

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY**  
**Blue Dog, Day County**  
**UBS-Lake-411-003**  
**2017**

**Lake Information**

<b>Name:</b>	Blue Dog	<b>Maximum Depth:</b>	8 Feet
<b>County:</b>	Day	<b>Mean Depth:</b>	6 Feet
		<b>OHWM Elevation:</b>	1,801
<b>Surface Area:</b>	1,616 Acres	<b>Outlet Elevation:</b>	1,800

**Surveys and Investigations**

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

Gear	Date	Effort
AFS std gill net	June 27, 2017	4 net-nights
AFS std gill net	June 28, 2017	4 net-nights
AFS std gill net	June 29, 2017	4 net-nights

## **Common Fish Species Present**

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Walleye

Yellow Perch

Northern Pike

Gizzard Shad

White Sucker

White Bass

Common Carp

Black Crappie

Rock Bass

Black Bullhead

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## 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).

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

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.

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

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

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.

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

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)
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

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	(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).

Gear	Species	Abundance		Stock Density Indices			Condition		
		CPUE	CI-80	PSD	CI-80	PSD-P	CI-80	Wr	CI-80
AFS std gill net	Black Bullhead	0.1	0.1	100		100		74	
	Black Crappie	0.4	0.3	60		60		107	7
	Common Carp	0.7	0.3	88		75		95	3
	Emerald Shiner	0.0	0.0						
	Gizzard Shad	1.3	0.6	0				106	3
	Northern Pike	1.3	0.5	93		27		91	3
	Rock Bass	0.1	0.1	100		0		99	
	Walleye	9.2	1.1	66	6	19	5	85	1
	White Bass	0.9	0.5	91		36		91	2
	White Sucker	1.1	0.4	100		100		98	2
Yellow Perch	2.1	0.5	64	15	40	15	95	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.

Gear	Species	CPUE										Avg
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
AFS std gill net	Black Bullhead										0.1	0.1
	Black Crappie										0.4	0.4
	Common Carp										0.7	0.7
	Emerald Shiner										0.0	0.0
	Gizzard Shad										1.3	1.3
	Northern Pike										1.3	1.3
	Rock Bass										0.1	0.1
	Walleye										9.2	9.2
	White Bass										0.9	0.9
	White Sucker										1.1	1.1
	Yellow Perch									2.1	2.1	
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	1.8			0.5			2.1				1.5
	Black Crappie	0.8			1.1			1.7				1.2
	Channel Catfish				0.1							0.1
	Common Carp	0.4			0.1			0.1				0.2
	Northern Pike	0.4			0.7			0.5				0.5
	Orangespotted Sunfish				0.0							0.0
	Rock Bass	0.3			1.2			1.9				1.1
	Smallmouth Bass				0.1			0.4				0.3
	Walleye	3.7			1.2			1.6				2.2
	White Bass	0.7			0.6			1.4				0.9
	White Sucker	0.5			0.1						0.3	
	Yellow Perch	0.7			1.6			0.6			1.0	
std exp gill net	Black Crappie				0.2			0.7				0.5
	Common Carp				0.1			0.7				0.4
	Emerald Shiner	0.0										0.0
	Green Sunfish							0.2				0.2
	Northern Pike	3.5			2.1			1.2				2.3
	Rock Bass				0.1							0.1
	Spottail Shiner				0.0			0.0				0.0
	Walleye	14.5			4.0			17.3				11.9
	White Bass	0.2			0.3			1.5				0.7
	White Sucker	1.0			1.7			1.7				1.5

		CPUE										
Gear	Species	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Avg
std exp gill net	Yellow Perch	2.5			10.4			17.8				10.2

## 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											
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		
AFS std gill net	Black Crappie	PSD											60	
		PSD-P											60	
		Wr											107	
	Northern Pike	PSD												93
		PSD-P												27
		Wr												91
	Walleye	PSD												66
		PSD-P												19
		Wr												85
Yellow Perch	PSD												64	
	PSD-P												40	
	Wr												95	
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Crappie	PSD	60			47				100				
		PSD-P	20			11				87				
		Wr	95			124				104				
	Northern Pike	PSD	71			60				44				
		PSD-P	14			13				33				
		Wr	89			92				75				
	Walleye	PSD	45			86				54				
		PSD-P	23			32				46				
		Wr	85			89				81				
	Yellow Perch	PSD	54			55				90				
		PSD-P	0			10				40				
		Wr	101			99				99				
	std exp gill net	Black Crappie	PSD				0				100			
			PSD-P				0				75			
			Wr				130				110			
Northern Pike		PSD	43			45				100				
		PSD-P	10			3				43				
		Wr	85			87				76				
Walleye		PSD	30			50				23				



