SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Pelican, Codington County
UBS-Lake-173-000
2017

Lake Information

Name:	Pelican	**Maximum Depth:**	8 Feet
County:	Codington	**Mean Depth:**	5 Feet
		OHWM Elevation:	1,710
Surface Area:	2,779 Acres	**Outlet Elevation:**	1,710

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
AFS std gill net	June 13, 2017	4 net-nights
AFS std gill net	June 14, 2017	4 net-nights
AFS std gill net	June 15, 2017	4 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Walleye

Northern Pike

Yellow Perch

Bigmouth Buffalo

Black Bullhead

Common Carp

Black Crappie

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).

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

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)
Bigmouth Buffalo	11	28	18	46	24	61	30	76	37	94
Black Bullhead	6	15	9	23	12	30	15	38	18	46
Black Crappie	5	13	8	20	10	25	12	30	15	38

	Stock		Quality		Preferred		Memorable		Trophy	
Species Name	(in)	(cm)	(in)	(cm)	(in)	(cm)	(in)	(cm)	(in)	(cm)
Blue Catfish	12	30	20	51	30	76	35	89	45	114
Bluegill	3	8	6	15	8	20	10	25	12	30
Bluegill X Gr. Sunfish Hybrid	3	8	6	15	8	20	10	25	12	30
Brown Bullhead	5	13	8	20	11	28	14	36	17	43
Burbot	8	20	15	38	21	53	26	67	32	82
Channel Catfish	11	28	16	41	24	61	28	71	36	91
Common Carp	11	28	16	41	21	53	26	66	33	84
Flathead Catfish	14	35	20	51	28	71	34	86	40	102
Freshwater Drum	8	20	12	30	15	38	20	51	25	63
Gizzard Shad	7	18	11	28						
Green Sunfish	3	8	6	15	8	20	10	25	12	30
Lake Herring	5	13	8	20	11	28	14	35	17	43
Largemouth Bass	8	20	12	30	15	38	20	51	25	63
Longnose Gar	16	41	27	69	36	91	45	114	55	140
Muskellunge	20	51	30	76	38	97	42	107	50	127
Northern Pike	14	35	21	53	28	71	34	86	44	112
Paddlefish	16	41	26	66	33	84	41	104	51	130
Pumpkinseed	3	8	6	15	8	20	10	25	12	30
Redear Sunfish	4	10	7	18	9	23	11	28	13	33
River Carpsucker	7	18	11	28	14	36	18	46	22	56
Rock Bass	4	10	7	18	9	23	11	28	13	33
Rudd	6	15	10	25	12	30	15	38	19	48
Sauger	8	20	12	30	15	38	20	51	25	63
Saugeye	9	23	14	35	18	46	22	56	27	69
Shorthead Redhorse	6	15	10	25	13	33	16	41	20	51
Smallmouth Bass	7	18	11	28	14	35	17	43	20	51
Smallmouth Buffalo	11	28	18	46	24	61	30	76	37	94
Spotted Bass	7	18	11	28	14	35	17	43	20	51
Striped Bass	12	30	20	51	30	76	35	89	45	114
Striped Bass Hybrid (wiper)	8	20	12	30	15	38	20	51	25	63
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
White Perch	5	13	8	20	10	25	12	30	15	38
White Sucker	6	15	10	25	13	33	16	41	20	51
Yellow Bass	4	10	7	18	9	23	11	28	13	33
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).

		Abundance		Stock Density Indices				Condition	
Gear	Species	CPUE	CI-80	PSD	CI-80	PSD-P	CI-80	Wr	CI-80
AFS std gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	18.8	2.2	0		0		88	1
	Black Bullhead	10.5	1.3	98		43	6	84	1
	Black Crappie	0.2	0.2	0		0		105	5
	Common Carp	2.3	0.7	100		59	15	94	3
	Northern Pike	0.2	0.2	100		50		90	12
	Walleye	2.8	1.0	33	13	21	11	82	1
	White Bass	0.1	0.1	0		0		88	
	White Sucker	0.1	0.1	100		100		119	
	Yellow Perch	0.3	0.2	100		0		89	4

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.

