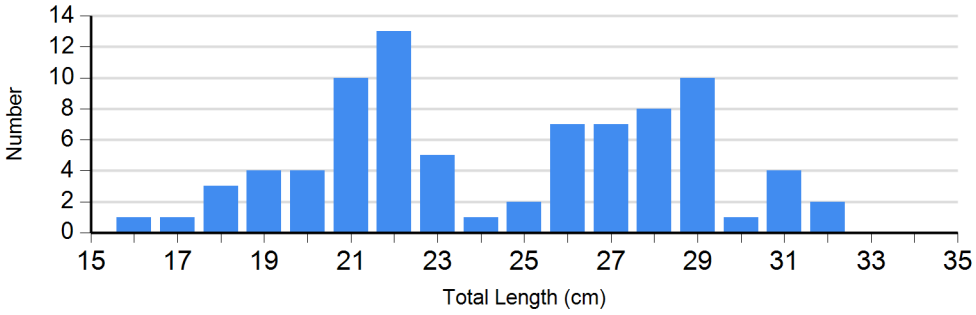

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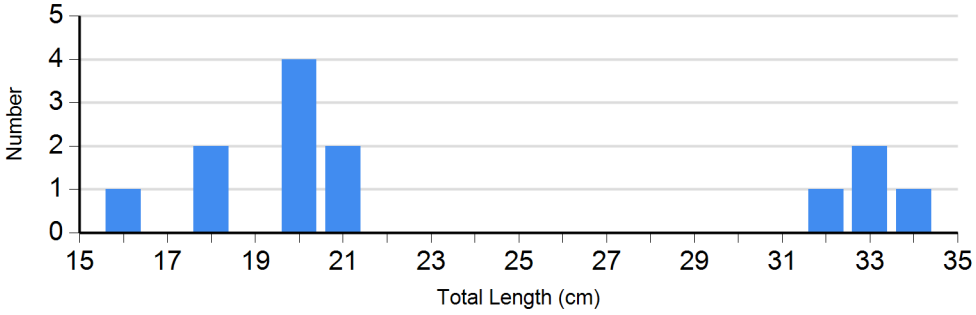

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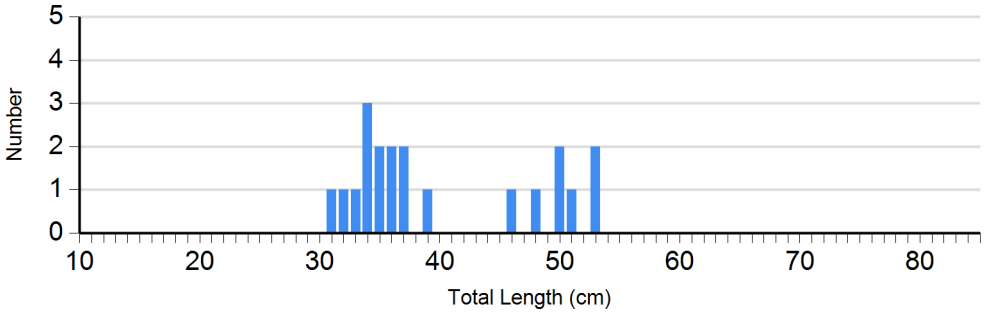
Species: Common Carp
Gear: AFS std gill net



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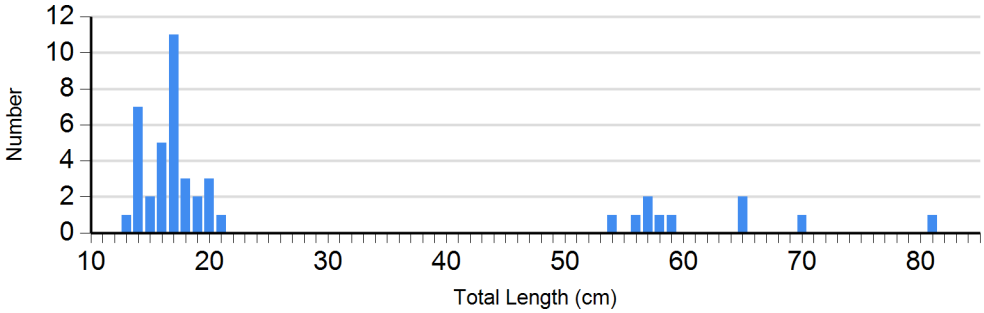

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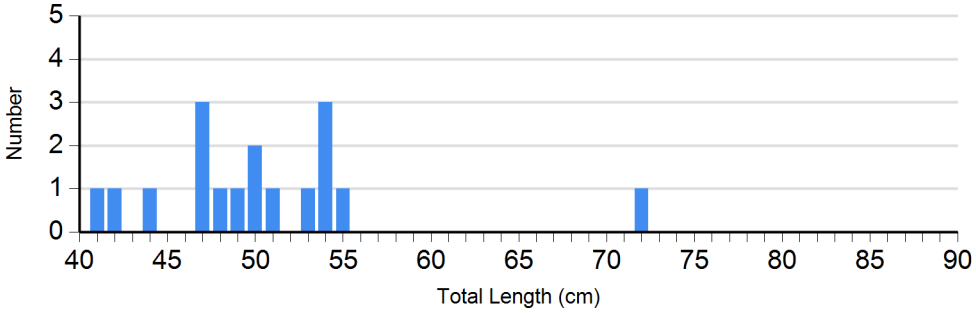

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Species: Walleye
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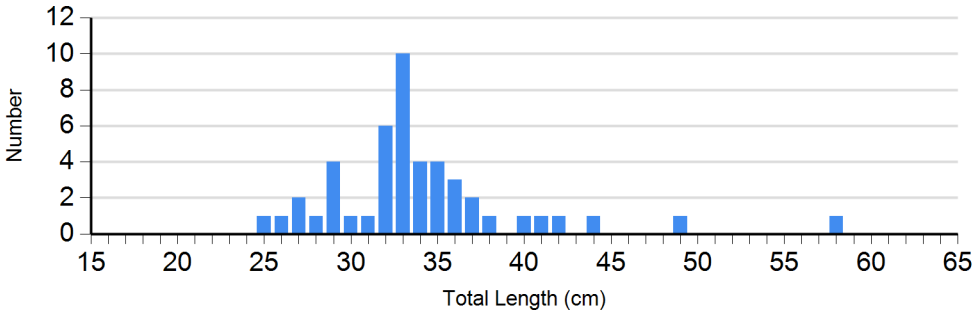

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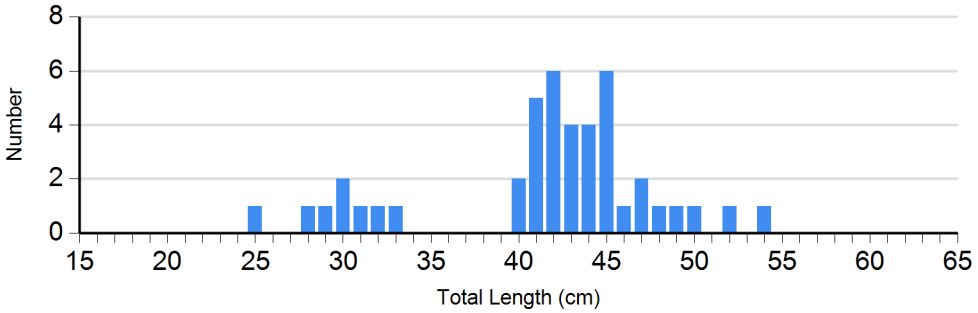