Gear	Species	Index	Year									
			2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
std exp gill net	Walleye	PSD-P	2			7				4		
		Wr	84			90				80		
	Yellow Perch	PSD	87			34				79		
		PSD-P	47			9				36		
		Wr	97			112				98		

## 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	110		274 (27)	387 (25)	445 (12)	450 (5)	481 (23)	521 (14)	569 (1)	586 (1)	681 (2)
2014	117	189 (12)	275 (5)	302 (46)	372 (45)	424 (4)	560 (1)		505 (2)		655 (2)
2011	132	219 (71)	309 (7)	378 (17)	406 (20)	440 (8)	460 (5)	600 (1)	505 (3)		
2008	103	163 (6)	253 (19)	325 (49)	391 (6)	414 (17)	441 (1)	483 (1)	520 (1)		498 (3)

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	25		185 (10)	240 (6)	255 (1)		298 (4)	283 (3)	294 (1)		
2014	109	127 (4)	156 (18)	227 (34)	252 (37)	258 (11)	305 (2)	300 (3)			
2011	218	131 (81)	191 (80)	202 (47)	293 (13)						

## **Fish Condition**

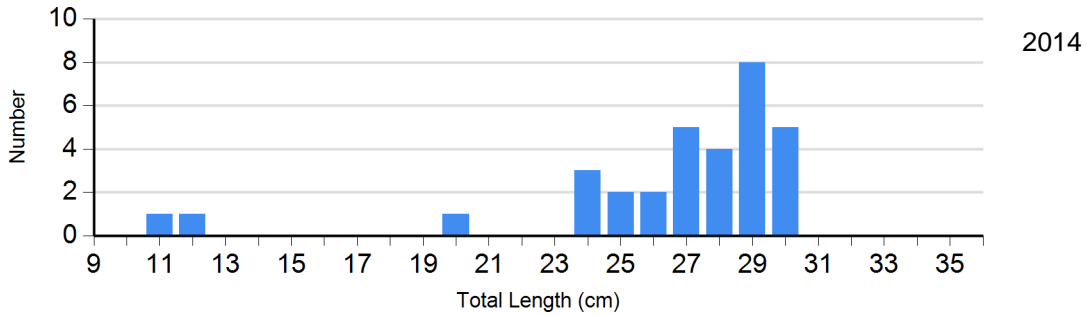
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

Species	Year	Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
		N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Black Crappie Frame Net	2014	0		4	114 (0.6)	21	103 (0.9)	5	98 (3.2)
Northern Pike Gill Net	2014	0		4	73 (3.8)	1	69	2	86 (3.9)
	2017	1	85	10	89 (1.9)	3	98 (8.2)	1	93
Walleye Gill Net	2014	80	80 (0.5)	20	78 (0.6)	3	85 (4.9)	1	88
	2017	37	82 (0.6)	52	86 (0.7)	19	89 (1.9)	2	90 (7.6)
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2014	22	102 (1.4)	47	98 (1.0)	35	95 (1.0)	3	84 (6.3)
	2017	9	100 (2.0)	6	97 (1.2)	9	90 (2.3)	1	81

