SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Alvin, Lincoln County
LBS-Lake-180-000
2025

Lake Information

Name: Alvin

County: Lincoln

Legal Description: T100N-R49W-Sec. 33,34

Surface Area: 105 Acres

Maximum Depth: 26 Feet

Mean Depth: 9 Feet

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
AFS std gill net	May 28, 2025	4 net-nights
frame net (std 3/4 in)	May 28, 2025	3 net-nights
frame net (std 3/4 in)	May 29, 2025	5 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Channel Catfish

Bluegill

Black Crappie

Largemouth Bass

Walleye

River Carpsucker

Black Bullhead

Saugeye

Bigmouth Buffalo

White Sucker

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	72	1.8	1.8	14		14			
	Black Bullhead	10	2.5	3.0	30		0			
	Channel Catfish	16	4.0	1.2	63	20	13		86	3
	Common Carp	1	0.0	0.0	0		0			
	Freshwater Drum	2	0.5	0.8	0		0			
	River Carpsucker	111	27.8	21.4	100		50	7		
	Saugeye	14	3.5	0.8	43	22	0		85	3
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Bigmouth Buffalo	68	1.0	0.8	50		25			
	Black Bullhead	58	7.3	3.9	21	8	0			
	Black Crappie	20	2.3	1.6	56	19	33	18	95	5
	Channel Catfish	7	0.4	0.4	33		0		87	3
	Common Carp	11	0.4	0.4	67		67			
	Freshwater Drum	1	0.1	0.2	0		0			
	River Carpsucker	110	13.8	10.2	96		56	7		
	Saugeye	17	2.1	1.0	53	20	0		85	2
	Smallmouth Buffalo	9	0.6	0.6	20		0			
	Sunfish Hybrid	1	0.1	0.2	0		0			
	Walleye	2	0.3	0.4	100		100		94	10
	White Sucker	9	1.1	0.8	89		44			

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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Avg
AFS std frame net	Black Bullhead		5.7									5.70
	Black Crappie		23.2									23.20
	Bluegill		2.0									2.00
	Channel Catfish		0.0									0.00
	Common Carp		0.1									0.10
	Gizzard Shad		2.7									2.70
	Green Sunfish		0.2									0.20
	Orangespotted Sunfish		0.0									0.00
	Pumpkinseed		0.1									0.10
	River Carpsucker		0.2									0.20
	Sunfish Hybrid		0.3									0.30
	Walleye		0.2									0.20
	White Crappie		3.6									3.60
	White Sucker		1.3									1.30
AFS std gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo		0.0	0.2			0.5	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.8	0.44
	Black Bullhead		9.5	12.7			10.8	9.0	6.3	4.8	2.5	7.94
	Black Crappie		2.2	0.3			2.3	3.8	0.0	0.8	0.0	1.34
	Bluegill		0.0	0.2			0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.17
	Channel Catfish		3.2	3.0			3.3	3.3	1.7	2.3	4.0	2.97
	Common Carp		0.0	2.0			0.8	0.5	3.3	2.5	0.0	1.30
	Freshwater Drum		1.2	2.2			0.0	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.96
	Gizzard Shad		16.7	0.7			0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.81
	Northern Pike		0.2	0.0			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.03
	River Carpsucker		4.3	12.3			20.8	10.8	15.7	40.3	27.8	18.86
	Saugeye		0.0	0.0			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	3.5	0.54
	Walleye		0.3	0.3			0.5	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.24
	White Bass		0.0	0.2			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.03
	White Crappie		0.5	0.2			8.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.24
	White Sucker		1.0	3.0			12.8	10.0	4.3	1.8	0.0	4.70
	Yellow Perch		0.2	1.5			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.24
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Bigmouth Buffalo	0.1		0.0			0.2	0.4	0.7	0.1	1.0	0.36
	Black Bullhead	321.9		69.2			9.8	19.8	14.6	2.3	7.3	63.56
	Black Crappie	17.2		6.9			115.0	13.0	7.9	114.9	2.3	39.60
	Bluegill	49.0		1.8			10.6	7.2	6.9	4.3	0.0	11.40

		CPUE										
Gear	Species	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Avg
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Channel Catfish	1.6		0.1			0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.39
	Common Carp	0.2		0.3			0.2	0.0	2.5	1.7	0.4	0.76
	Freshwater Drum	0.2		0.0			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.06
	Gizzard Shad	2.1		0.0			0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.36
	Golden Shiner	0.0		0.0			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00
	Green Sunfish	0.8		0.0			0.2	0.4	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.34
	Largemouth Bass	0.0		0.2			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.03
	Northern Pike	0.0		0.1			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01
	Orangespotted Sunfish	0.0		0.0			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00
	Pumpkinseed	0.1		0.0			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01
	River Carpsucker	0.9		0.1			0.2	0.0	3.7	1.4	13.8	2.87
	Saugeye	0.0		0.0			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	2.1	0.36
	Smallmouth Buffalo	0.0		0.0			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.09
	Sunfish Hybrid	2.2		0.1			0.2	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.63
	Walleye	0.0		0.0			0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.09
	White Crappie	3.3		2.3			112.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.91
	White Sucker	12.9		3.6			11.2	2.6	9.9	4.0	1.1	6.47
	Yellow Bullhead	0.0		0.0			0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.11
	Yellow Perch	0.1		1.3			0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.23
hoop net	Black Bullhead	28.0										28.00
	Black Crappie	0.7										0.70
	Bluegill	0.3										0.30
	Common Carp	1.7										1.70
spring day EF*	Largemouth Bass						6.0					6.00
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead	83.0										83.00
	Black Crappie	2.0										2.00
	Channel Catfish	4.3										4.30
	Common Carp	0.0										0.00
	Freshwater Drum	3.0										3.00
	Gizzard Shad	11.3										11.30
	Largemouth Bass	0.3										0.30
	Northern Pike	0.0										0.00
	River Carpsucker	10.3										10.30
	Walleye	0.0										0.00
	White Crappie	0.7										0.70
	White Sucker	6.0										6.00

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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
AFS std frame net	Black Bullhead	PSD		0								
		PSD-P		0								
	Black Crappie	PSD		84								
		PSD-P		8								
		Wr		92								
	Bluegill	PSD		60								
		PSD-P		0								
		Wr		94								
	Channel Catfish	PSD		0								
		PSD-P		0								
	River Carpsucker	PSD		100								
		PSD-P		100								
	Walleye	PSD		0								
		PSD-P		0								
		Wr		85								
	White Sucker	PSD		100								
		PSD-P		85								
AFS std gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	PSD			100			100		100	100	14
		PSD-P			0			0		0	0	14
	Black Bullhead	PSD		0	0			60	78	16	11	30
		PSD-P		0	0			0	0	0	0	0
	Black Crappie	PSD		69	100			11	13		0	
		PSD-P		15	50			0	0		0	
		Wr		87	96			126	116		116	
	Bluegill	PSD			100				25			
		PSD-P			0				0			
		Wr			93				107			
	Channel Catfish	PSD		47	61			85	62	60	100	63
		PSD-P		5	17			15	0	0	11	13
		Wr		95	93			88	96	82	83	86
	River Carpsucker	PSD		100	100			100	95	100	89	100
		PSD-P		100	91			66	77	81	53	50
	Saugeye	PSD									0	43

			Year									
Gear	Species	Index	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
AFS std gill net	Saugeye	PSD-P									0	0
		Wr									101	85
	Walleye	PSD		50	100			0	100		100	
		PSD-P		50	0			0	0		100	
		Wr		92	87			91	95		91	
	White Sucker	PSD		83	83			94	80	92	86	
		PSD-P		83	56			33	48	54	14	
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Bigmouth Buffalo	PSD	100					100	100	100	100	50
		PSD-P	0					0	0	0	0	25
	Black Bullhead	PSD	0		0			65	93	73	39	21
		PSD-P	0		0			0	0	1	0	0
	Black Crappie	PSD	12		100			33	29	62	36	56
		PSD-P	2		78			8	0	22	9	33
		Wr	95		93			113	105	96	88	95
	Bluegill	PSD	51		44			51	39	41	37	
		PSD-P	0		0			0	0	0	0	
		Wr	97		105			100	104	107	114	
	Channel Catfish	PSD	44		100				33		0	33
		PSD-P	0		0				0		0	0
		Wr	103		88				106			87
	Largemouth Bass	PSD			100						0	
		PSD-P			50						0	
		Wr			89							
	River Carpsucker	PSD	100		100			100		100	93	96
		PSD-P	100		100			100		89	57	56
	Saugeye	PSD									0	53
		PSD-P									0	0
		Wr									92	85
	Walleye	PSD	0		0			0		100		100
		PSD-P	0		0			0		100		100
		Wr						76		80		94
	White Sucker	PSD	100		94			98	92	94	93	89
		PSD-P	77		75			39	54	79	55	44
hoop net	Black Bullhead	PSD	0									
		PSD-P	0									
	Black Crappie	PSD	0									

			Year									
Gear	Species	Index	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
hoop net	Black Crappie	PSD-P	0									
		Wr	95									
	Bluegill	PSD	0									
		PSD-P	0									
		Wr	95									
spring day EF	Largemouth Bass	PSD						83				
		PSD-P						17				
		Wr						104				
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead	PSD	0									
		PSD-P	0									
	Black Crappie	PSD	17									
		PSD-P	0									
		Wr	99									
	Channel Catfish	PSD	69									
		PSD-P	0									
		Wr	89									
	Largemouth Bass	PSD	0									
		PSD-P	0									
		Wr	101									
	River Carpsucker	PSD	94									
		PSD-P	68									
	White Sucker	PSD	94									
		PSD-P	39									

Length at Capture

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

Species: Black Crappie

		Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2023	84	109 (5)	180 (27)	217 (20)	257 (28)	293 (4)					
2022	65		162 (19)	194 (30)	211 (16)						
2021	457		156 (170)	195 (256)	223 (31)						
2018	72	96 (3)	209 (4)	229 (6)	262 (32)	268 (26)		281 (1)			
2017	235	90 (3)	184 (33)	215 (86)	234 (80)	252 (31)	251 (2)				
2016	172		162 (85)	193 (81)	258 (5)	254 (2)					