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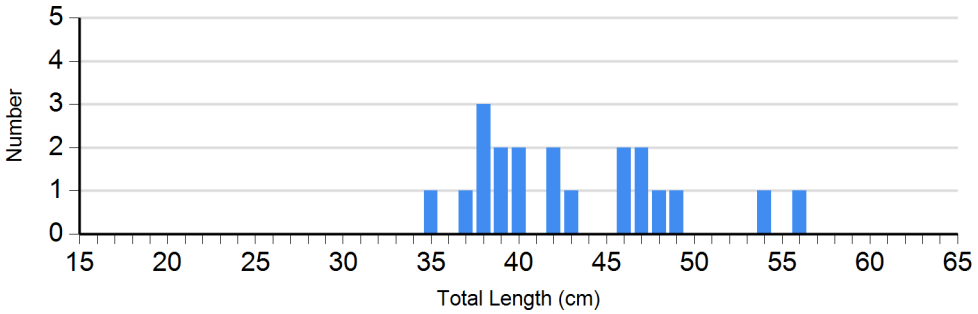

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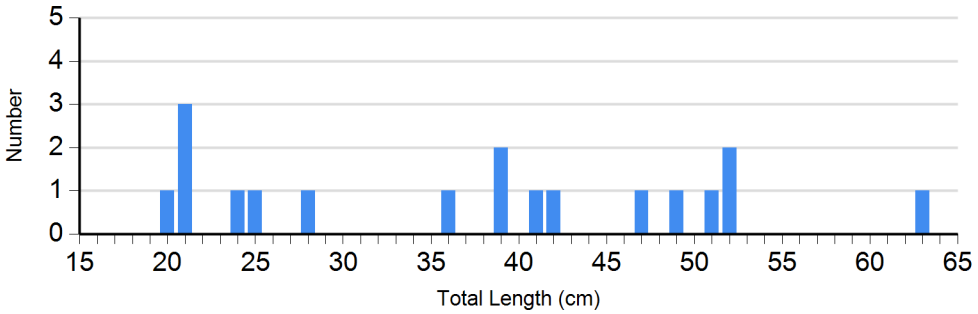

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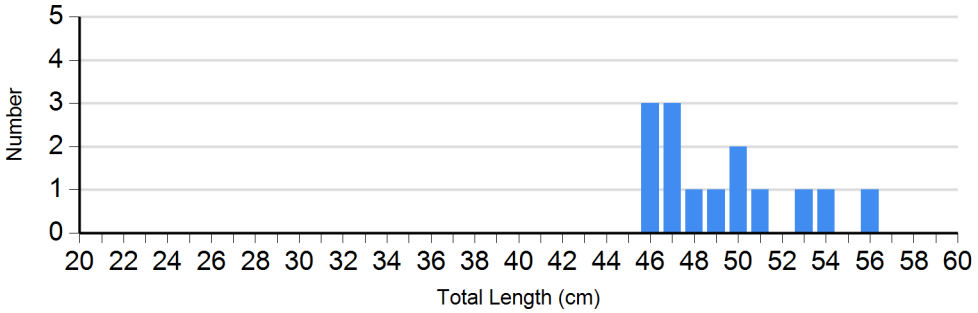
Species: White Sucker
Gear: AFS std gill net



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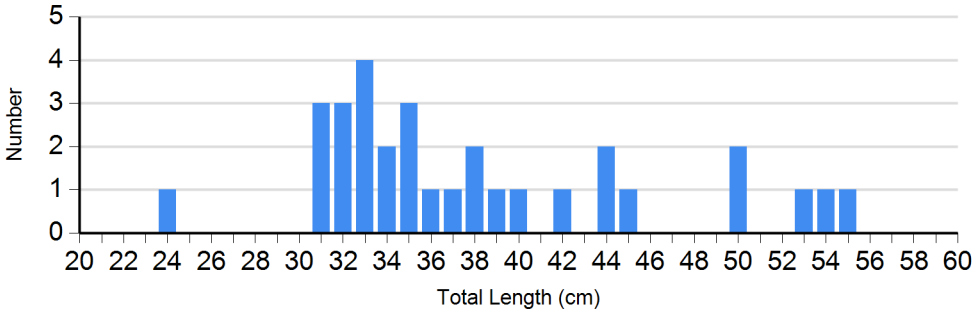

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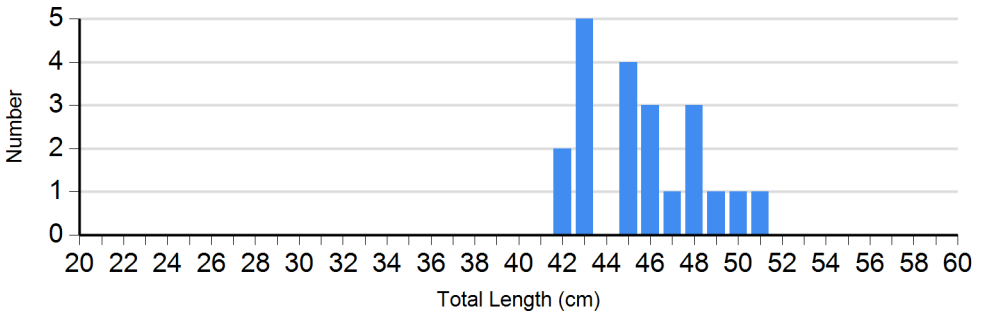

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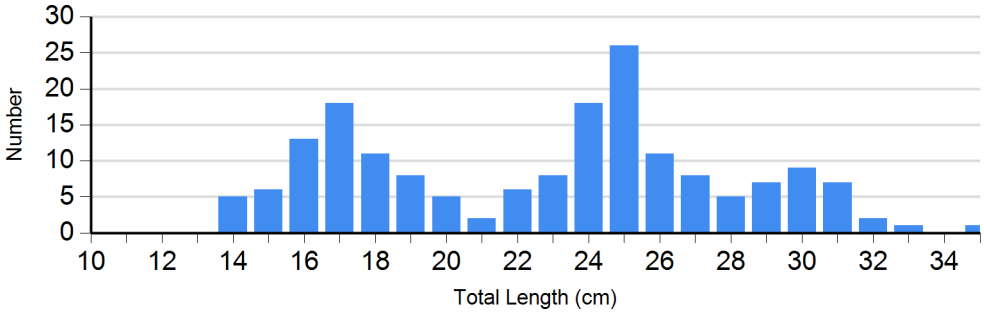
Species: Yellow Perch
Gear: AFS std gill net



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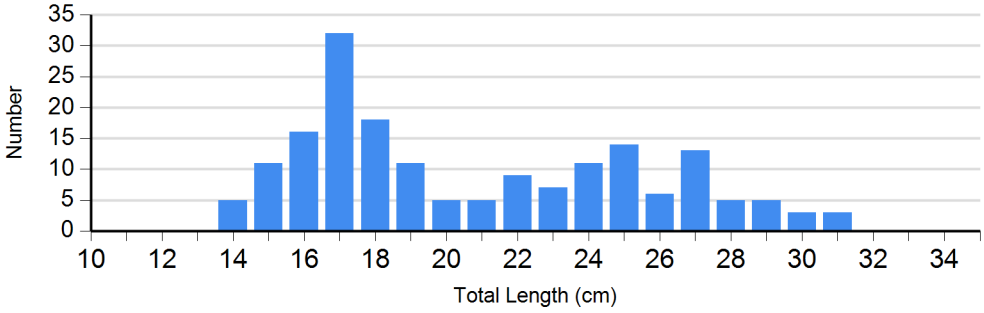

