Lake Campbell (Brookings) Survey Summary

Lake Campbell, located 1 mile west and 5 miles south of Brookings, SD, is managed as a saugeye and yellow perch fishery; other fish species (e.g., black crappie, channel catfish, northern pike, and white bass) are also present.

- **Saugeye.** Gill netting efforts produced a catch rate of 3.3 saugeye per net in 2024. Catches have been steadily increasing from the low observed in 2021 (CPUE = 0.7 fish per net). Netted fish ranged from 8.3 to 19.3 inches in length with most (75%) measuring in the quality to preferred (9 - 14 inches) length category. The sample was comprised of three year classes. Age 1 saugeye (2023 year class) were the most common (76% of sample) followed by the age 3 cohort (19% of sample). Growth was above average with fish attaining a mean length of 18.8 inches by age 3.

- **Yellow Perch.** Yellow perch abundance increased to a 10 year high in 2024 (CPUE = 8.0 fish per gill net). Relative abundance was well above the previous sample year (2022) and long term mean (CPUE = 1.8 and 3.1 fish per net, respectively). A majority (73%) of sampled fish measured in the stock to quality length range (5 - 8 inches) but a few did manage to make it into the quality (>8 inches) length group (27% of sample). An average relative weight score of 108 indicates that sampled yellow perch were in good condition.

- **Channel Catfish.** Lake Campbell produced the highest channel catfish catch rate in the region (CPUE = 14.8 fish per gill net in 2024). Relative abundance was higher than the previous sample year (CPUE = 6.8 fish per net in 2022) and long term mean (CPUE = 9.8 fish per net). A recent winterkill event likely caused the temporary dip in catches the previous sample year (2022). Netted fish ranged from 9.1 to 28.7 inches in length with most (67%) measuring in the quality to preferred (16 - 24 inches) length category. Any angler targeting channel catfish in the region should be sure to consider trying Lake Campbell.

For more detailed results see the computer-generated South Dakota Statewide Fisheries Survey for Lake Campbell (below).

SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Campbell, Brookings County
MBS-Lake-234-000
2024

Lake Information

Name:	Campbell	**Maximum Depth:**	8 Feet
County:	Brookings	**Mean Depth:**	3 Feet
Legal Description:	T109n-R50W-Sec.28, 29, 32, 33; T108N-R50W-Sec. 5	**OHWM Elevation:**	1,576
Surface Area:	798 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 23, 2024	6 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Yellow Perch

Walleye

Channel Catfish

Black Bullhead

Bigmouth Buffalo

Common Carp

Saugeye

Northern Pike

White Sucker

White Bass

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	134	9.3	4.7	0		0			
	Black Bullhead	88	14.0	3.2	15	6	4			
	Black Crappie	8	1.3	0.9	63		0		107	4
	Channel Catfish	98	14.8	2.5	74	7	7	4	92	2
	Common Carp	25	3.7	1.8	55	17	23	15		
	Northern Pike	12	2.0	0.8	42	24	8		95	4
	Saugeye	21	3.3	1.1	25	16	25	16	93	3
	White Bass	8	1.3	0.6	100		0		92	6
	White Sucker	11	1.7	1.9	100		10			
	Yellow Perch	48	8.0	2.7	27	10	4		108	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	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Avg
AFS std gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo			1.5	1.3	1.2		0.3	0.7		9.3	2.38
	Black Bullhead			10.8	17.8	3.2		2.7	2.7		14.0	8.53
	Black Crappie			0.0	0.2	0.3		0.3	0.0		1.3	0.35
	Channel Catfish			2.3	6.0	4.0		25.0	6.8		14.8	9.82
	Common Carp			4.3	1.2	1.5		0.8	1.8		3.7	2.22
	Northern Pike			0.8	0.3	1.0		0.7	0.5		2.0	0.88
	Saugeye			1.3	3.7	2.3		0.7	2.7		3.3	2.33
	Shorthead Redhorse			0.2	0.2	1.7		0.2	0.0		0.0	0.38
	Walleye			10.8	3.0	0.2		0.0	0.0		0.0	2.33
	White Bass			1.5	1.7	1.2		0.5	0.0		1.3	1.03
	White Sucker			9.5	8.2	13.5		10.2	5.0		1.7	8.02
	Yellow Perch			3.3	1.5	3.2		0.7	1.8		8.0	3.08
std exp gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	2.0	0.0									1.00
	Black Bullhead	39.7	61.0									50.35
	Channel Catfish	3.0	5.3									4.15
	Common Carp	4.0	1.3									2.65
	Common Shiner	0.0	0.0									0.00
	Northern Pike	2.7	1.3									2.00
	Orangespotted Sunfish	0.0	0.0									0.00
	Shorthead Redhorse	0.0	0.3									0.15
	Walleye	0.3	22.7									11.50
	White Bass	2.7	2.0									2.35
	White Sucker	7.7	9.3									8.50
	Yellow Perch	26.3	6.0									16.15

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	38	71		50	25		0
		PSD-P			0	13	14		0	0		0
	Black Bullhead	PSD			29	95	89		100	94		15
		PSD-P			3	3	5		6	0		4
	Channel Catfish	PSD			50	100	92		74	88		74
		PSD-P			14	17	8		3	5		7
		Wr			98	93	105		92	92		92
	Common Carp	PSD			85	100	89		100	100		55
		PSD-P			58	57	56		0	55		23
	Northern Pike	PSD			80	50	83		75	67		42
		PSD-P			40	50	0		25	0		8
		Wr			85	121	85		72	78		95
	Saugeye	PSD			0	9	50		25	69		25
		PSD-P			0	0	0		0	19		25
		Wr			88	88	90		79	91		93
	Walleye	PSD			20	33	100					
		PSD-P			0	0	100					
		Wr			82	83	91					
	White Bass	PSD			100	90	57		100			100
		PSD-P			100	80	57		33			0
		Wr			92	89	95		94			92
	White Sucker	PSD			100	100	100		100	100		100
		PSD-P			98	100	99		100	97		10
	Yellow Perch	PSD			95	78	79		75	100		27
		PSD-P			80	44	26		50	82		4
		Wr			91	100	113		113	99		108
std exp gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	PSD	0									
		PSD-P	0									
	Black Bullhead	PSD	45	60								
		PSD-P	2	3								
	Channel Catfish	PSD	100	19								
		PSD-P	11	6								
		Wr	109	99								

			Year									
Gear	Species	Index	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
std exp gill net	Common Carp	PSD	8	100								
		PSD-P	8	25								
	Northern Pike	PSD	75	100								
		PSD-P	0	25								
		Wr	97	88								
	Walleye	PSD	0	0								
		PSD-P	0	0								
		Wr	113	90								
	White Bass	PSD	13	100								
		PSD-P	13	100								
		Wr	100	102								
	White Sucker	PSD	22	96								
		PSD-P	9	46								
	Yellow Perch	PSD	100	100								
		PSD-P	43	83								
		Wr	103	91								

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	21	264 (16)		478 (4)			490 (1)				
2022	15	266 (4)		424 (8)	475 (1)	560 (2)					
2021	4		331 (3)	322 (1)							
2019	16	224 (3)	353 (10)	433 (3)							
2018	22	263 (4)	336 (18)								

Species: Walleye

		Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2019	1				550 (1)						
2018	18	282 (5)	327 (6)	405 (7)							
2017	66	270 (28)	376 (37)					505 (1)			

Species: Yellow Perch

		Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2019	19	143 (4)	218 (9)	256 (6)							
2018	9	166 (2)	235 (2)	243 (1)	273 (1)	295 (3)					

Fish Condition

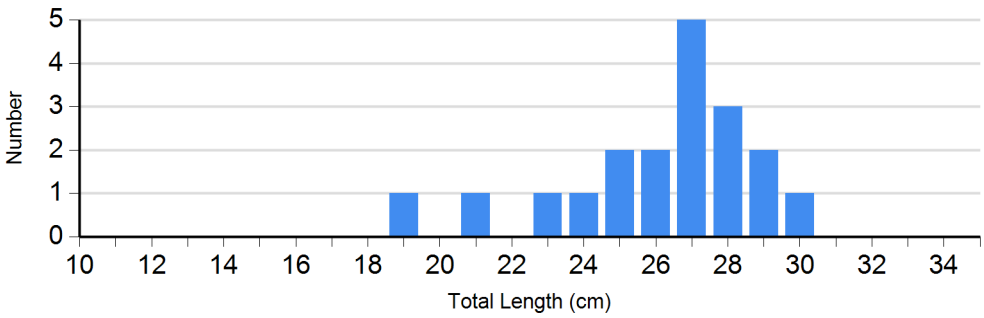
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

		Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
Species	Year	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Channel Catfish Gill Net	2021	39	93 (1.2)	107	90 (0.8)	4	99 (1.1)	0	
	2022	5	95 (4.0)	34	91 (1.6)	2	94 (3.8)	0	
	2024	23	89 (3.3)	60	94 (1.6)	5	94 (5.8)	1	
Northern Pike Gill Net	2021	1		2	69 (0.3)	1	79	0	
	2022	1	82	2	76 (6.5)	0		0	
	2024	7	94 (0.8)	4	97 (9.7)	1	99	0	
Saugeye Gill Net	2021	3	78 (2.9)	1	79	0		0	
	2022	5	98 (1.0)	8	88 (1.7)	2	88 (2.6)	1	83
	2024	15	89 (1.4)	0		5	104 (4.8)	0	
White Bass Gill Net	2021	0		2	96 (0.0)	1	89	0	
	2024	0		8	92 (4.3)	0		0	
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2021	1	121	1	113	2	110 (10.8)	0	
	2022	0		2	105 (1.6)	9	97 (4.0)	0	
	2024	35	109 (1.7)	11	106 (2.5)	2	102 (3.4)	0	

Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

Species: Black Bullhead
Gear: AFS std gill net



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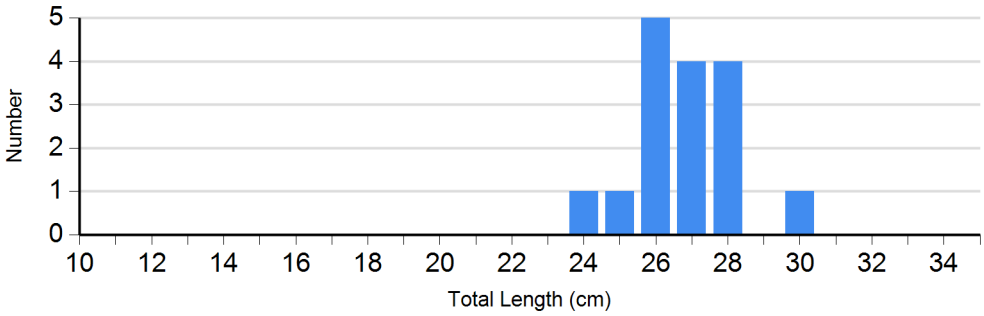

