

2024 Red Lake (Brule County)

Red Lake is located 6 miles east and 1 mile south of Chamberlain near I-90 located along 251st street. It is a 5,000-acre lake and currently has a maximum depth of 14 feet. Access location is located along the Northeastern shore consisting of a primitive/dirt boat ramp and shoreline with a several foot drop off. It is managed as a multi-species fishery consisting of Yellow Perch and Walleye. Sampling consisting of frame nets targeting all species, gill nets targeting Yellow Perch and Walleye and fall electrofishing targeting Walleye. Recent high waters on Red Lake have allowed for more opportunities of stocking to develop a new fishery.

- **Yellow Perch:** The catch rate of Yellow Perch in 2024 was 1.2 fish per gill net. Of the Yellow Perch sampled 43% were 8 inches or larger. Yellow Perch have a relative weight (Wr) of 92*.
- **Walleye:** The catch rate of Walleye in 2024 was 3 fish per gill net. Of the Walleye sampled, 83% were 15 inches or larger. Walleye have a relative weight (Wr) of 104*.

Since 2019 Yellow Perch and Walleye have been stocked. In 2019, 43,440 large fingerling Yellow Perch were stocked. In 2021, 4,732 adult Yellow Perch were stocked. In 2022, 214,090 juvenile Yellow Perch and 417,425 juvenile Walleye were stocked. In 2023, 1,500 adult Yellow Perch and 3,300,000 fry Walleye were stocked. In 2024, 10,100 adult Yellow Perch and 2,600,000 fry Walleye were stocked.

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SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY

Red, Brule County

FTR-Lake-5076-000

2024

Lake Information

Name:	Red	Maximum Depth:	10 Feet
County:	Brule	Mean Depth:	5 Feet
Legal Description:	T103-R70-S3	OHWM Elevation:	1,556
Surface Area:	4,129 Acres	Outlet Elevation:	1,575

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
AFS std gill net	Jul 01, 2024	3 net-nights
AFS std gill net	Jul 02, 2024	3 net-nights
fall night EF-WAE	Oct 24, 2024	3600 seconds
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Jul 01, 2024	4 net-nights
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Jul 02, 2024	5 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Yellow Perch

Northern Pike

Common Carp

Black Bullhead

Walleye

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.
- **std 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.

$$CPUE = \frac{\text{number of fish}}{\text{effort}}$$

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.

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

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

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

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		Quality		Preferred		Memorable		Trophy	
	(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**

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	9	1.3	1.2	0		0	92	4	
	Common Carp	142	21.8	4.1	70	6	2	90	1	
	Walleye	18	3.0	1.7	83		0	104	2	
	Yellow Perch	7	1.2	0.7	43		0	92	6	
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	123	12.8	7.4	3		0	95	1	
	Common Carp	232	20.6	6.0	90	3	34	5	101	1
	Walleye	32	3.6	2.2	94		0	103	1	
	Yellow Perch	17	1.9	1.4	94		53	20	90	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**

Gear	Species	CPUE										Avg
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
AFS std gill net	Black Bullhead							15.5			1.3	8.40
	Common Carp							15.5			21.8	18.65
	Walleye							0.0			3.0	1.50
	Yellow Perch							12.0			1.2	6.60
fall night EF-WAE*	Walleye								7.0			7.00
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead					19.6		52.0			12.8	28.13
	Channel Catfish					0.1		0.0			0.0	0.03
	Common Carp					1.0		33.8			20.6	18.47
	Green Sunfish					3.0		11.8			0.0	4.93
	Walleye					0.0		0.0			3.6	1.20
	Yellow Perch					0.0		0.1			1.9	0.67

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	Year											
			2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
AFS std gill net	Black Bullhead	PSD								68			0	
		PSD-P								0			0	
		Wr											92	
	Common Carp	PSD									58			70
		PSD-P									0			2
		Wr												90
	Walleye	PSD												83
		PSD-P												0
		Wr												104
Yellow Perch	PSD									96			43	
	PSD-P									4			0	
	Wr									107			92	
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	PSD						4		8			3	
		PSD-P						0		0			0	
		Wr						112		87			95	
	Common Carp	PSD							29		83			90
		PSD-P							0		21			34
		Wr							101		95			101
	Walleye	PSD												94
		PSD-P												0
		Wr												103
	Yellow Perch	PSD									100			94
		PSD-P									0			53
		Wr												90

