SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Cavour, Beadle County
MJA-Lake-532-000
2024

Lake Information

Name: Cavour

County: Beadle

Legal Description: T111N- R60W-Sec. 20-22

Surface Area: 528 Acres

Maximum Depth: 14 Feet

Mean Depth: 4 Feet

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
AFS std gill net	Aug 13, 2024	6 net-nights
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Aug 13, 2024	4 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Walleye

Saugeye

Bigmouth Buffalo

Black Bullhead

White Crappie

White Sucker

Black Crappie

Northern Pike

Common Carp

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	94	15.5	5.5	1		1			
	Black Bullhead	53	8.8	3.1	81	8	4			
	Common Carp	59	0.2	0.2	0		0			
	Saugeye	119	19.8	5.9	89	4	0		95	1
	White Sucker	2	0.3	0.3	100		100			
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Bigmouth Buffalo	8	2.0	1.5	63		50			
	Black Bullhead	20	5.0	2.1	85		0			
	Black Crappie	2	0.5	0.8	100		0		122	1
	Common Carp	75	0.3	0.4	100		100			
	Northern Pike	1	0.3	0.4	100		100		96	
	Saugeye	30	7.5	6.8	77	12	0		99	2
	White Crappie	19	4.8	2.2	100		11		115	5
	White Sucker	17	4.3	3.7	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**

		CPUE										
Gear	Species	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Avg
AFS std gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo				1.2	0.0			0.0		15.5	4.18
	Black Bullhead				5.5	4.0			7.0		8.8	6.33
	Black Crappie				0.3	0.0			0.0		0.0	0.08
	Common Carp				22.3	0.0			8.0		0.2	7.63
	Freshwater Drum				2.2	0.0			0.0		0.0	0.55
	Saugeye				0.0	0.0			1.0		19.8	5.20
	Shortnose Gar				0.0	0.0			0.0		0.0	0.00
	Walleye				0.3	0.0			1.8		0.0	0.53
	White Sucker				0.0	1.3			1.3		0.3	0.73
	Yellow Bullhead				0.2	0.0			0.0		0.0	0.05
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Bigmouth Buffalo	0.0	0.0		0.4				0.2		2.0	0.52
	Black Bullhead	247.2	234.0		22.2				3.8		5.0	102.44
	Black Crappie	17.4	25.4		14.0				0.2		0.5	11.50
	Common Carp	4.0	8.2		3.6				3.4		0.3	3.90
	Freshwater Drum	0.0	0.0		0.0				0.0		0.0	0.00
	Green Sunfish	0.4	0.0		0.0				0.2		0.0	0.12
	Northern Pike	1.6	1.4		0.4				0.6		0.3	0.86
	Saugeye	0.0	0.0		0.0				0.0		7.5	1.50
	Shortnose Gar	0.0	0.0		0.0				0.0		0.0	0.00
	Sunfish Hybrid	0.2	0.2		0.0				0.2		0.0	0.12
	Walleye	1.0	21.6		2.6				0.0		0.0	5.04
	White Crappie	0.0	0.0		0.0				0.0		4.8	0.96
	White Sucker	1.6	2.2		2.8				2.2		4.3	2.62
	Yellow Bullhead	5.2	0.0		1.2				0.0		0.0	1.28
	Yellow Perch	0.2	0.6		0.8				0.0		0.0	0.32
std exp gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	0.7	0.0									0.35
	Black Bullhead	56.0	50.0									53.00
	Black Crappie	6.0	6.3									6.15
	Channel Catfish	0.0	0.0									0.00
	Common Carp	20.7	18.7									19.70
	Freshwater Drum	0.3	0.7									0.50
	Northern Pike	0.3	0.0									0.15
	Walleye	13.3	3.0									8.15

		CPUE										
Gear	Species	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Avg
std exp gill net	White Sucker	0.0	0.7									0.35
	Yellow Bullhead	0.3	0.0									0.15
	Yellow Perch	2.3	0.0									1.15

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	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
AFS std gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	PSD				0	0					1
		PSD-P				0	0					1
	Black Bullhead	PSD				18	88			93		81
		PSD-P				0	0			4		4
	Black Crappie	PSD				100						
		PSD-P				100						
		Wr				101						
	Common Carp	PSD				71	0			100		0
		PSD-P				3	0			22		0
	Saugeye	PSD								0		89
		PSD-P								0		0
		Wr								96		95
	Walleye	PSD				0				100		
		PSD-P				0				0		
		Wr				92				94		
	White Sucker	PSD					20			100		100
		PSD-P					0			100		100
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Bigmouth Buffalo	PSD				100				100		63
		PSD-P				50				0		50
	Black Bullhead	PSD	38	43		12				95		85
		PSD-P	0	0		0				0		0
	Black Crappie	PSD	48	85		100				0		100
		PSD-P	7	6		69				0		0
		Wr	108	95		99				123		122
	Common Carp	PSD	65	46		50				100		100
		PSD-P	45	15		28				35		100
	Northern Pike	PSD	88	100		100				100		100
		PSD-P	25	57		100				67		100
		Wr	92	93		85				77		96
	Saugeye	PSD										77
		PSD-P										0
		Wr										99
	Walleye	PSD	80	93		8						

			Year									
Gear	Species	Index	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Walleye	PSD-P	20	8		8						
		Wr	91	73		89						
	White Crappie	PSD										100
		PSD-P										11
		Wr										115
	White Sucker	PSD	100	100		100				100		100
		PSD-P	88	100		100				100		100
std exp gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	PSD	0									
		PSD-P	0									
	Black Bullhead	PSD	52	12								
		PSD-P	1	0								
	Black Crappie	PSD	44	68								
		PSD-P	0	0								
		Wr	111	99								
	Common Carp	PSD	65	50								
		PSD-P	3	2								
	Northern Pike	PSD	100									
		PSD-P	0									
		Wr	91									
	Walleye	PSD	83	100								
		PSD-P	3	0								
		Wr	92	74								
	White Sucker	PSD		100								
		PSD-P		100								

Length at Capture

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

Species: Saugeye

		Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2024	119	368 (119)									
2022	4	318 (4)									

Species: Walleye

		Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2022	7		405 (7)								

Fish Condition

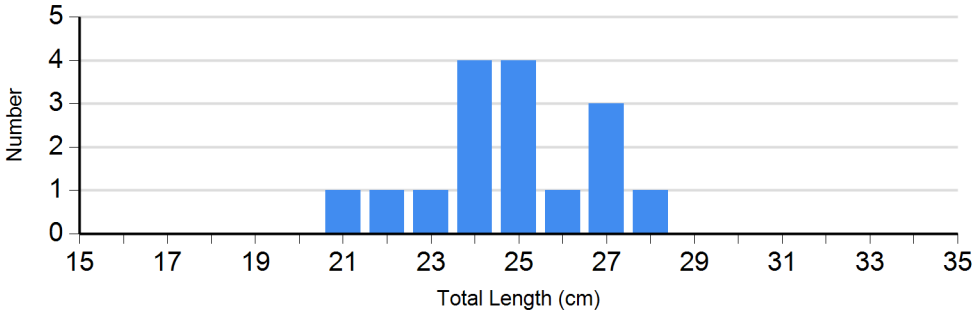
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