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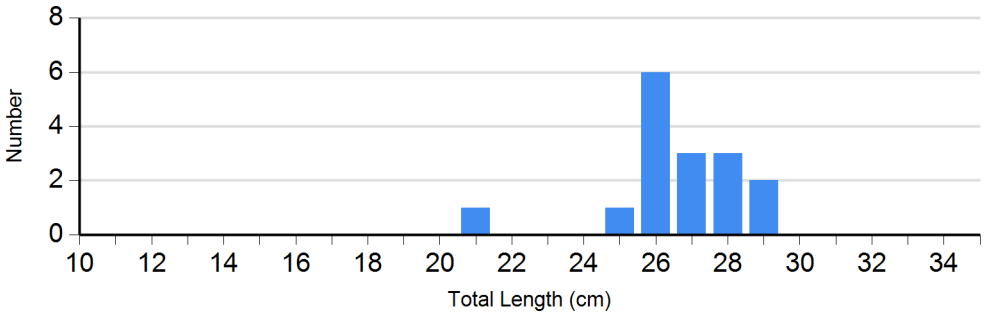

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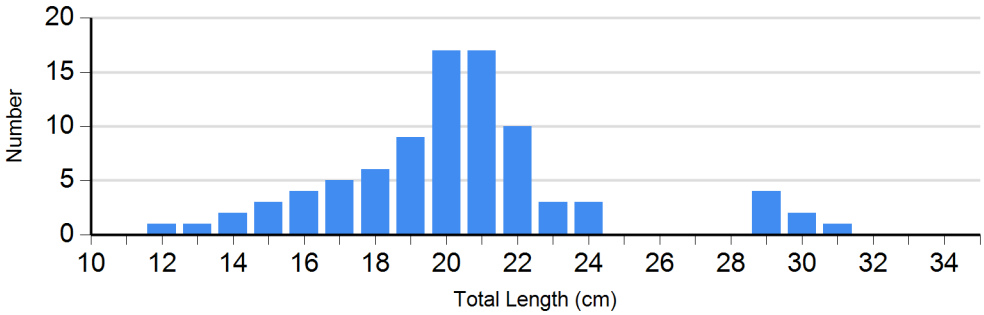

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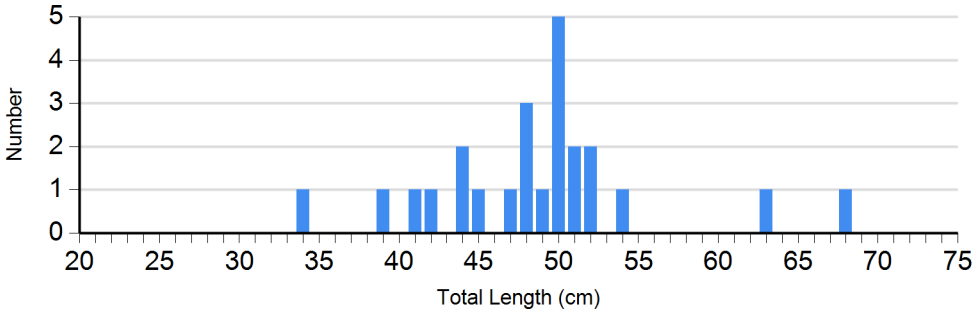
Species: Channel Catfish
Gear: AFS std gill net



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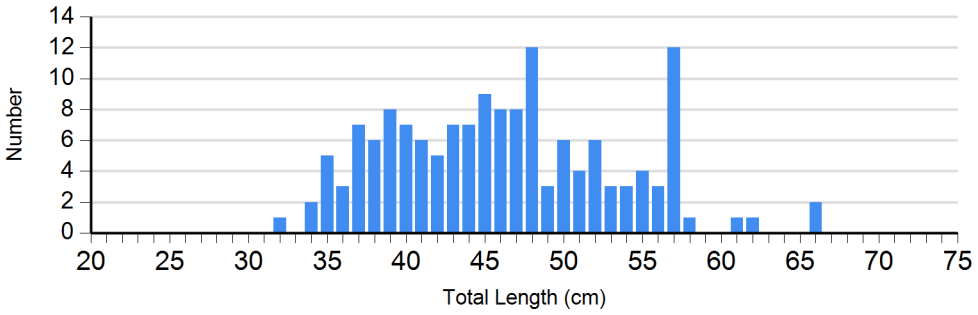

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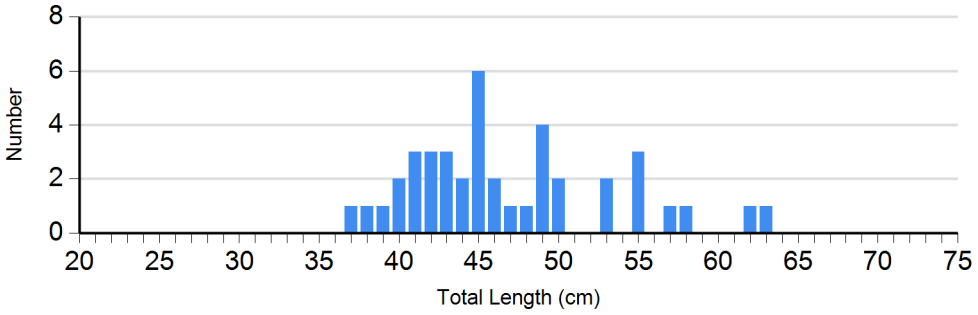

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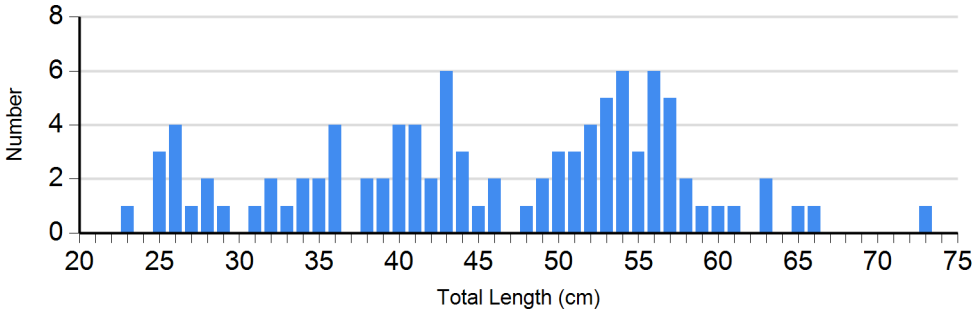

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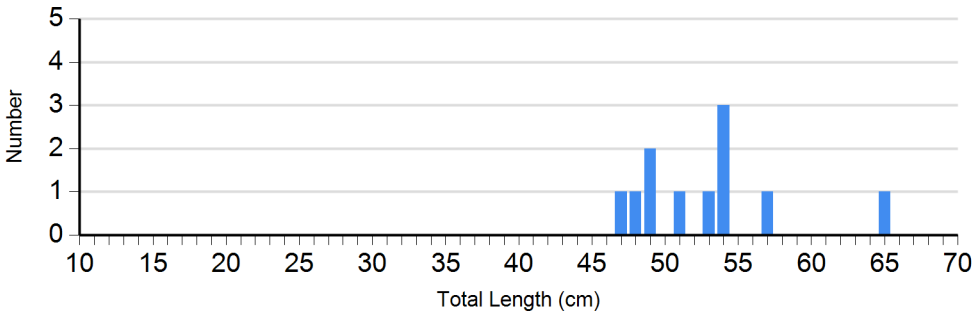
Species: Common Carp
Gear: AFS std gill net



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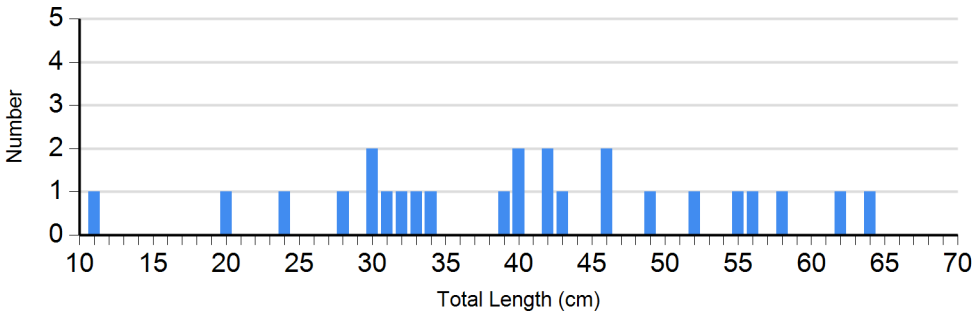

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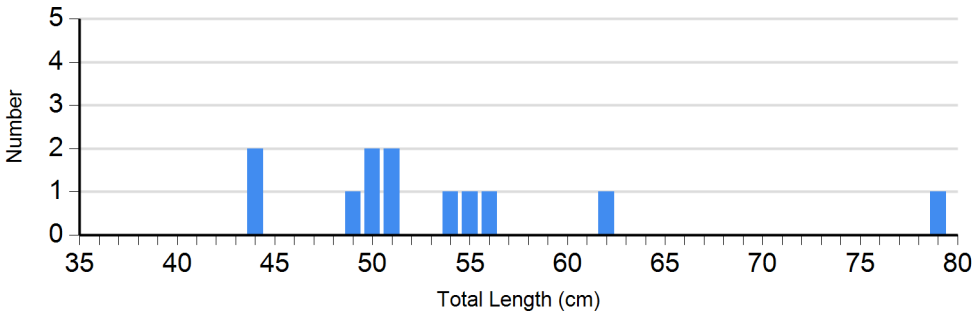
Species: Northern Pike
Gear: AFS std gill net



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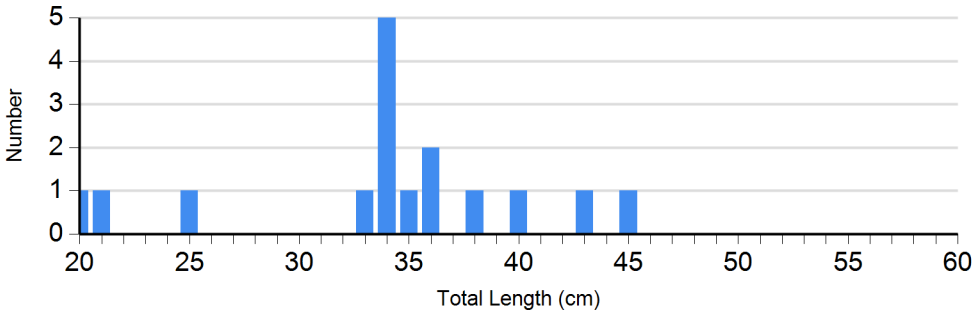
Species: Saugeye
Gear: AFS std gill net



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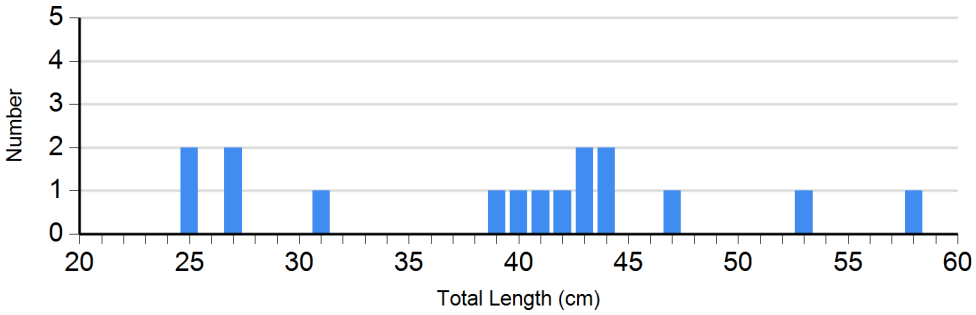