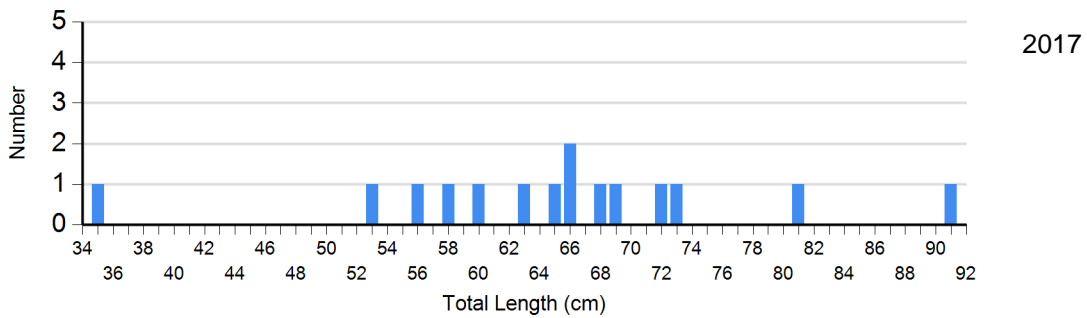
## Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

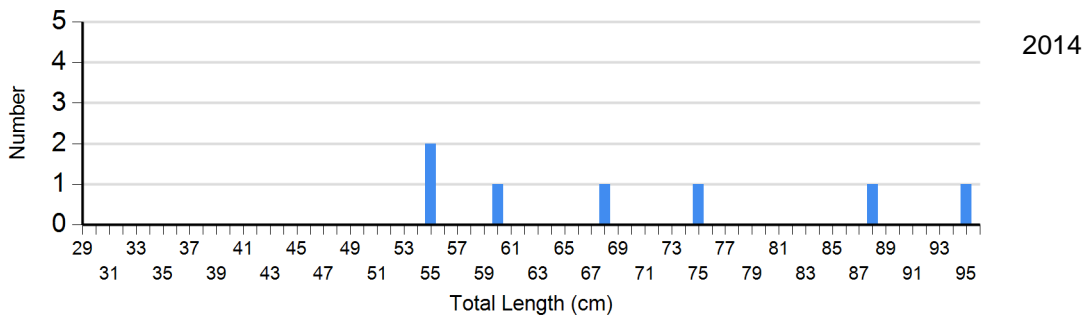
Species: Black Crappie  
Gear: frame net (std 3/4 in)



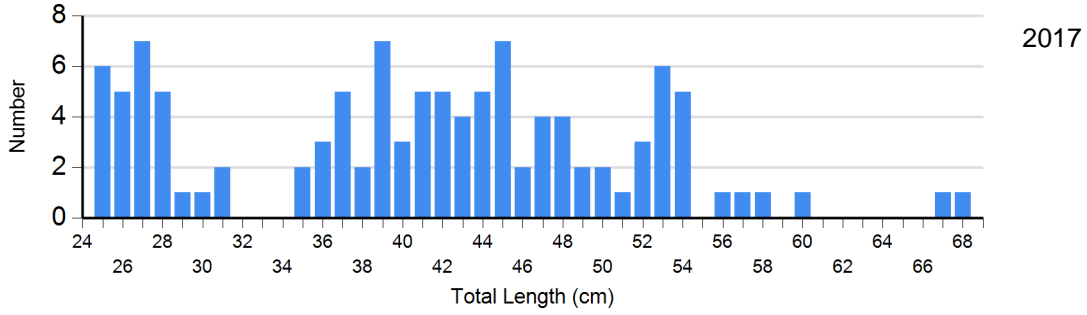
Species: Northern Pike  
Gear: AFS std gill net



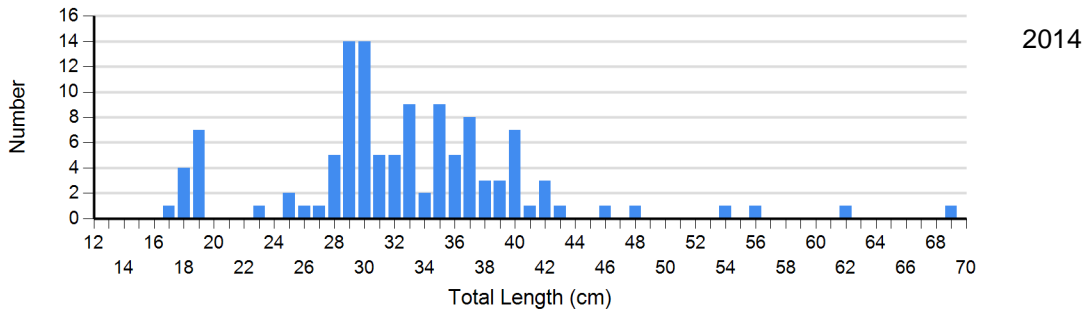
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Gear: std exp gill net