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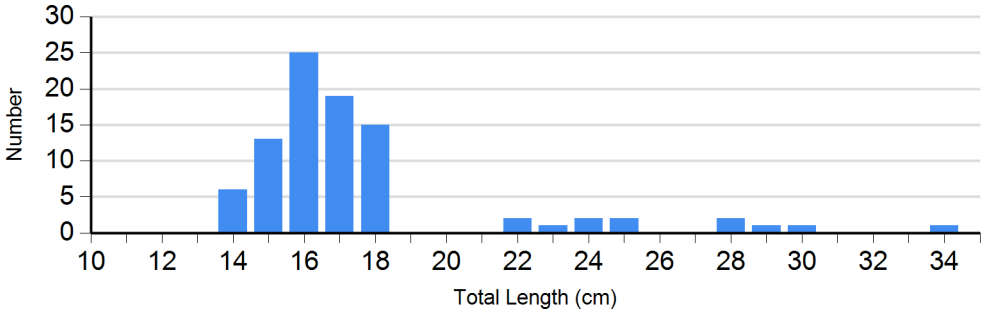

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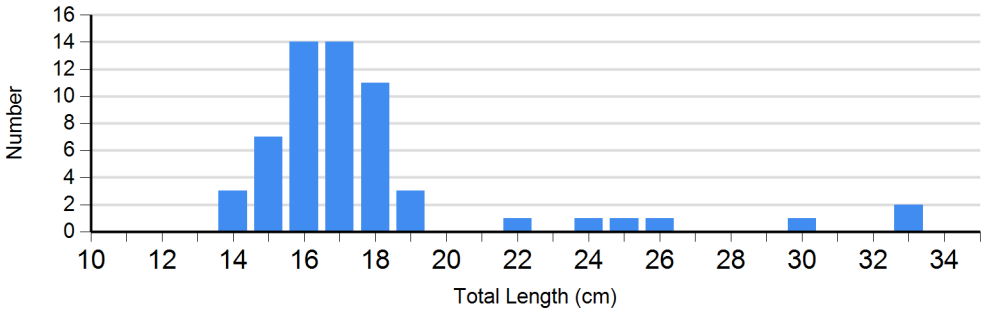

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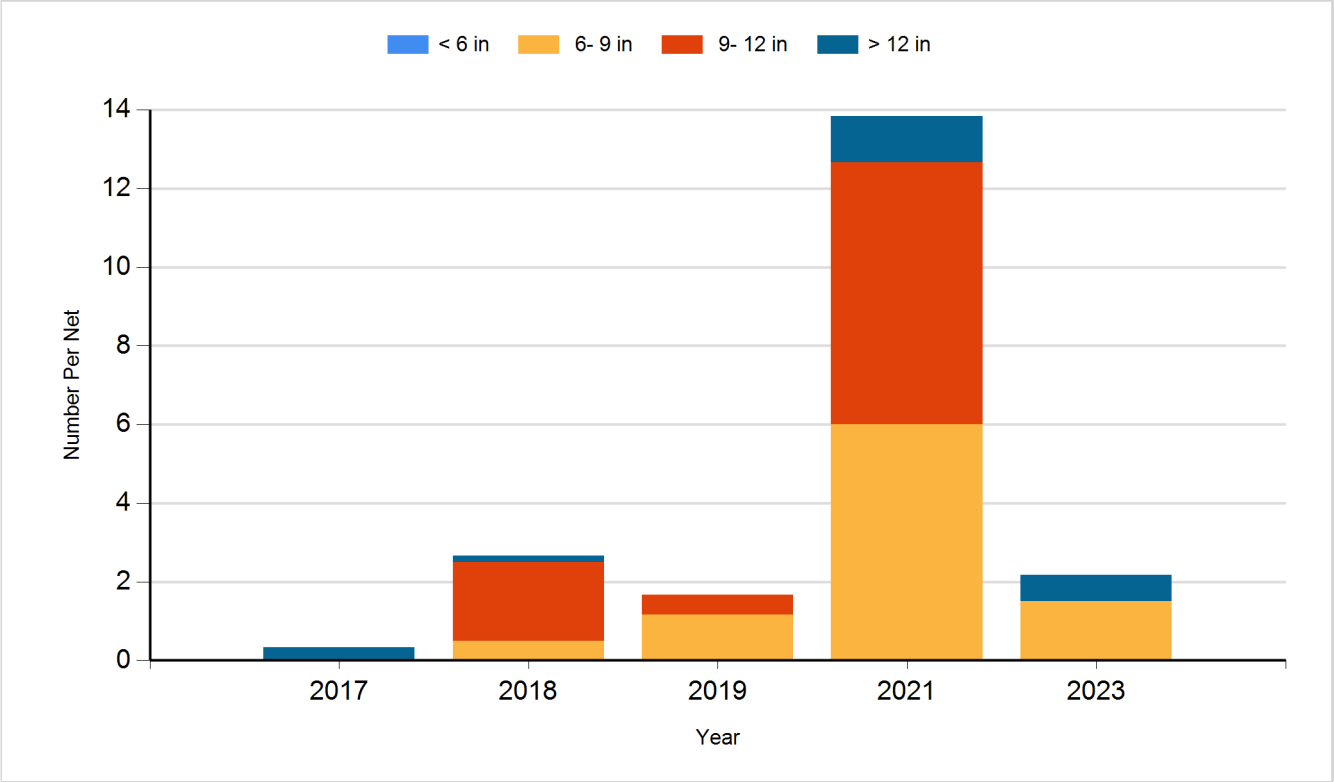
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