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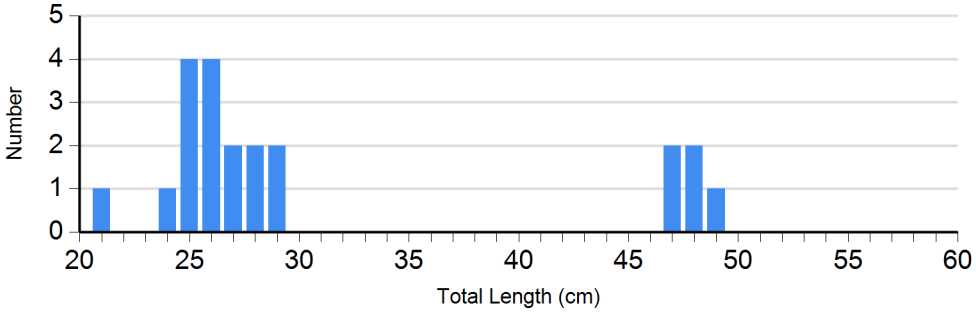

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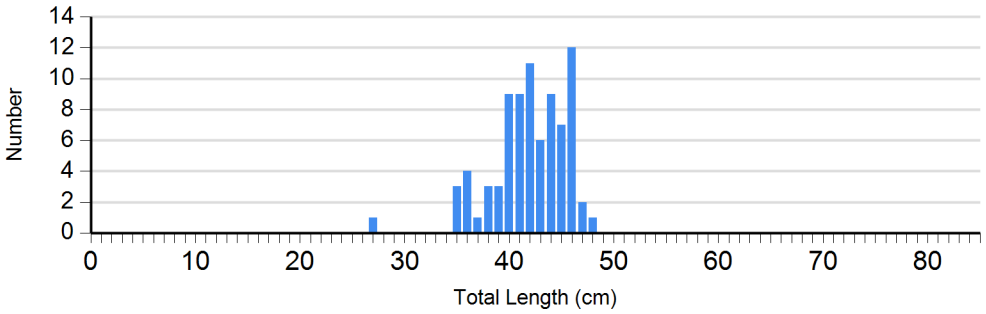
Species: White Sucker
Gear: AFS std gill net



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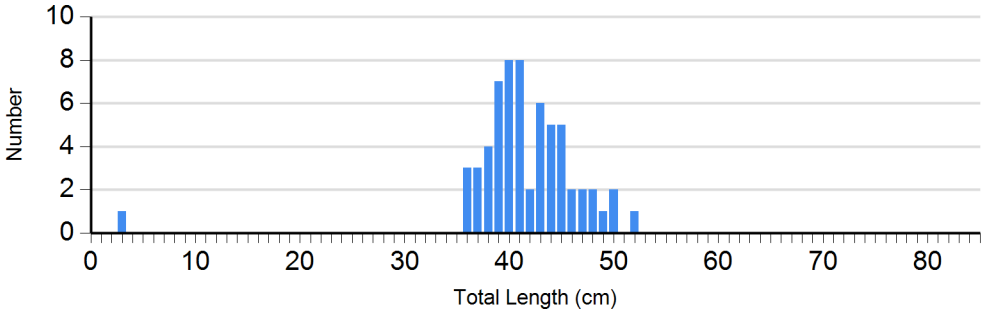

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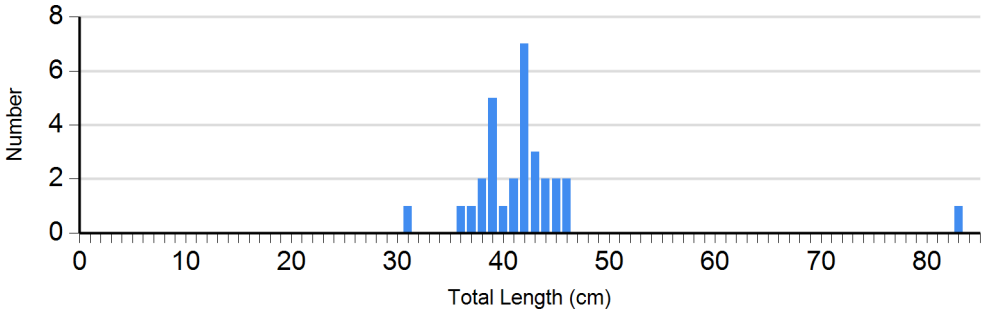

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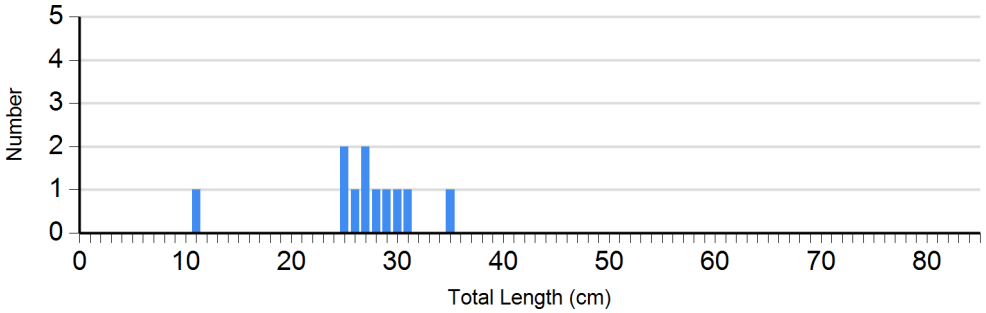

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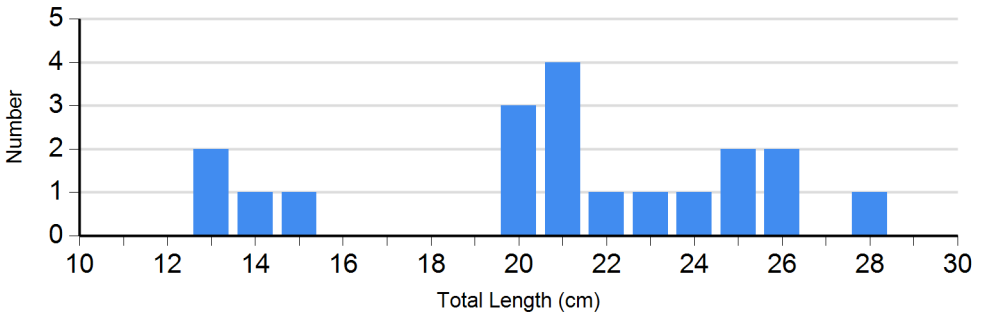
Species: Yellow Perch
Gear: AFS std gill net



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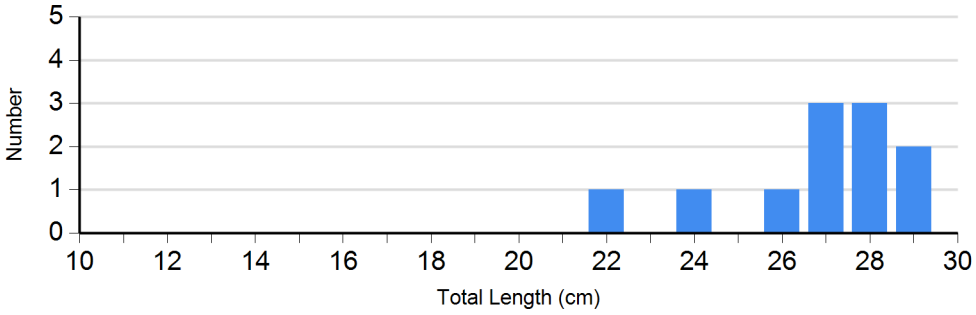
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Total Length (cm)

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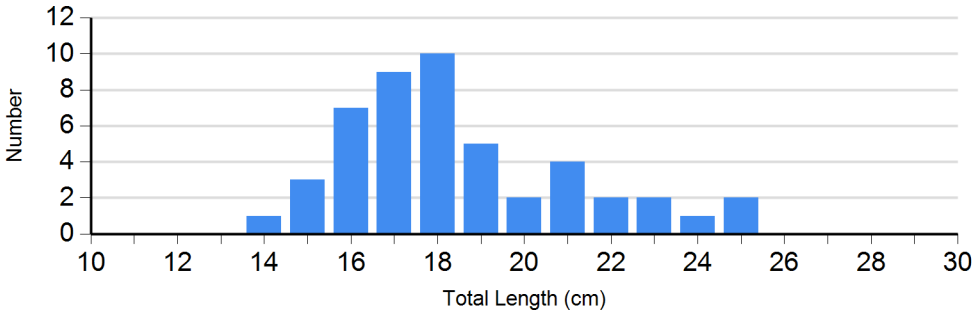
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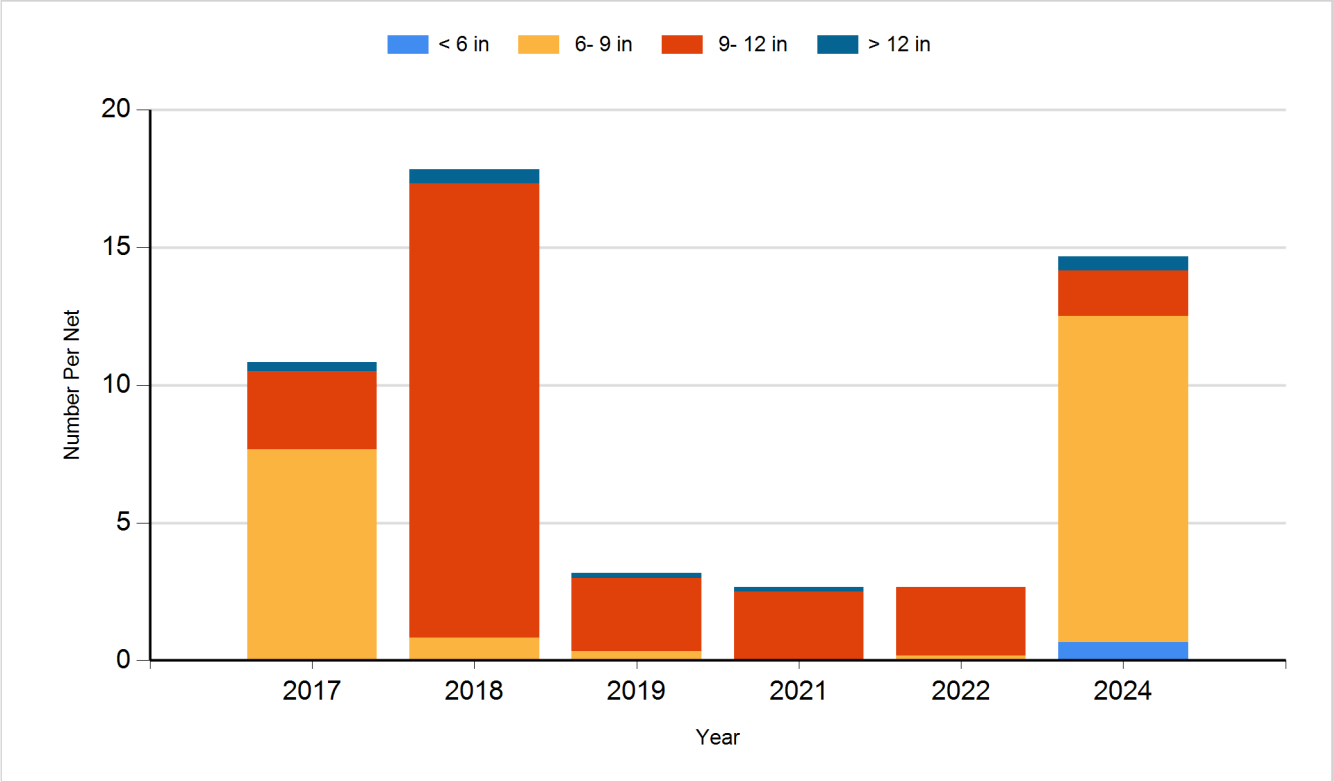
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