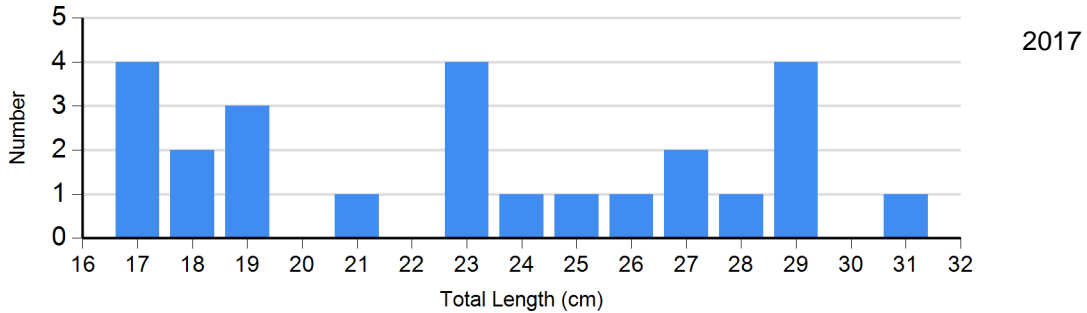
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 Gear: AFS std gill net



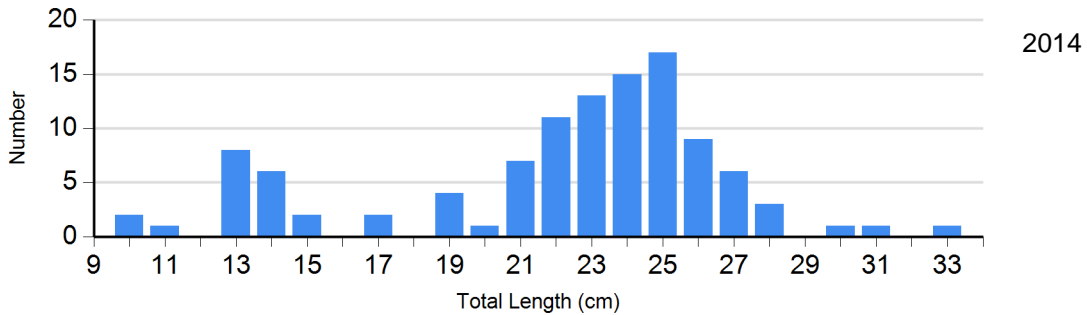
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 Gear: std exp gill net