		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	1	123	0		0		0	
	2024	0		2	122 (0.6)	0		0	
Saugeye Gill Net	2022	4	96 (3.2)	0		0		0	
	2024	13	97 (3.4)	106	95 (0.7)	0		0	
Walleye Gill Net	2022	0		7	94 (1.2)	0		0	
White Crappie Frame Net	2024	0		17	116 (3.9)	2	108 (6.2)	0	

Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

Species: Black Bullhead
Gear: AFS std gill net



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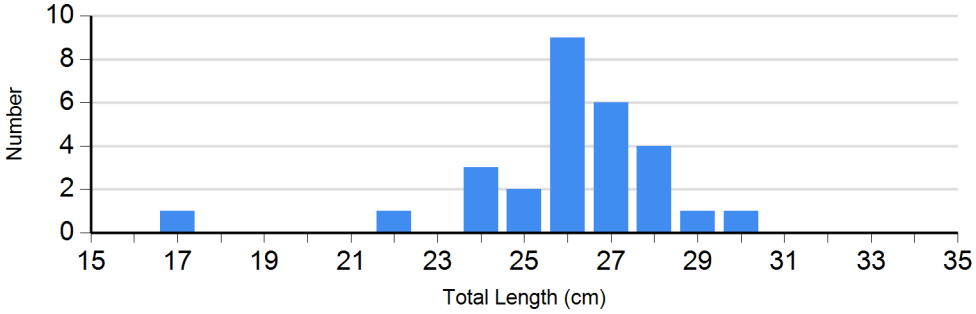

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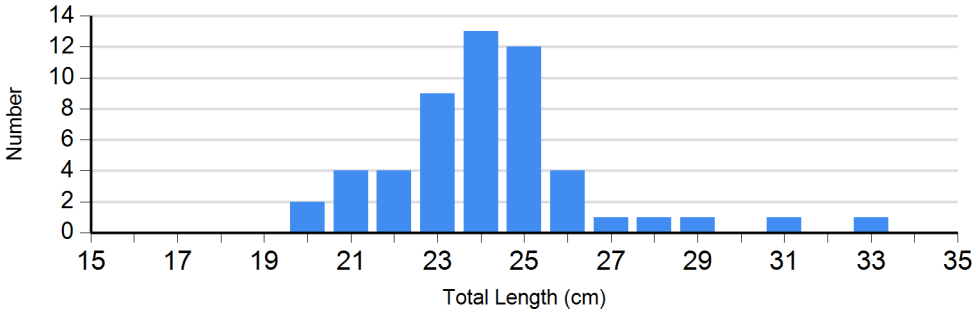

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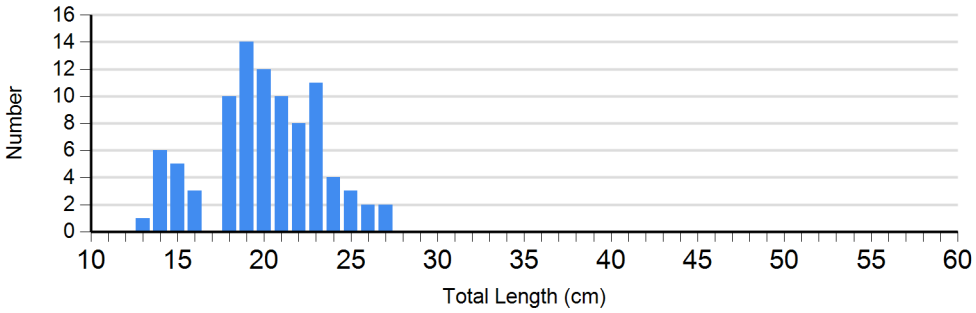
Species: Common Carp
Gear: AFS std gill net



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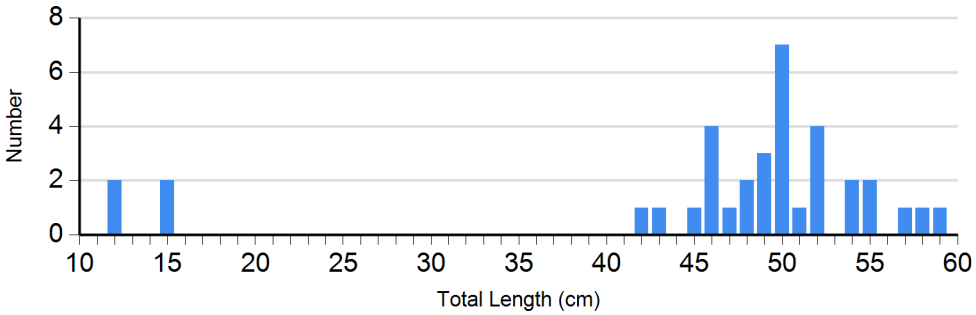

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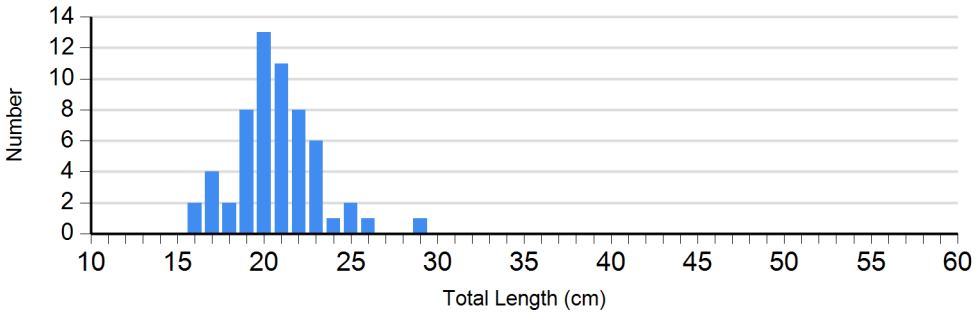

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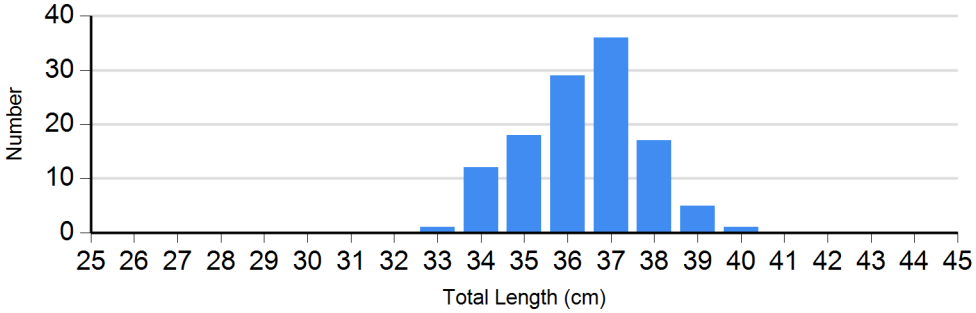
Species: Saugeye
Gear: AFS std gill net



