

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY**  
**Bullhead, Deuel County**  
**UBS-Lake-320-000**  
**2016**

**Lake Information**

<b>Name:</b>	Bullhead	<b>Maximum Depth:</b>	11 Feet
<b>County:</b>	Deuel	<b>Mean Depth:</b>	7 Feet
		<b>OHWM Elevation:</b>	1,862
<b>Surface Area:</b>	453 Acres	<b>Outlet Elevation:</b>	1,861

**Surveys and Investigations**

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

Gear	Date	Effort
AFS std gill net	June 28, 2016	4 net-nights
AFS std gill net	June 29, 2016	4 net-nights
AFS std gill net	June 30, 2016	4 net-nights

## **Common Fish Species Present**

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Yellow Perch

Walleye

Northern Pike

Black Bullhead

Common Carp

Bigmouth Buffalo

White Sucker

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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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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	Bigmouth Buffalo	0.6	0.4	14		0		97	3
	Black Bullhead	16.8	2.4	100		2		86	1
	Common Carp	1.1	0.5	100		100		94	3
	Northern Pike	0.4	0.3	100		20		92	3
	Walleye	25.3	2.9	73	3	21	3	97	0
	White Sucker	0.4	0.3	100		100		92	6
	Yellow Perch	9.8	2.3	86	5	31	6	94	1

## 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
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
AFS std gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo										0.6	0.6
	Black Bullhead										16.8	16.8
	Common Carp										1.1	1.1
	Northern Pike										0.4	0.4
	Walleye										25.3	25.3
	White Sucker										0.4	0.4
	Yellow Perch										9.8	9.8
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead		1.5									1.5
	Walleye		0.1									0.1
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead	1.3					212.0					106.7
	Common Carp	3.3					1.7					2.5
	Northern Pike	0.3					1.3					0.8
	Walleye	5.0	5.0				7.7					5.9
	White Sucker	0.7	1.3				2.3					1.4
	Yellow Perch	10.7	7.0				30.3					16.0

## 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.

Gear	Species	Index	Year											
			2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
AFS std gill net	Northern Pike	PSD											100	
		PSD-P												20
		Wr												92
	Walleye	PSD												73
		PSD-P												21
		Wr												97
	Yellow Perch	PSD												86
		PSD-P												31
		Wr												94
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Walleye	PSD		100										
		PSD-P		100										
		Wr		90										
std exp gill net	Northern Pike	PSD	100							75				
		PSD-P	0							25				
		Wr	68							80				
	Walleye	PSD	87	93						43				
		PSD-P	40	27						35				
		Wr	87	94						83				
	Yellow Perch	PSD	59	5						53				
		PSD-P	47	0						1				
		Wr	113	111						96				

## 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	303	277 (69)	391 (82)	442 (2)	491 (94)		527 (44)	607 (1)	634 (10)		669 (1)
2012	23		306 (13)	421 (1)	521 (8)				641 (1)		
2008	15		340 (1)	442 (8)	480 (1)		518 (3)	528 (2)			
2007	15	247 (1)	382 (8)			525 (5)	608 (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+
2016	118	151 (2)	194 (25)	238 (51)	258 (24)	276 (1)	292 (10)	244 (5)			
2012	92	125 (1)	193 (60)	225 (31)							



## **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).

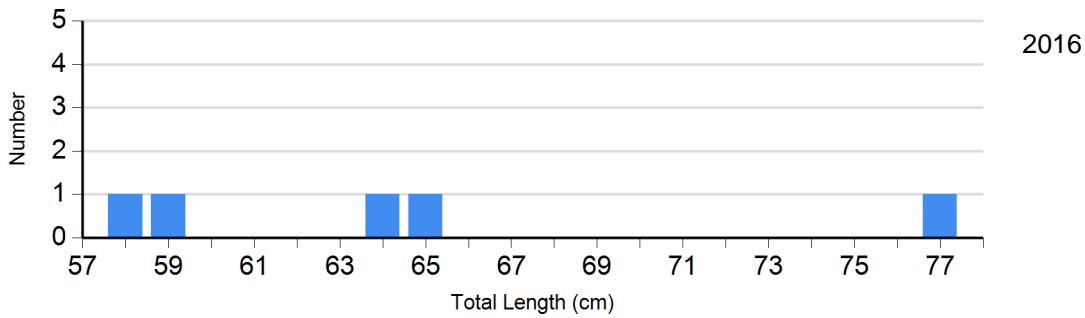
Species	Year	Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
		N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Northern Pike Gill Net	2012	1	74	2	81 (0.8)	1	82	0	
	2016	0		4	91 (2.9)	1	98	0	
Walleye Gill Net	2012	13	76 (1.0)	2	87 (8.7)	7	92 (2.7)	1	102
	2016	82	99 (0.6)	157	98 (0.4)	58	92 (0.8)	6	91 (2.2)
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2012	43	96 (1.2)	47	97 (2.0)	1	92	0	
	2016	16	100 (2.1)	65	95 (0.7)	35	91 (1.3)	2	84 (0.6)

## Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

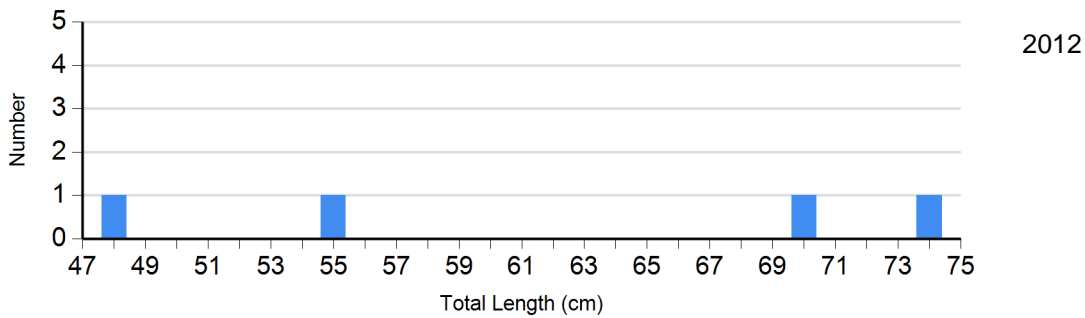
Species: Northern Pike

Gear: AFS std gill net



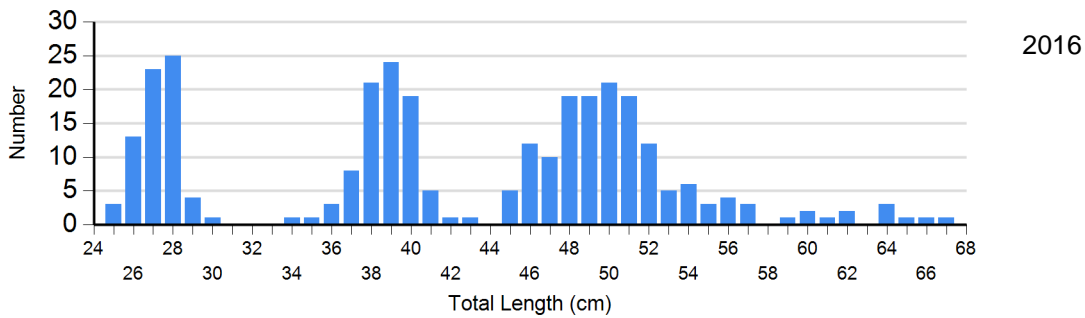
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Gear: std exp gill net