Species: Yellow Perch  
 Gear: AFS std gill net



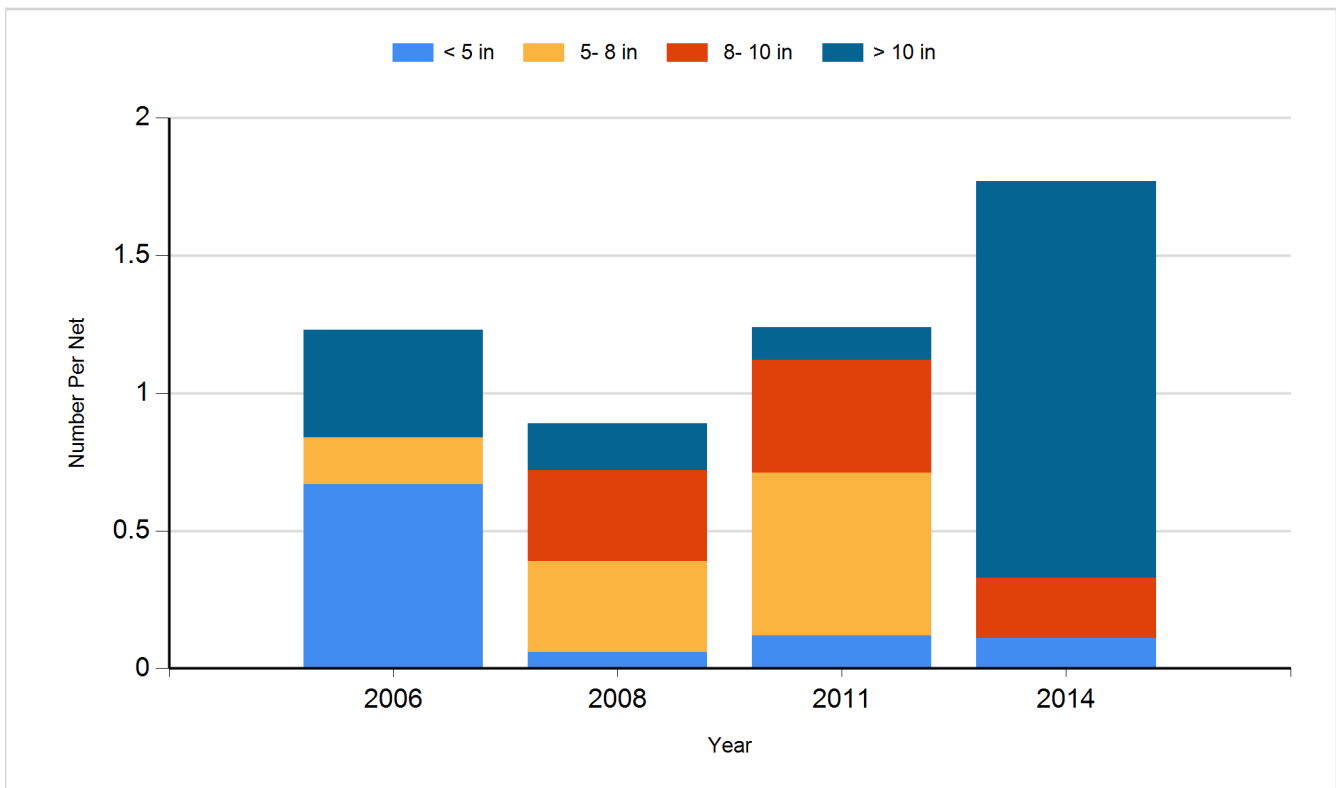
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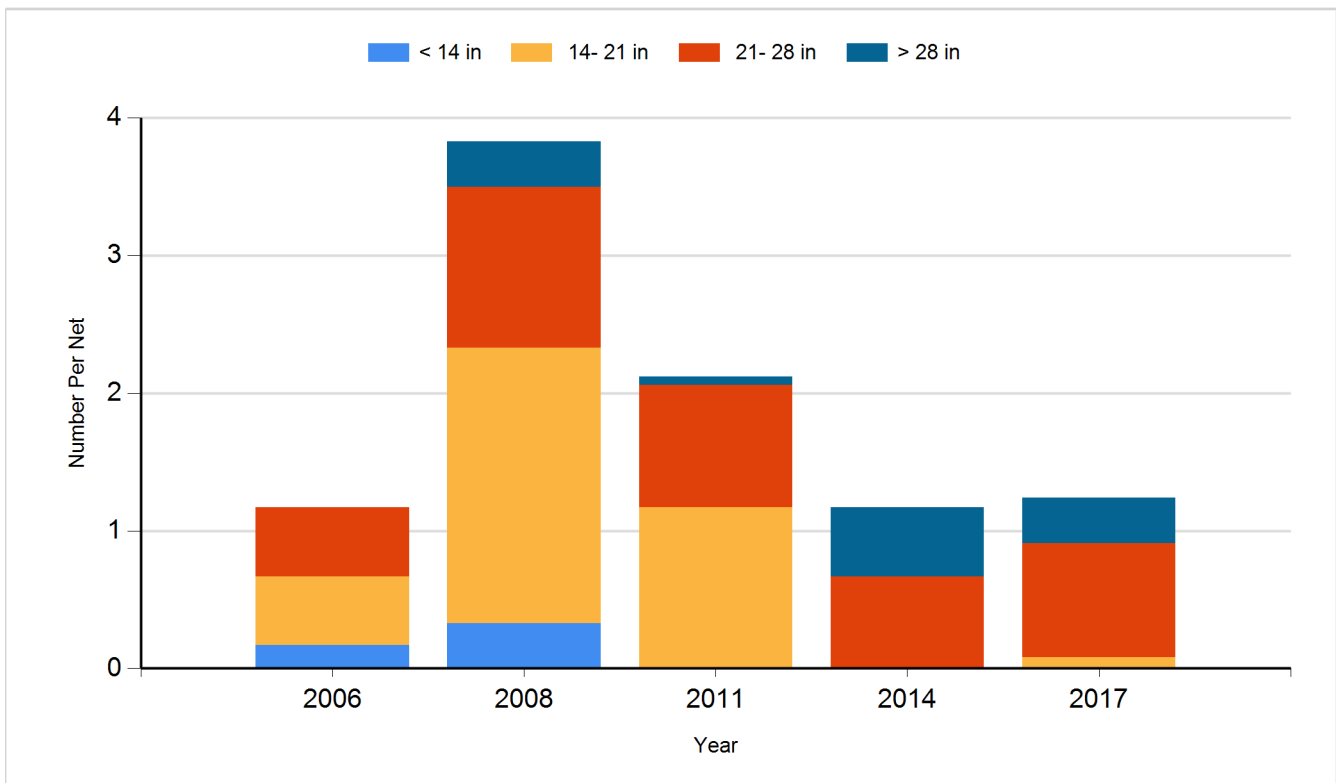
## Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