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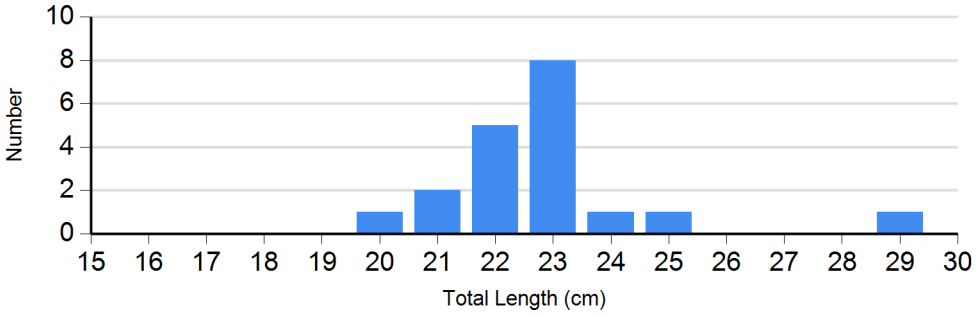
Species: White Crappie
Gear: frame net (std 3/4 in)



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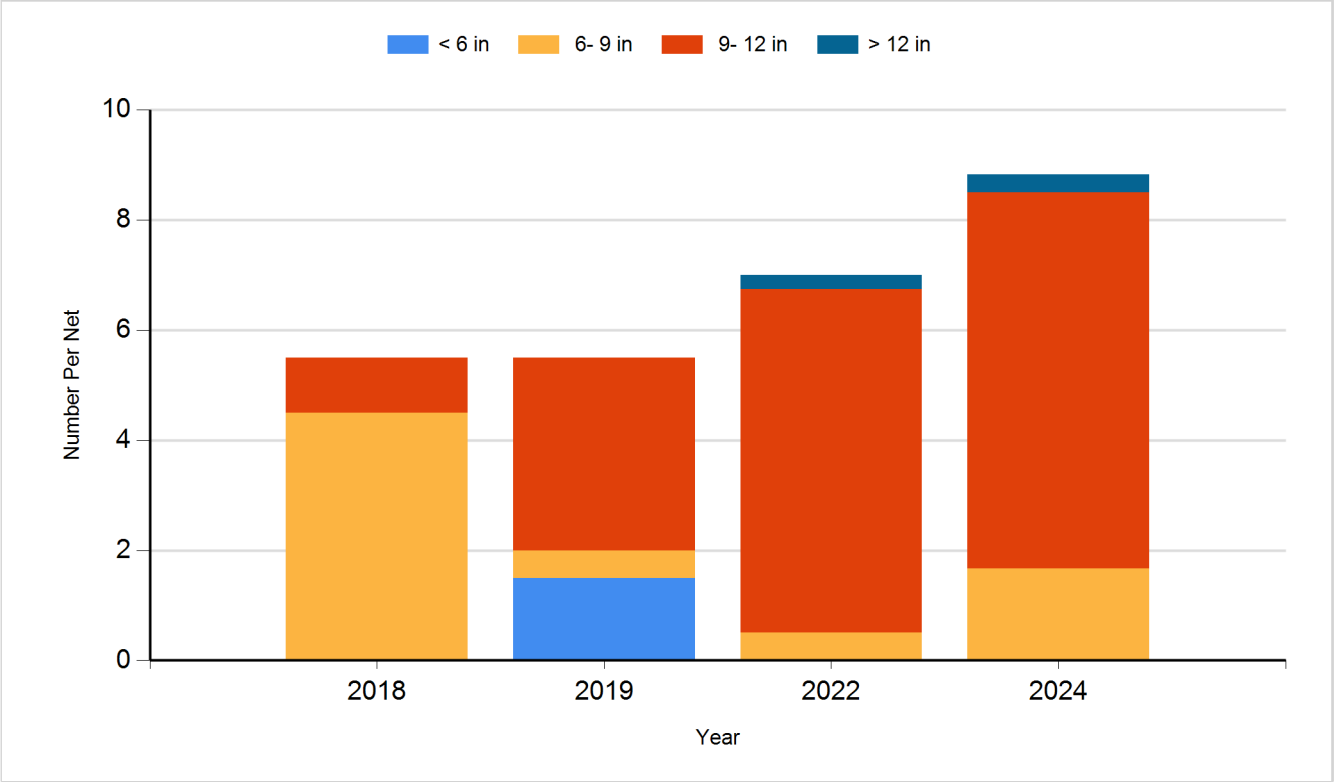
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

Species: Black Bullhead
Gear: AFS std gill net



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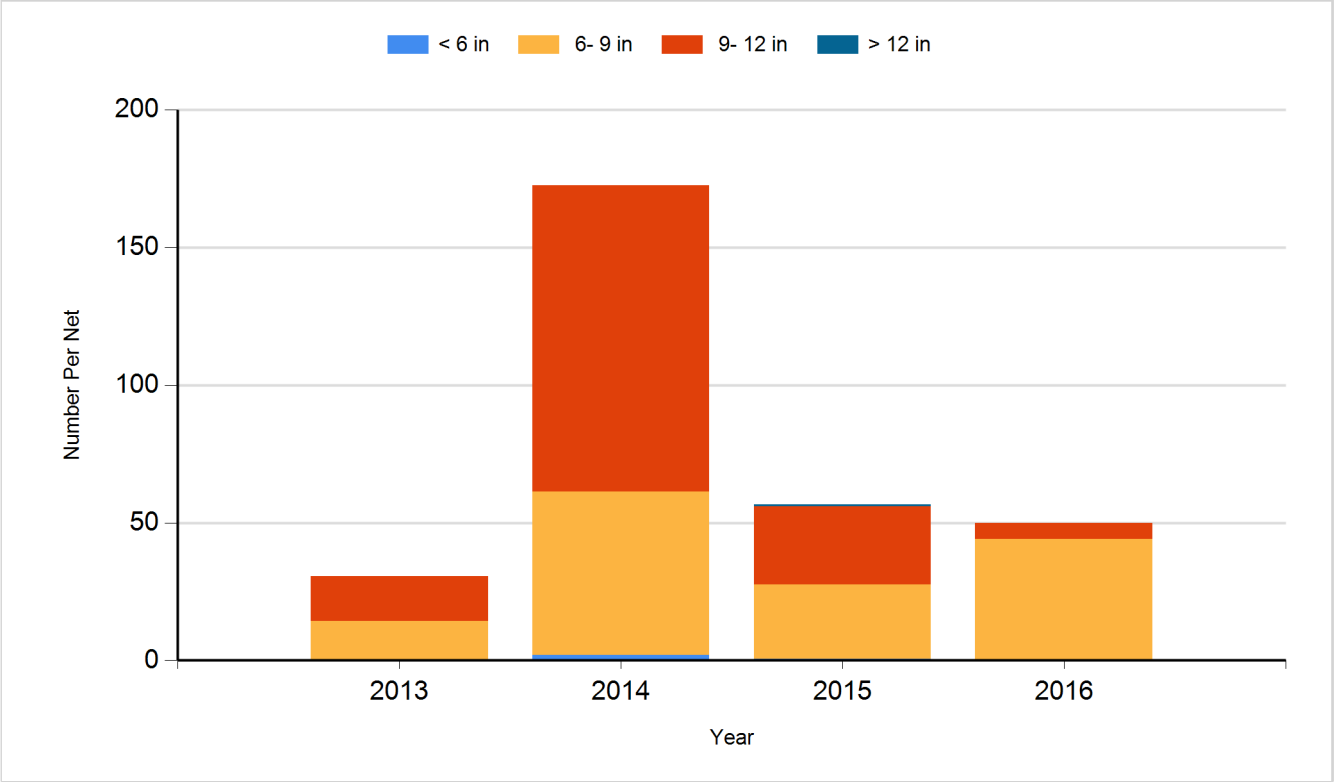
Gear: std exp gill net