		CPUE										
Gear	Species	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Avg
AFS std gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo										18.8	18.8
	Black Bullhead										10.5	10.5
	Black Crappie										0.2	0.2
	Common Carp										2.3	2.3
	Northern Pike										0.2	0.2
	Walleye										2.8	2.8
	White Bass										0.1	0.1
	White Sucker										0.1	0.1
	Yellow Perch										0.3	0.3
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Bigmouth Buffalo		12.1					20.4				16.3
	Black Bullhead		7.9					83.8				45.9
	Black Crappie							2.8				2.8
	Common Carp		0.1					0.3				0.2
	Northern Pike		1.3					3.7				2.5
	Tadpole Madtom		0.0									0.0
	Walleye		0.1					1.1				0.6
	White Sucker		1.4					6.4				3.9
	Yellow Bullhead		0.1					1.1				0.6
	Yellow Perch		0.1					0.1				0.1
std exp gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo		0.3			0.0		20.7				7.0
	Black Bullhead		0.3			21.7		18.8				13.6
	Black Crappie					18.0		0.3				9.2
	Common Carp		0.0			15.5		5.3				6.9
	Green Sunfish					0.2						0.2
	Northern Pike		0.8			14.8		2.5				6.0
	Orangespotted Sunfish					0.0						0.0
	Spottail Shiner		0.0			0.0		0.0				0.0
	Tadpole Madtom		0.0									0.0
	Walleye					9.0		1.3				5.2
	White Bass					14.7						14.7
	White Sucker		4.3			6.7		0.2				3.7
	Yellow Bullhead					0.7						0.7
	Yellow Perch		0.5			79.7		0.2				26.8

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	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
AFS std gill net	Black Crappie	PSD										0
		PSD-P										0
		Wr										105
	Northern Pike	PSD										100
		PSD-P										50
		Wr										90
	Walleye	PSD										33
		PSD-P										21
		Wr										82
	Yellow Perch	PSD										100
		PSD-P										0
		Wr										89
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Crappie	PSD							91			
		PSD-P							4			
		Wr							103			
	Northern Pike	PSD		61					76			
		PSD-P		0					47			
		Wr		96					68			
	Walleye	PSD		100					83			
		PSD-P		0					39			
		Wr		91					75			
	Yellow Perch	PSD		0					50			
		PSD-P		0					0			
		Wr		90					105			
std exp gill net	Black Crappie	PSD					0		100			
		PSD-P					0		0			
		Wr					115		106			
	Northern Pike	PSD		60			39		100			
		PSD-P		0			0		53			
		Wr		100			96		80			
	Walleye	PSD					94		88			

			Year									
Gear	Species	Index	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
std exp gill net	Walleye	PSD-P					6		13			
		Wr					90		74			
	Yellow Perch	PSD		67			46		100			
		PSD-P		0			7		0			
		Wr		105			97		79			

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+
2017	39		232 (2)	302 (26)		493 (5)		565 (4)	585 (2)		
2014	9		251 (2)		423 (6)		568 (1)				
2012	54		401 (40)	490 (12)	584 (2)						

Species: Yellow Perch

		Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2017	3			215 (2)	232 (1)						
2014	1			233 (1)							
2012	489	142 (233)	215 (196)	256 (60)							

Fish Condition

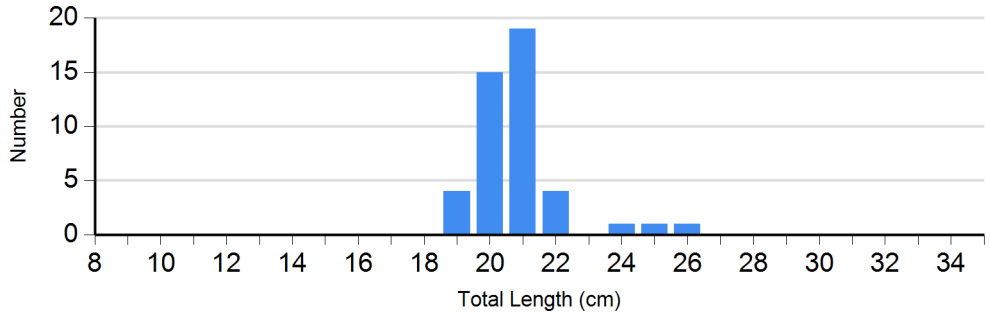
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