Species: Black Bullhead
Gear: AFS std gill net



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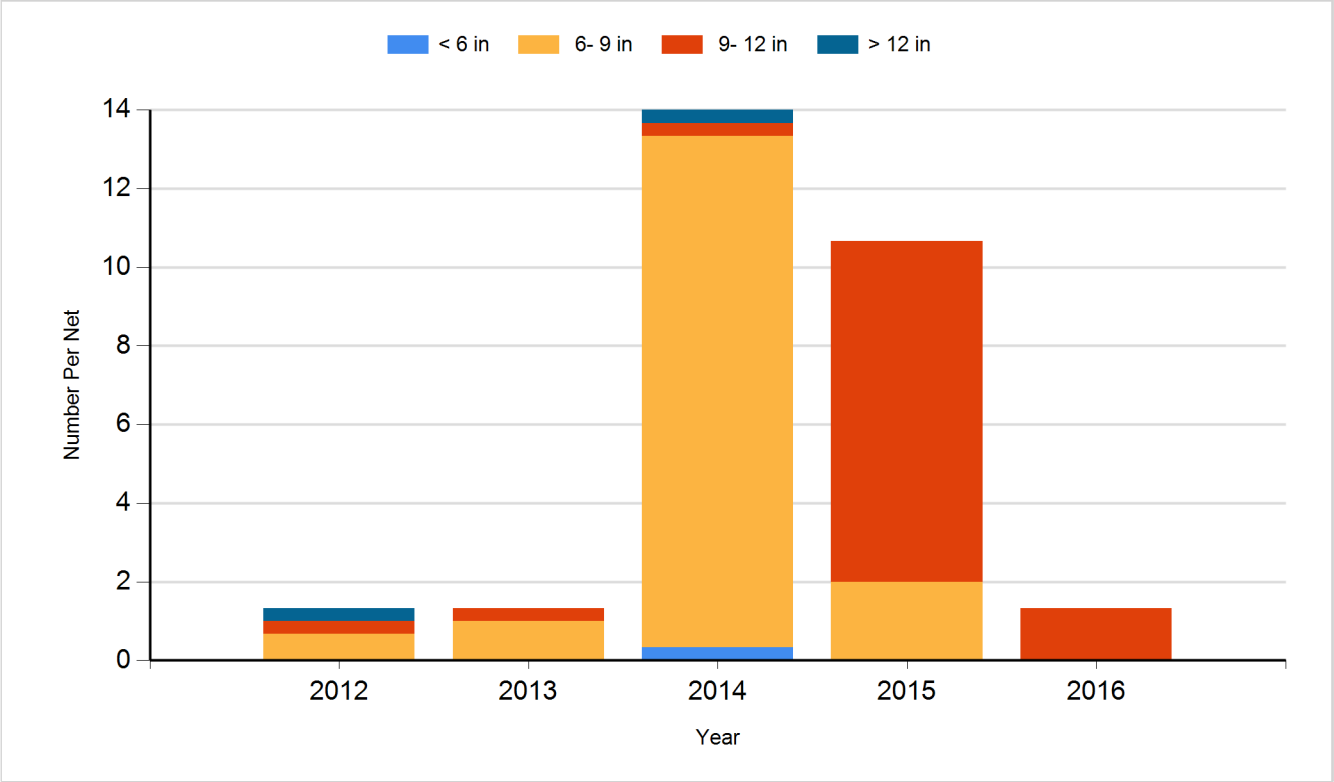
Gear: std exp gill net



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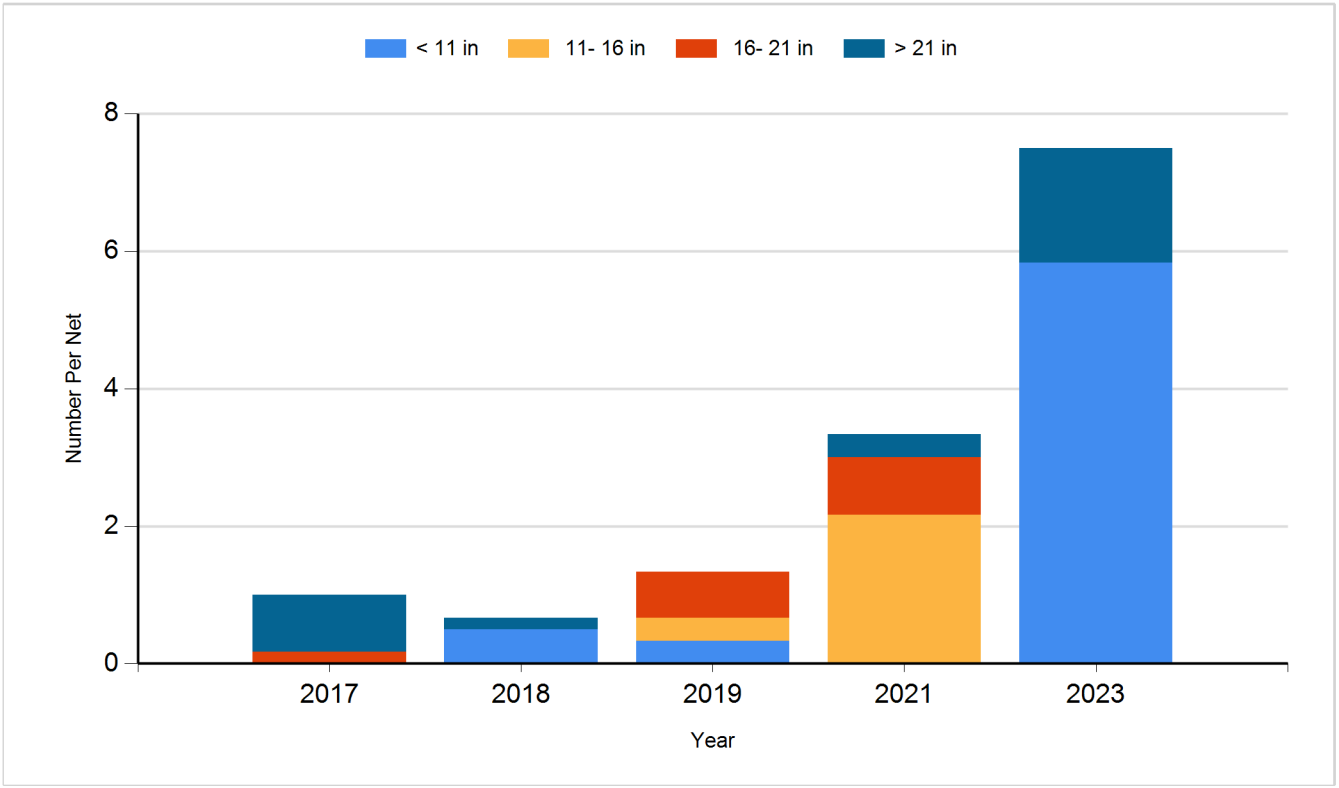
Gear: AFS std gill net



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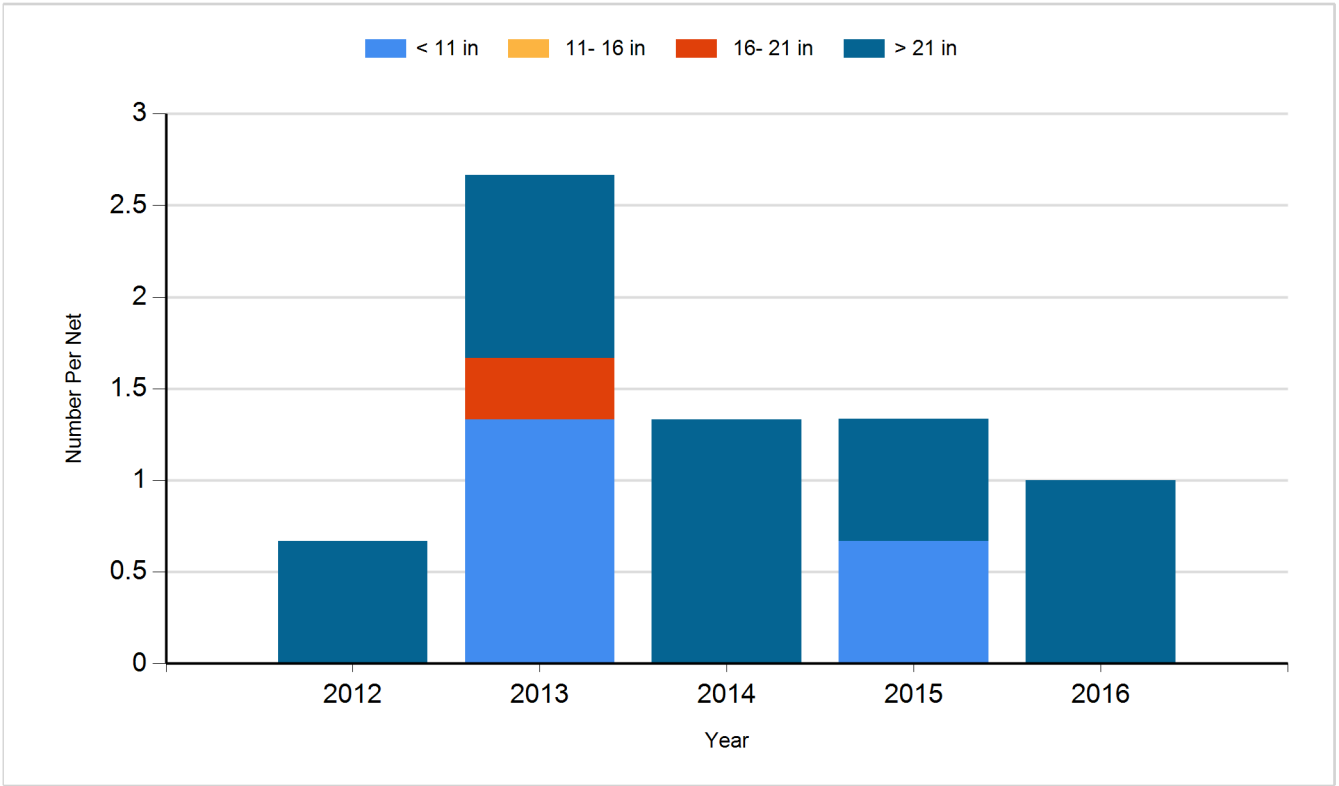