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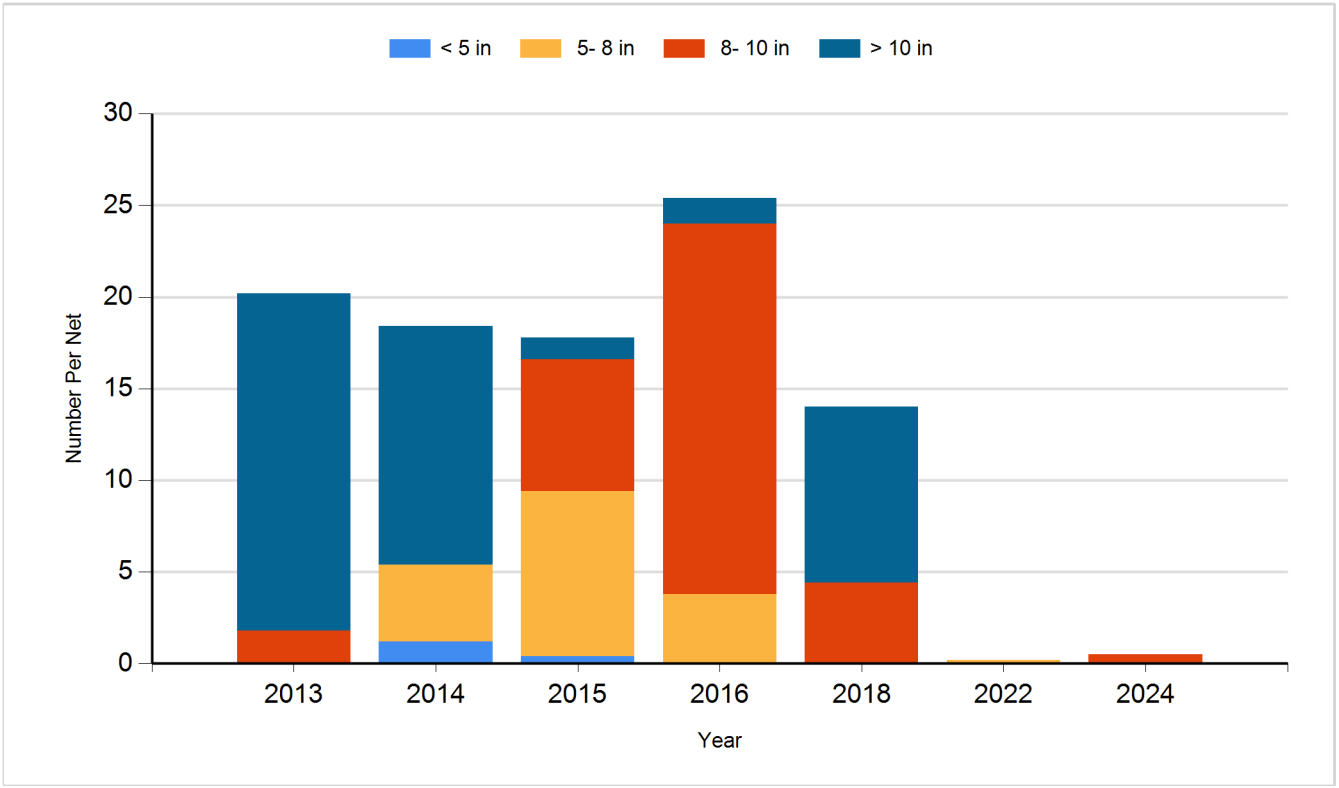
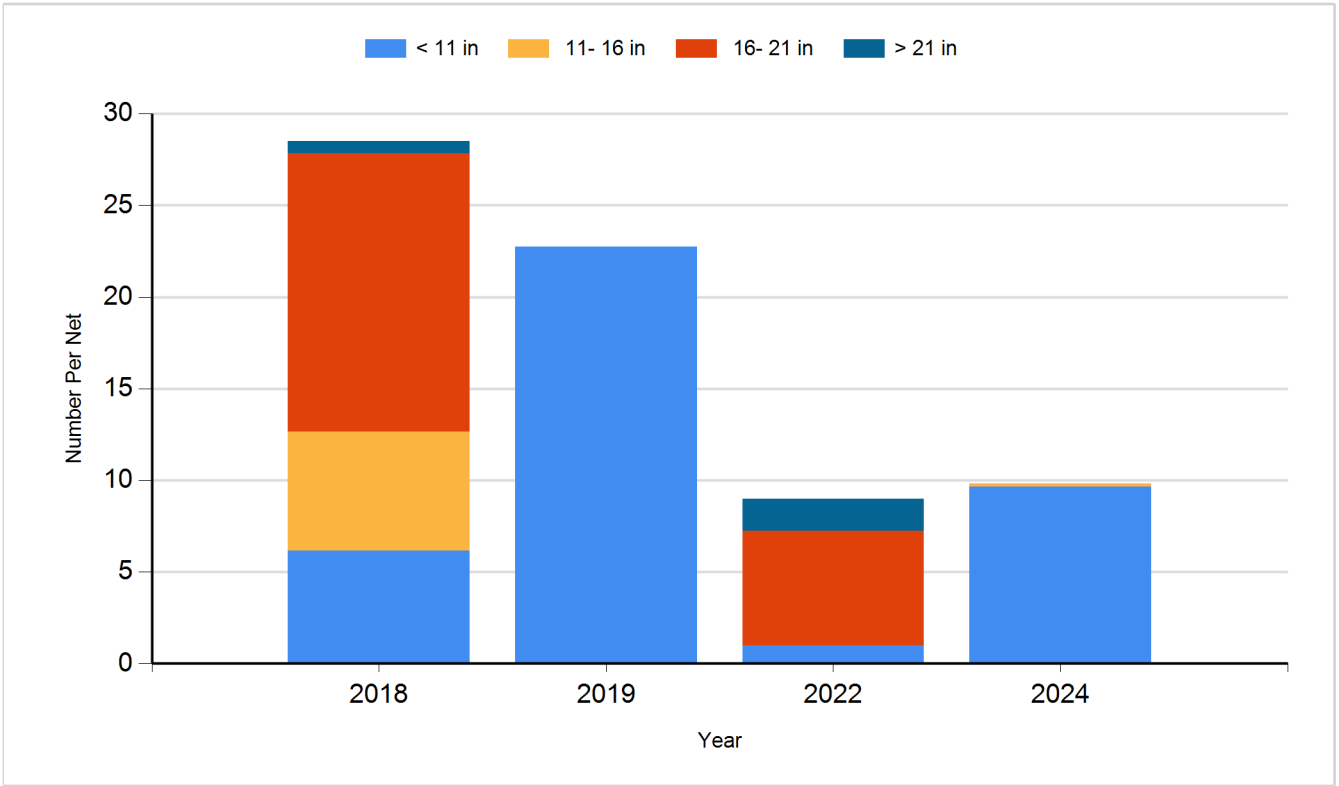
Gear: frame net (std 3/4 in)



