SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Oahe Middle, Dewey County
LLO-Lake-2952-001
2016

Lake Information

Name: Oahe Middle

County: Dewey

Surface Area: 87,112 Acres

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
std exp gill net	August 11, 2016	12 net-nights
std exp gill net	August 12, 2016	6 net-nights
suspended gill net	July 06, 2016	4 net-nights
suspended gill net	July 07, 2016	2 net-nights
suspended gill net	July 08, 2016	2 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Lake Herring

Channel Catfish

Walleye

Smallmouth Bass

Common Carp

Northern Pike

Yellow Perch

River Carpsucker

Freshwater Drum

Smallmouth Buffalo

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

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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
std exp gill net	Channel Catfish	17.4	3.0	41	4	4	2	79	1
	Common Carp	1.3	0.5	92		46	16	85	2
	Freshwater Drum	0.4	0.2	100		38		91	4
	Gizzard Shad	0.1	0.1	100				106	4
	Goldeye	0.0	0.0						
	Northern Pike	1.2	0.4	76	15	24	15	93	2
	River Carpsucker	0.9	0.5	88		69		109	14
	Shorthead Redhorse	0.1	0.1	100		100		91	1
	Shortnose Gar	0.0	0.0						
	Smallmouth Bass	1.6	0.8	59	14	24	13	95	2
	Smallmouth Buffalo	0.4	0.2	100		88		77	3
	Walleye	4.8	0.9	23	7	5		78	1
	White Bass	0.3	0.2	100		33		94	5
	White Sucker	0.2	0.2	75		50		87	4
	Yellow Perch	1.1	0.4	21		5		84	2
suspended gill net	Channel Catfish	0.8	0.5	100		0			
	Lake Herring	126.4	36.6	100		12	1		
	Rainbow Smelt	0.0	0.0						
	Walleye	1.0	1.0	0		0			

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	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Avg
std exp gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo		0.4		0.1	0.1		0.1				0.2
	Black Bullhead			0.1				0.1				0.1
	Black Crappie			0.1	0.0	0.1		0.1				0.1
	Channel Catfish	22.3	15.8	14.6	11.8	9.5	11.4	16.9	17.2	8.6	17.4	14.6
	Chinook Salmon		0.0			0.0				0.0		0.0
	Common Carp	1.6	1.4	2.4	3.6	1.2	0.6	1.9	1.4	0.4	1.3	1.6
	Emerald Shiner			0.0								0.0
	Freshwater Drum	1.4	1.3	0.7	2.1	1.1	0.5	0.9	1.2	0.4	0.4	1.0
	Gizzard Shad	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0		0.0				0.1	0.1
	Golden Shiner			0.0								0.0
	Goldeye	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Lake Herring				0.1	0.2				44.4		14.9
	Northern Pike	0.1		0.2	1.3	1.8	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.2	0.8
	Rainbow Smelt			0.0						0.0		0.0
	River Carpsucker	0.7	1.2	0.6	0.8	0.4	1.5	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.8
	Sauger	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.2		0.1			0.4
	Shorthead Redhorse	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.3
	Shortnose Gar				0.0		0.0				0.0	0.0
	Smallmouth Bass	1.5	0.3	2.3	1.7	0.7	2.1	2.2	1.9	1.4	1.6	1.6
	Smallmouth Buffalo	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3		0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3
	Spottail Shiner	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.0		0.0
	Walleye	11.2	17.7	11.8	11.6	25.1	18.2	17.0	12.1	2.4	4.8	13.2
	White Bass	0.8	0.3	0.4	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.7
	White Crappie	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.3	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.1		0.4
	White Sucker		0.2	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2		0.6	0.1	0.2	0.3
	Yellow Perch	2.5	1.4	6.9	11.4	5.4	1.8	0.6	1.7	1.0	1.1	3.4
suspended gill net	Channel Catfish										0.8	0.8
	Lake Herring										126.4	126.4
	Rainbow Smelt										0.0	0.0
	Walleye										1.0	1.0