Species: Bluegill

		Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2024	43		140 (29)	161 (13)	186 (1)						
2023	69		120 (38)	158 (24)	170 (4)	193 (3)					
2022	38	79 (3)	132 (21)	167 (10)	180 (3)	174 (1)					
2021	50		116 (21)	153 (28)	162 (2)						
2018	18		115 (3)	147 (3)	152 (6)	155 (5)					
2017	22	72 (2)	124 (6)	149 (2)	158 (7)	170 (3)	174 (2)				

Species: Saugeye

		Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2025	14		334 (14)								
2024	7	209 (7)									

Species: Walleye

		Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2024	1				511 (1)						
2018	2			427 (2)							

Fish Condition

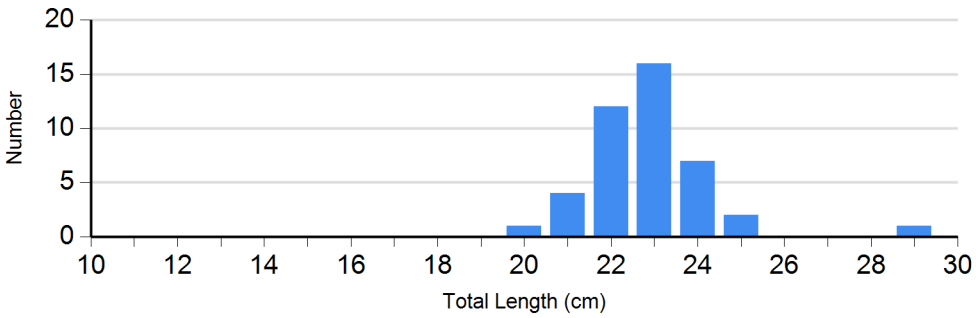
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

		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	2021	388	116 (1.5)	143	101 (0.8)	30	90	14	
	2022	46	109 (1.2)	19	98 (1.5)	0		0	
	2023	30	101 (1.1)	32	94 (1.2)	11	92 (1.4)	6	88 (3.1)
	2024	736	88 (1.2)	310		70		33	
	2025	8	109 (5.2)	4	85 (5.6)	5	85 (3.8)	1	73
Bluegill Frame Net	2021	26	99 (3.5)	27	101 (1.4)	0		0	
	2022	22	104 (2.1)	14	103 (1.8)	0		0	
	2023	41	110 (2.4)	28	103 (1.6)	0		0	
	2024	27	116 (2.0)	16	112 (3.6)	0		0	
Channel Catfish Gill Net	2021	2	76	9	86 (2.0)	2	98 (16.6)	0	
	2022	5	94 (3.1)	8	98 (3.7)	0		0	
	2023	2	75 (0.7)	3	87 (5.0)	0		0	
	2024	0		8	83 (3.6)	0		1	89
	2025	6	87 (3.4)	8	83 (2.0)	1	113	1	86
Largemouth Bass Electro Fishing	2021	1	96	4	106 (4.2)	1	105	0	
Saugeye Gill Net	2024	1	101	0		0		0	
	2025	8	85 (3.0)	6	85 (4.2)	0		0	
Walleye Gill Net	2021	2	91 (6.8)	0		0		0	
	2022	0		1	95	0		0	
	2024	0		0		1	91	0	

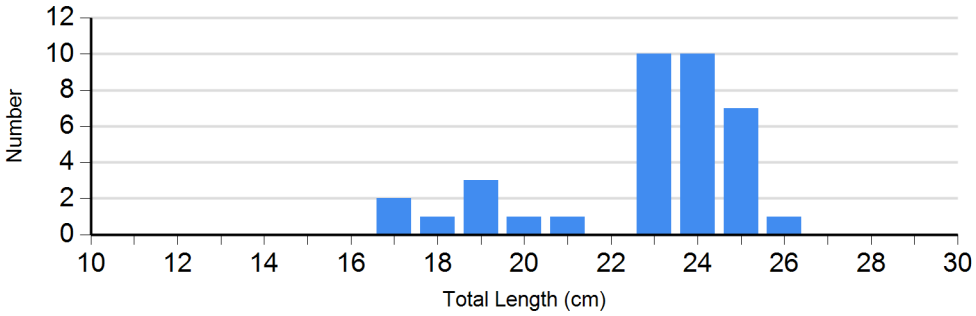
Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

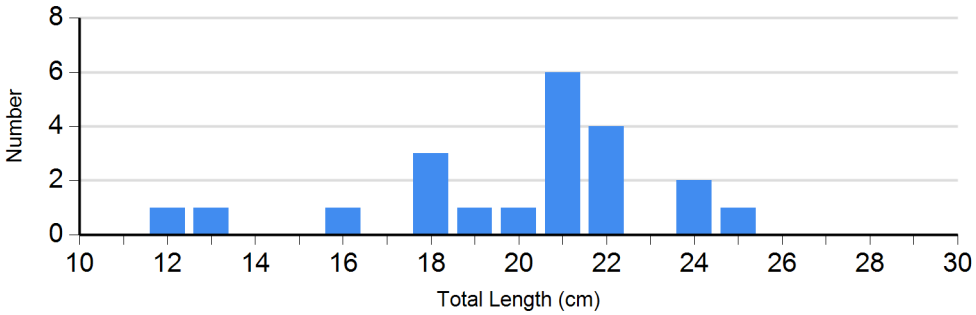
Species: Black Bullhead
Gear: AFS std gill net