Species: Common Carp
Gear: AFS std gill net



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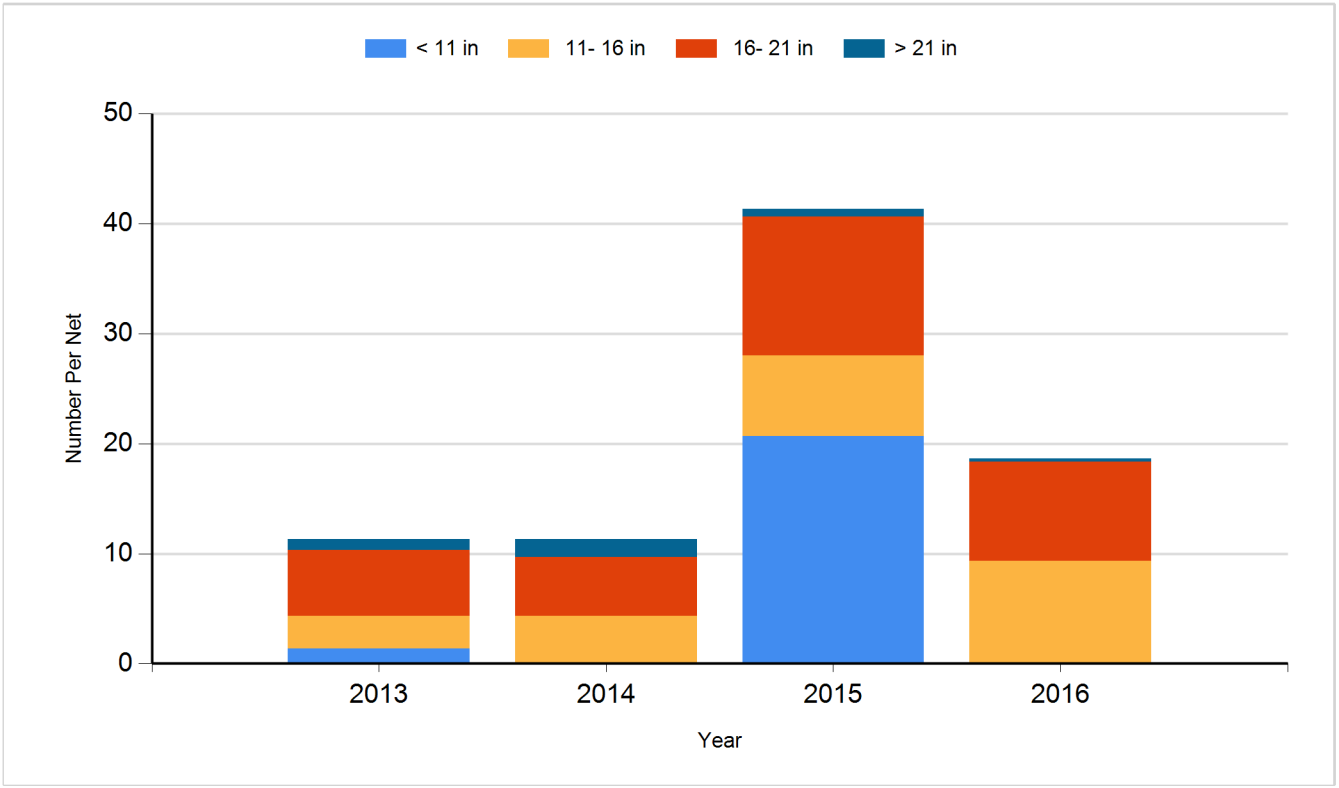
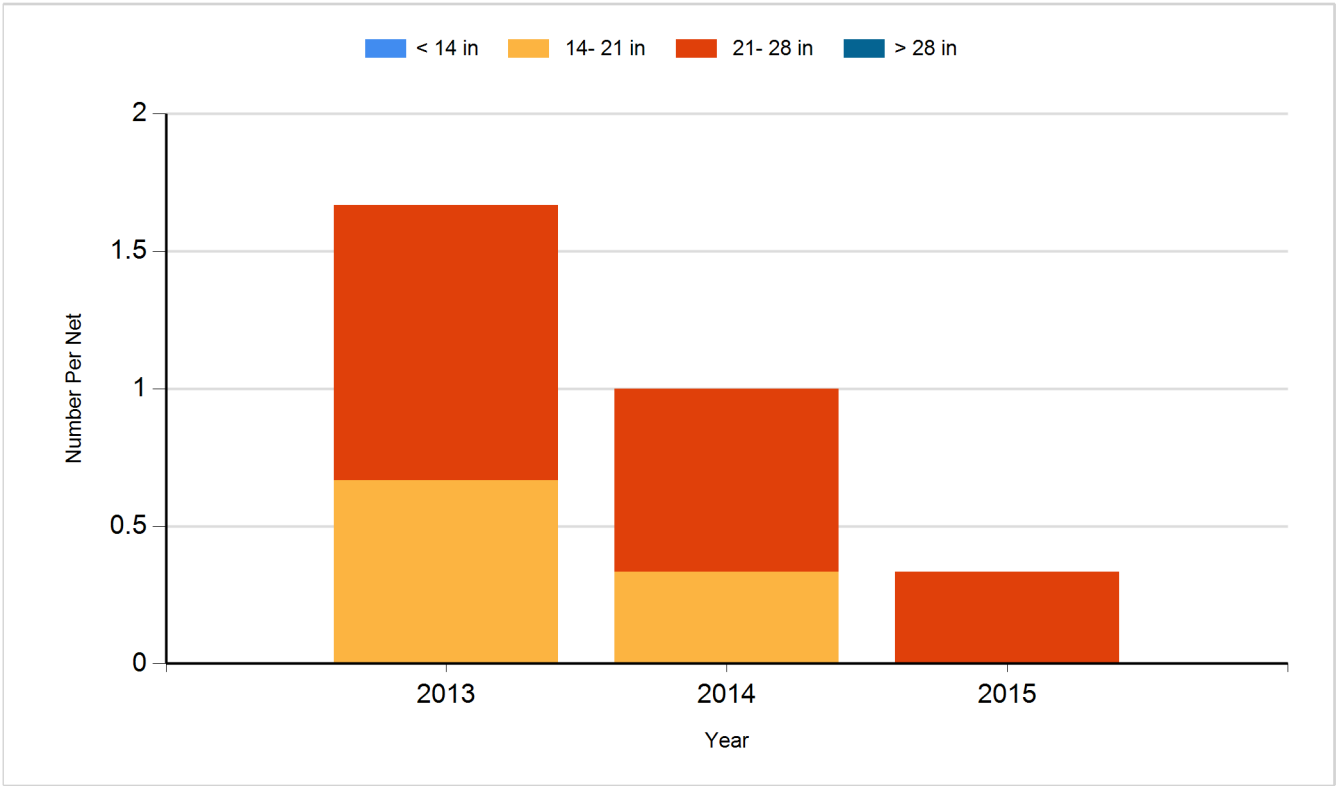
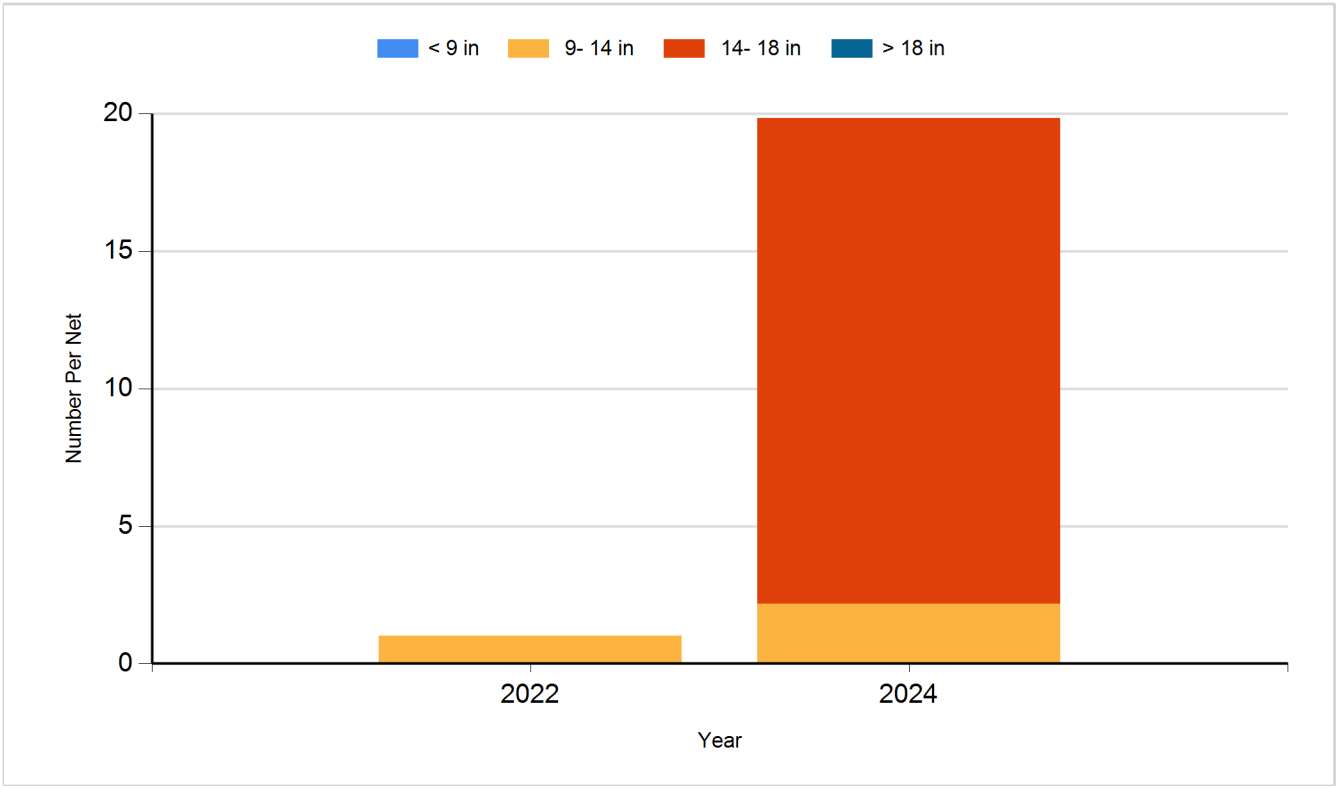
Gear: std exp gill net