Species: Black Bullhead
Gear: AFS std gill net



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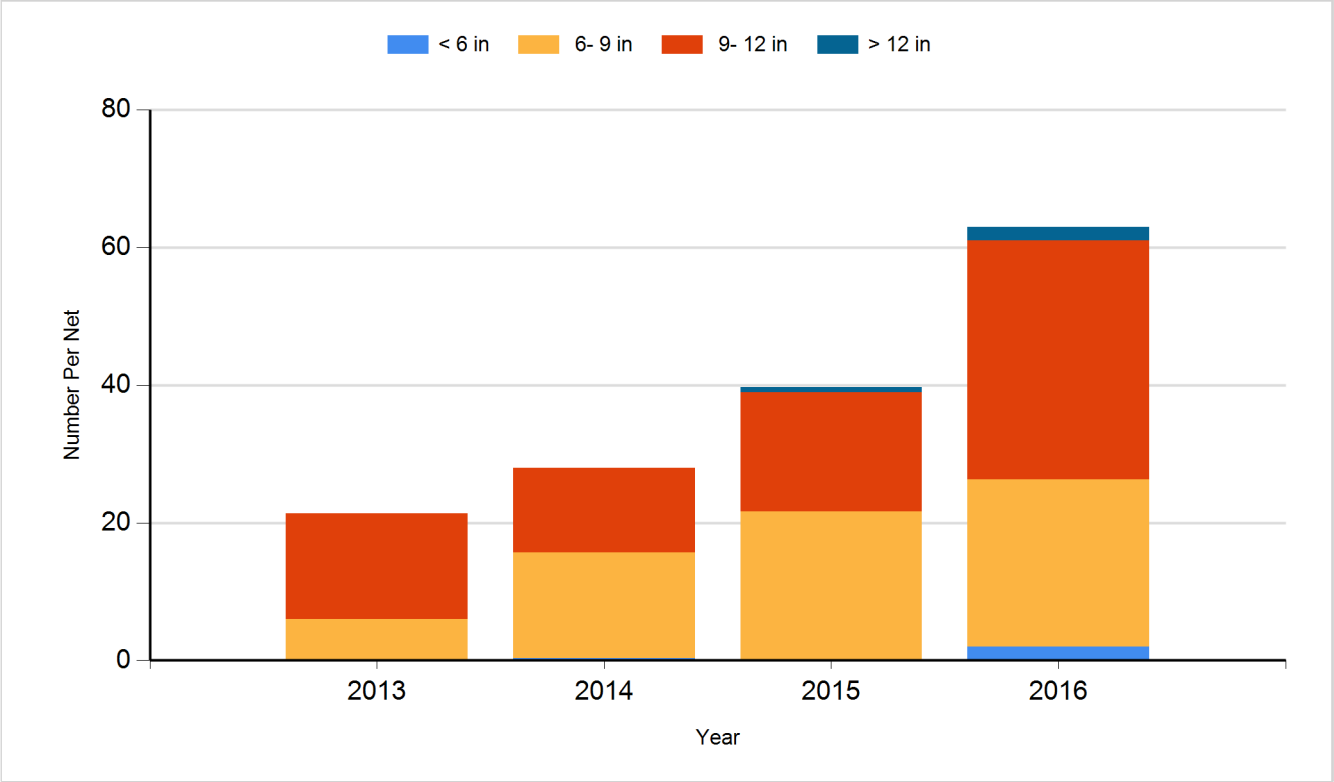

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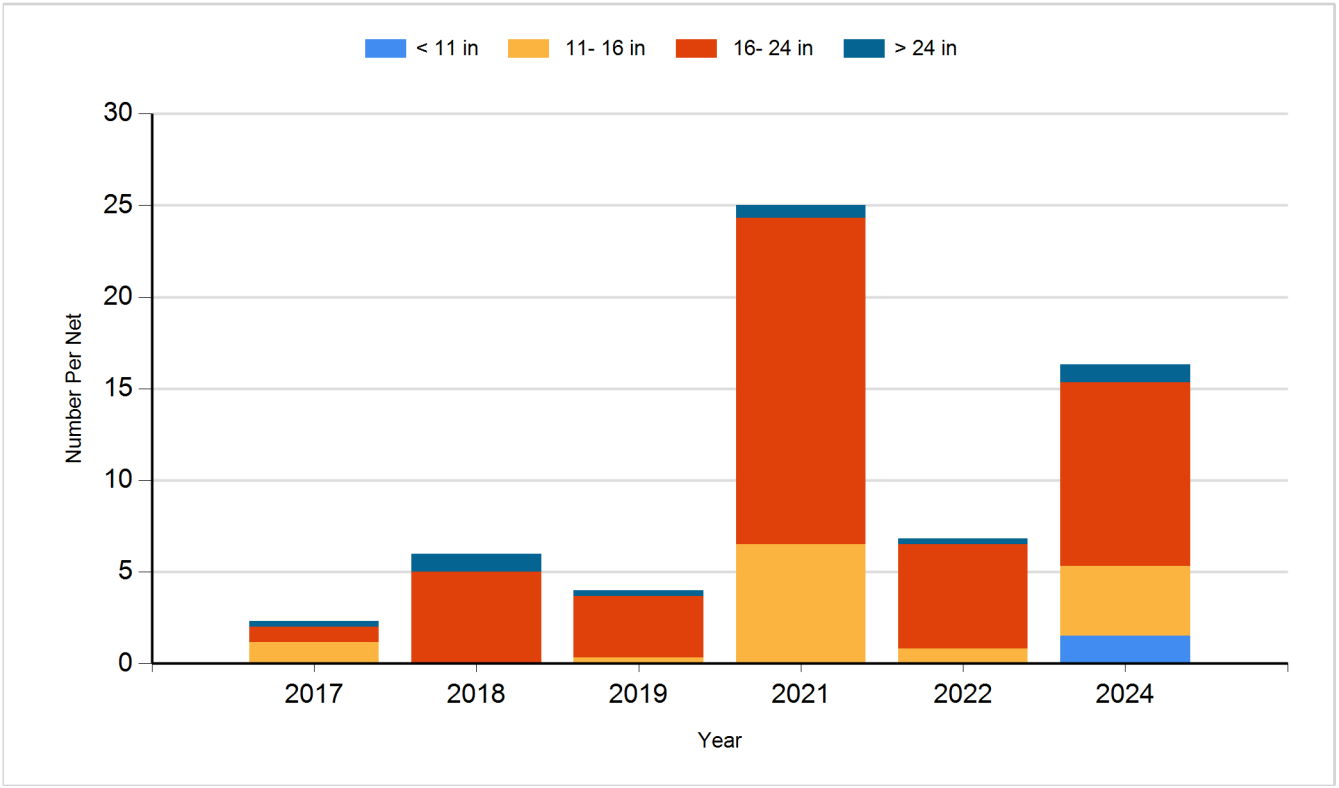

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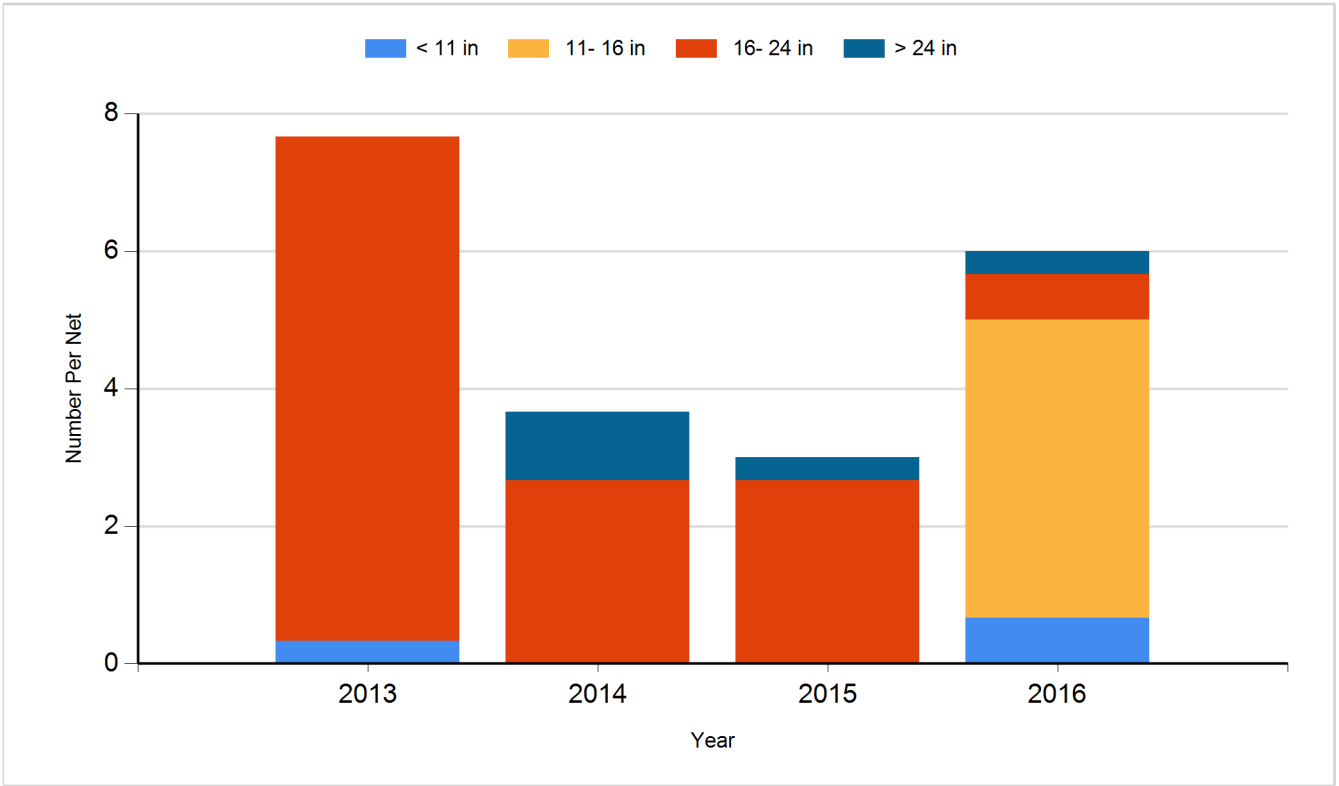