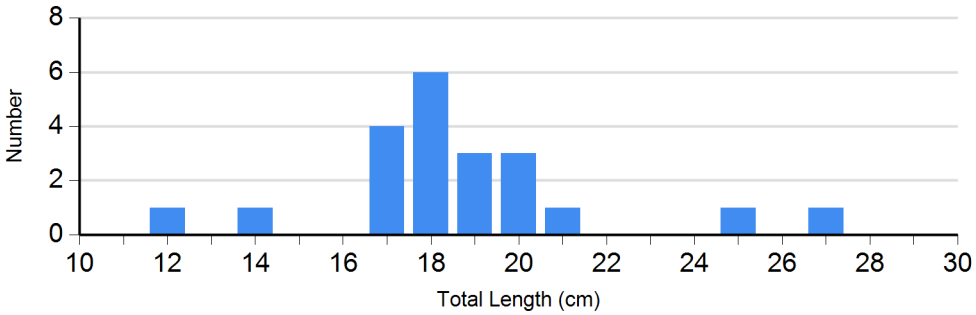
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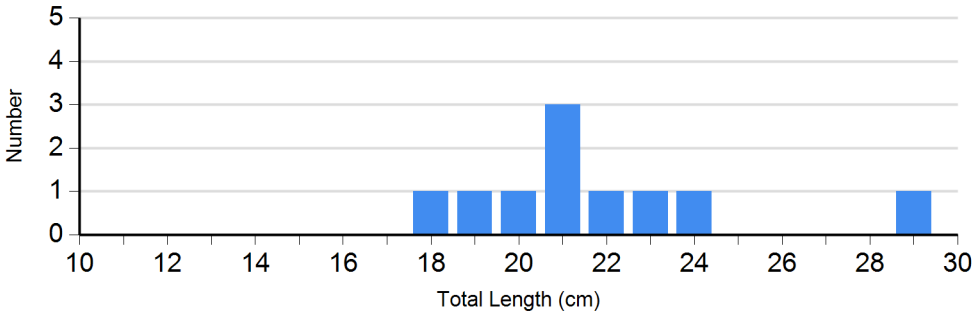
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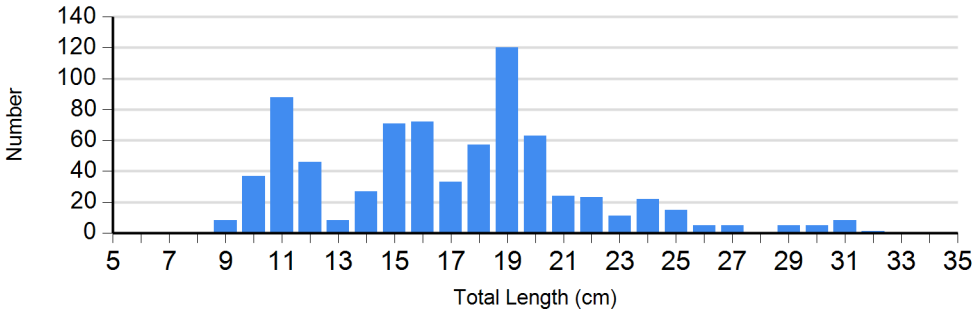
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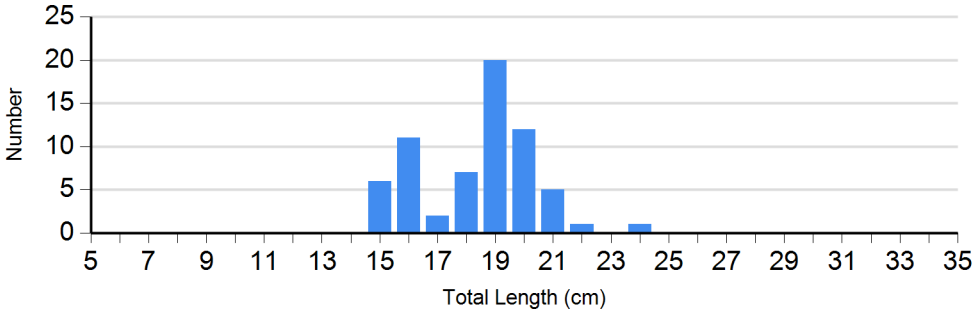
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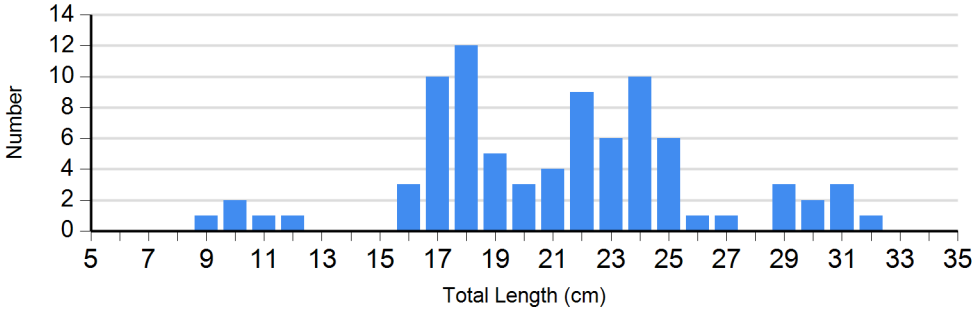
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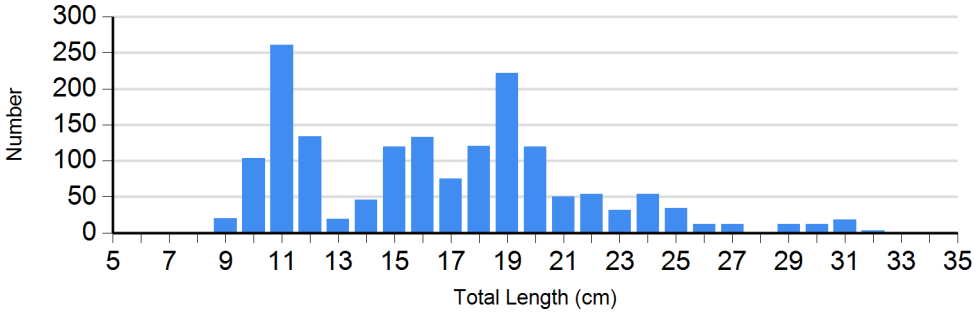
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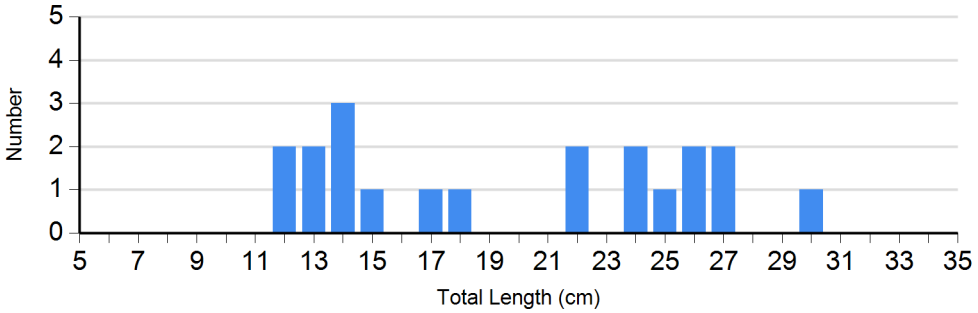
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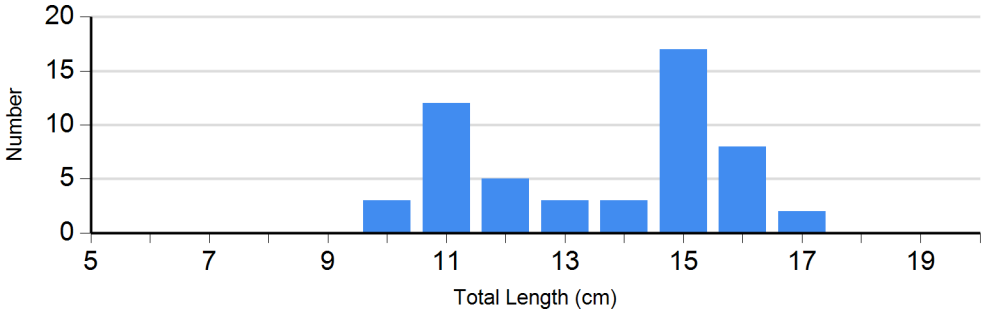
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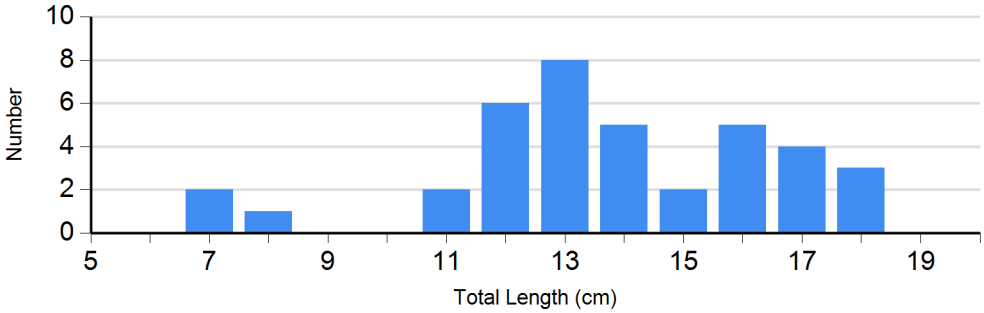
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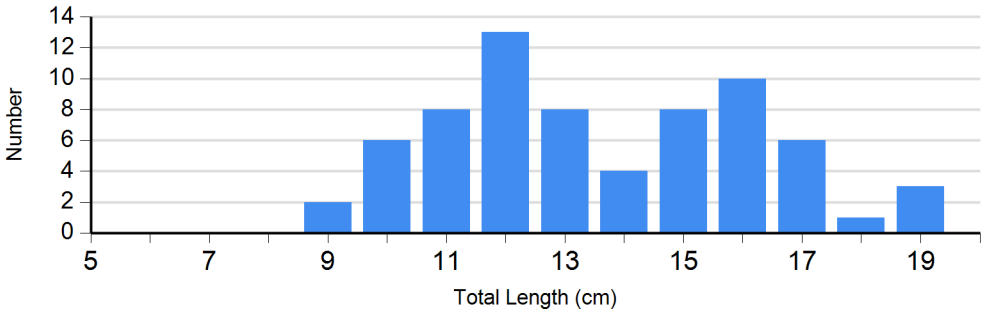
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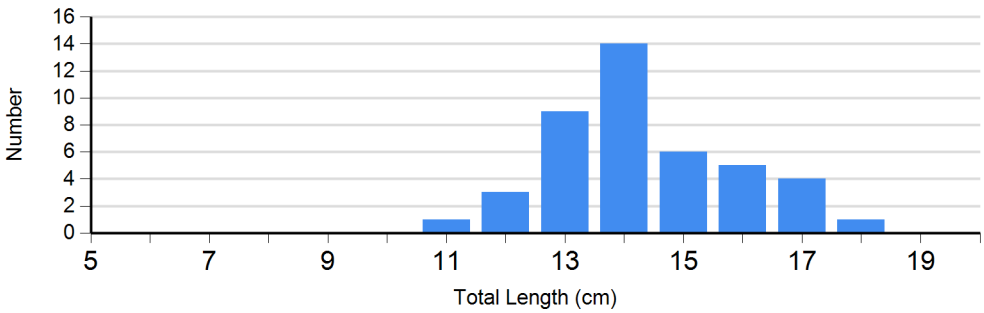
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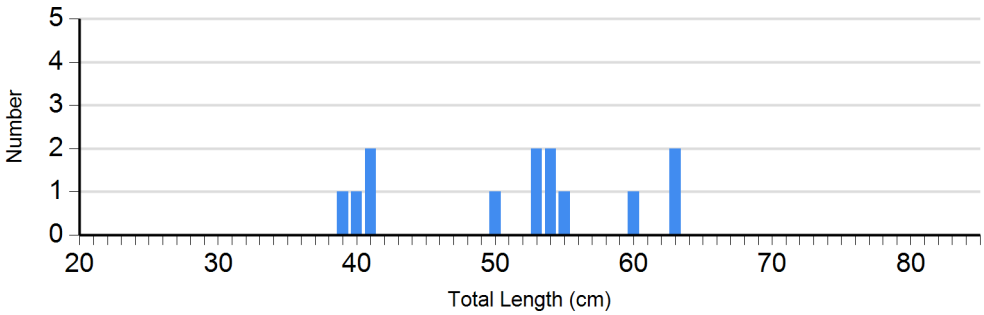


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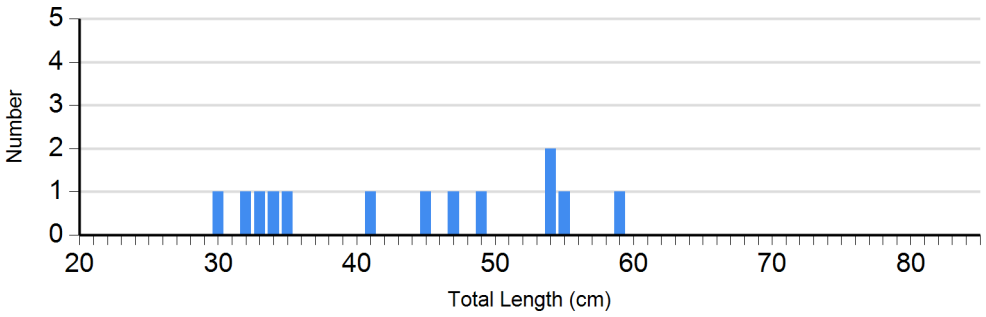