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	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
std exp gill net	Black Crappie	PSD			0	0	100		100			
		PSD-P			0	0	100		100			
		Wr			103		87		93			
	Northern Pike	PSD	100		100	43	88	89	100	100	43	76
		PSD-P	50		67	9	16	36	33	40	21	24
		Wr	84		94	89	81	75	82	79	83	93
	Walleye	PSD	37	29	55	33	17	14	8	19	55	23
		PSD-P	6	6	8	7	4	4	1	2	6	5
		Wr	85	86	92	87	81	76	81	88	77	78
	Yellow Perch	PSD	20	23	10	20	43	53	60	26	68	21
		PSD-P	4	0	1	2	1	6	0	3	7	5
		Wr	81	84	99	91	87	82	81	99	83	84
suspended gill net	Walleye	PSD										0
		PSD-P										0

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+
2016	111	224 (3)	275 (69)	343 (20)	381 (2)	447 (6)	480 (4)	497 (7)			
2015	119	205 (59)	296 (16)	372 (10)	404 (13)	423 (3)	447 (15)		532 (1)		623 (1)
2014	233	234 (22)	281 (19)	329 (58)	363 (17)	361 (114)		616 (1)	531 (2)		681 (1)
2013	342	198 (15)	263 (73)	295 (26)	330 (222)	467 (4)				606 (1)	702 (3)
2012	366	217 (29)	249 (25)	323 (295)	473 (6)	588 (2)	559 (5)	555 (3)		631 (1)	742 (1)
2011	480	211 (5)	303 (400)	399 (41)	465 (15)	535 (8)	563 (8)		577 (1)		602 (3)
2010	315	236 (174)	345 (77)	428 (29)	493 (18)	523 (9)		615 (1)	557 (2)	608 (1)	511 (4)
2009	252	236 (55)	355 (93)	420 (72)	468 (12)	544 (1)	543 (4)	513 (1)	497 (6)	559 (5)	639 (4)
2008	339	243 (47)	339 (213)	419 (48)	486 (4)	524 (5)	504 (7)	513 (8)		514 (2)	582 (4)
2007	315	231 (135)	351 (112)	417 (23)	467 (15)	484 (9)	496 (14)	484 (1)	587 (2)	540 (1)	549 (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+
2012	33	112 (1)	182 (1)	192 (16)	210 (11)	241 (3)		265 (1)			
2011	106	107 (7)	156 (44)	209 (53)	235 (3)						

Fish Condition

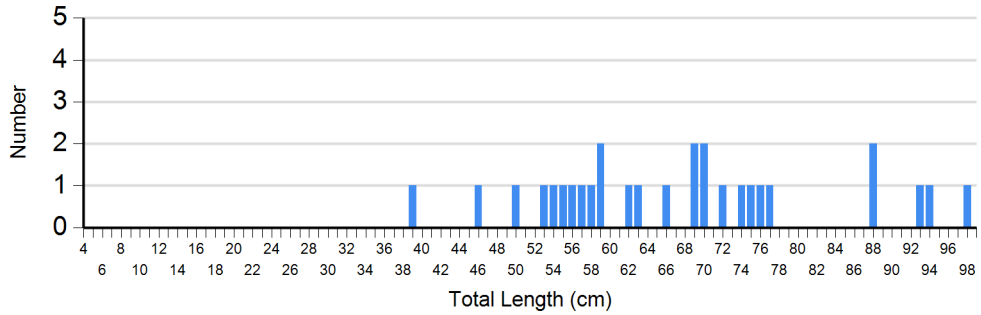
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

		Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
Species	Year	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Northern Pike Gill Net	2012	3	63 (5.3)	15	74 (2.0)	5	73 (4.2)	5	91 (3.5)
	2013	0		4	76 (3.1)	1	77	1	110
	2014	0		3	64 (10.0)	2	100 (17.6)	0	
	2015	8	79 (2.0)	3	89 (7.0)	2	86 (14.9)	1	85
	2016	5	86 (1.9)	11	96 (2.1)	3	94 (5.3)	2	100 (0.3)
Walleye Gill Net	2012	283	76 (0.5)	32	75 (1.4)	11	70 (1.5)	2	56 (2.9)
	2013	280	82 (0.6)	22	78 (1.0)	1	65	3	59 (2.1)
	2014	176	88 (0.6)	38	87 (1.7)	3	79 (0.3)	1	70
	2015	30	75 (2.1)	33	78 (1.0)	3	91 (0.7)	1	
	2016	67	78 (0.7)	16	79 (1.4)	4	82 (1.9)	0	
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2012	15	86 (1.4)	15	81 (2.0)	2	67 (0.4)	0	
	2013	4	82 (3.0)	6	81 (4.1)	0		0	
	2014	23	100 (2.8)	7	96 (2.9)	1	90	0	
	2015	9	81 (2.9)	17	87 (2.1)	2	71 (27.2)	0	
	2016	15	86 (1.6)	3	79 (5.0)	1	73	0	

Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

Species: Northern Pike
Gear: std exp gill net



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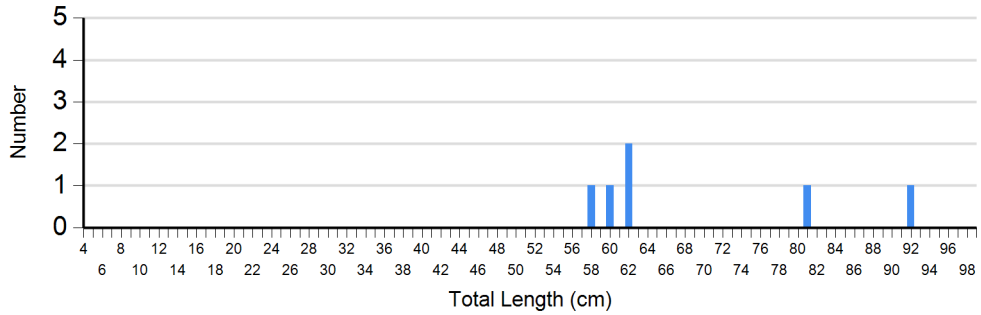

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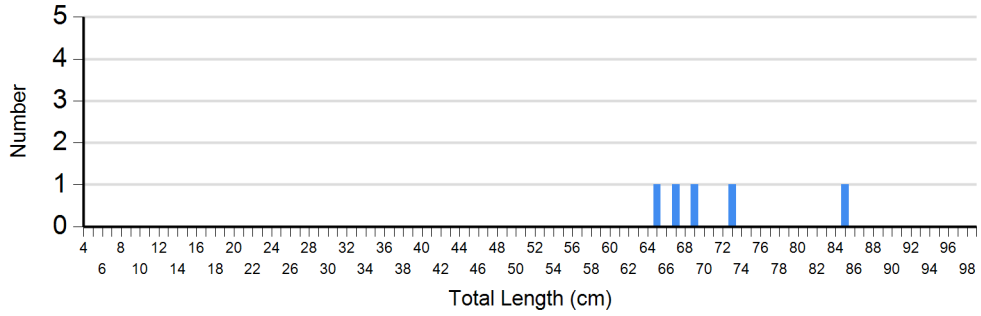

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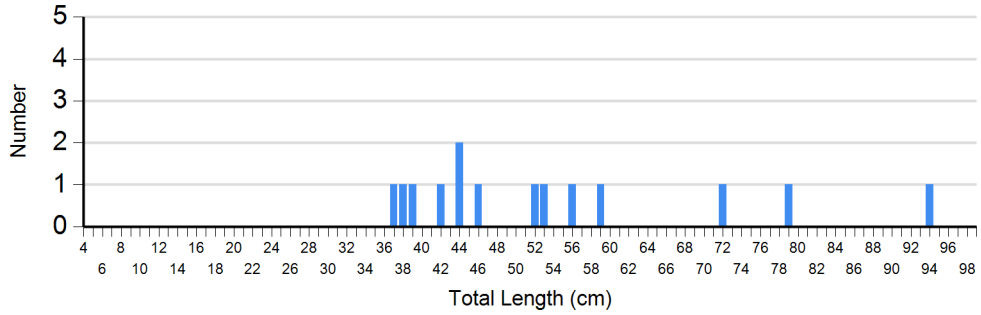