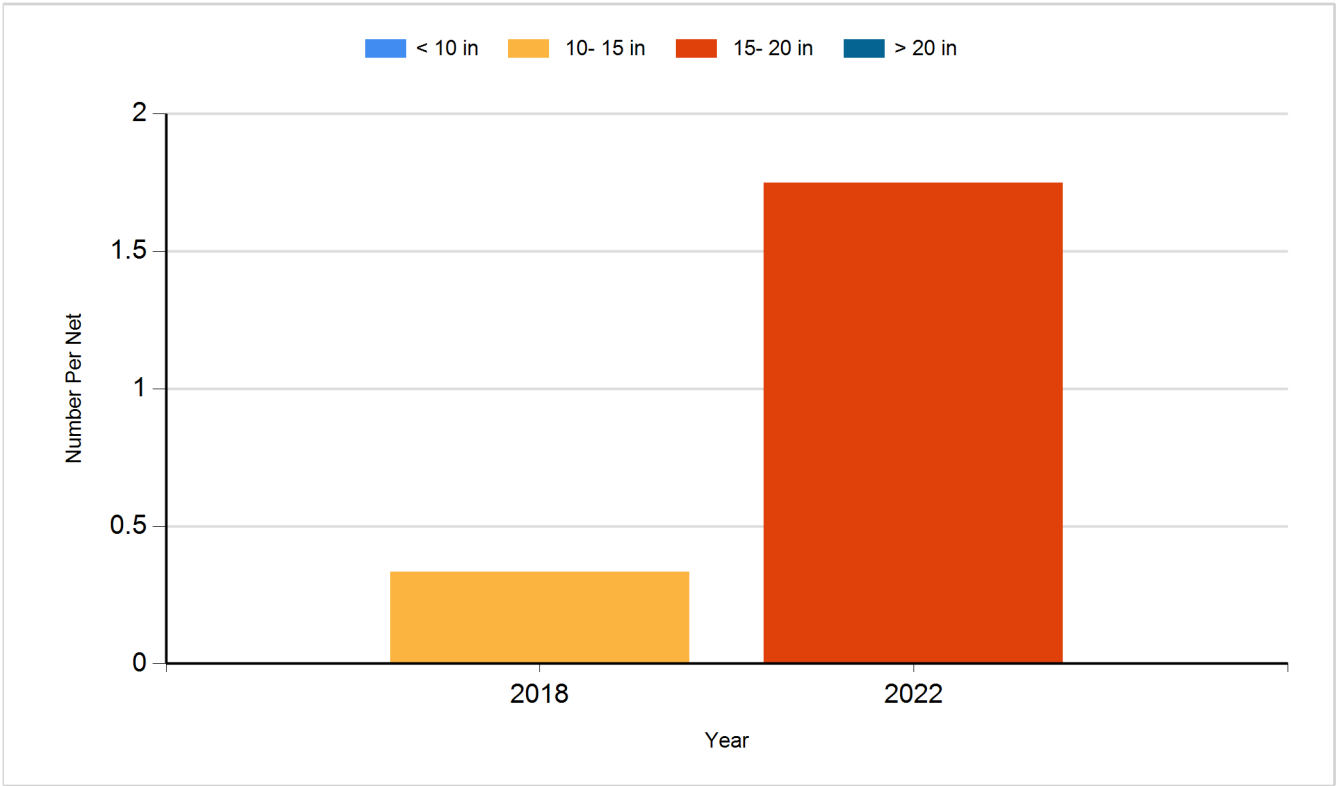
Species: Northern Pike
Gear: std exp gill net