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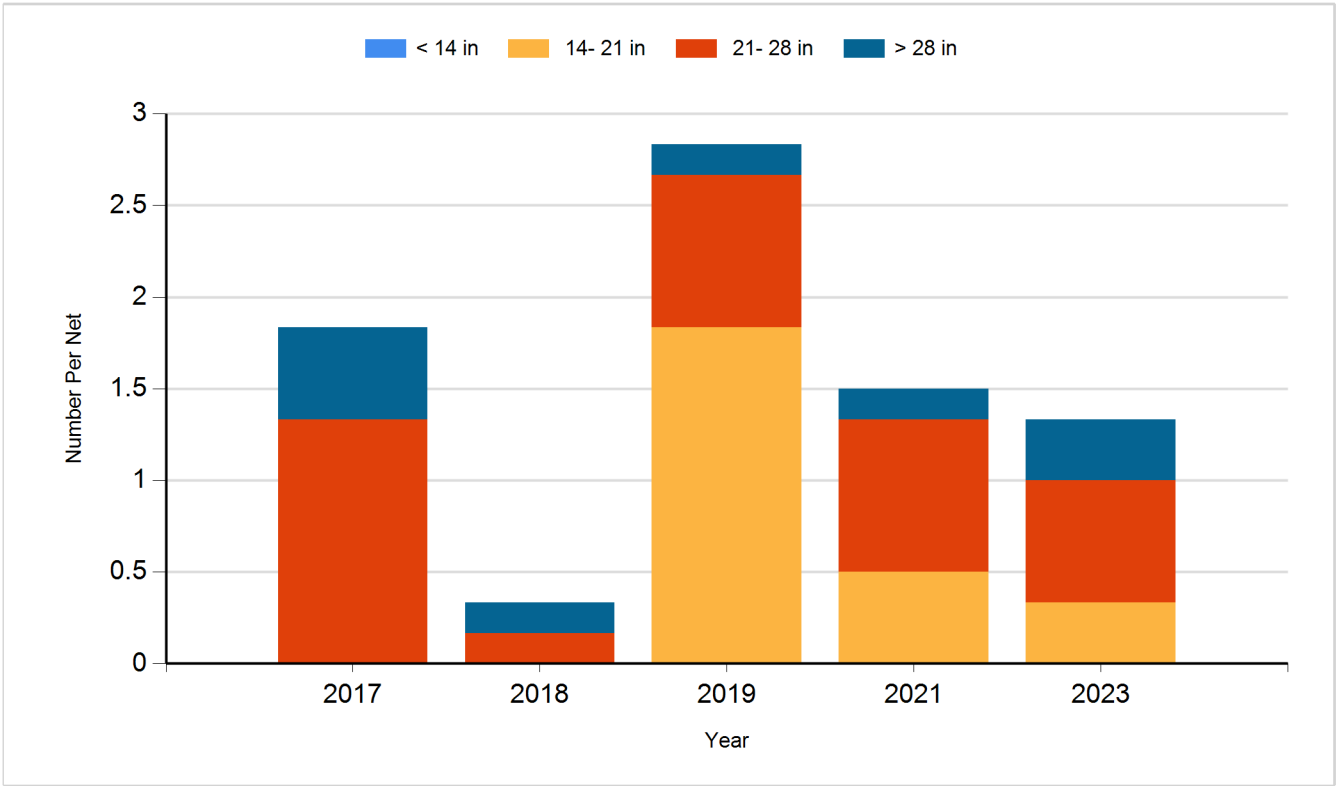

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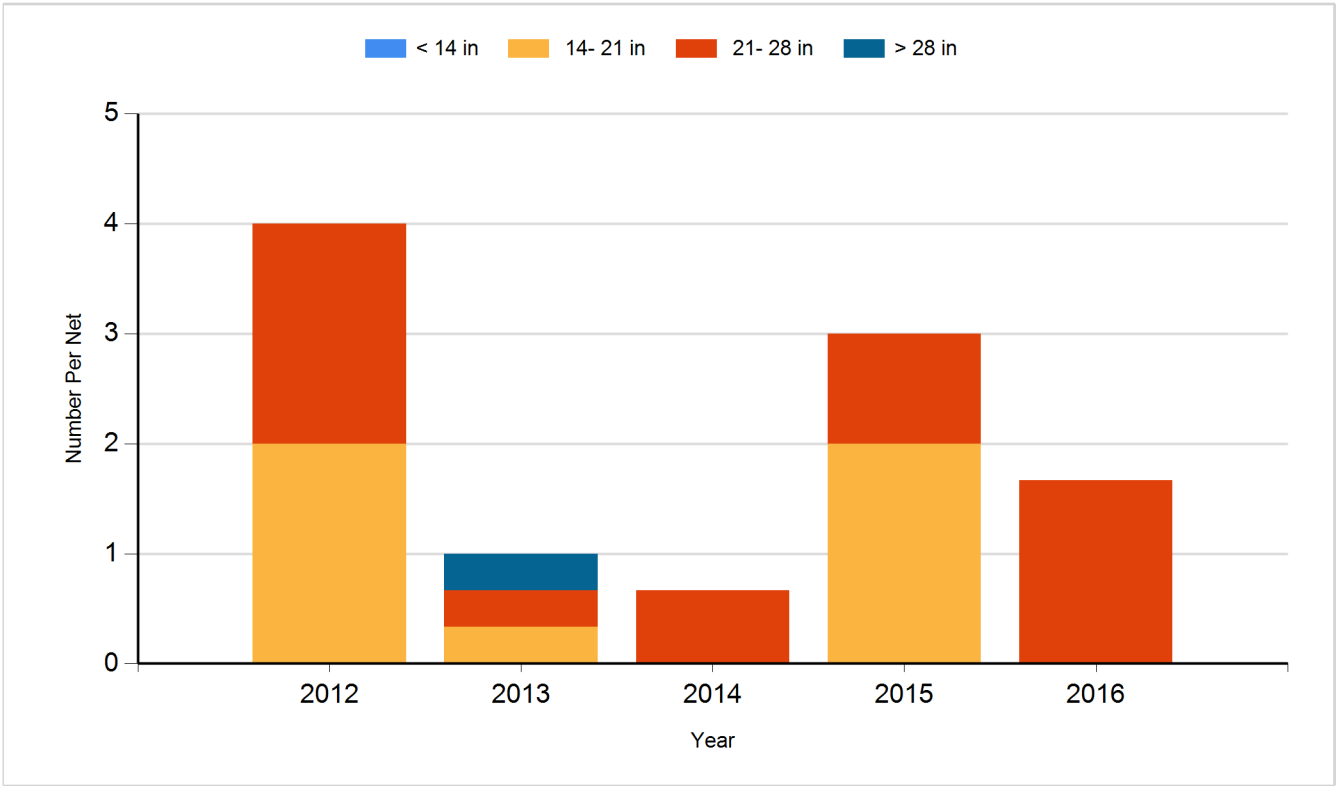