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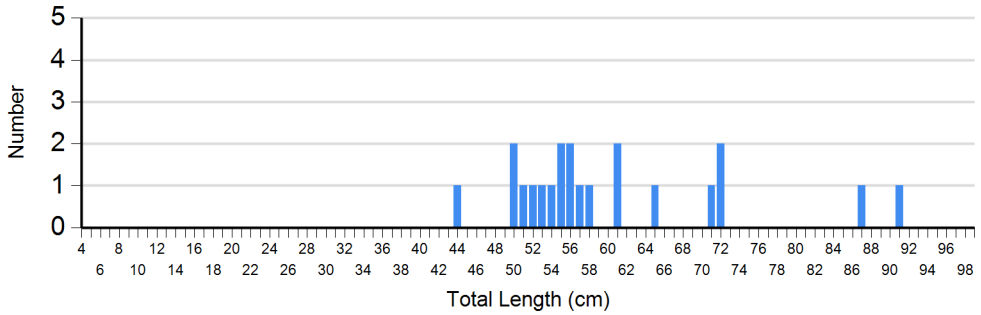

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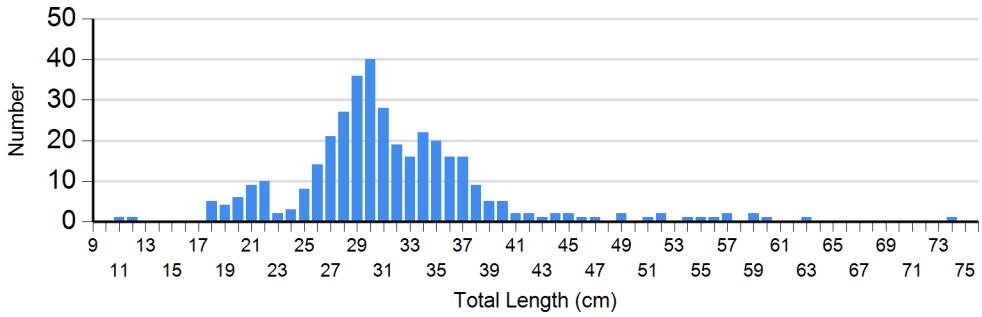
Species: Walleye
Gear: std exp gill net



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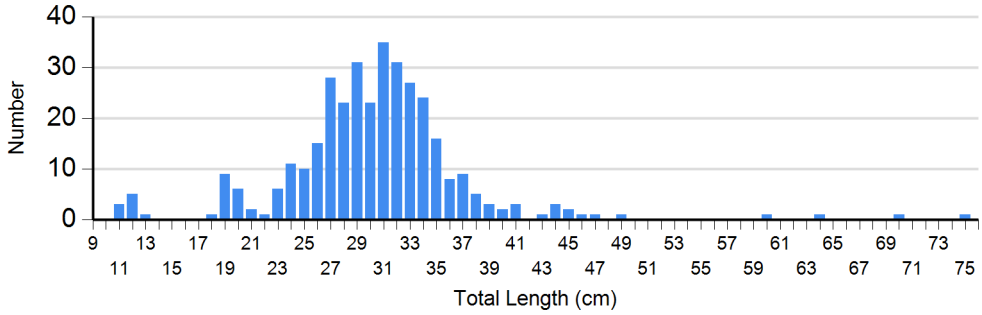

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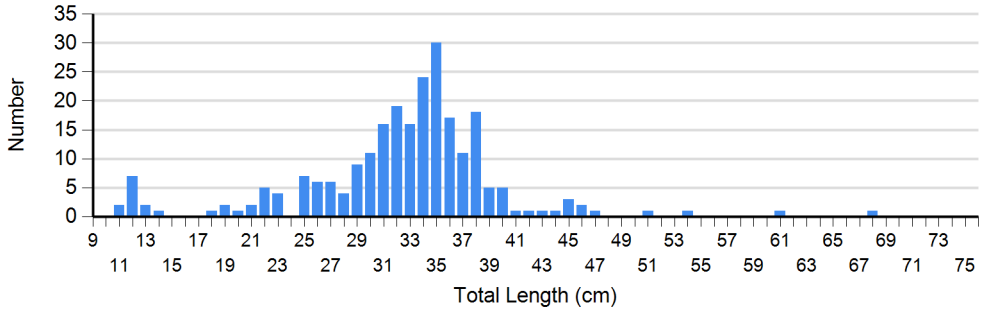