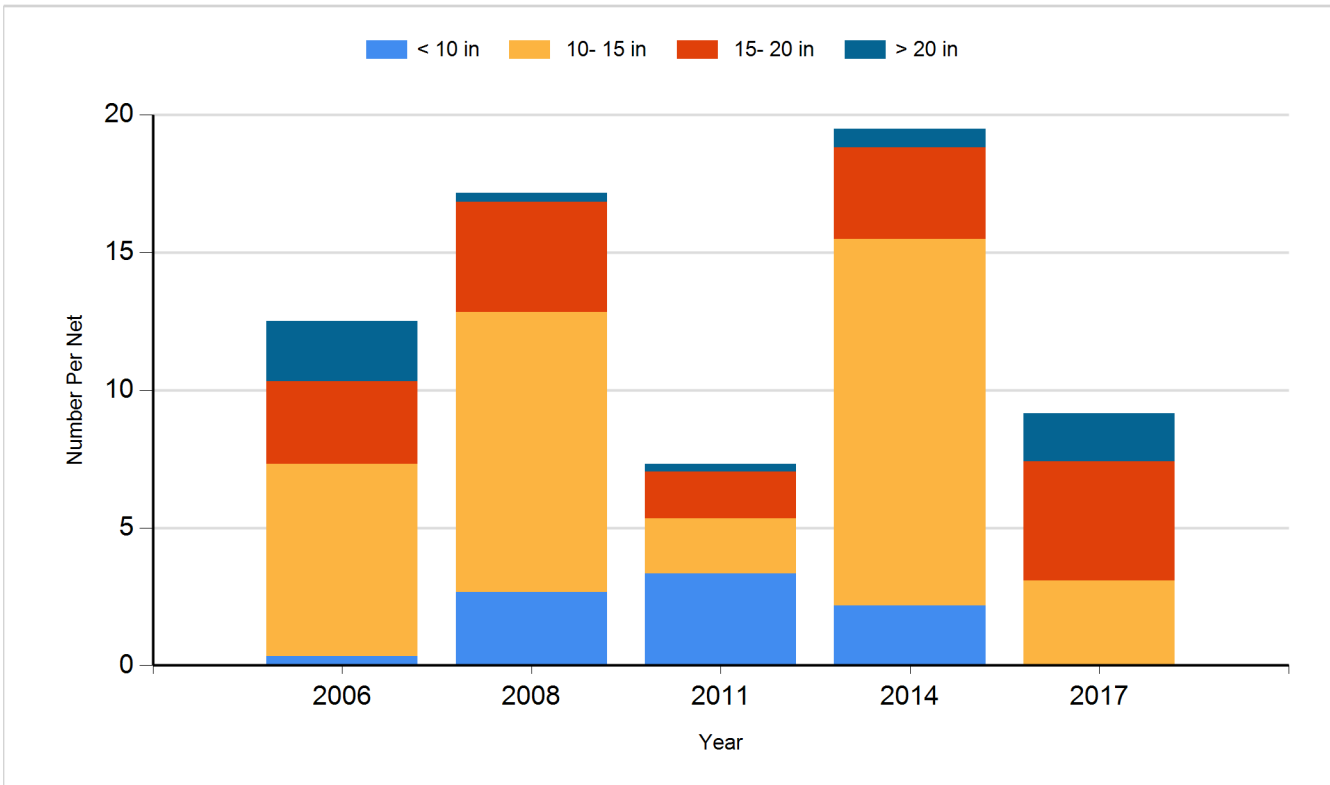
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Gear: Frame Net