Species: Saugeye
Gear: AFS std gill net



Species: Walleye
Gear: AFS std gill net



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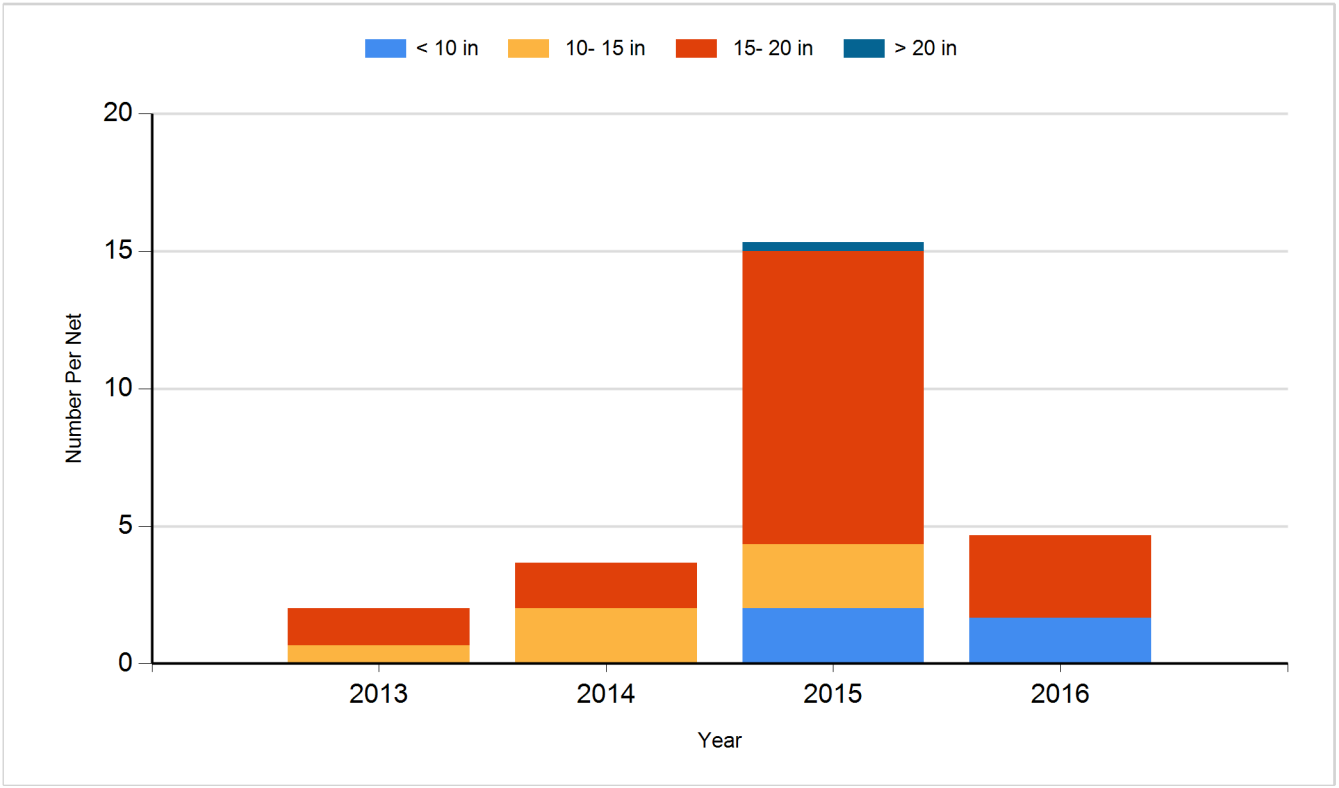
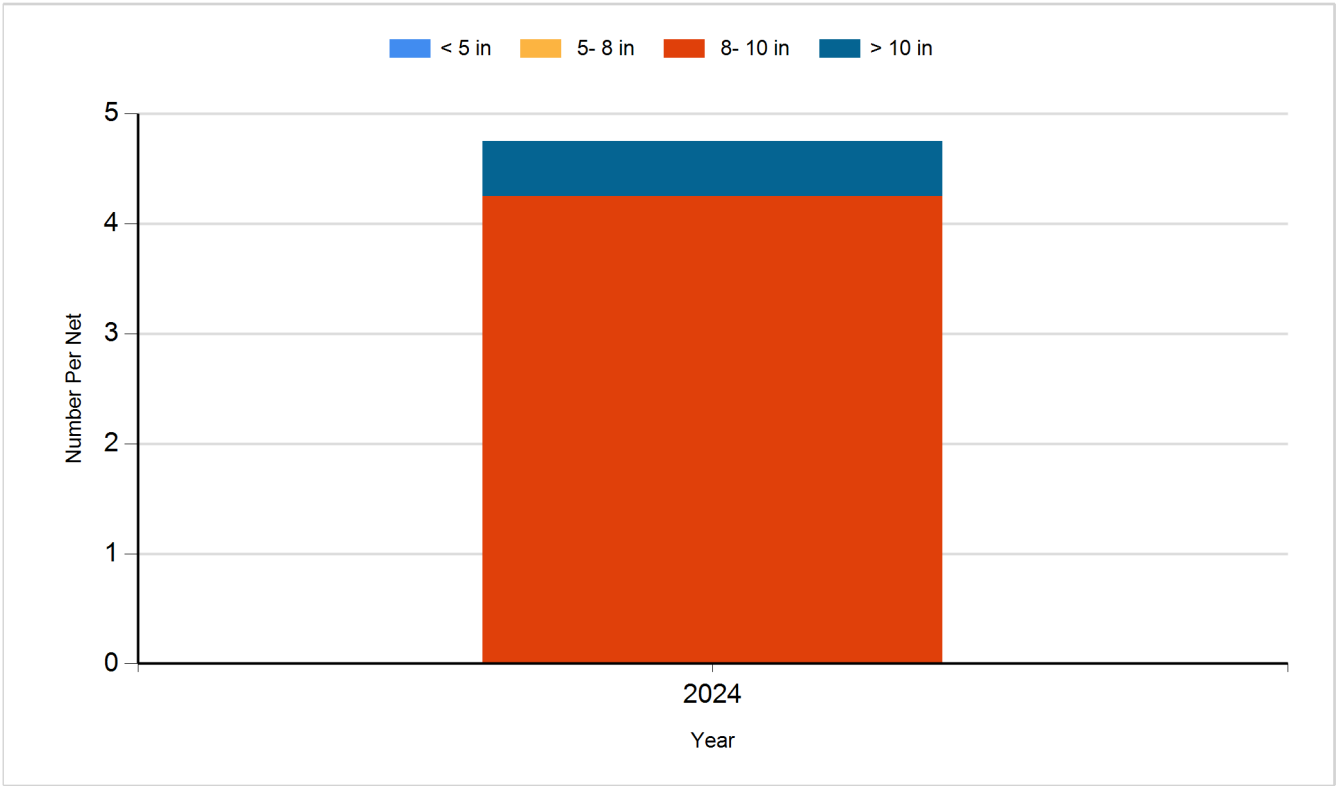
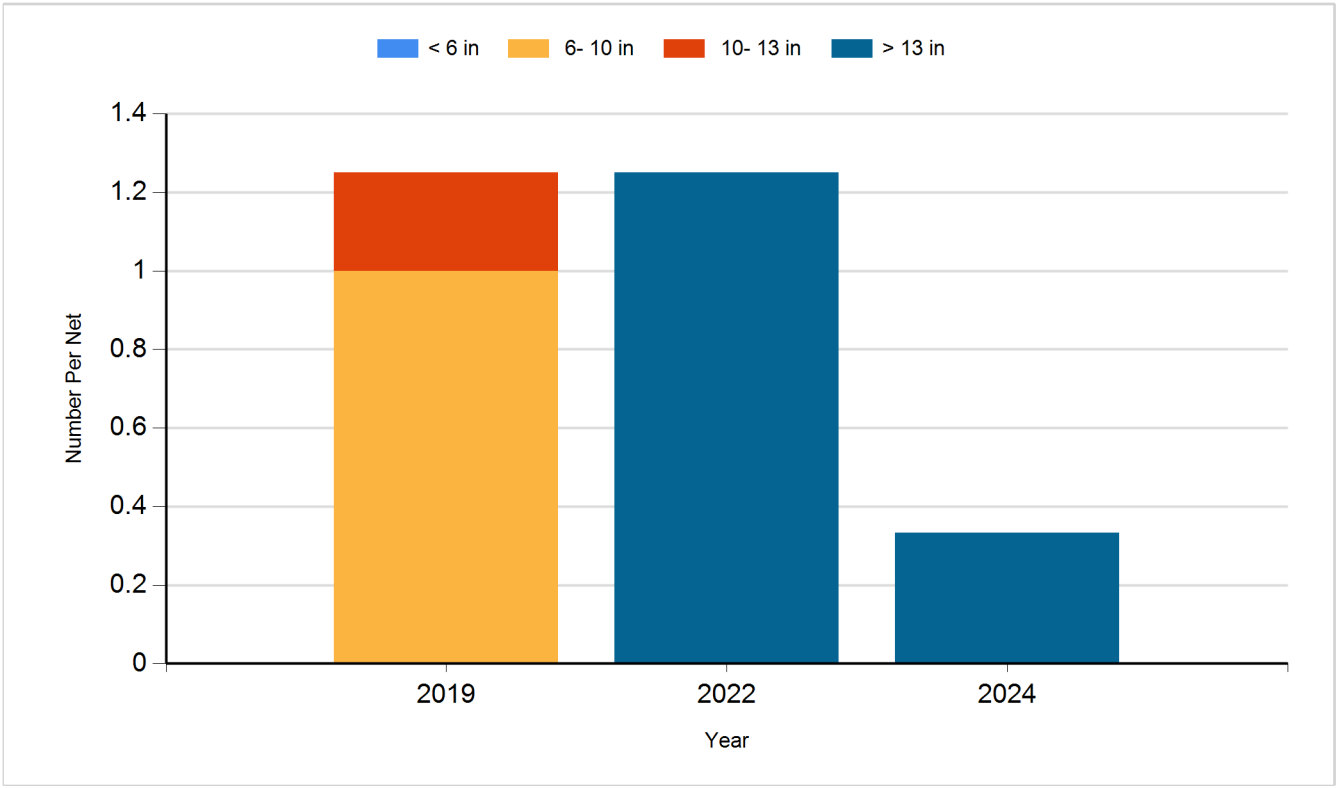
Gear: std exp gill net