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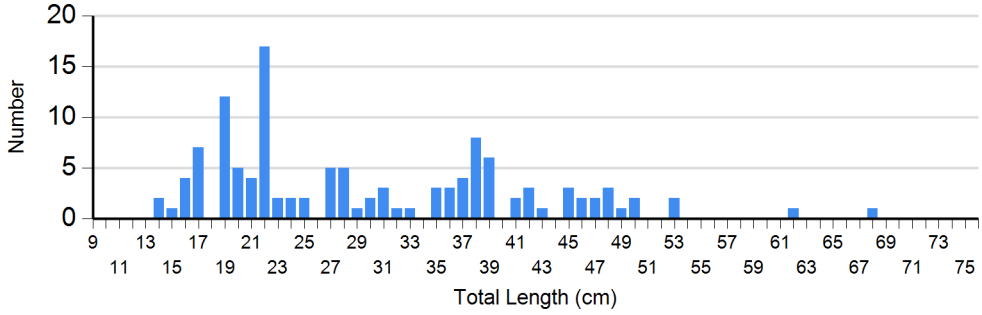

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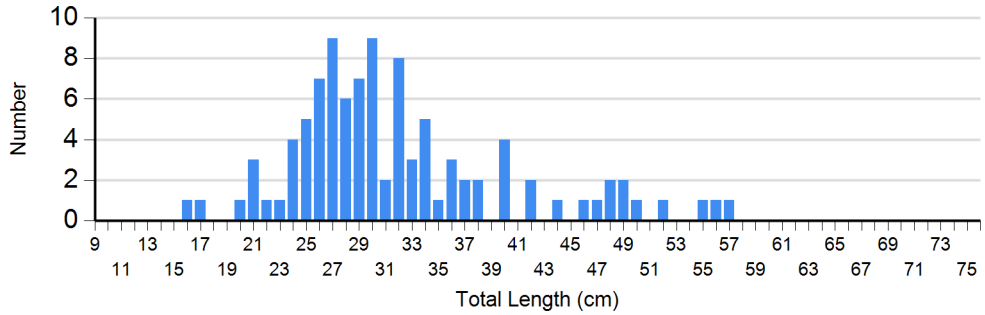

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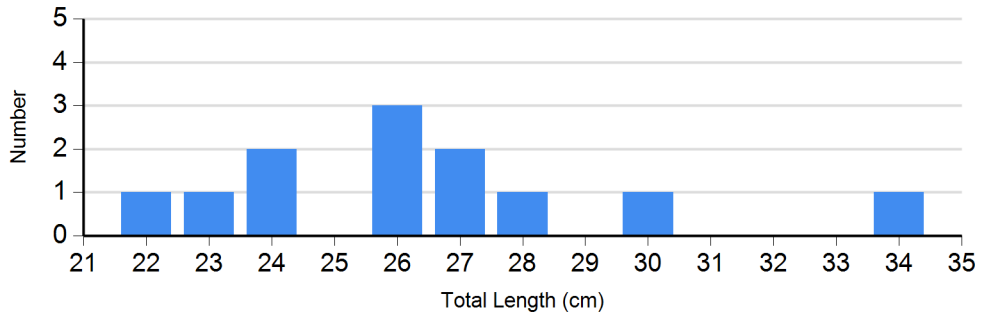
Species: Walleye
Gear: suspended gill net