		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	2014	4	102 (1.4)	39	104 (1.1)	2	90 (13.9)	0	
Northern Pike Gill Net	2014	0		7	78 (5.8)	8	85 (2.6)	0	
	2017	0		1	80	0		1	99
Walleye Gill Net	2014	1	74	6	72 (2.9)	1	81	0	
	2017	22	81 (0.8)	4	86 (2.9)	6	84 (0.9)	1	89
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2014	0		1	79	0		0	
	2017	0		3	89 (3.5)	0		0	

Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

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



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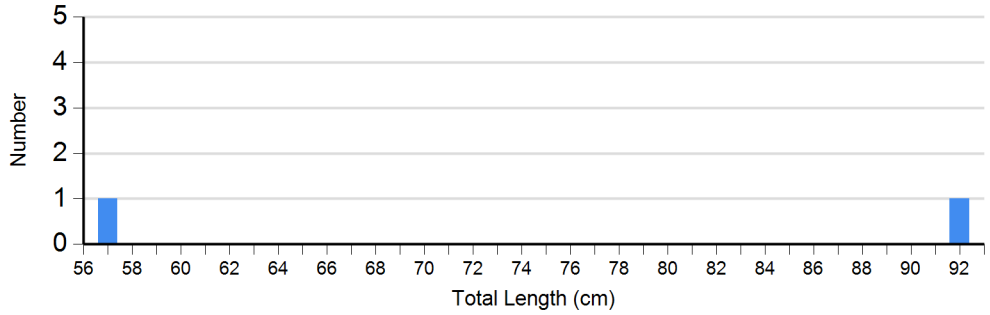
Species: Northern Pike
Gear: AFS std gill net



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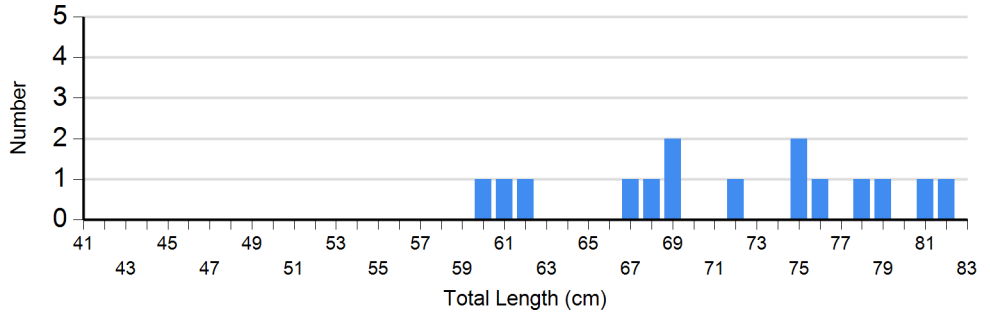
Species: Northern Pike
Gear: std exp gill net



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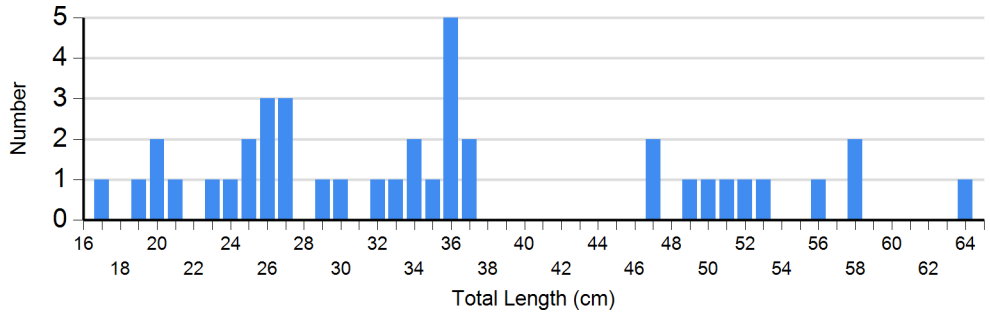
Species: Walleye
Gear: AFS std gill net