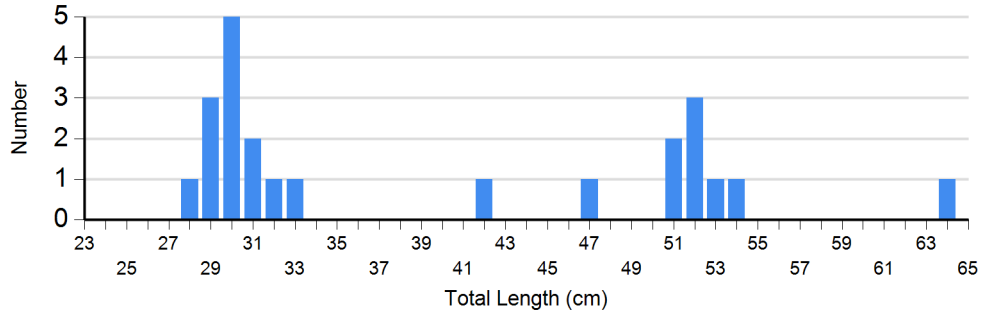


Species: Walleye

Gear: AFS std gill net

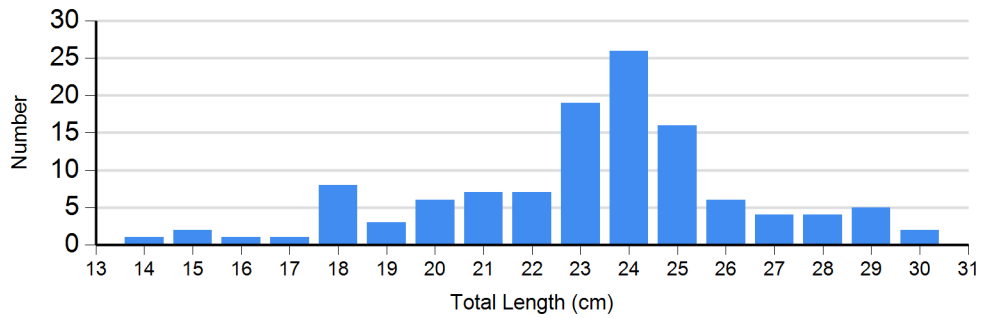


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Gear: std exp gill net



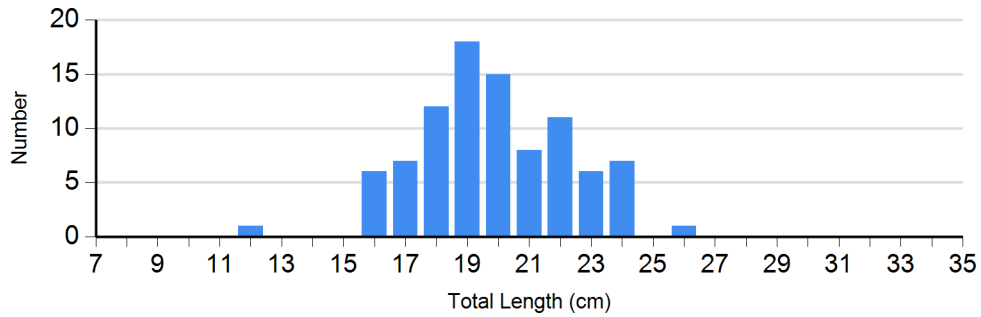
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Species: Yellow Perch  
Gear: AFS std gill net