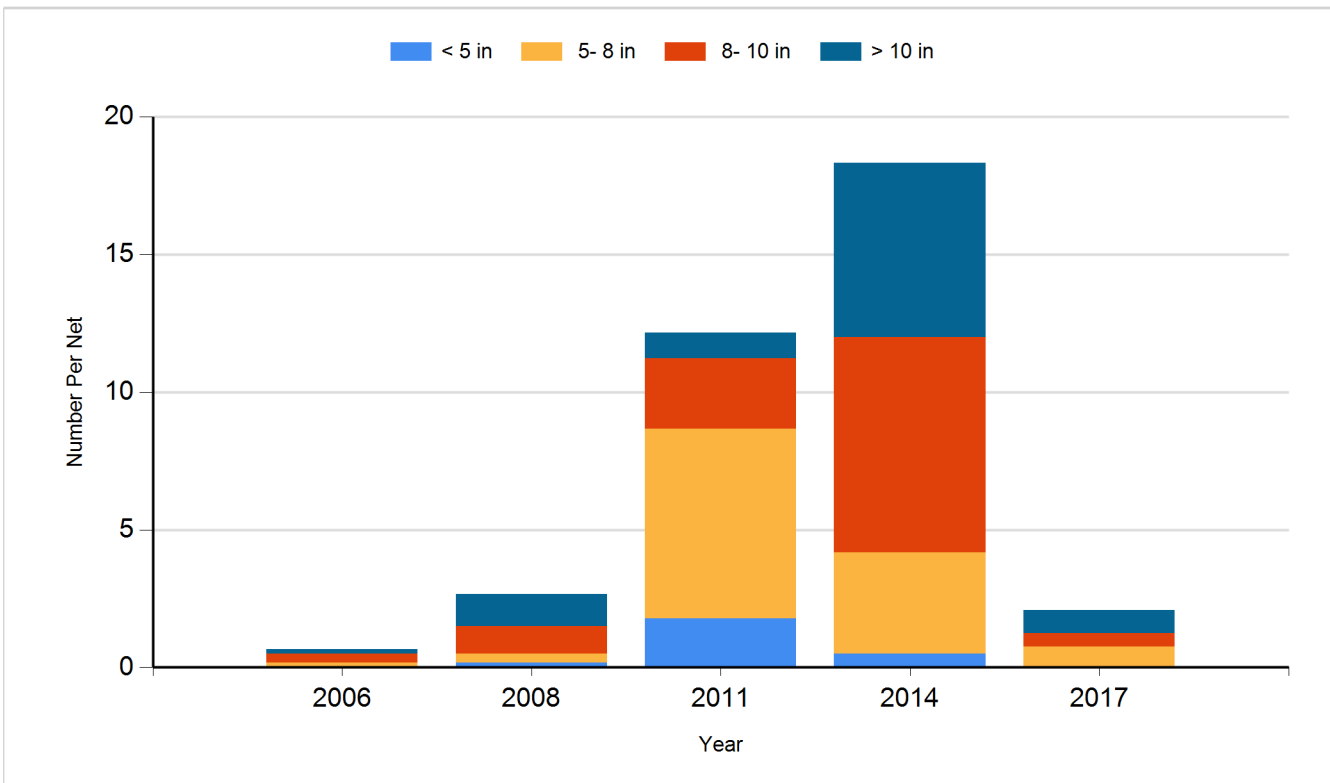
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Gear: Gill Net



Species: Walleye  
Gear: Gill Net



Species: Yellow Perch  
Gear: Gill Net



## **Fish Stocking**

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2007	Walleye	Small Fingerling	7,200
2017	Walleye	Fingerling	22,500