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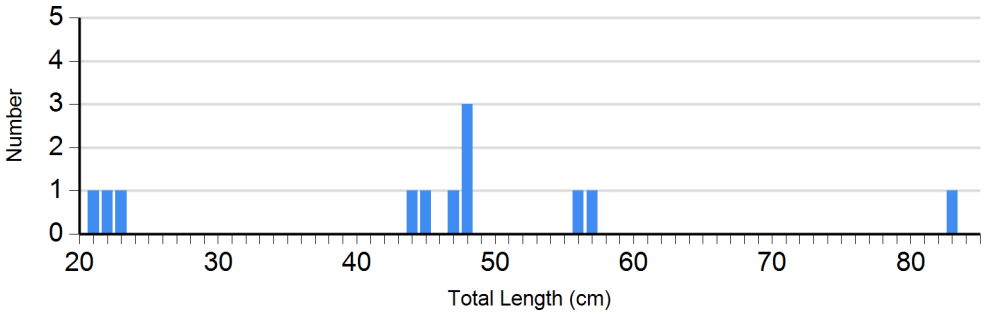
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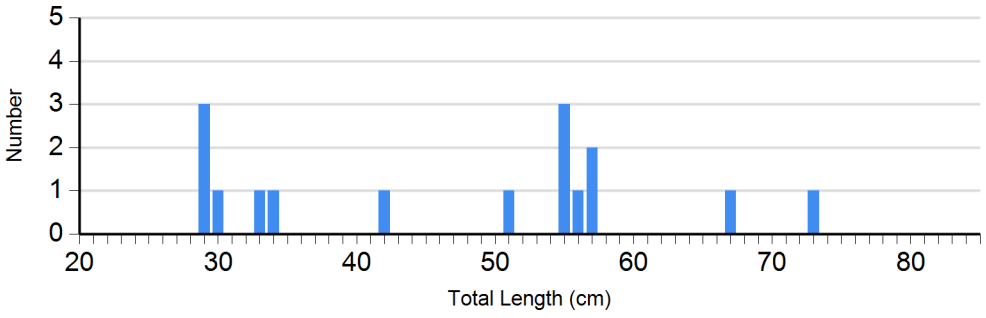
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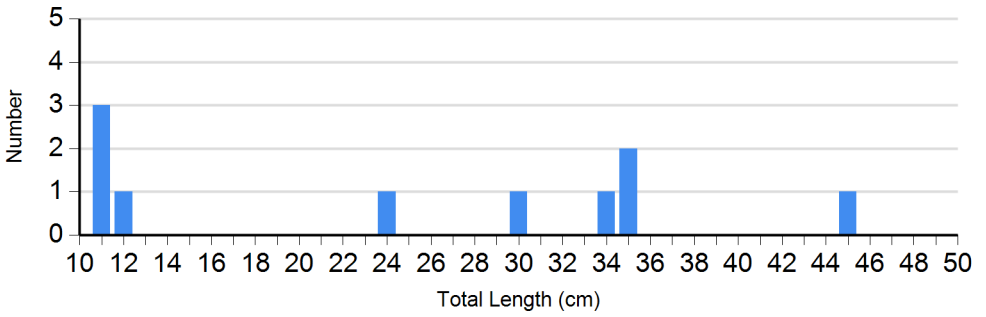


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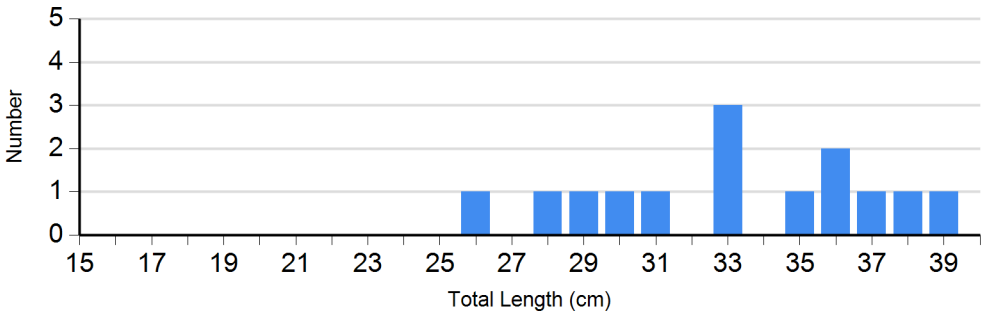
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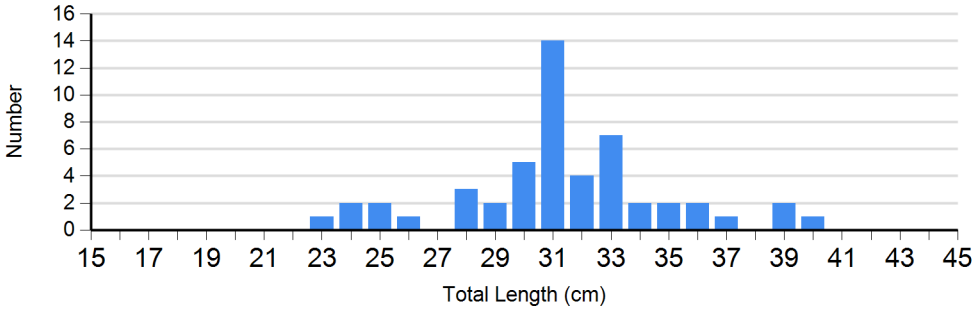
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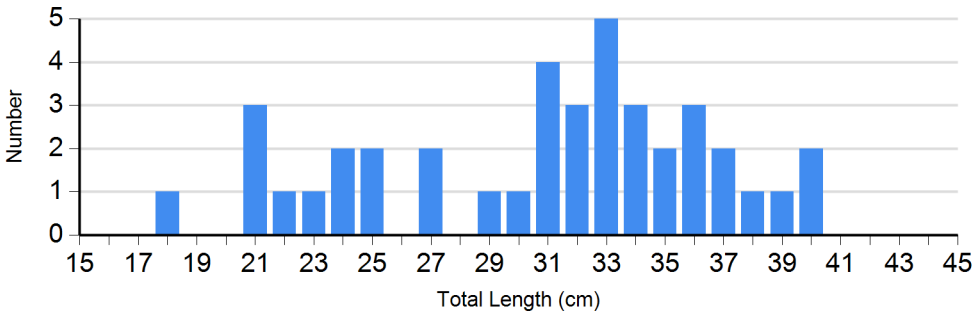


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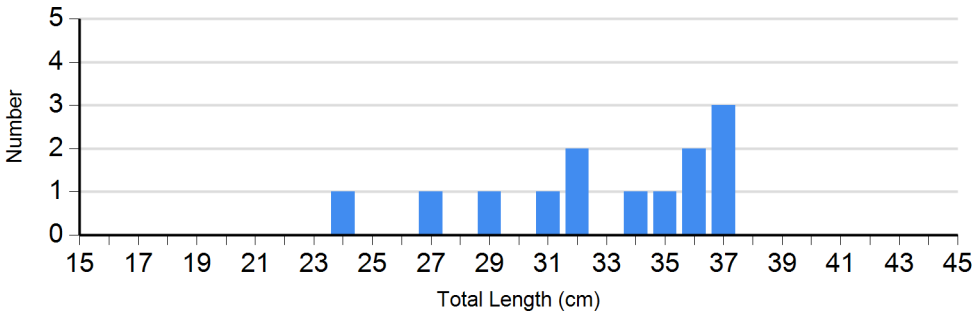
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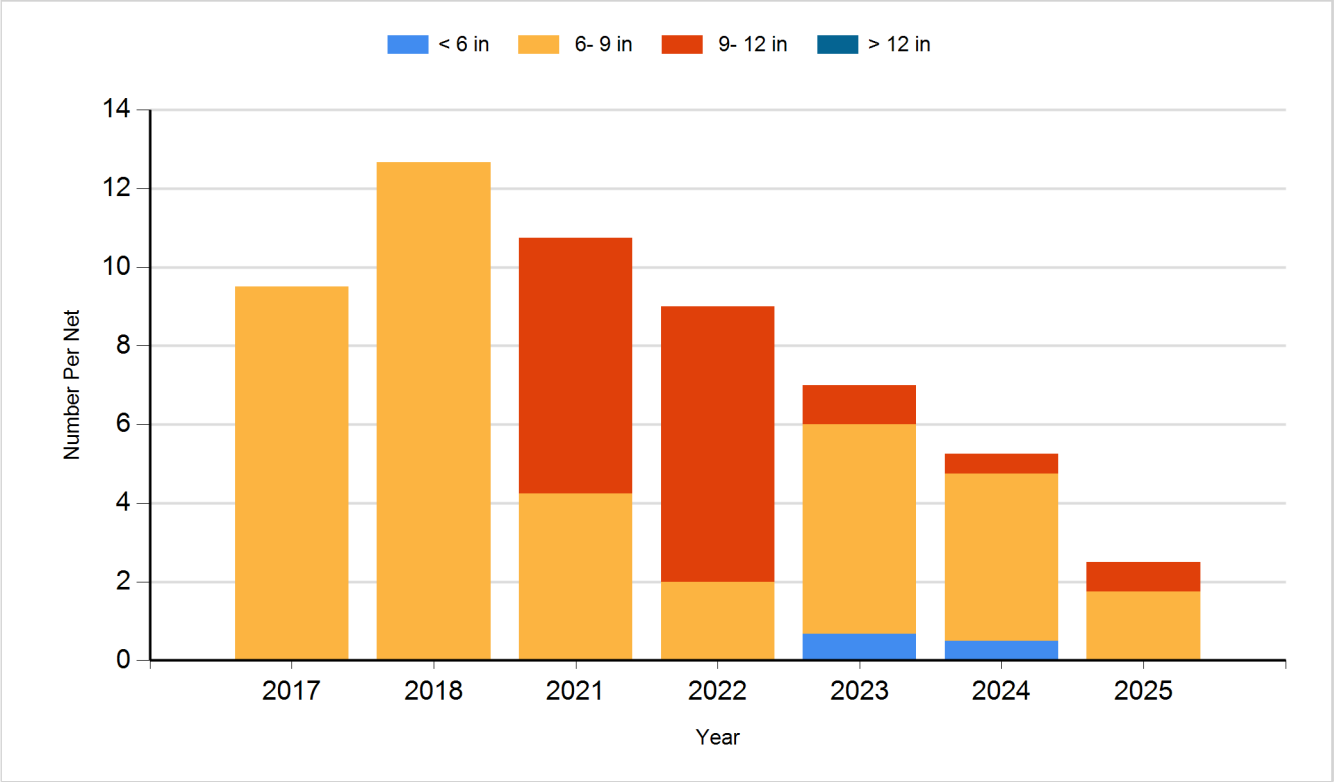