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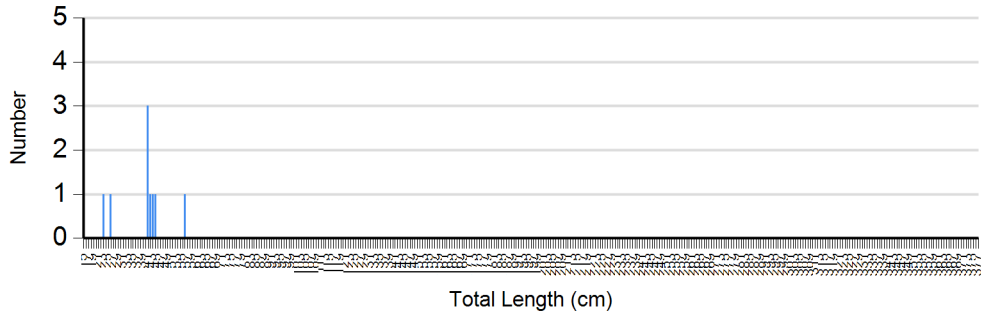
Species: Walleye
Gear: std exp gill net



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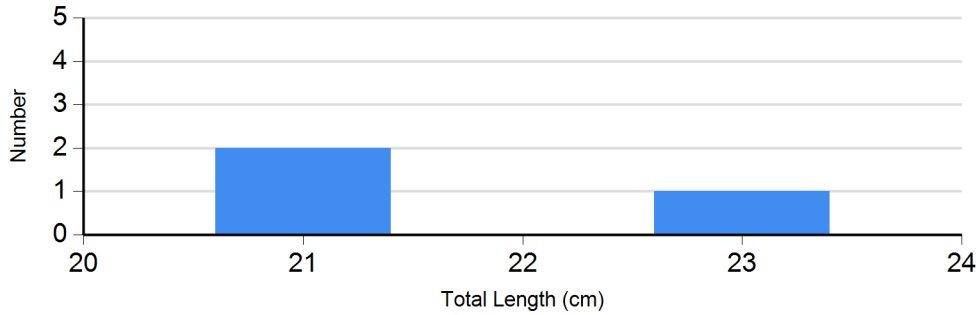
Species: Yellow Perch
Gear: AFS std gill net



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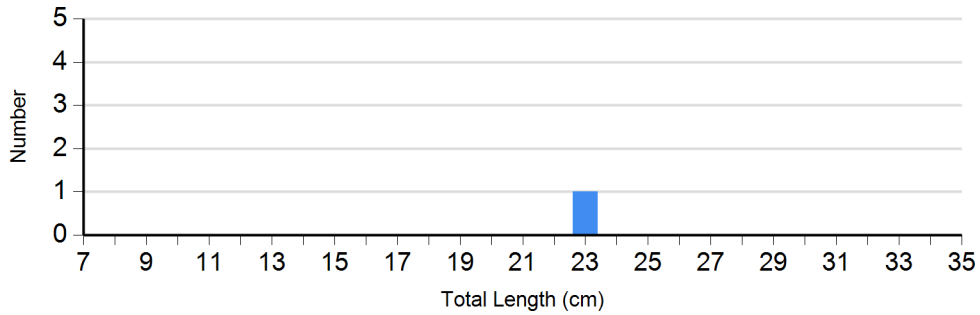
Species: Yellow Perch
Gear: std exp gill net