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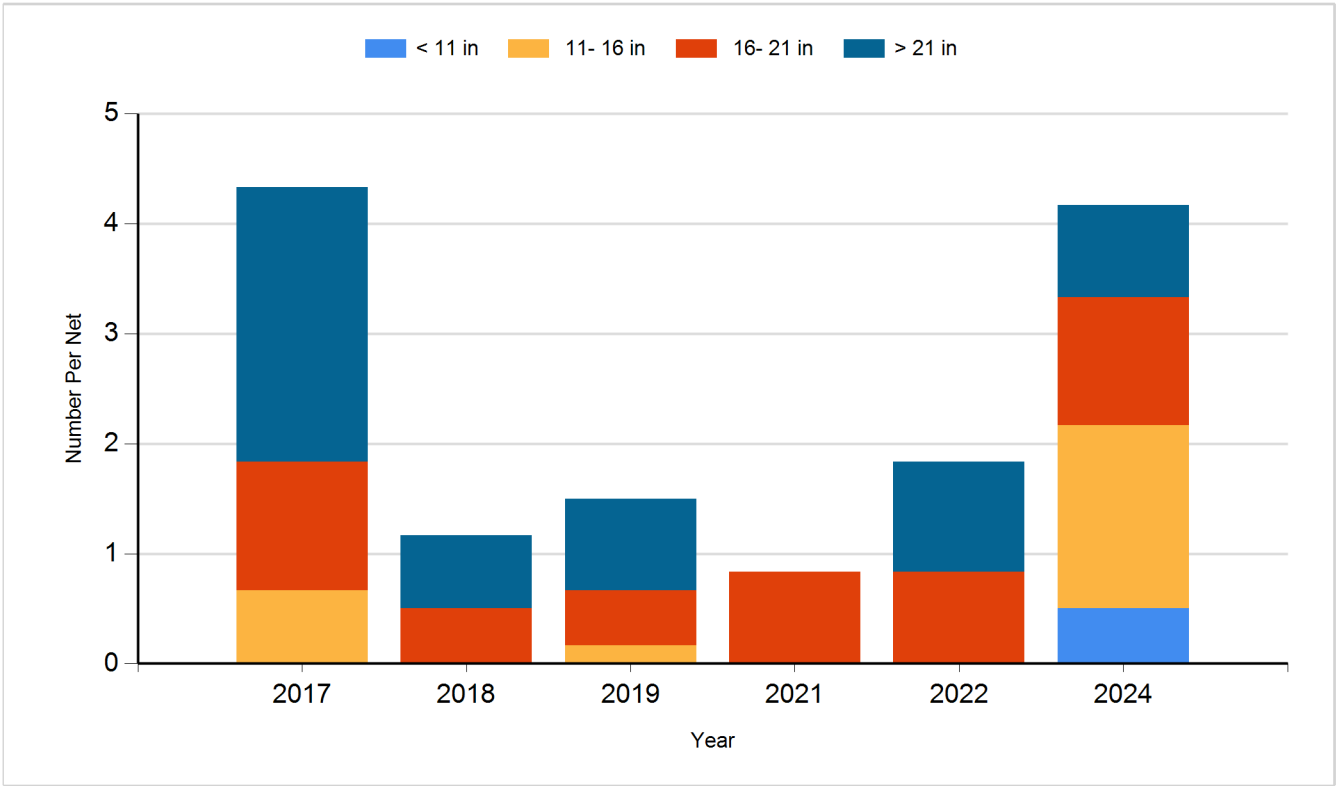

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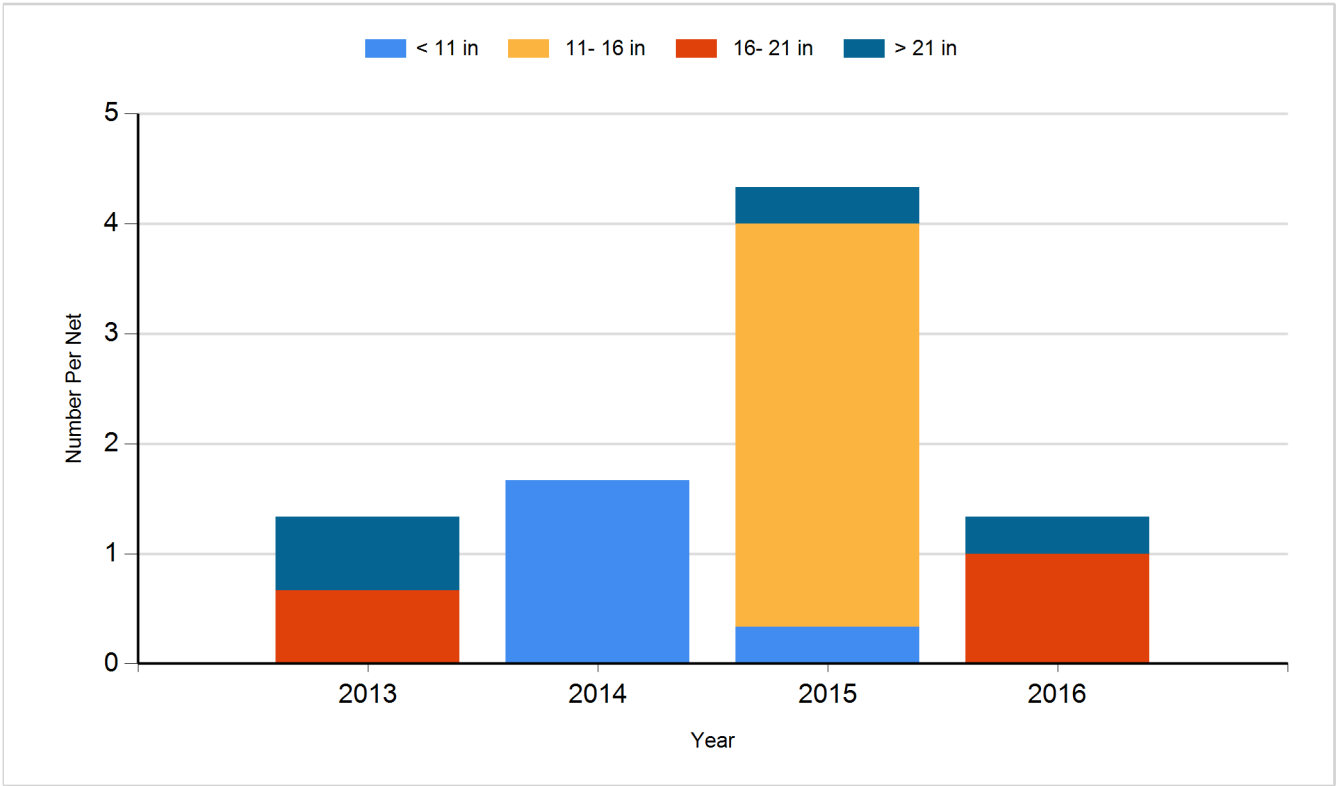

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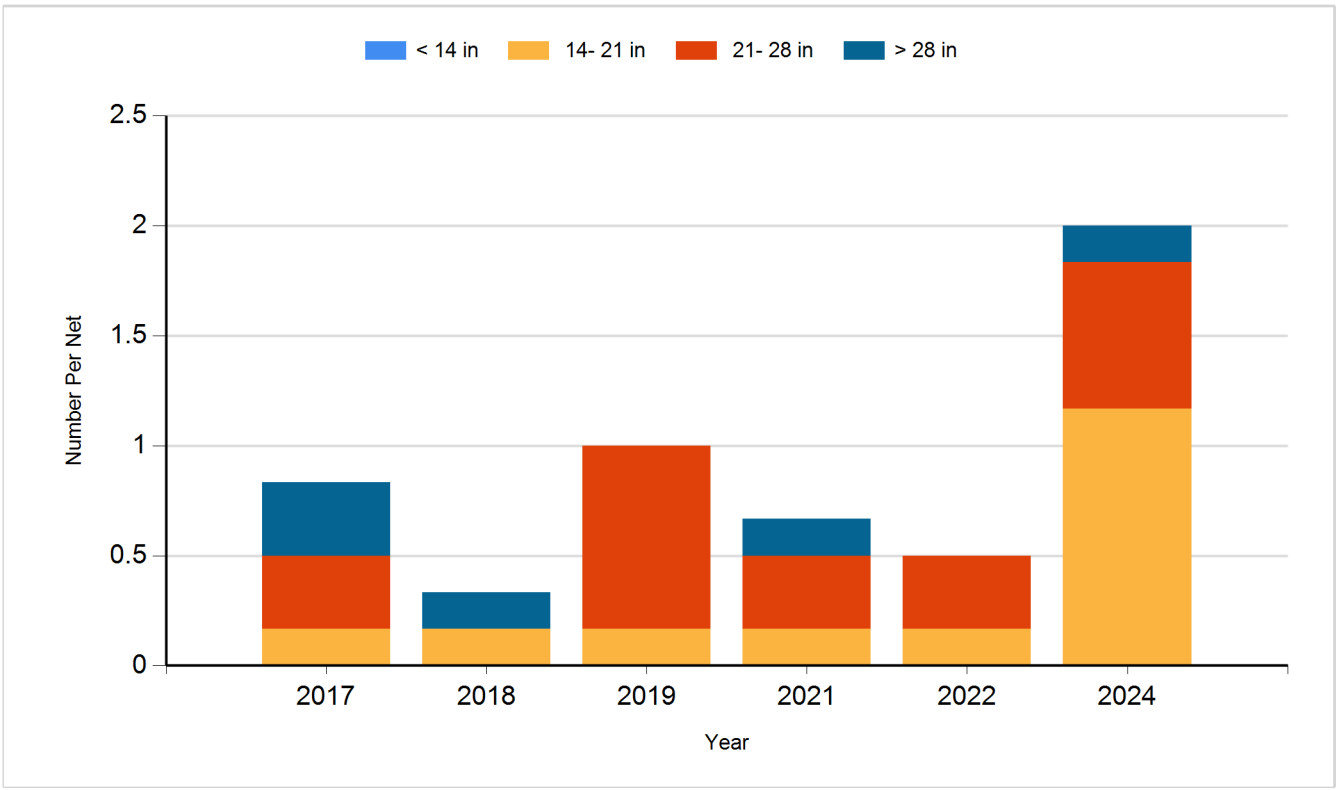