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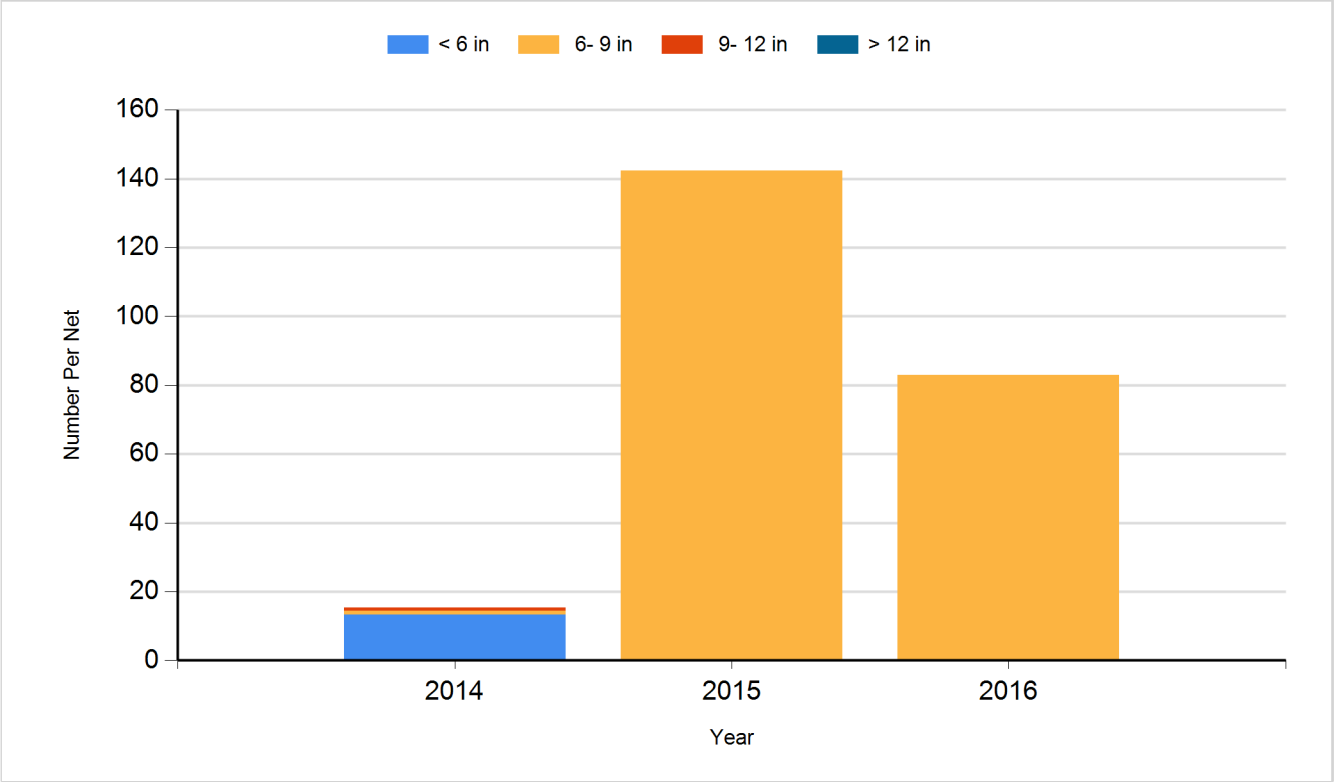
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