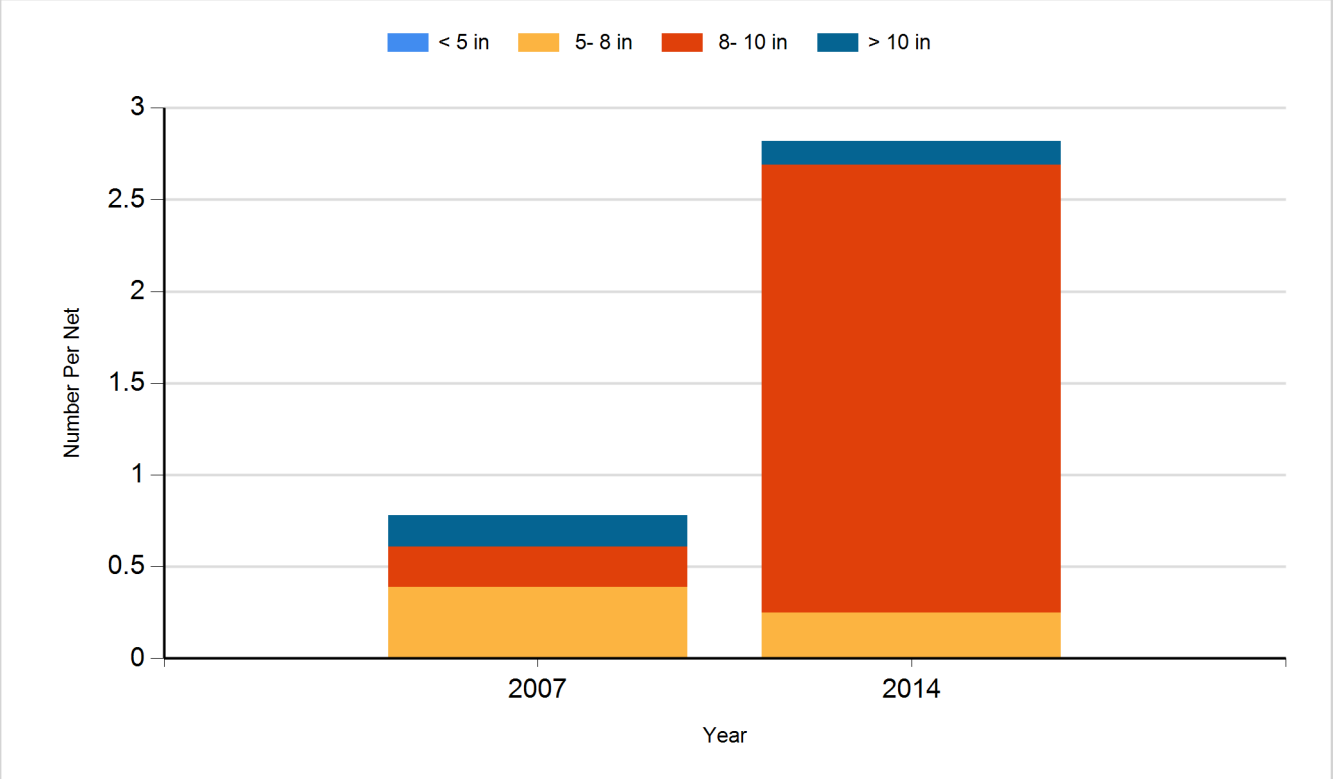


2014

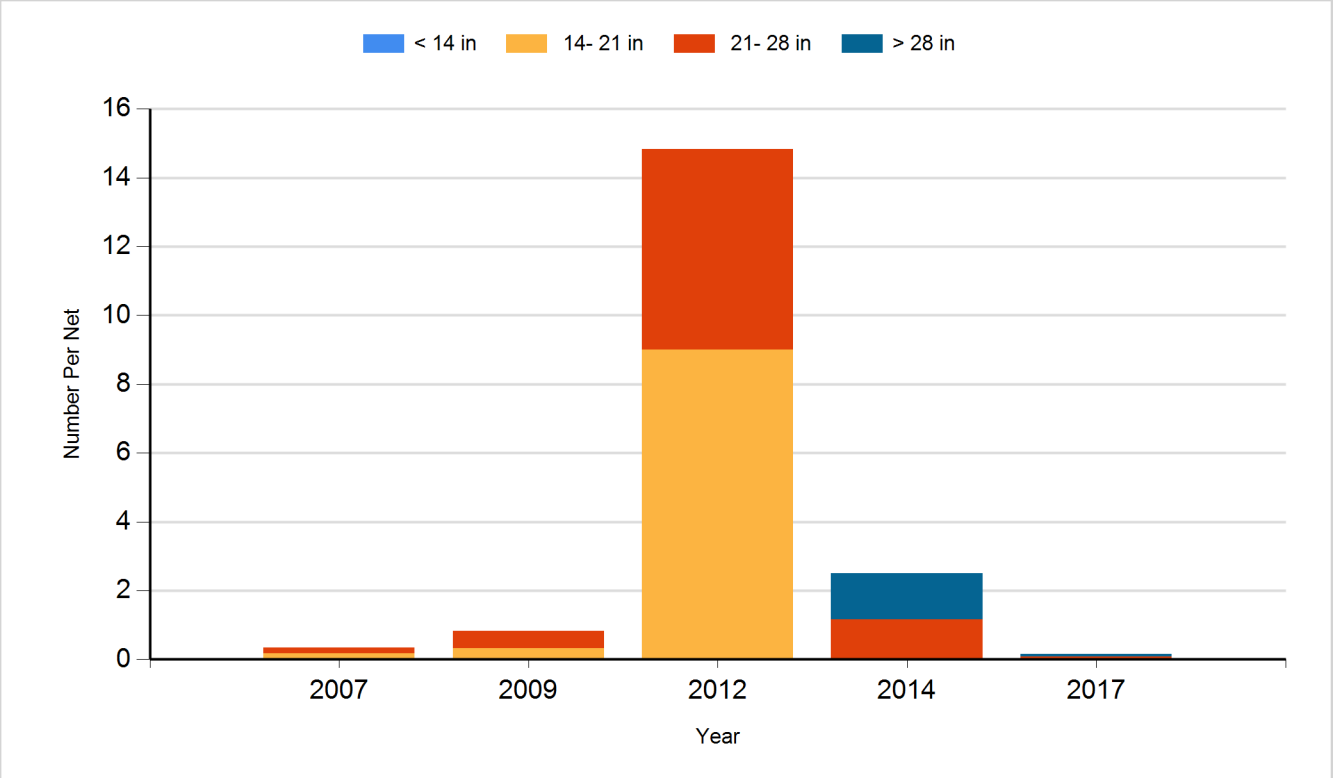
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