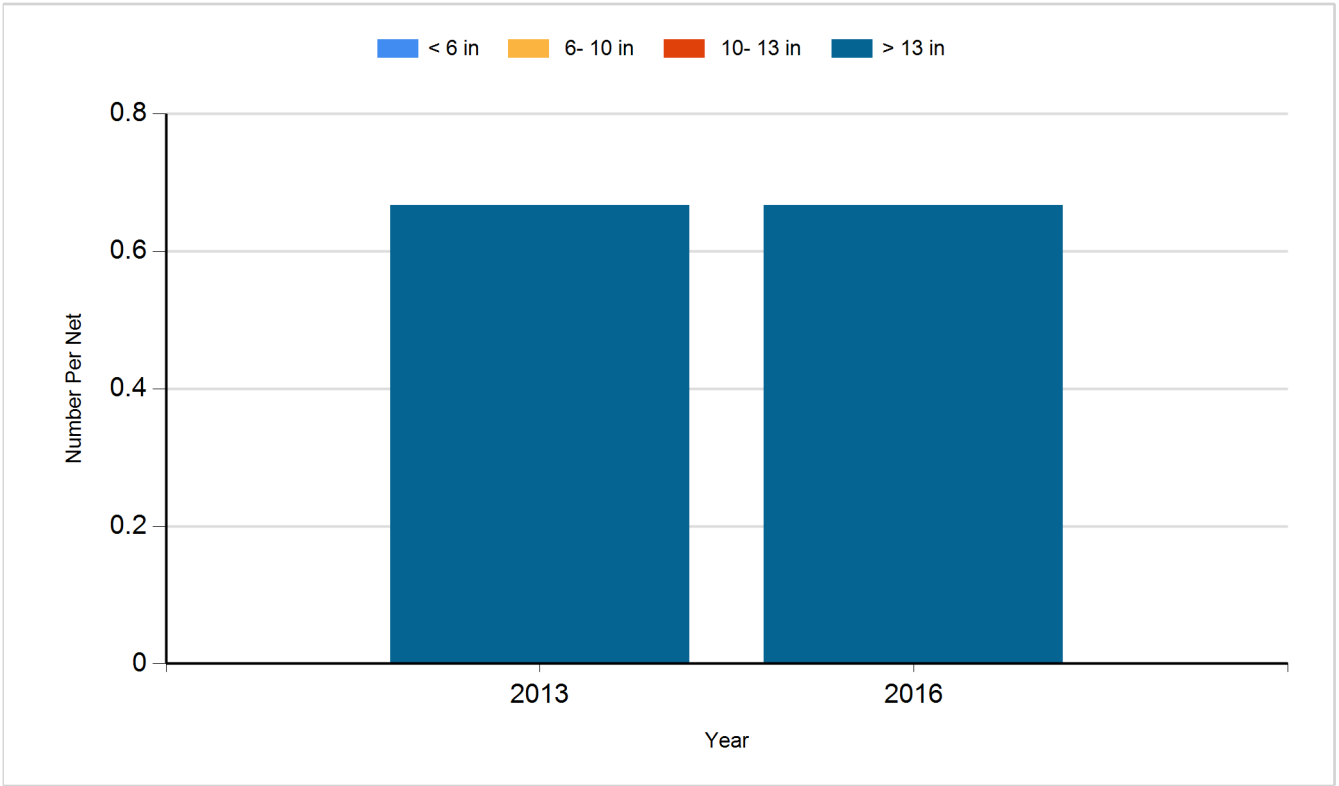
Species: White Crappie
Gear: frame net (std 3/4 in)



Species: White Sucker
Gear: AFS std gill net



Species: White Sucker
Gear: std exp gill net



Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2014	Walleye	Fry	115,000
2015	Walleye	Small Fingerling	27,920
2017	Walleye	Fingerling	44,840
2019	Walleye	Fry	550,000
2020	Black Crappie	Fingerling	77,227
2021	Saugeye	Juvenile	38,130
2023	Saugeye	Fry	500,000
2024	Black Crappie	Adult	300
2024	White Crappie		350