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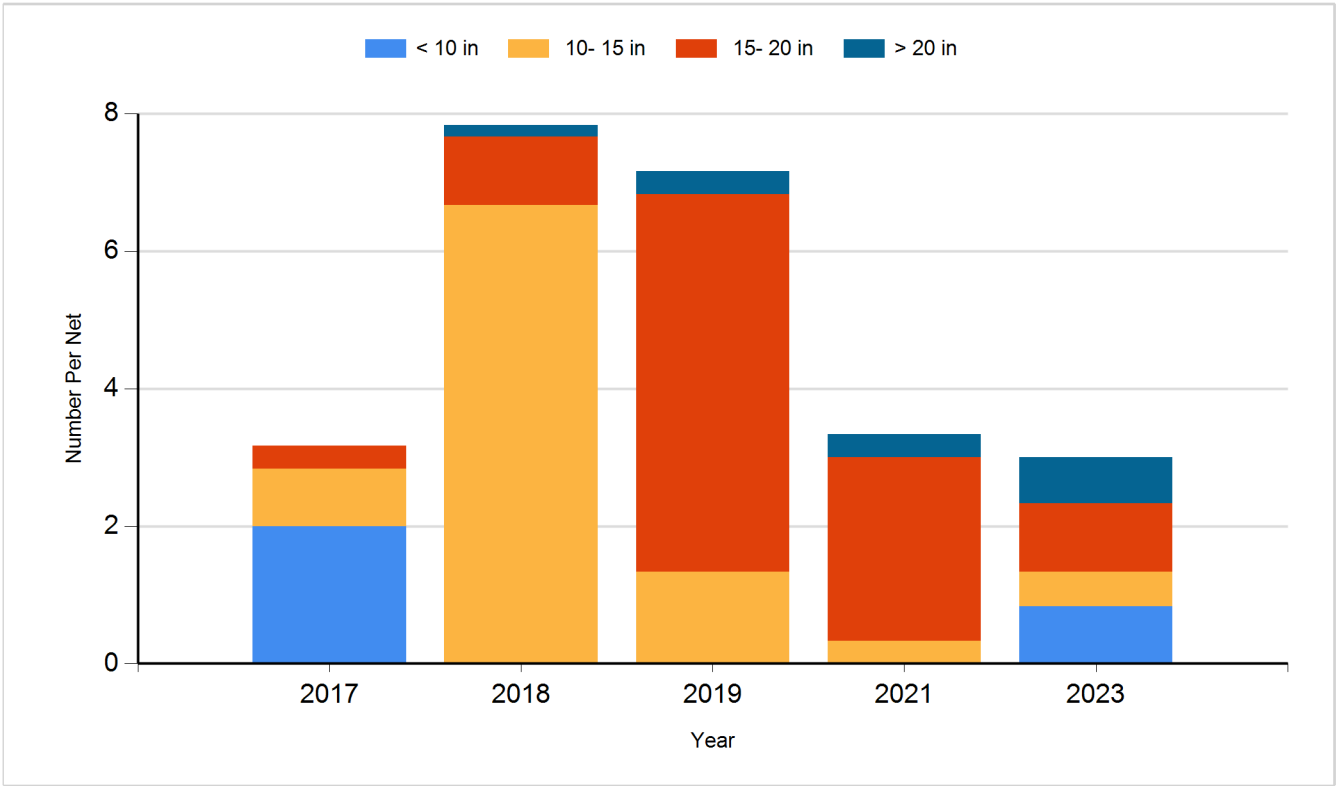

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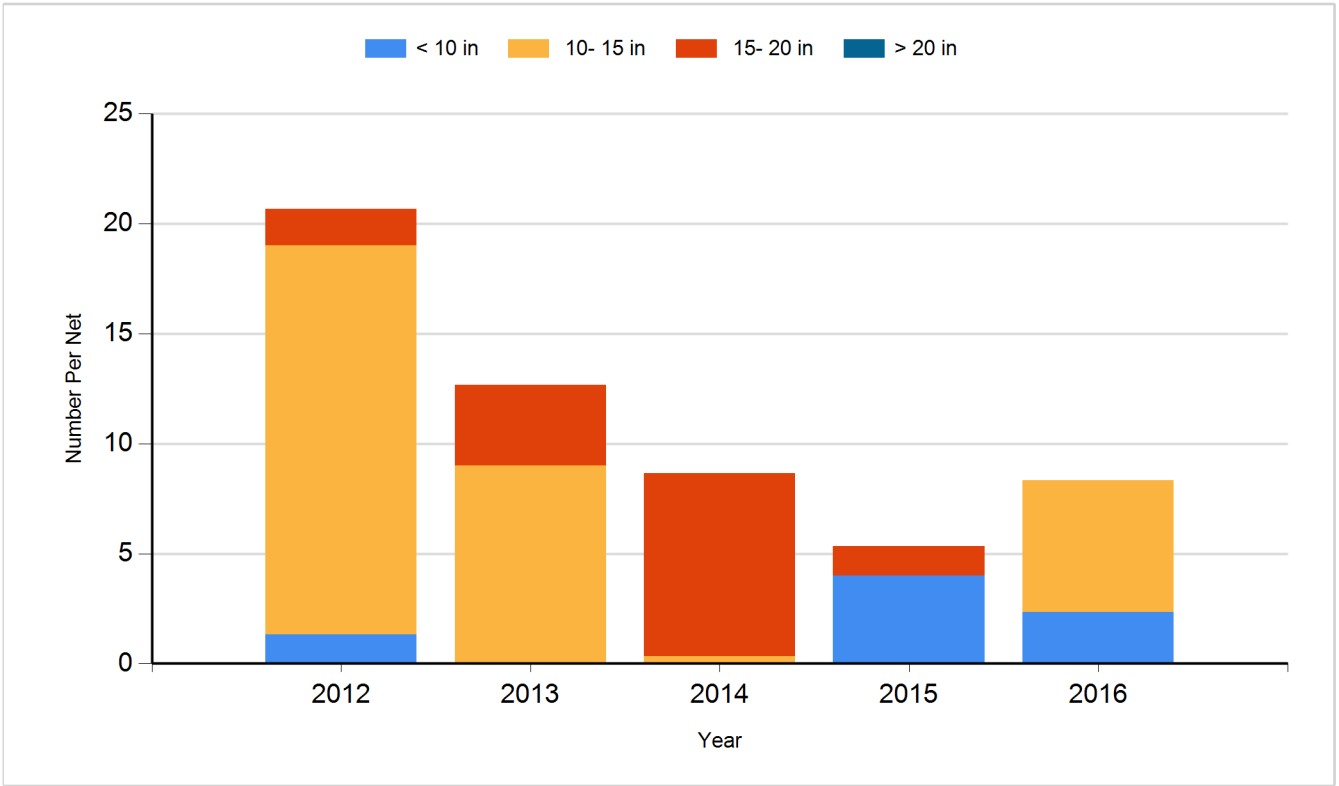