Species: Black Crappie
Gear: Frame Net



Species: Northern Pike
Gear: Gill Net



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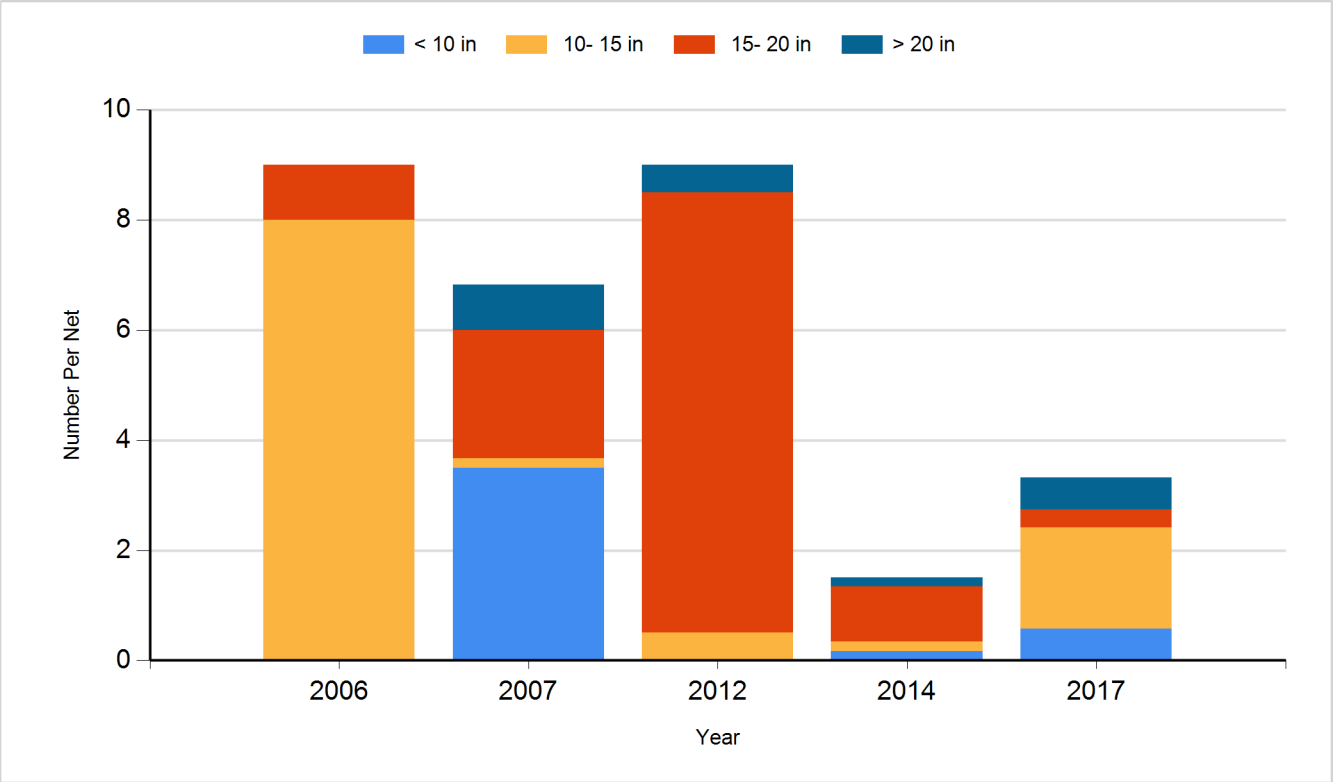
Gear: Gill Net