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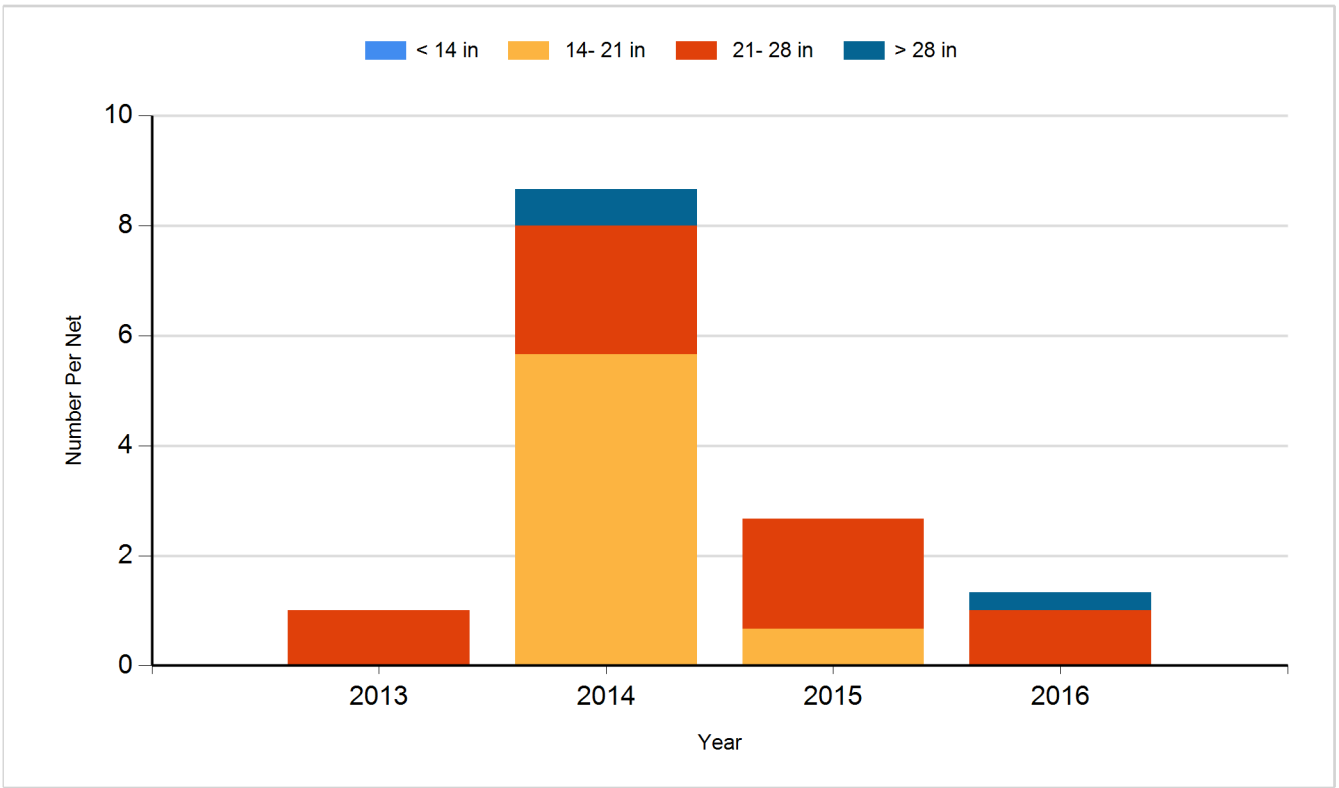

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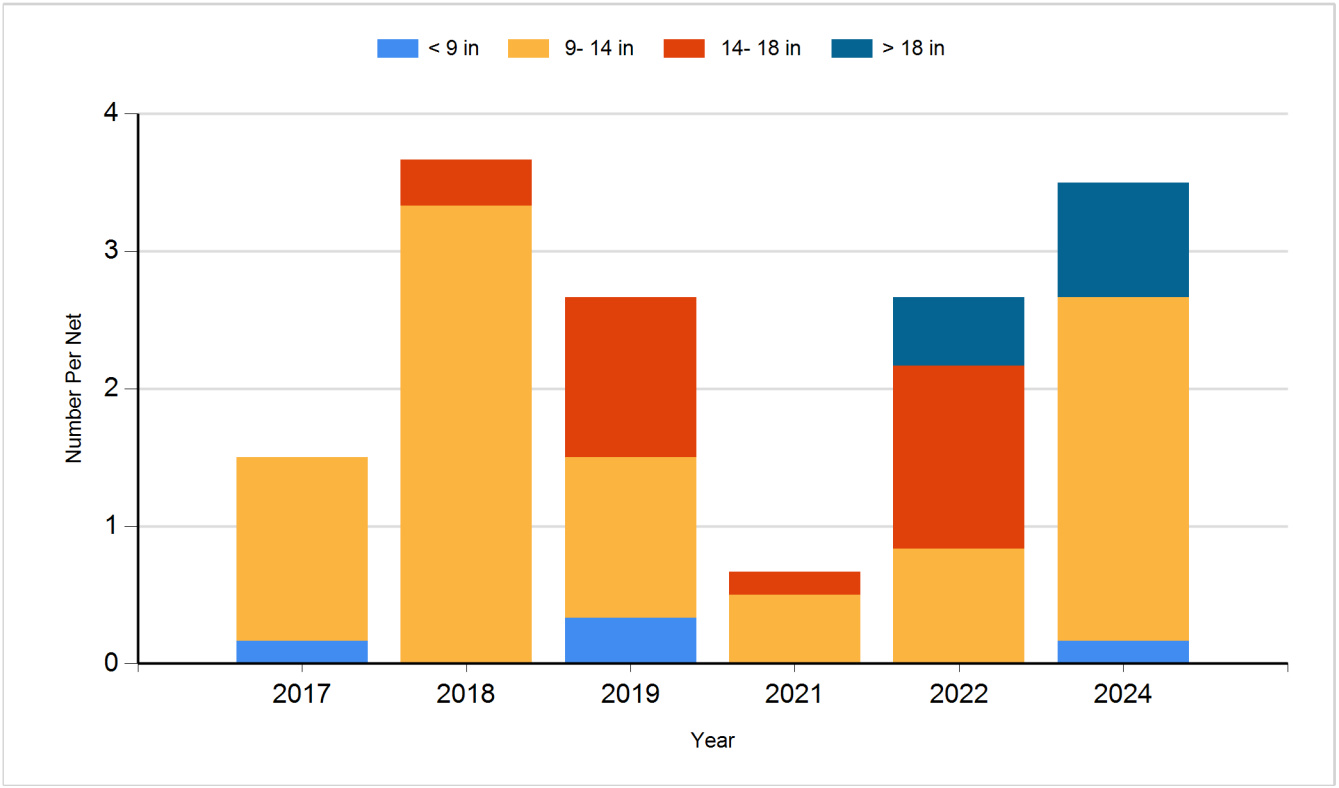

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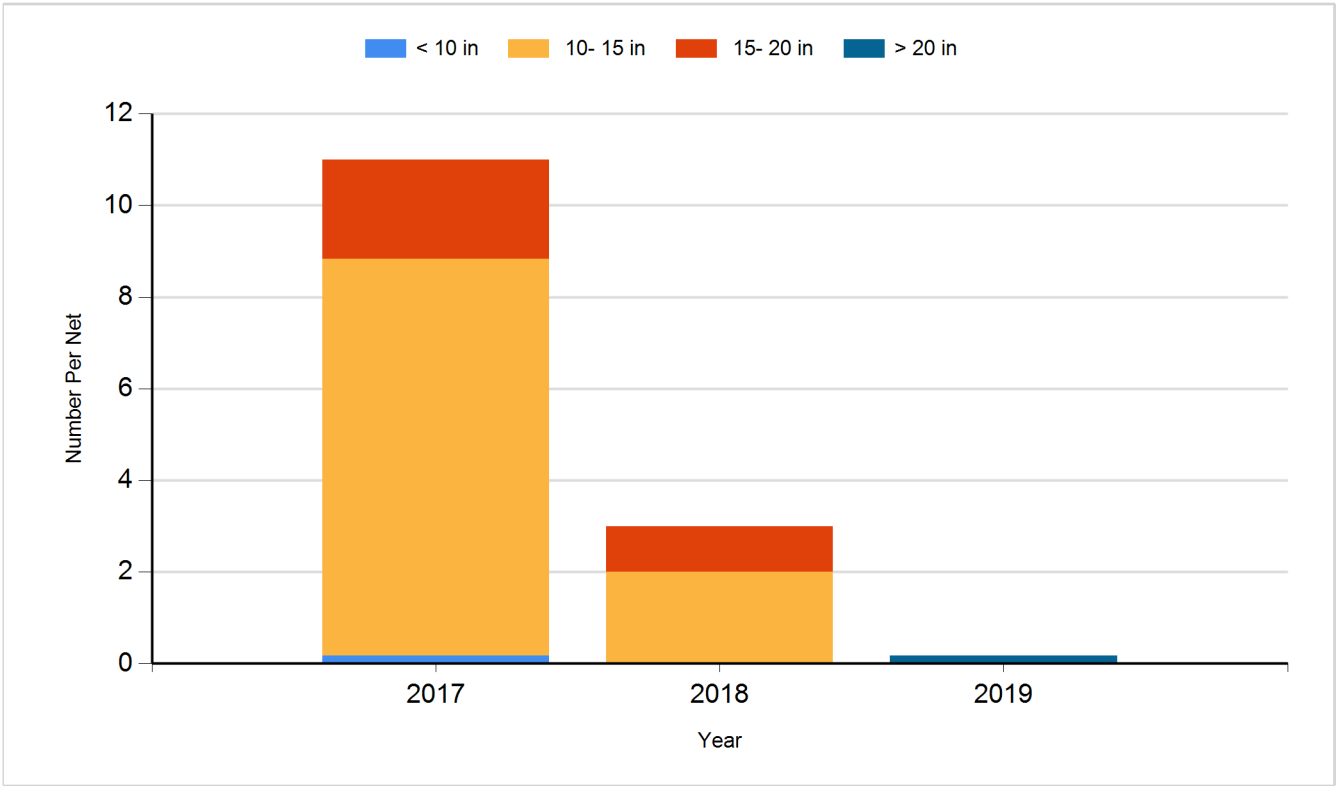

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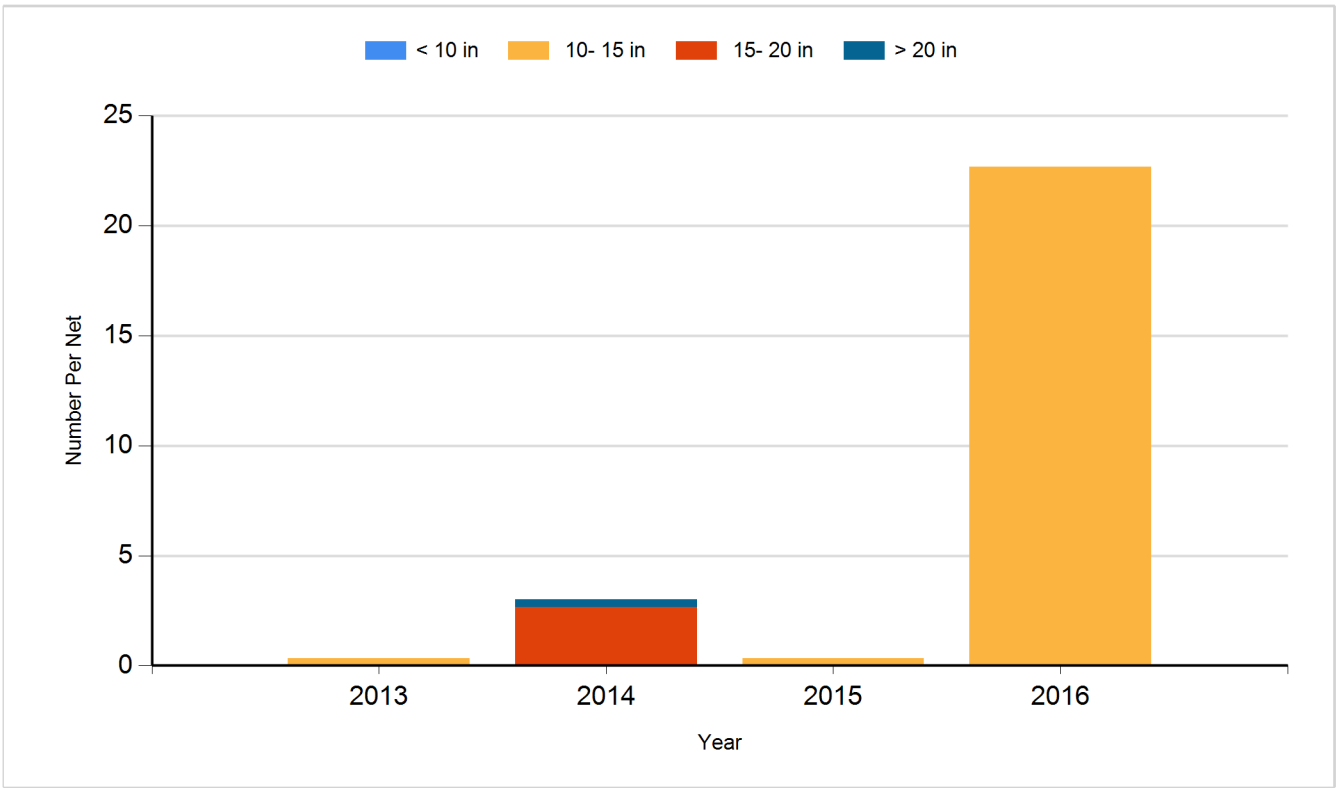