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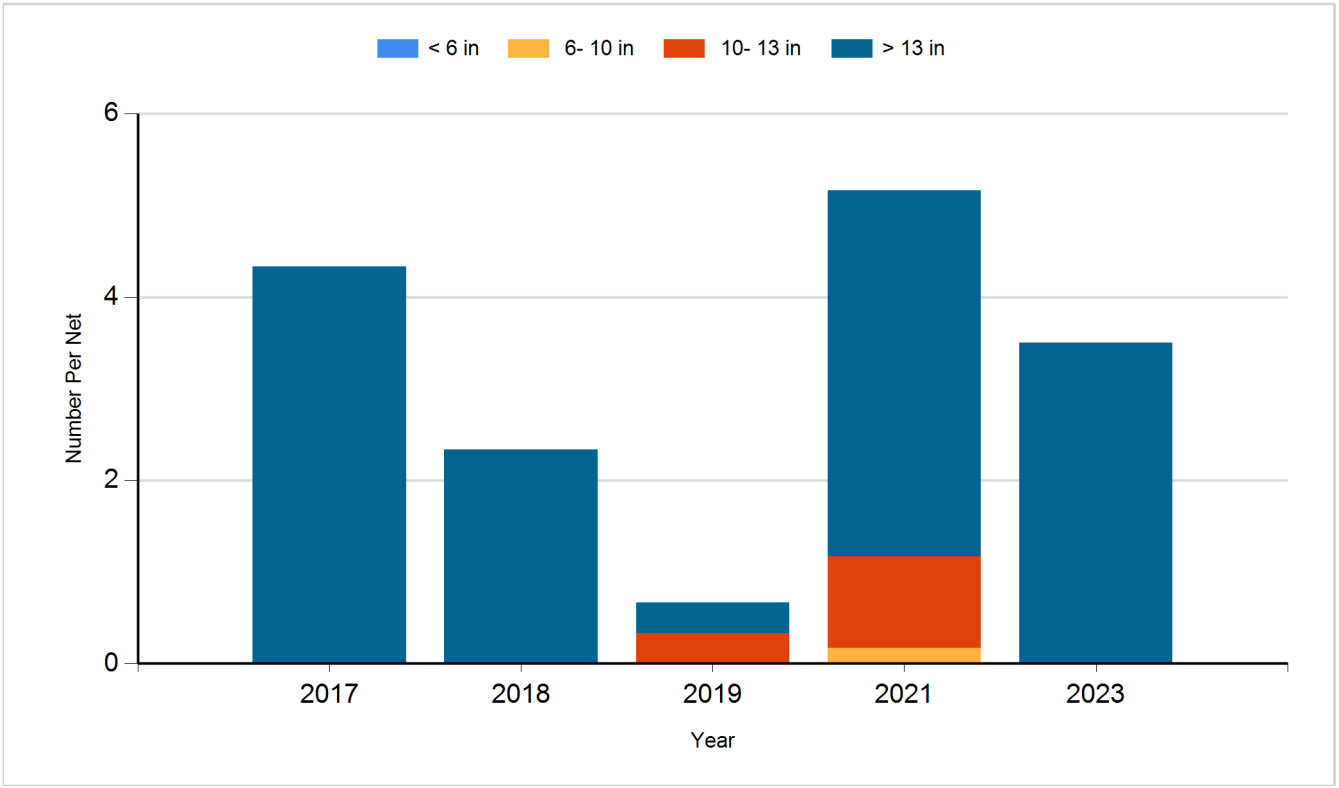

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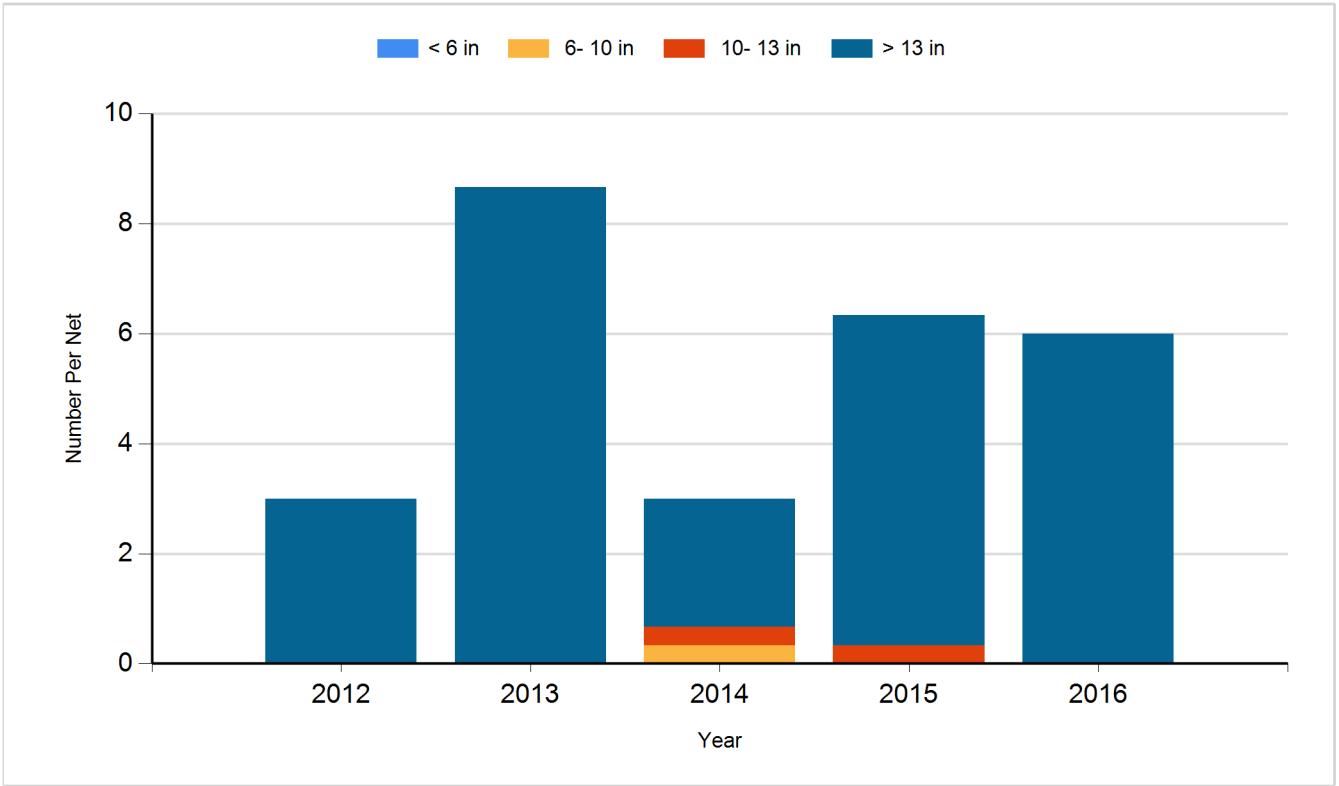