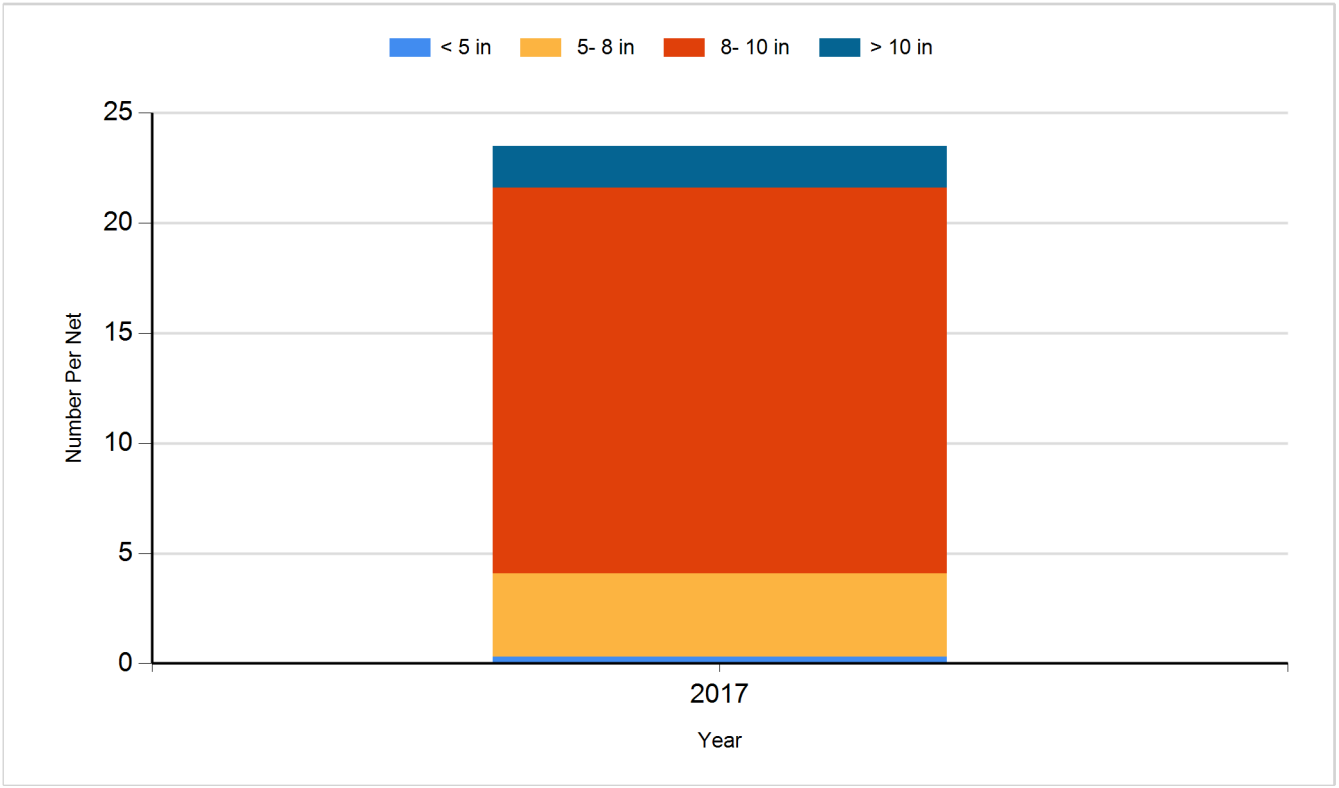
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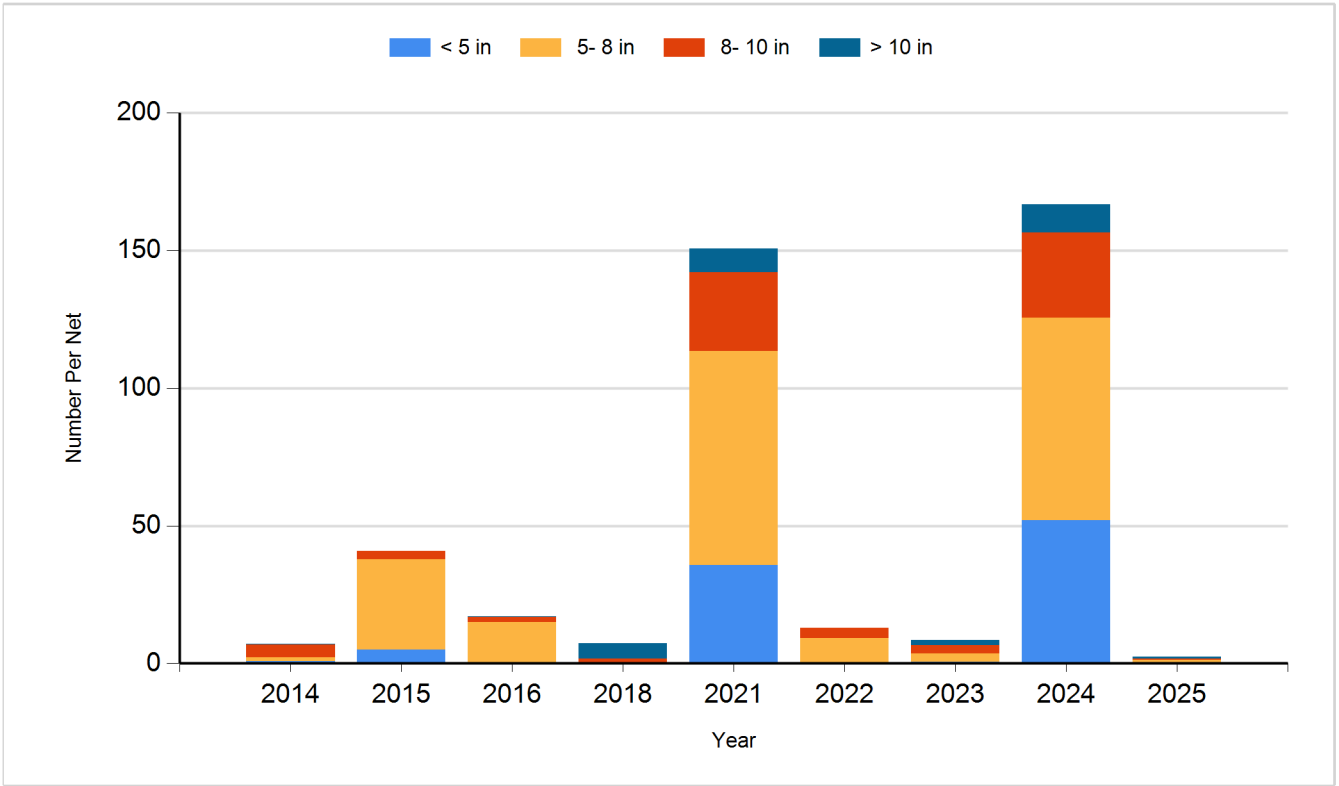
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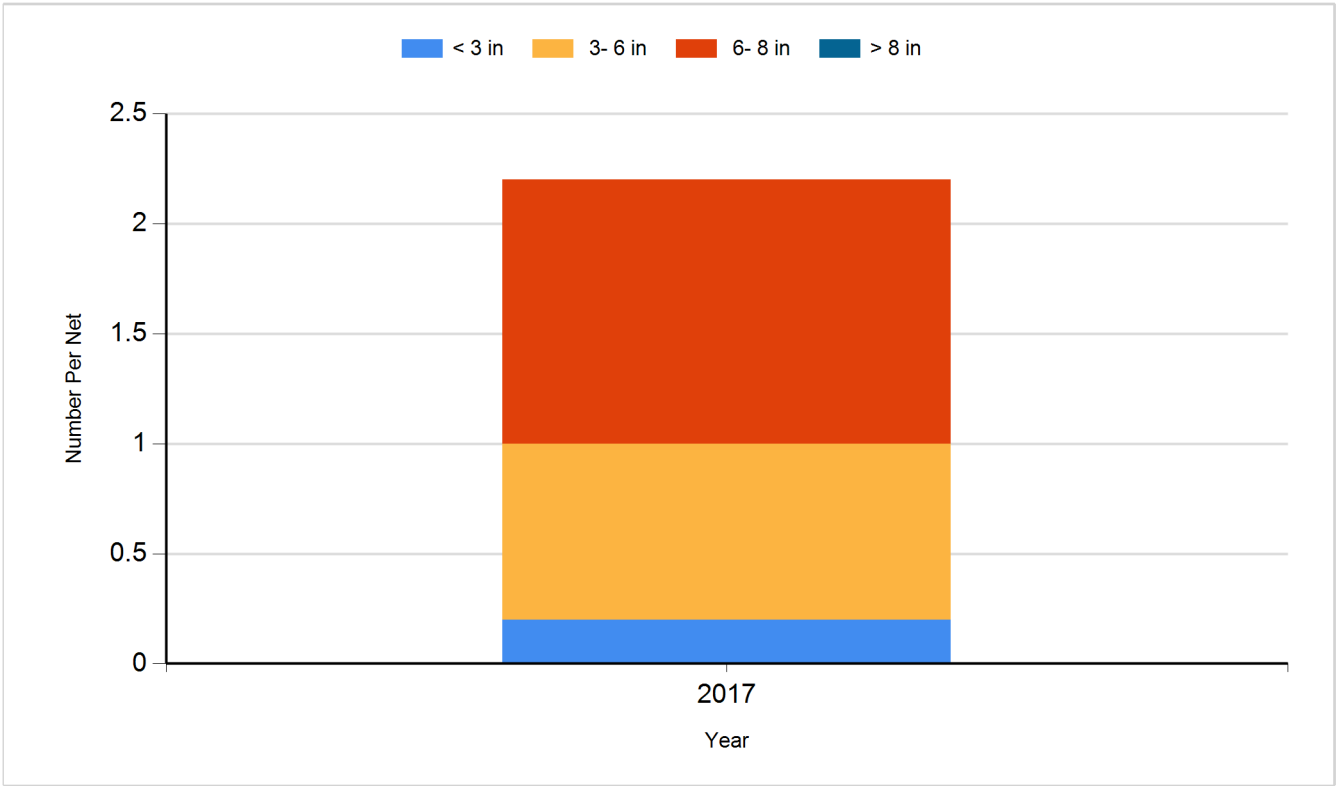
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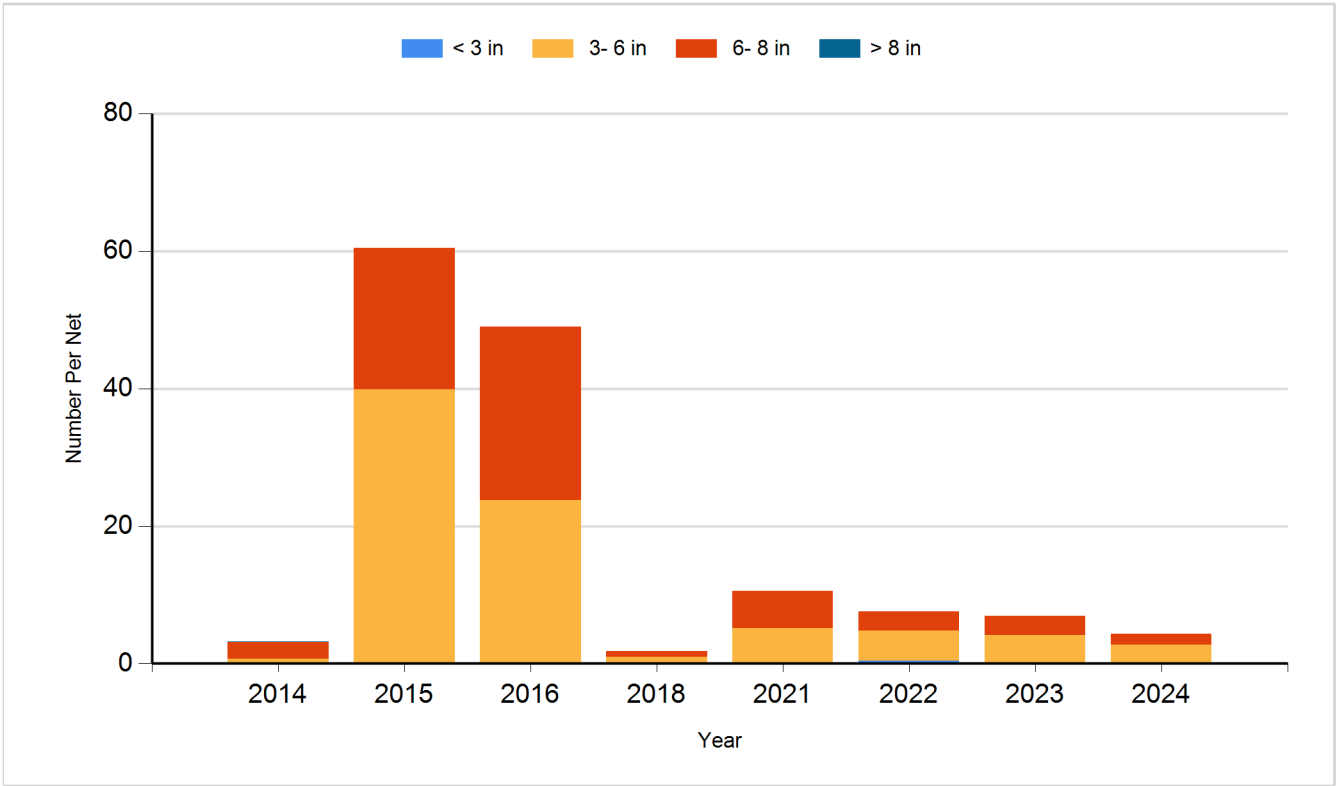
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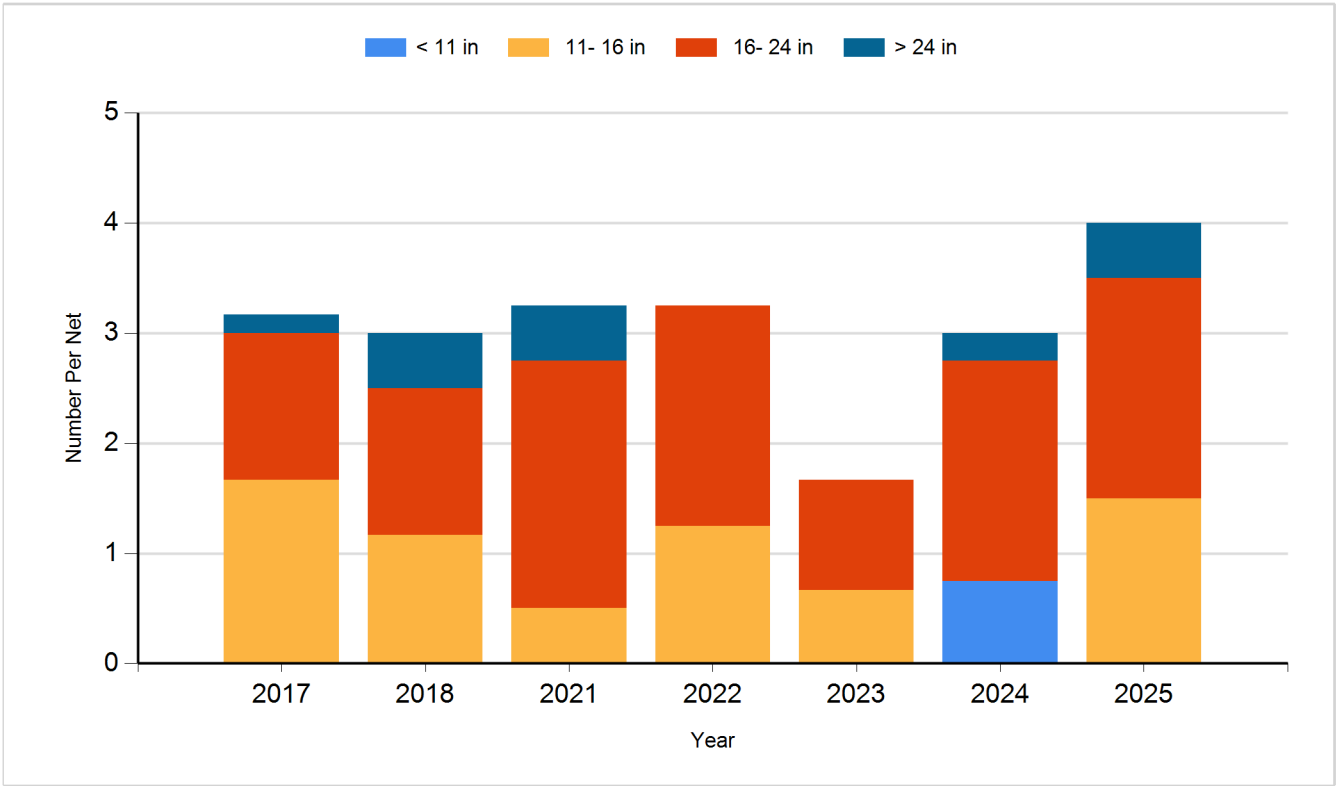
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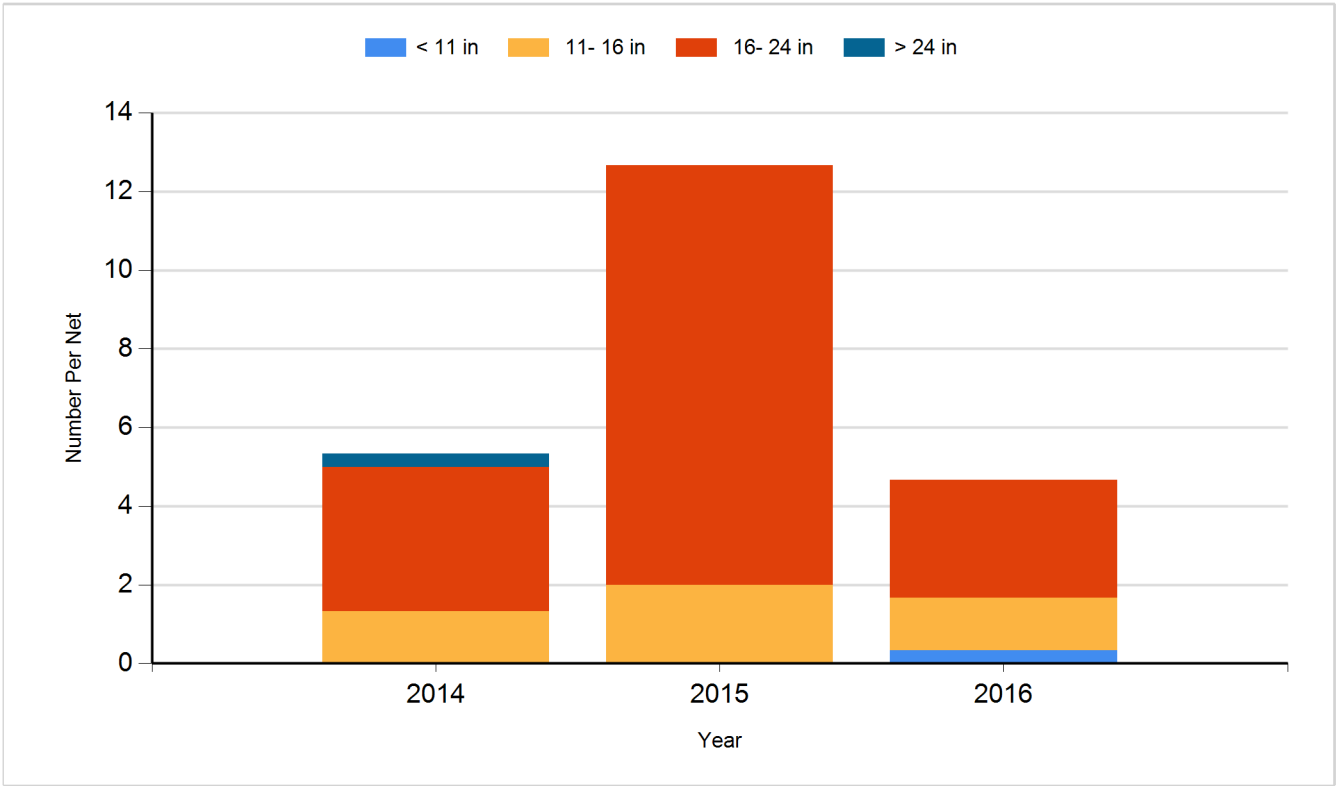
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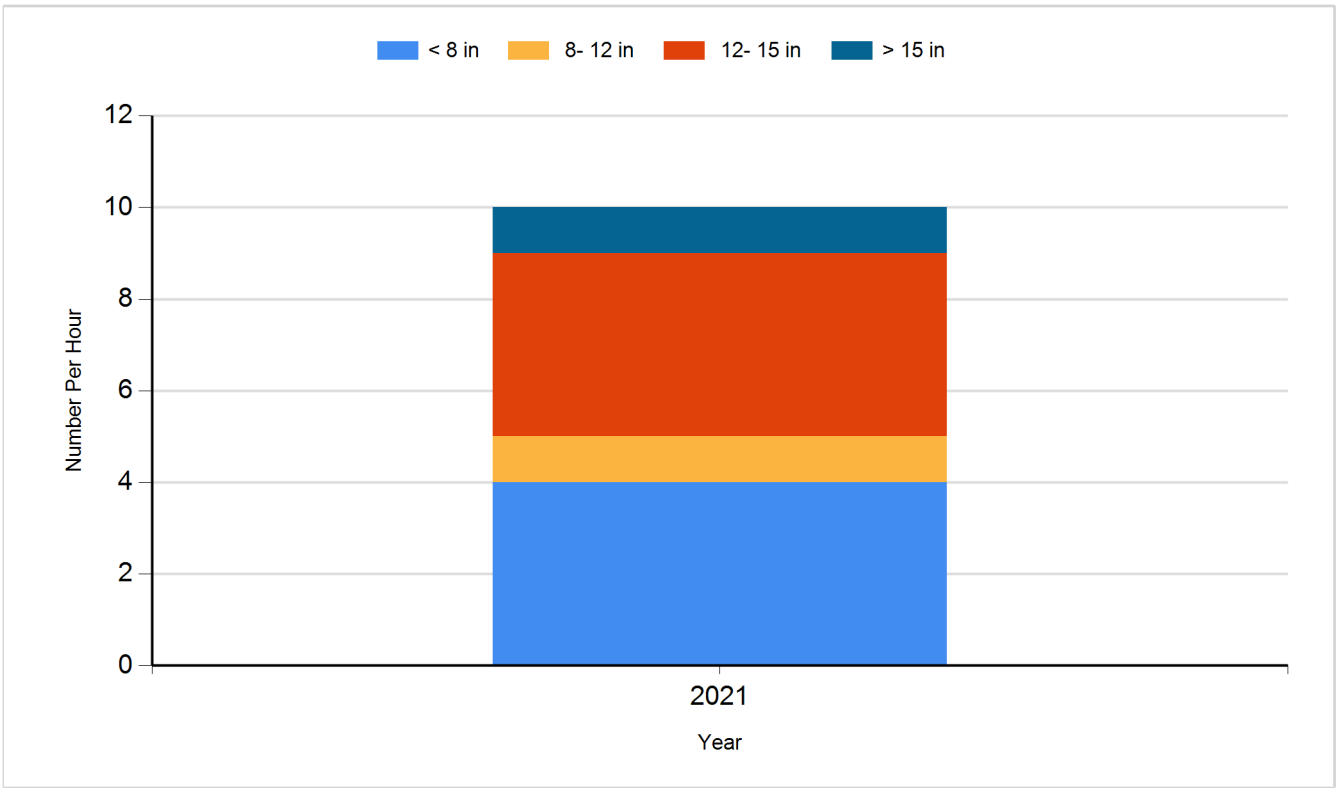