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+
2024	18		406 (18)								

Species: Yellow Perch

Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age											
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2021	24		229 (23)		206 (1)						

Fish Condition

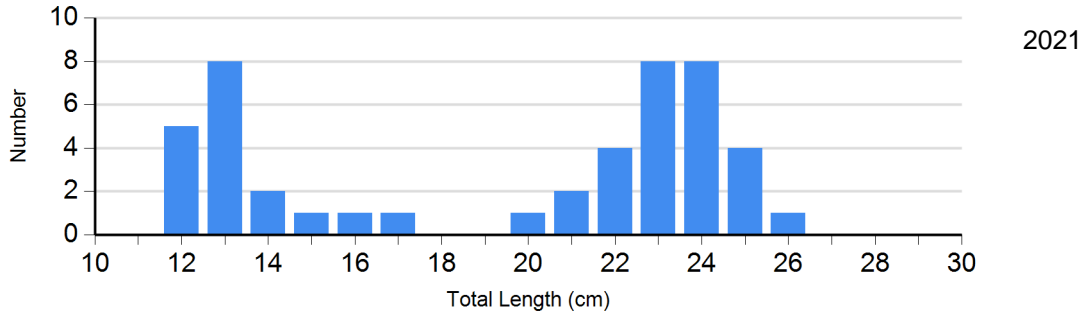
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

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	2024	8	92 (2.9)	0		0		0	
Common Carp Gill Net	2024	39	88 (0.6)	89	90 (0.8)	3	87 (1.9)	0	
Walleye Gill Net	2024	3	101 (2.5)	15	105 (1.9)	0		0	
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2021	1	115	22	107 (1.4)	1	97	0	
	2024	4	94 (8.0)	3	89 (4.7)	0		0	

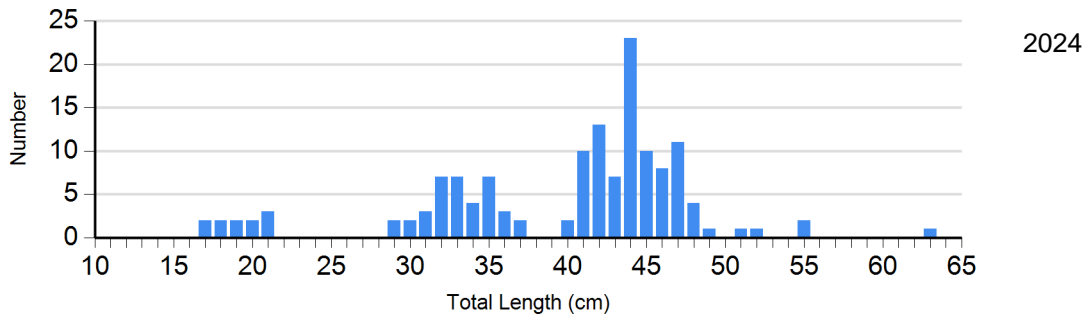
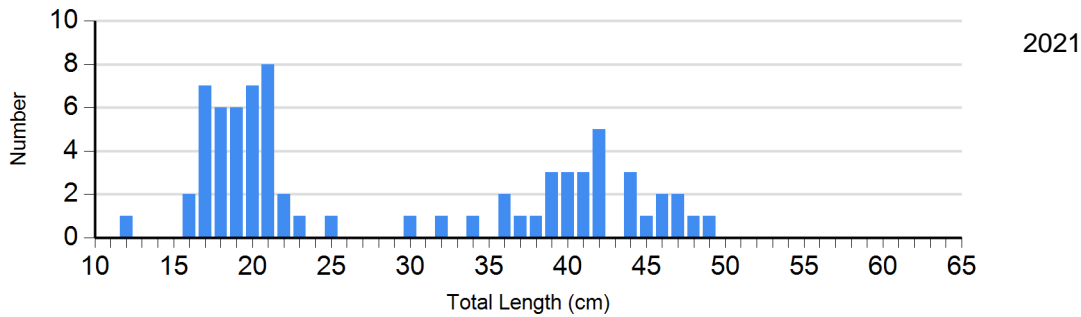
Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