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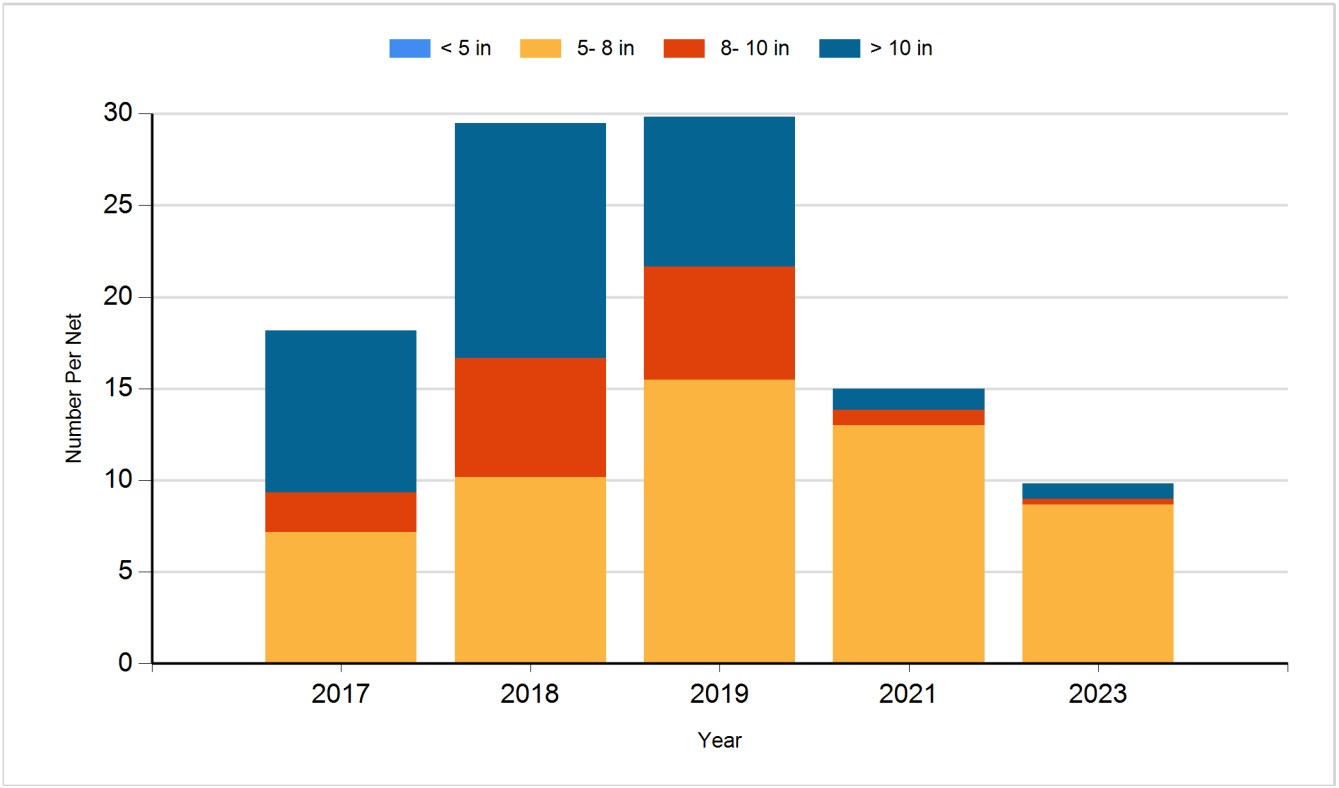

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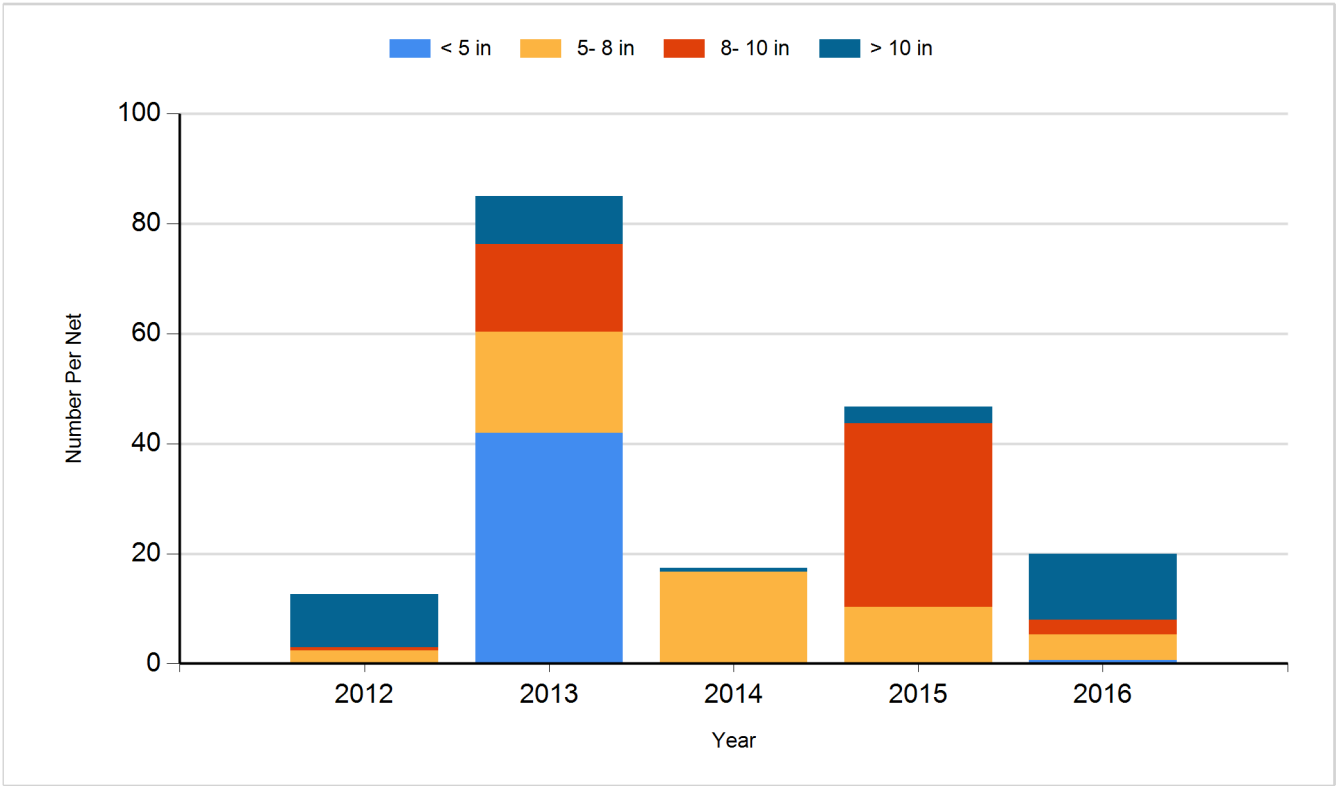

Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2021	Walleye	Fry	300,000
2022	Walleye	Fry	550,000
2023	Walleye	Fry	1,200,000