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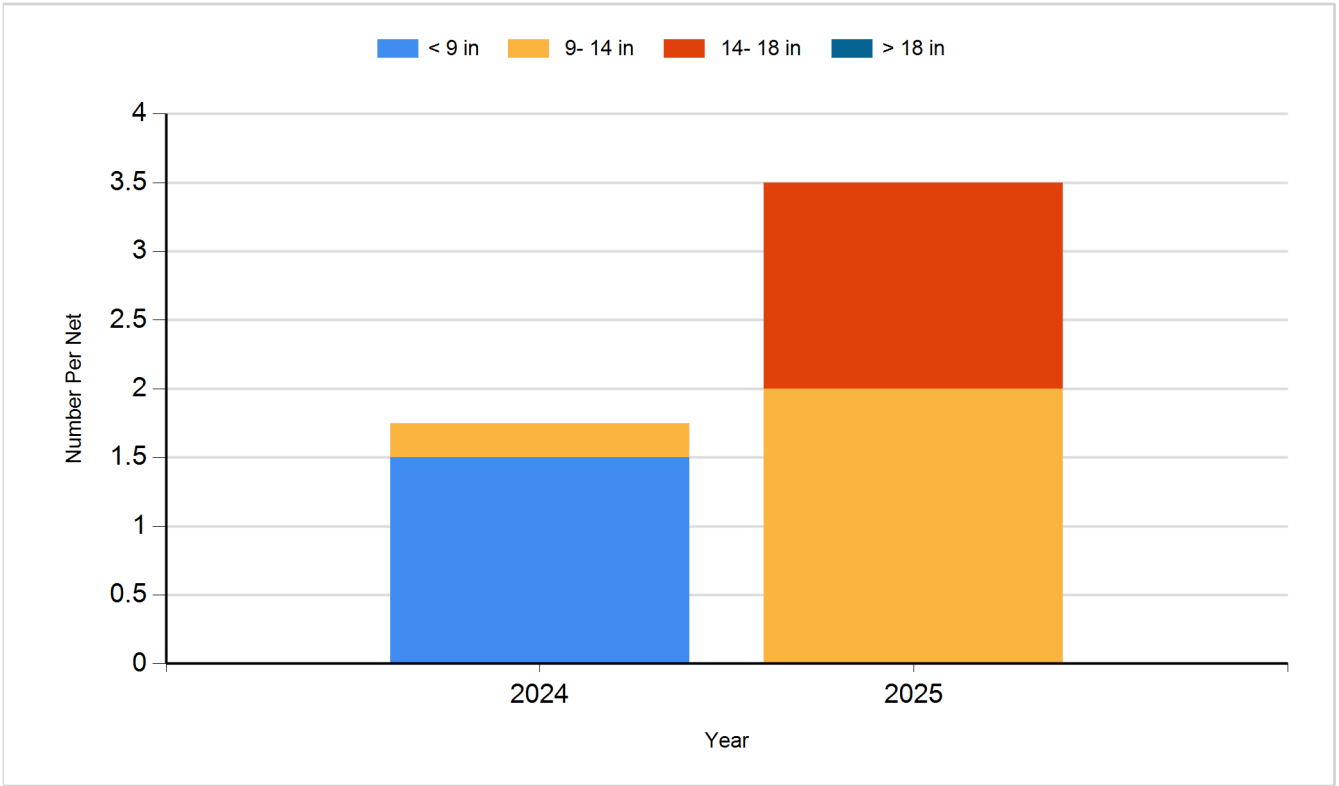
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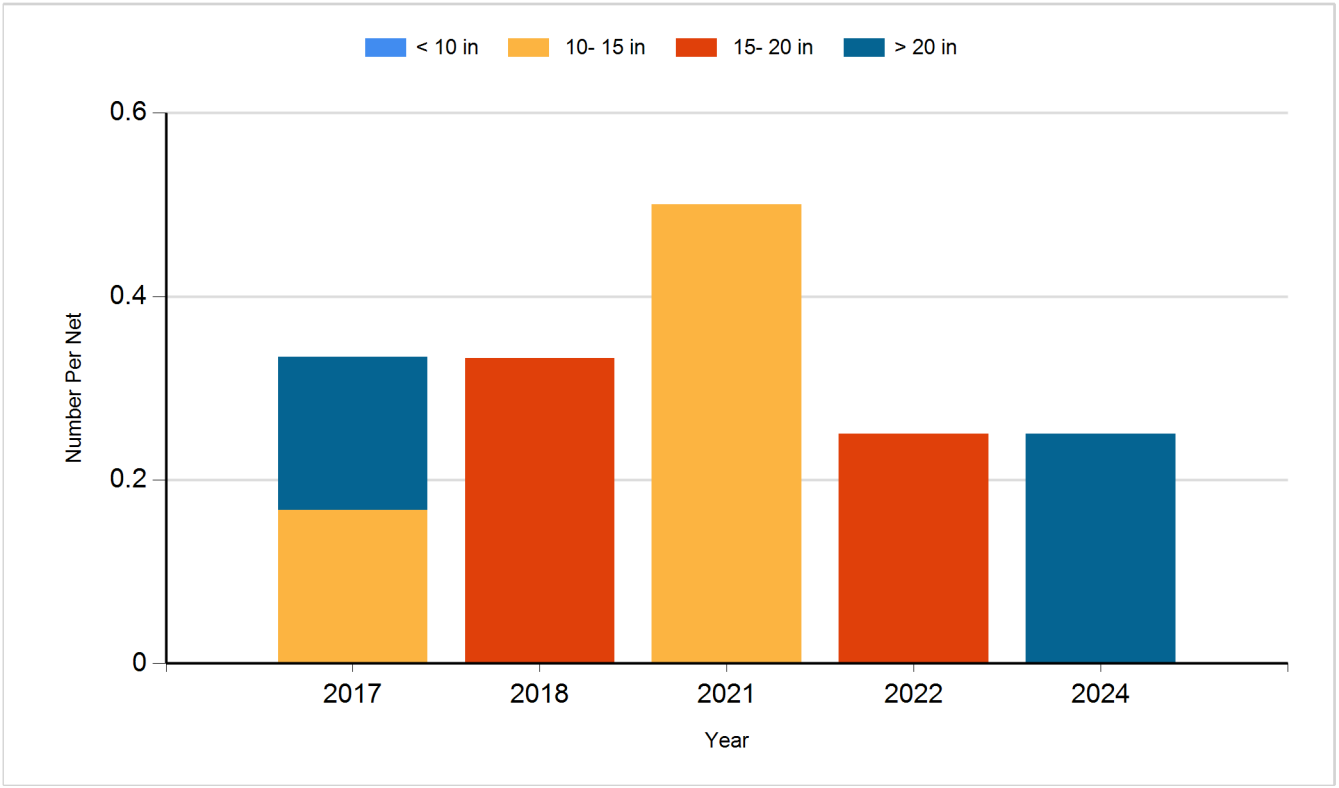
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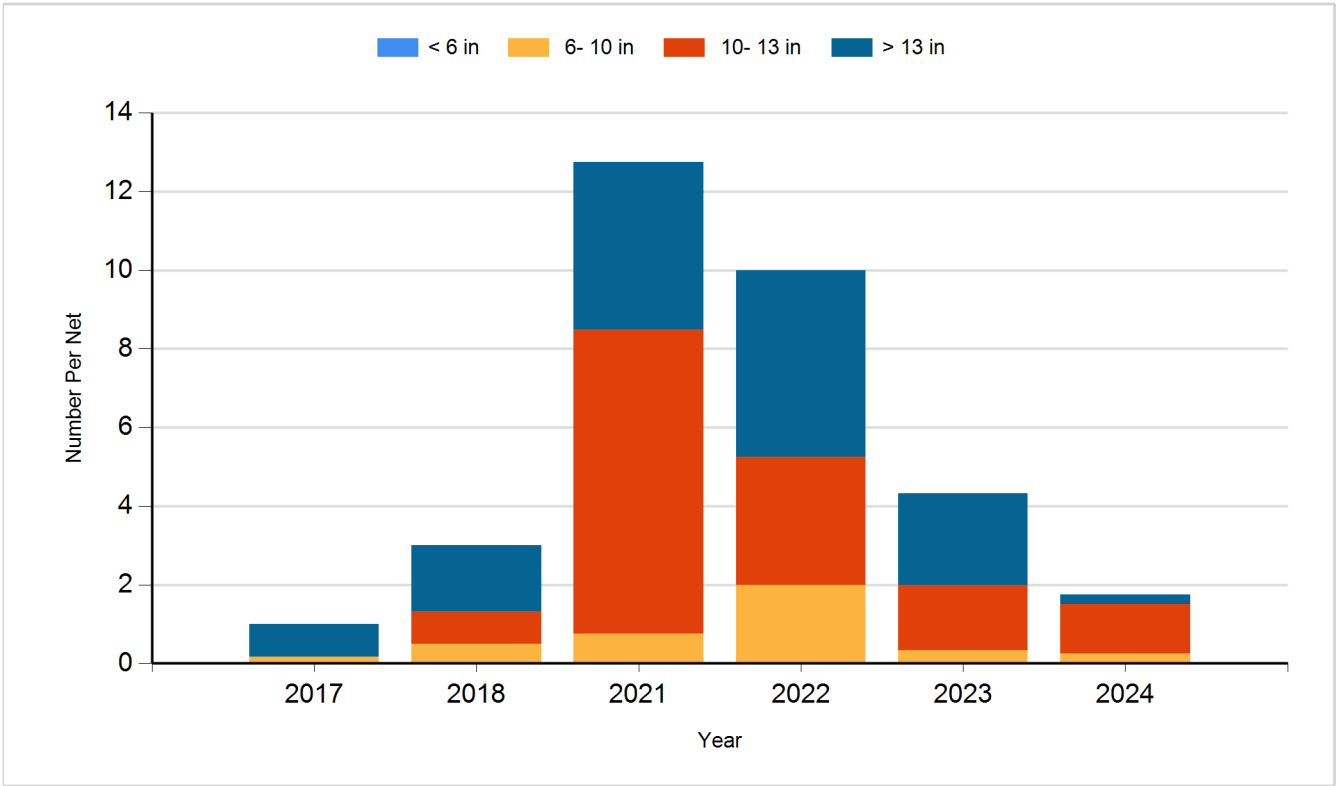
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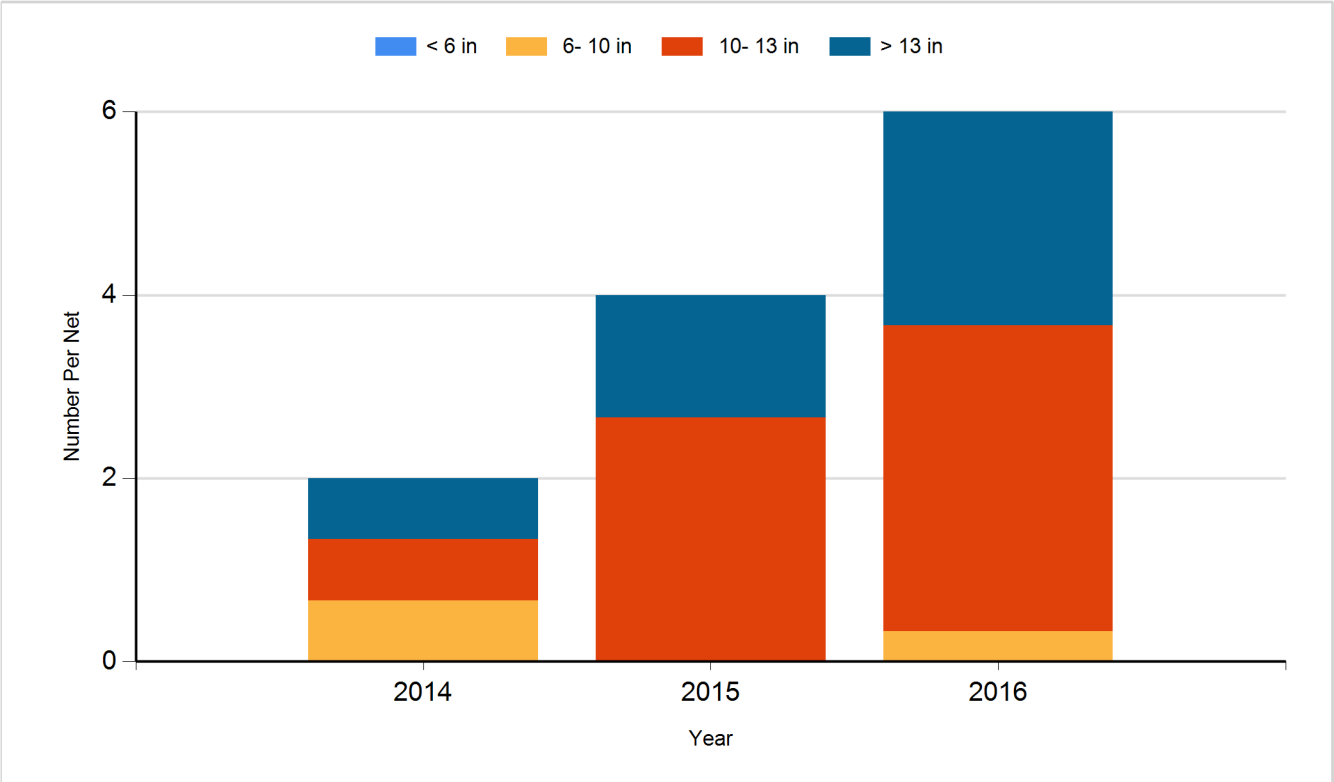
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Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2014	Walleye	Fry	90,000
2015	Gizzard Shad	Adult	50
2015	Walleye	Small Fingerling	7,560
2016	Walleye	Juvenile	889
2017	Walleye	Juvenile	1,152
2017	Yellow Perch	Adult	5,525
2017	Yellow Perch	Small Fingerling	54,860
2018	Gizzard Shad	Adult	60
2019	Walleye	Small Fingerling	8,400
2021	Walleye	Fingerling	7,600
2023	Saugeye	Juvenile	11,968
2024	Gizzard Shad	Adult	52
2025	Black Crappie	Adult	183
2025	Bluegill	Adult	1,558
2025	Channel Catfish	Adult	62
2025	Largemouth Bass	Adult	2,628
2025	Largemouth Bass	Juvenile	8,409
2025	Saugeye	Fry	100,000
2025	Walleye	Adult	10
2025	White Crappie	Adult	160