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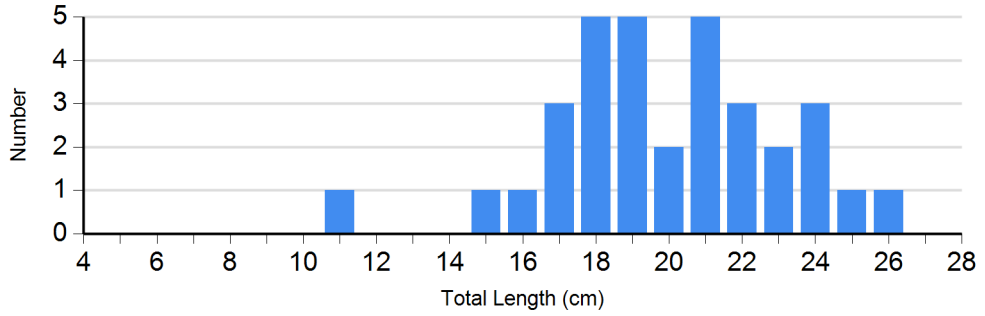
Gear: std exp gill net



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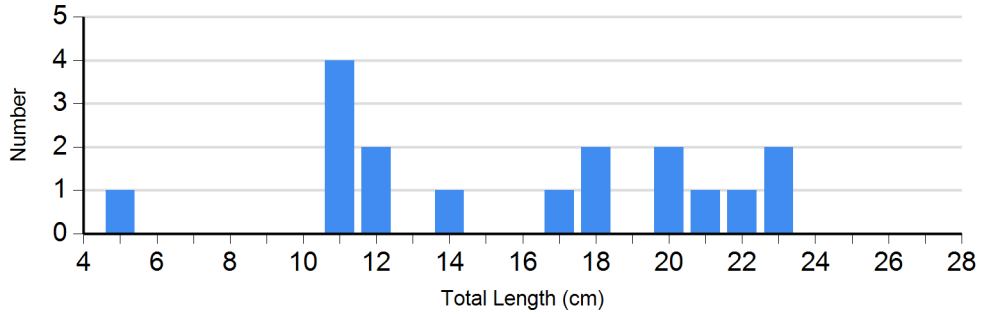

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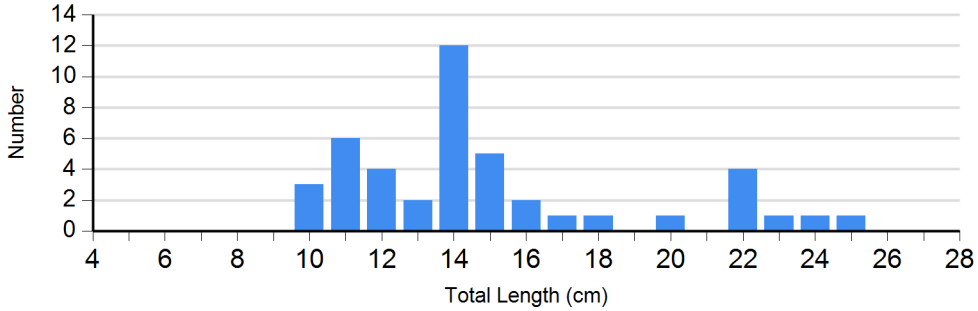

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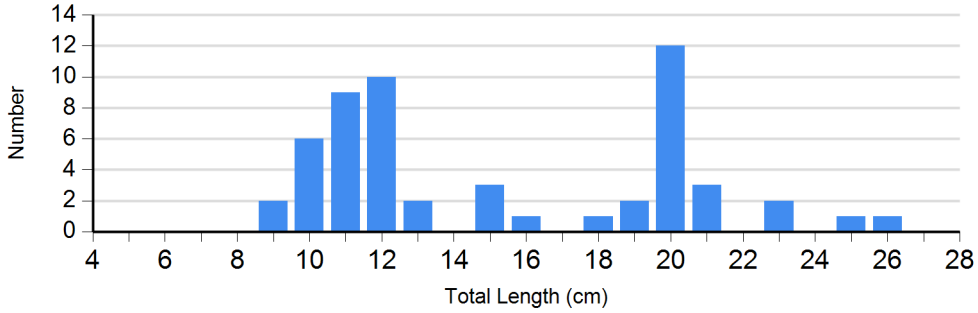