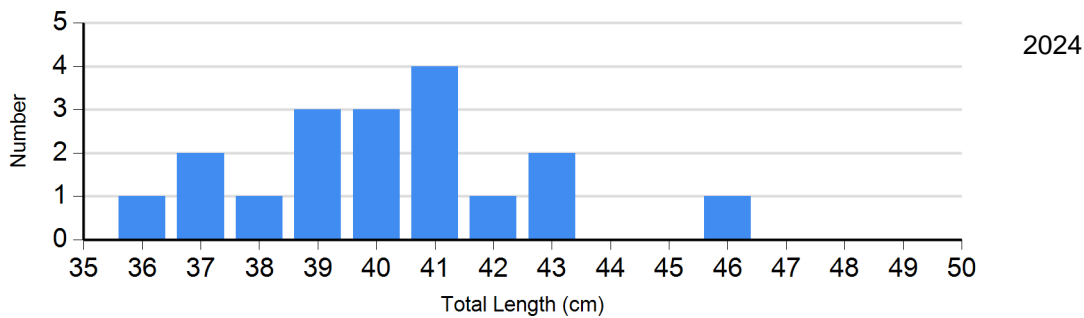
Species: Black Bullhead
Gear: AFS std gill net



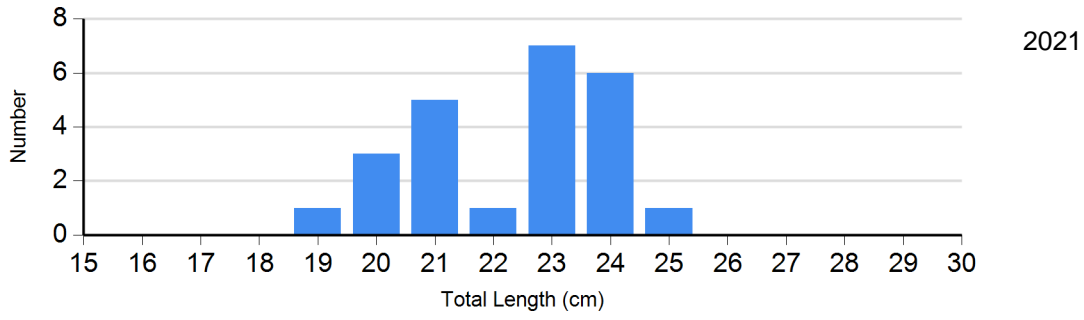
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Species: Walleye
Gear: AFS std gill net