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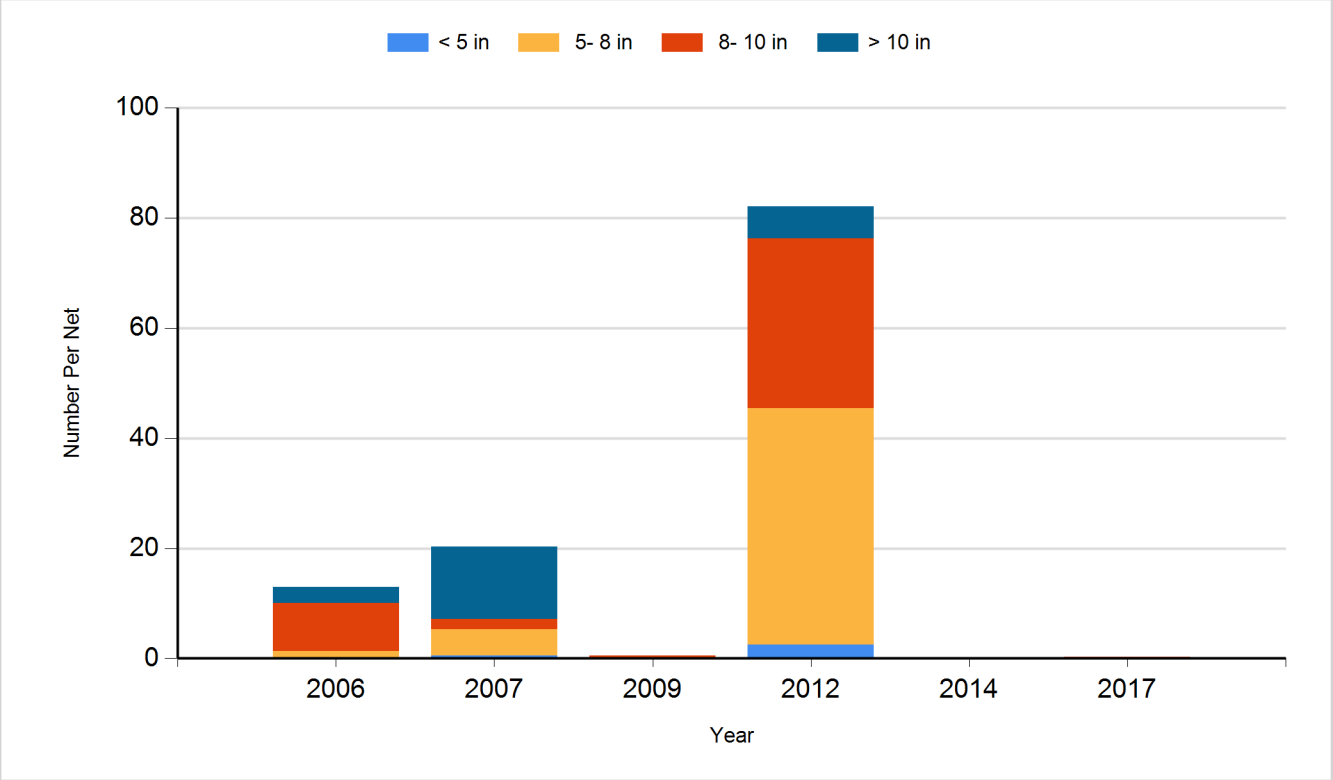
Gear: Gill Net



Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2006	Walleye	Fry	2,800,000
2008	Walleye	Fry	2,800,000
2008	Yellow Perch	Adult	3,200
2008	Yellow Perch	Small Fingerling	8,880
2009	Walleye	Fry	1,400,000
2010	Walleye	Fry	2,800,000
2010	Yellow Perch	Small Fingerling	148,090
2012	Walleye	Fry	1,400,000
2014	Walleye	Fry	1,400,000
2015	Walleye	Fry	1,500,000
2015	Yellow Perch	Adult	3,750
2016	Yellow Perch	Small Fingerling	29,890
2017	Walleye	Fry	1,400,000