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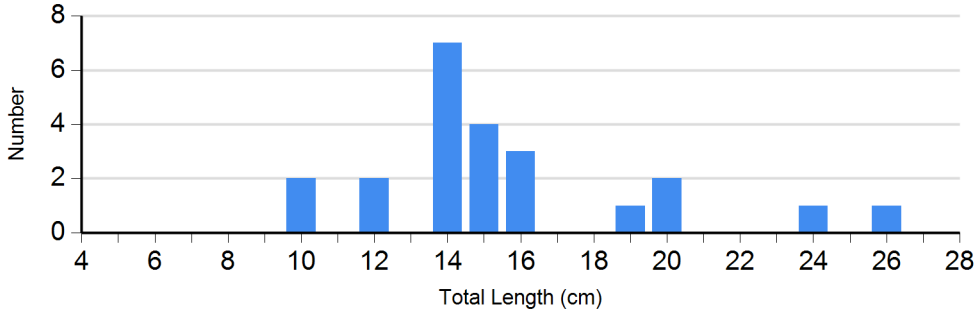

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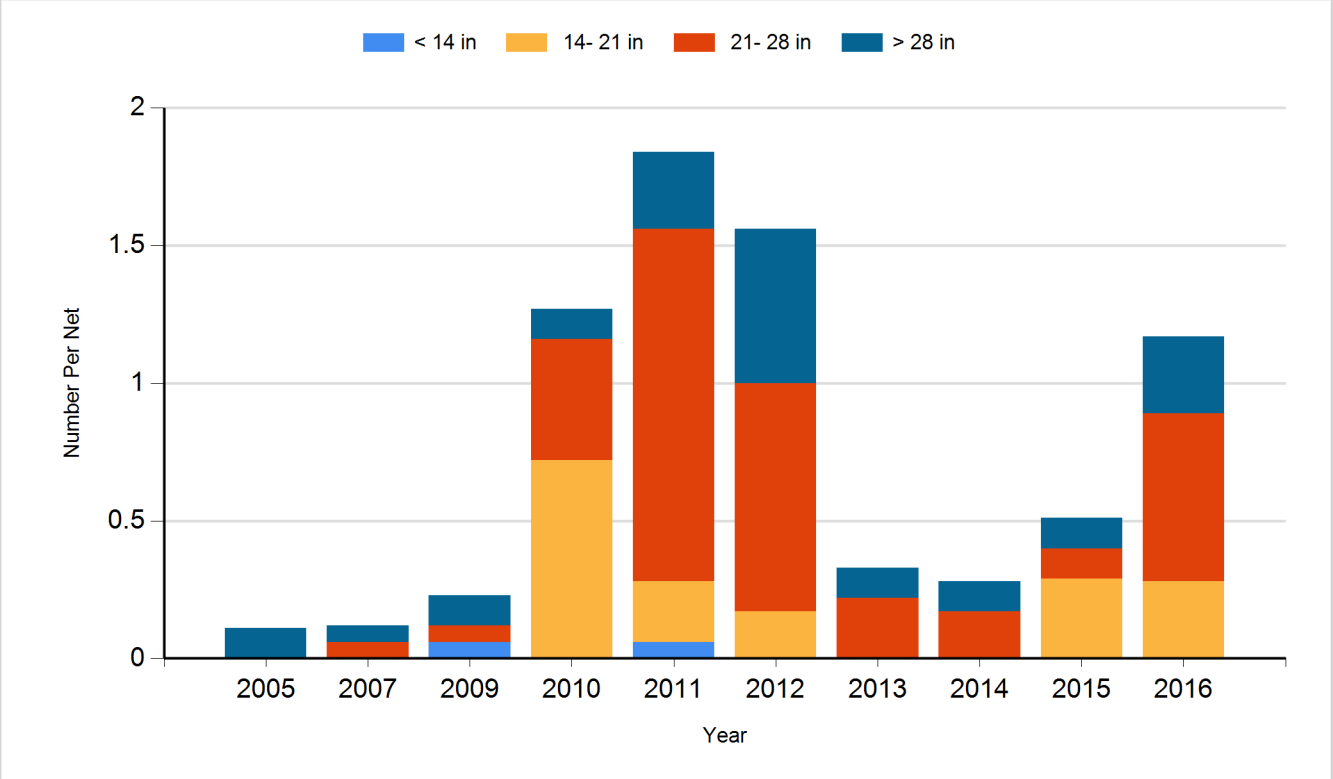
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