Species: Yellow Perch
Gear: AFS std gill net

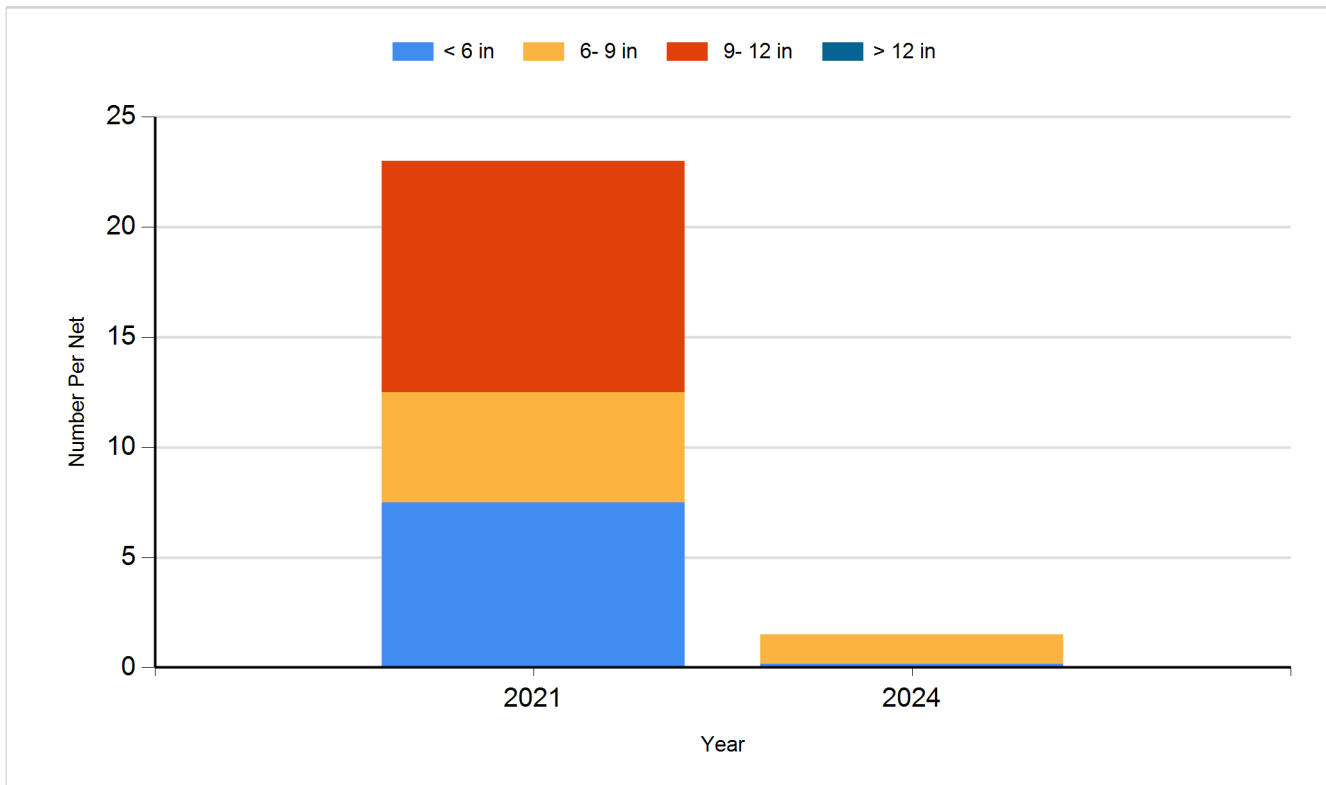


Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

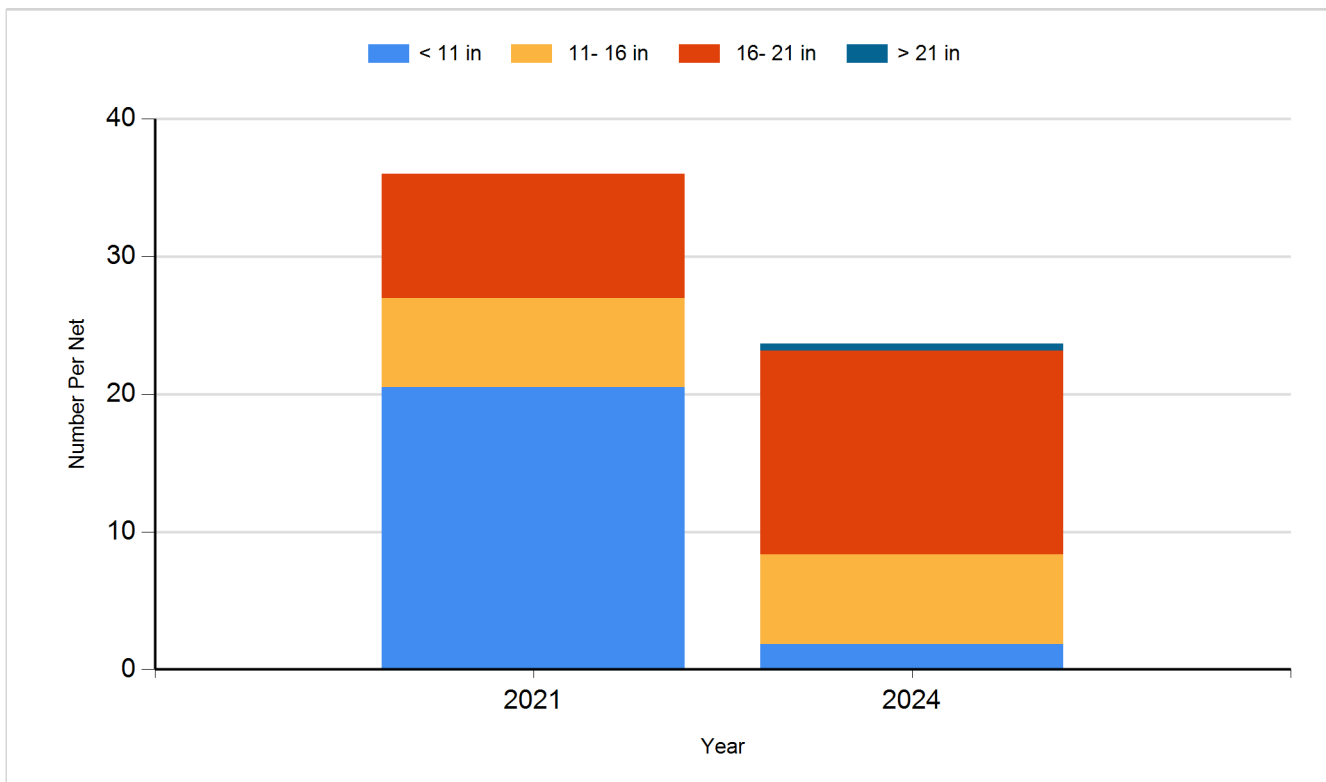
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Gear: AFS std gill net