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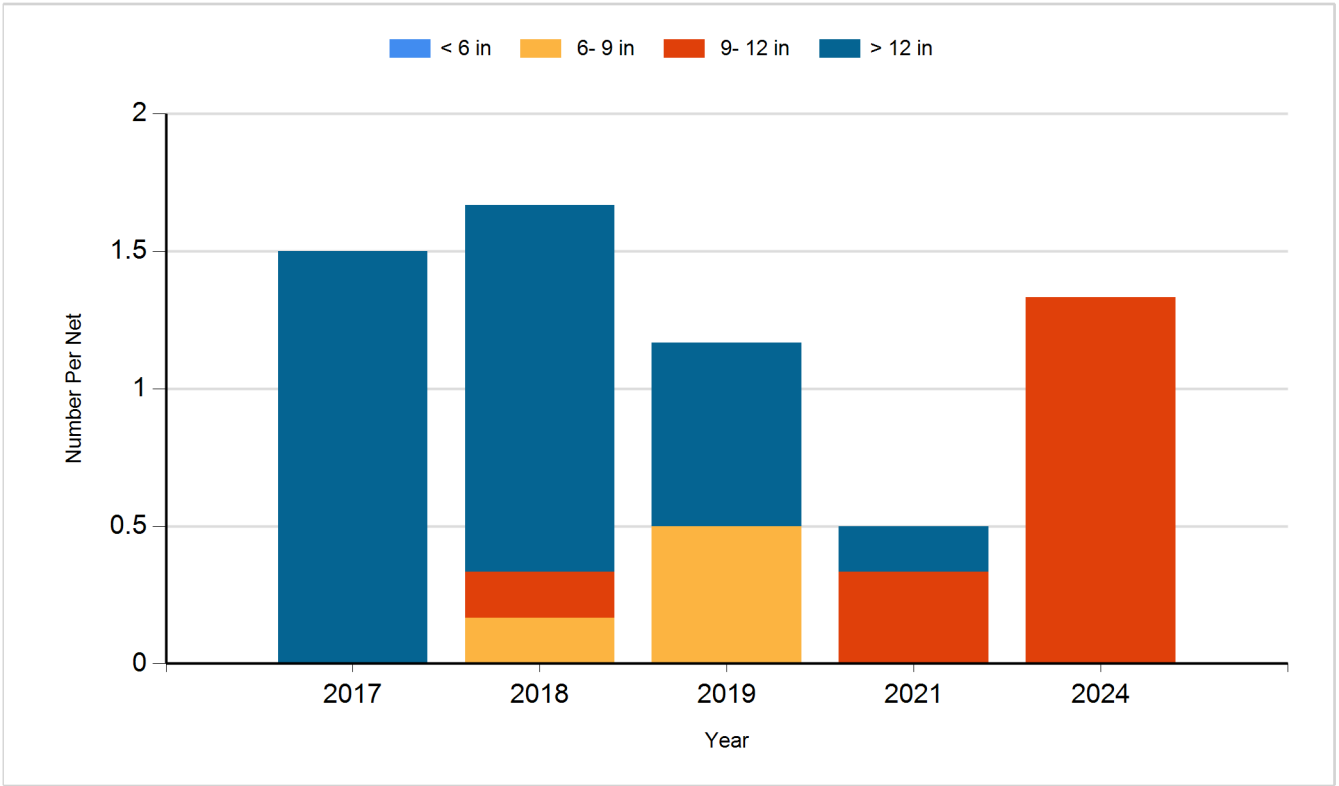
Gear: AFS std gill net



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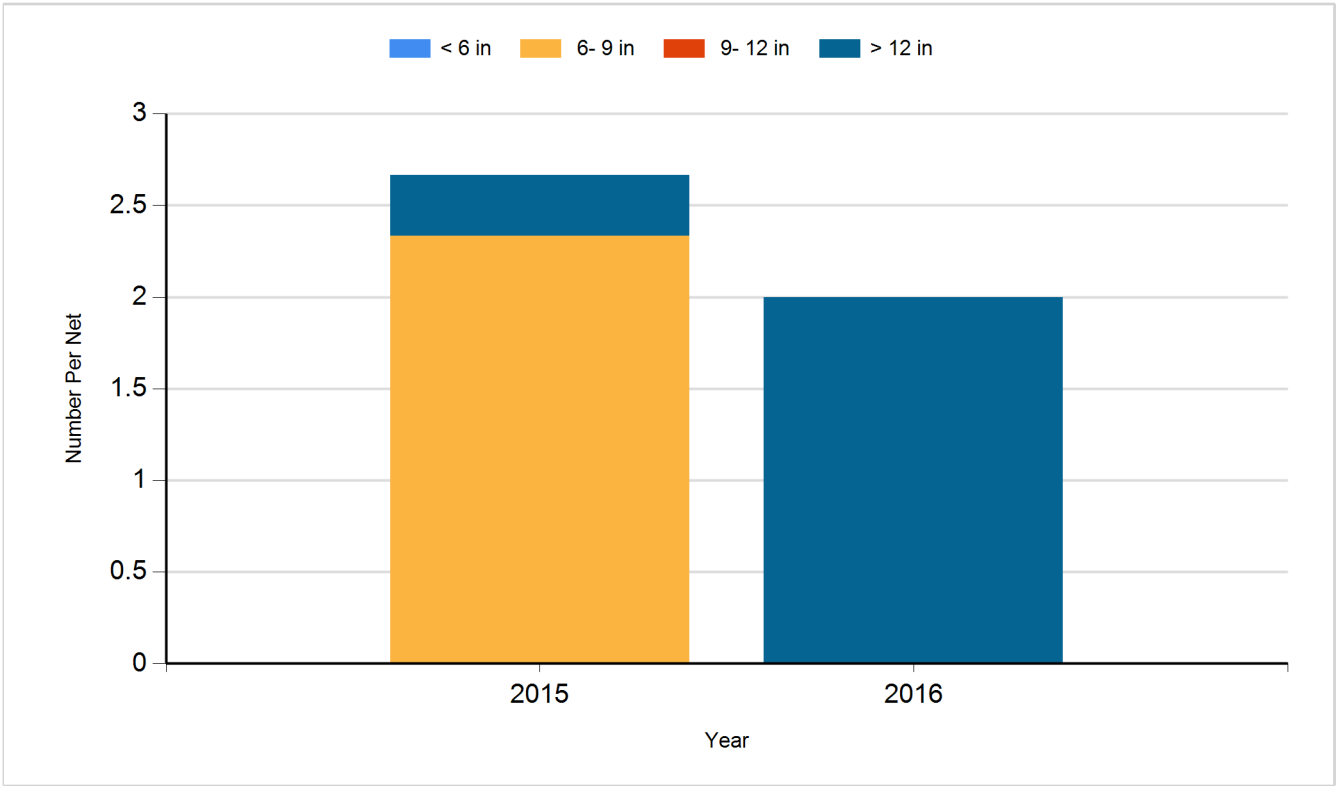

Species: White Sucker
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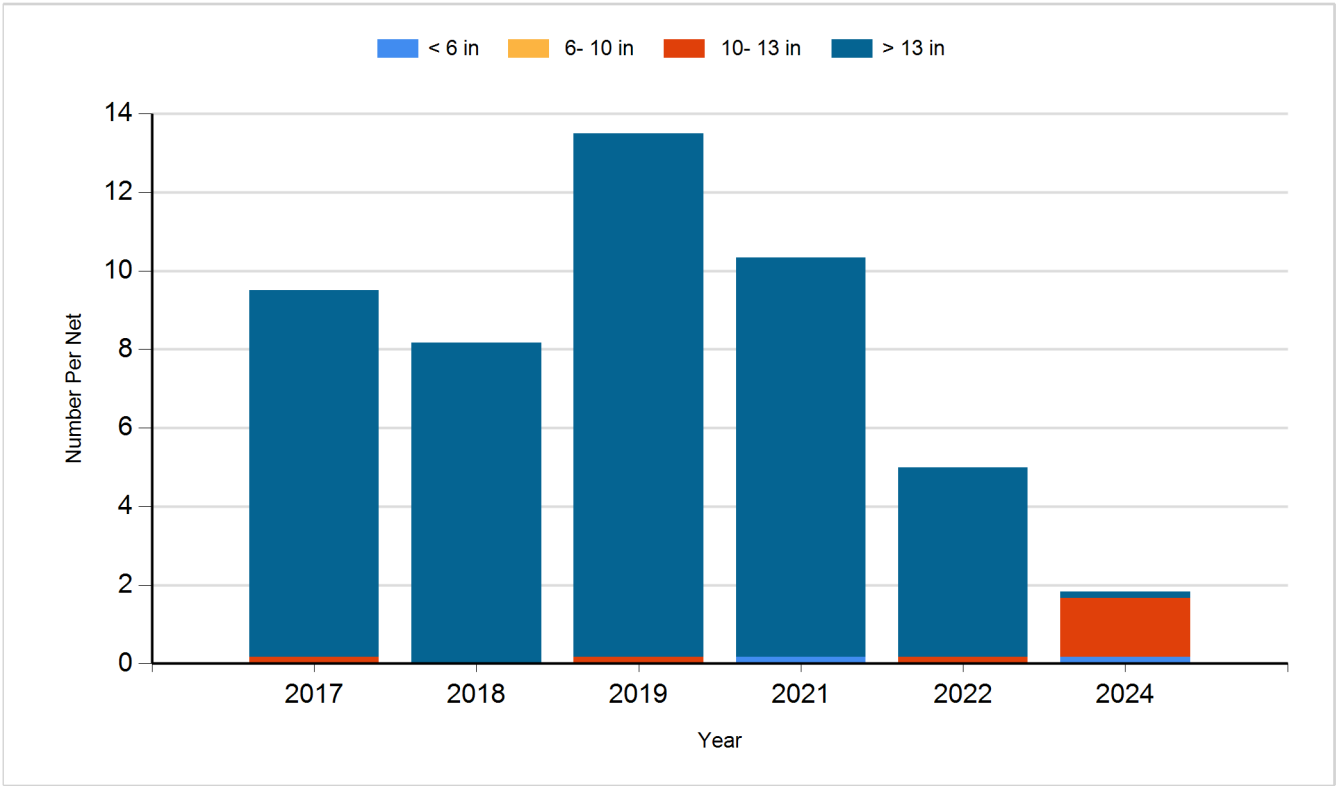