Species: Northern Pike
Gear: Gill Net



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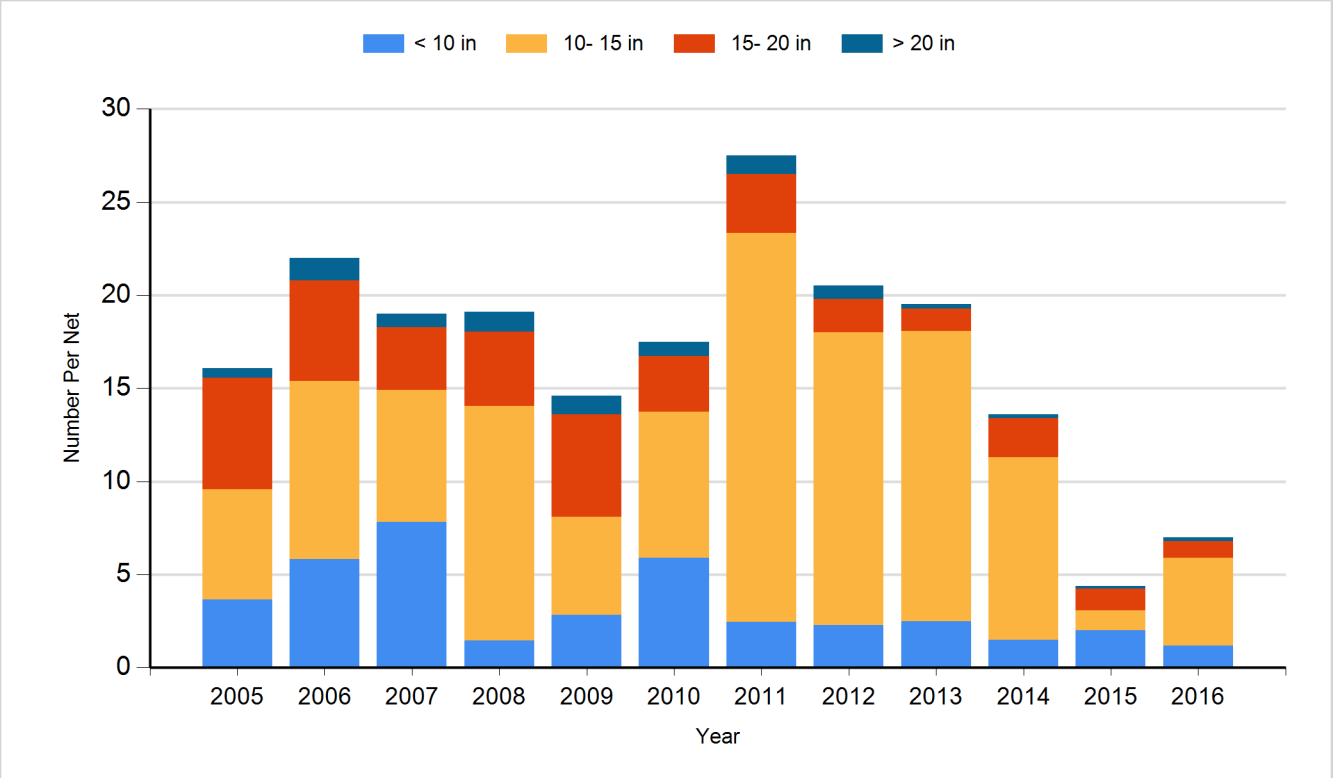
Gear: Gill Net



Species: Yellow Perch
Gear: Gill Net