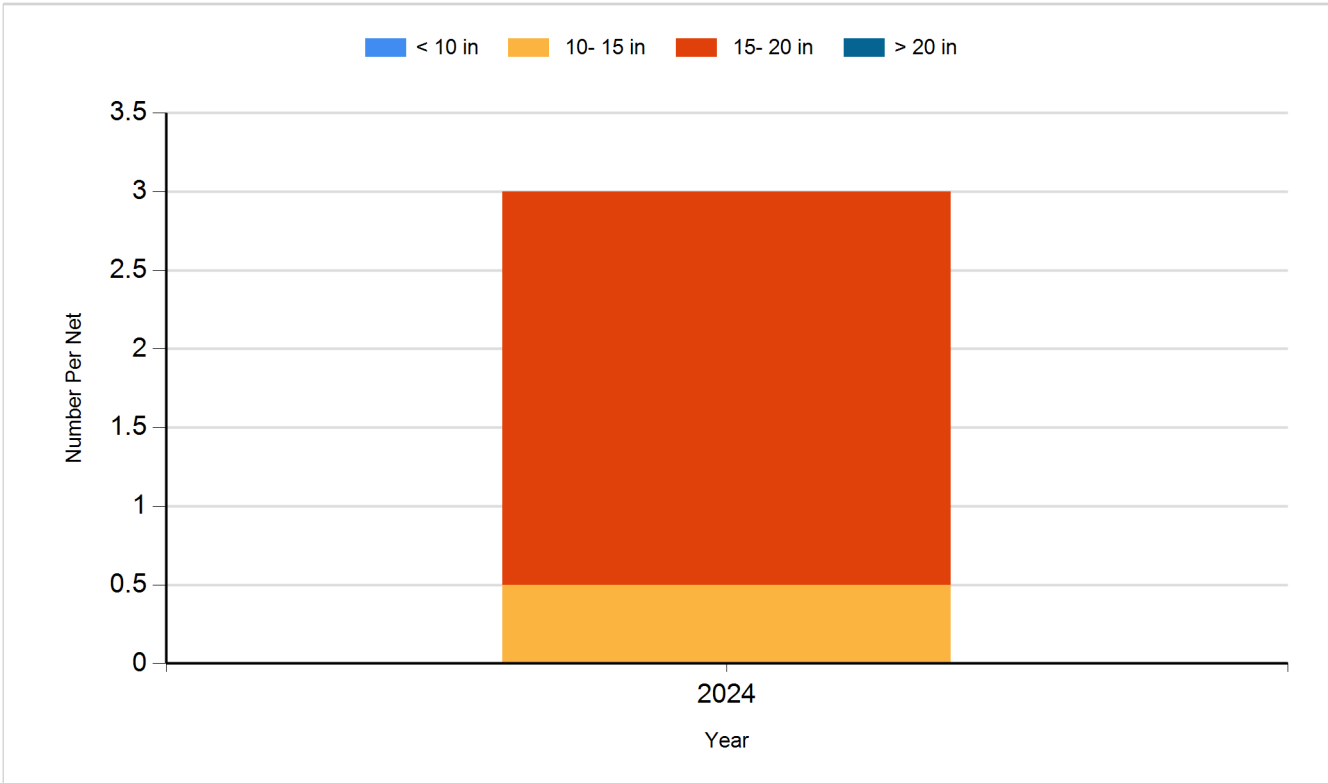


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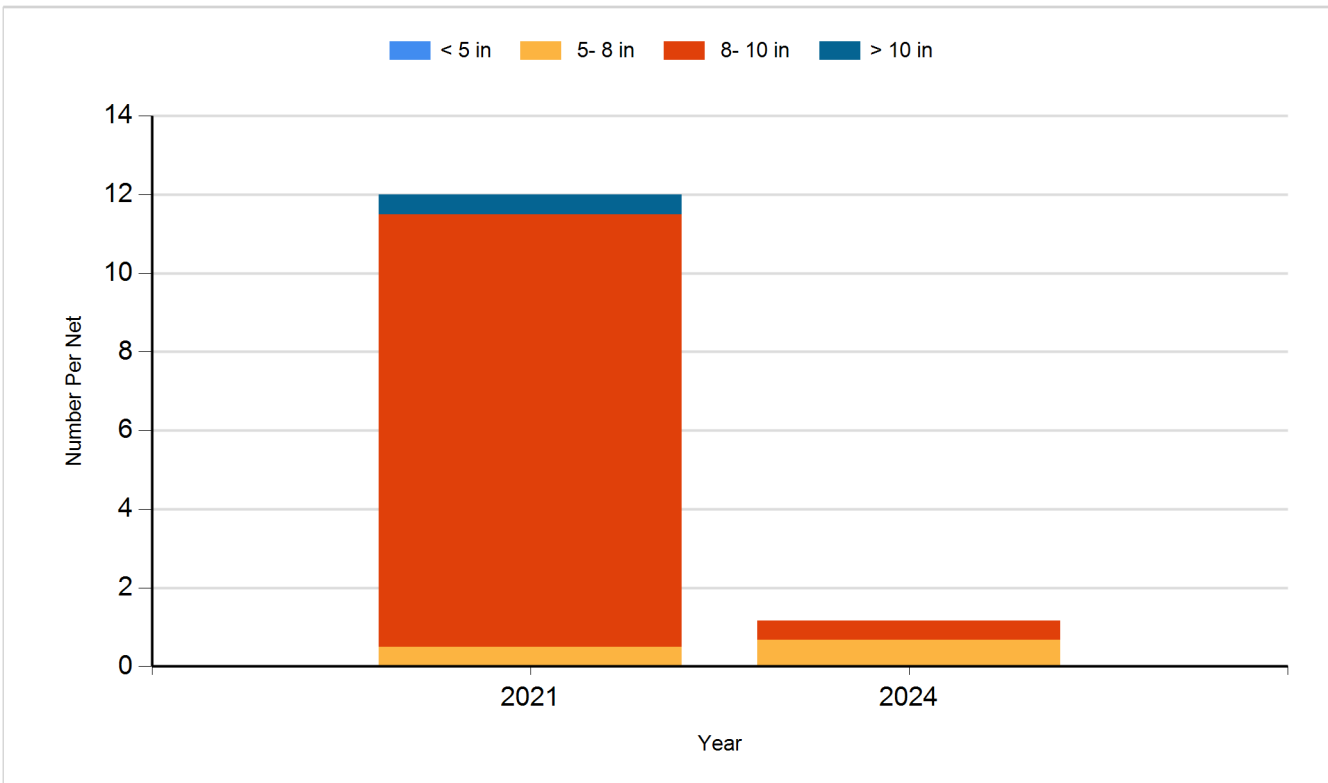
Gear: AFS std gill net



Species: Walleye
Gear: AFS std gill net



Species: Yellow Perch
Gear: AFS std gill net



Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2019	Yellow Perch	Large Fingerling	43,440
2021	Yellow Perch	Adult	4,732
2022	Walleye	Juvenile	417,425
2022	Yellow Perch	Juvenile	214,090
2023	Walleye	Fry	3,300,000
2023	Yellow Perch	Adult	1,500
2024	Walleye	Fry	2,600,000
2024	Yellow Perch	Adult	10,100