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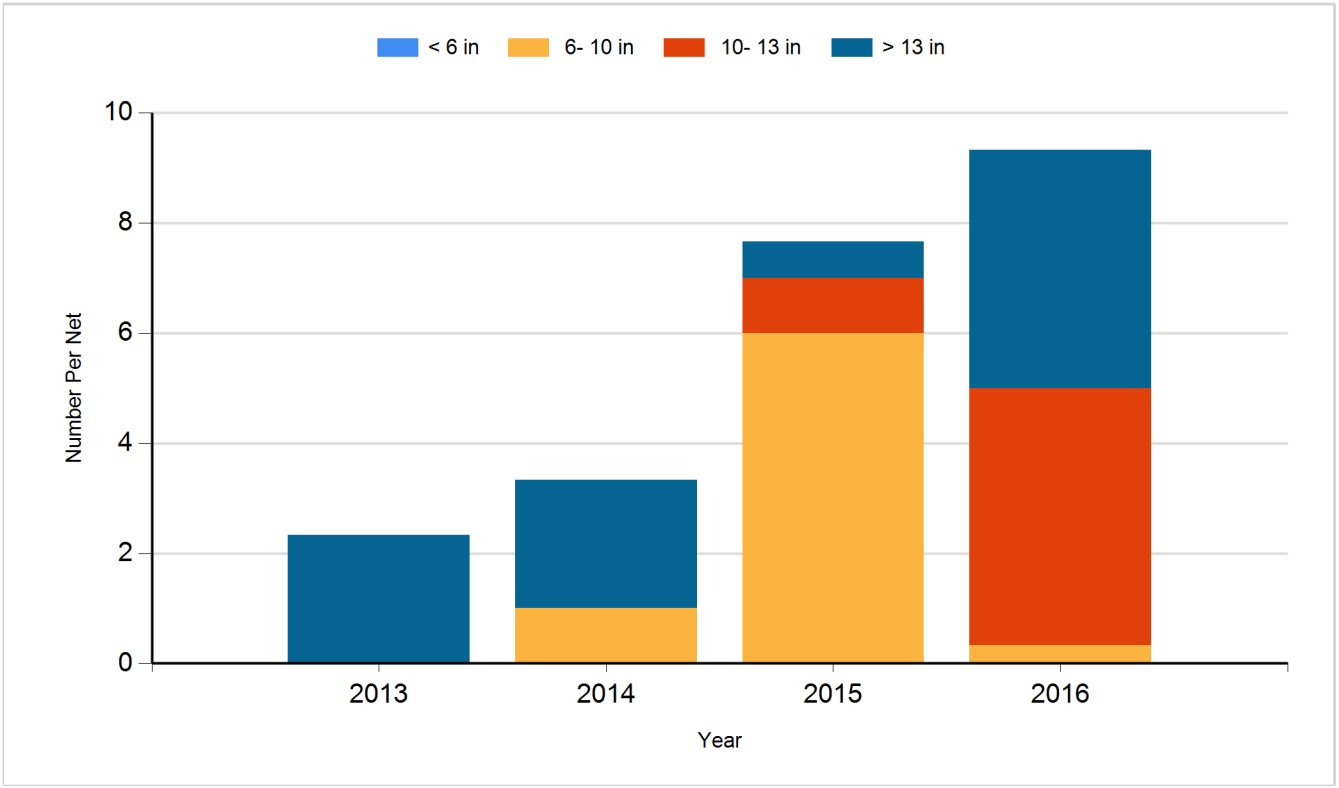

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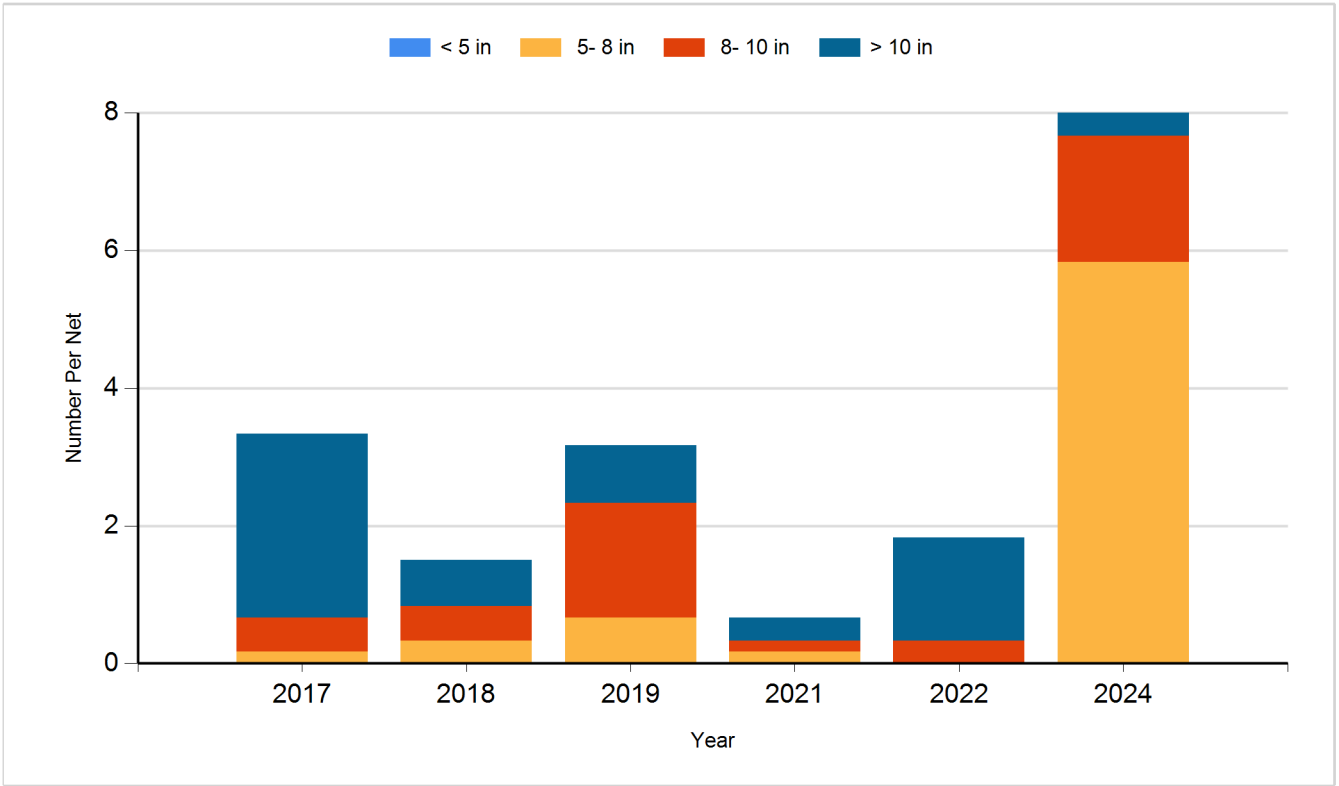
Gear: AFS std gill net



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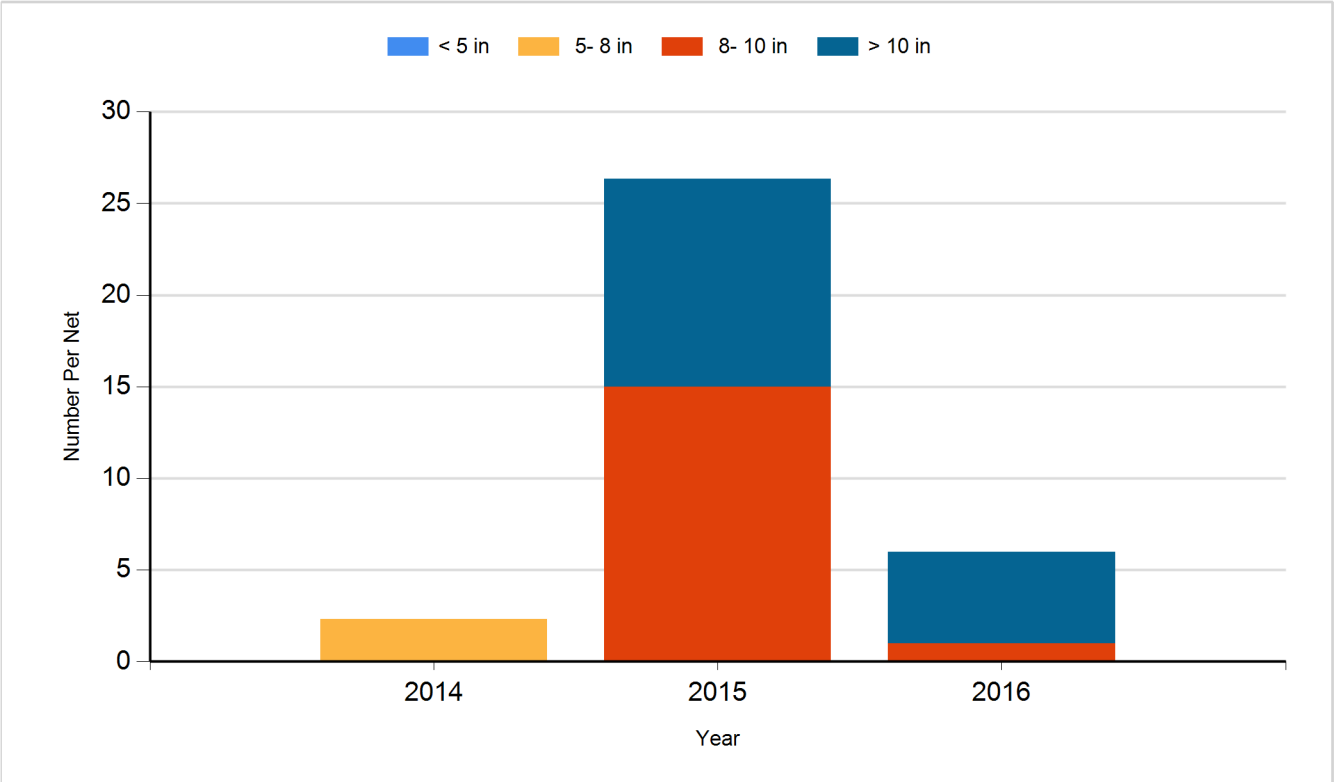

Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2014	Walleye	Fry	553,320
2015	Walleye	Fry	450,000
2016	Saugeye	Small Fingerling	46,310
2017	Saugeye	Small Fingerling	62,500
2017	Yellow Perch	Small Fingerling	510,590
2018	Saugeye	Small Fingerling	64,390
2018	Yellow Perch	Small Fingerling	455,780
2019	Saugeye	Small Fingerling	64,580
2019	Yellow Perch	Small Fingerling	487,470
2021	Saugeye	Juvenile	70,110
2023	Saugeye	Juvenile	65,076