2016

Species: Yellow Perch  
Gear: std exp gill net

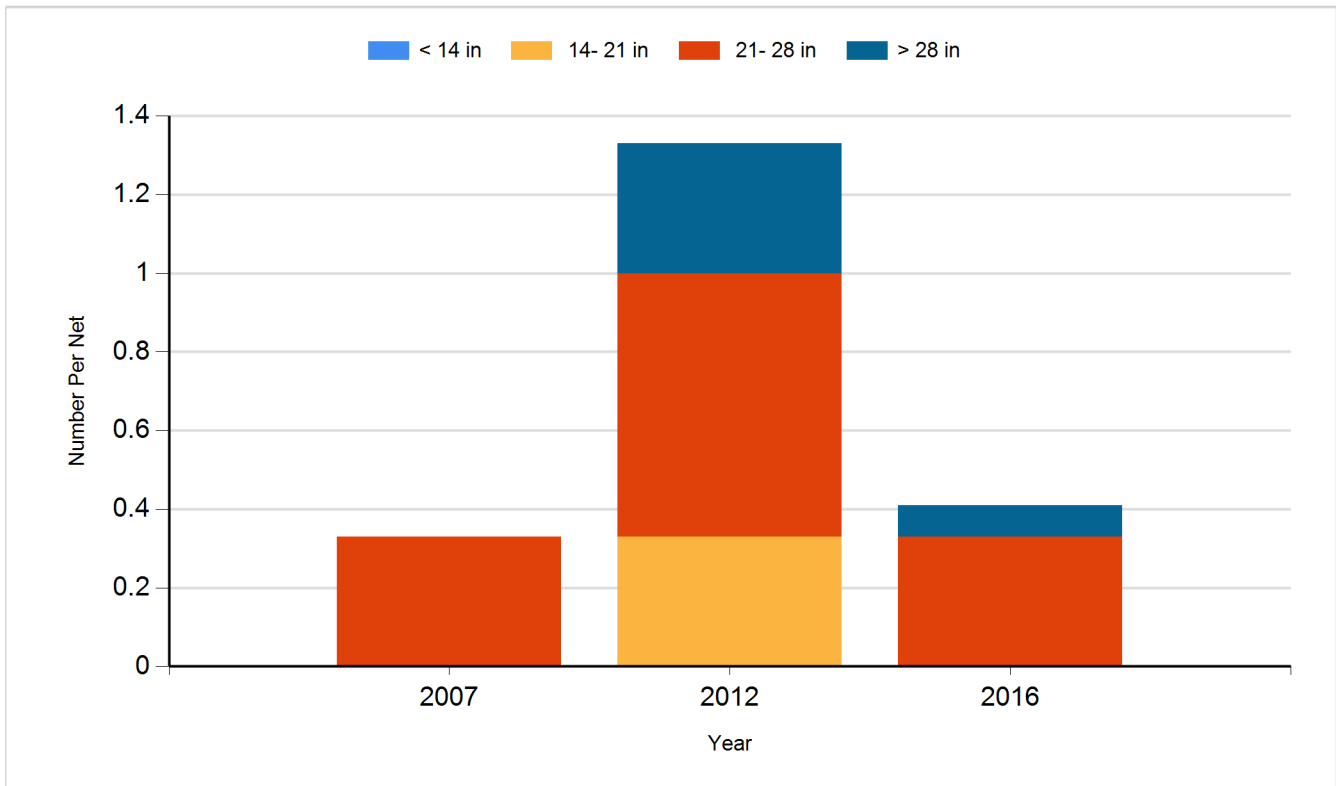


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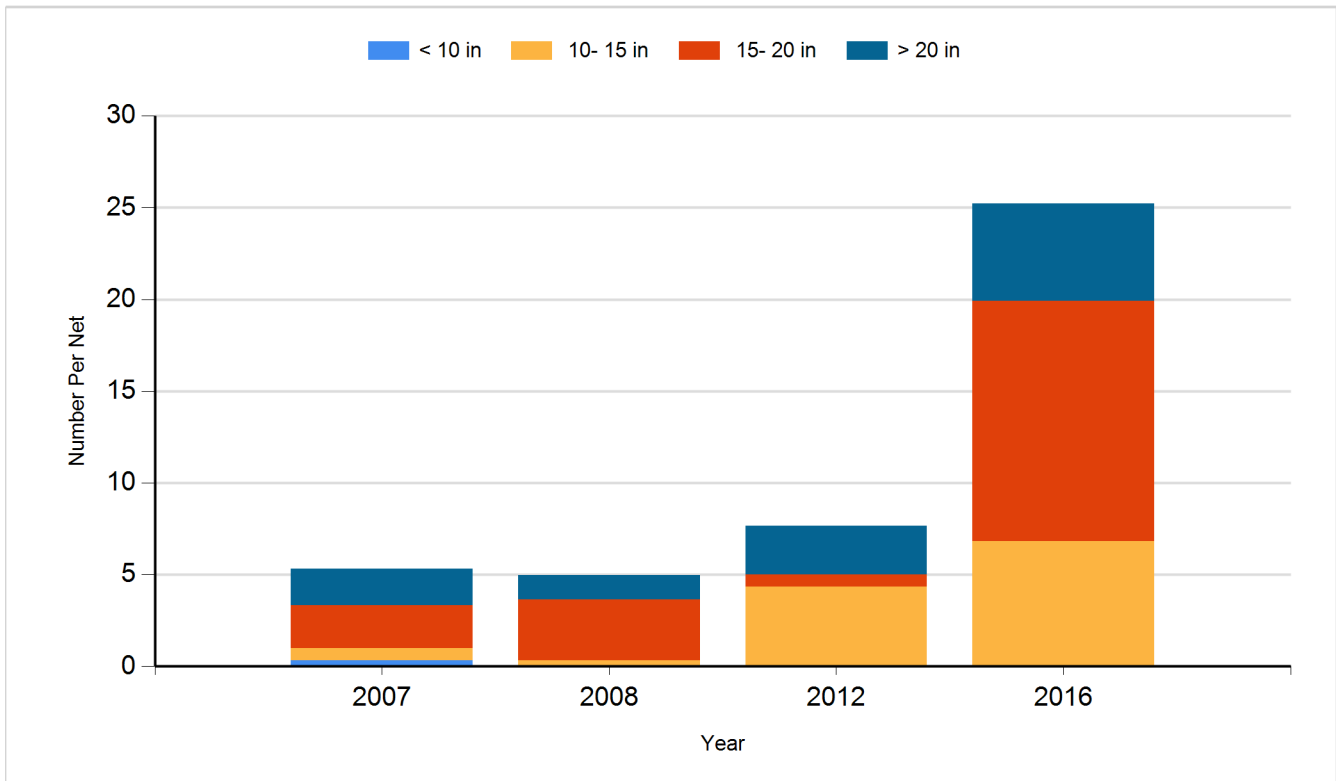
## Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

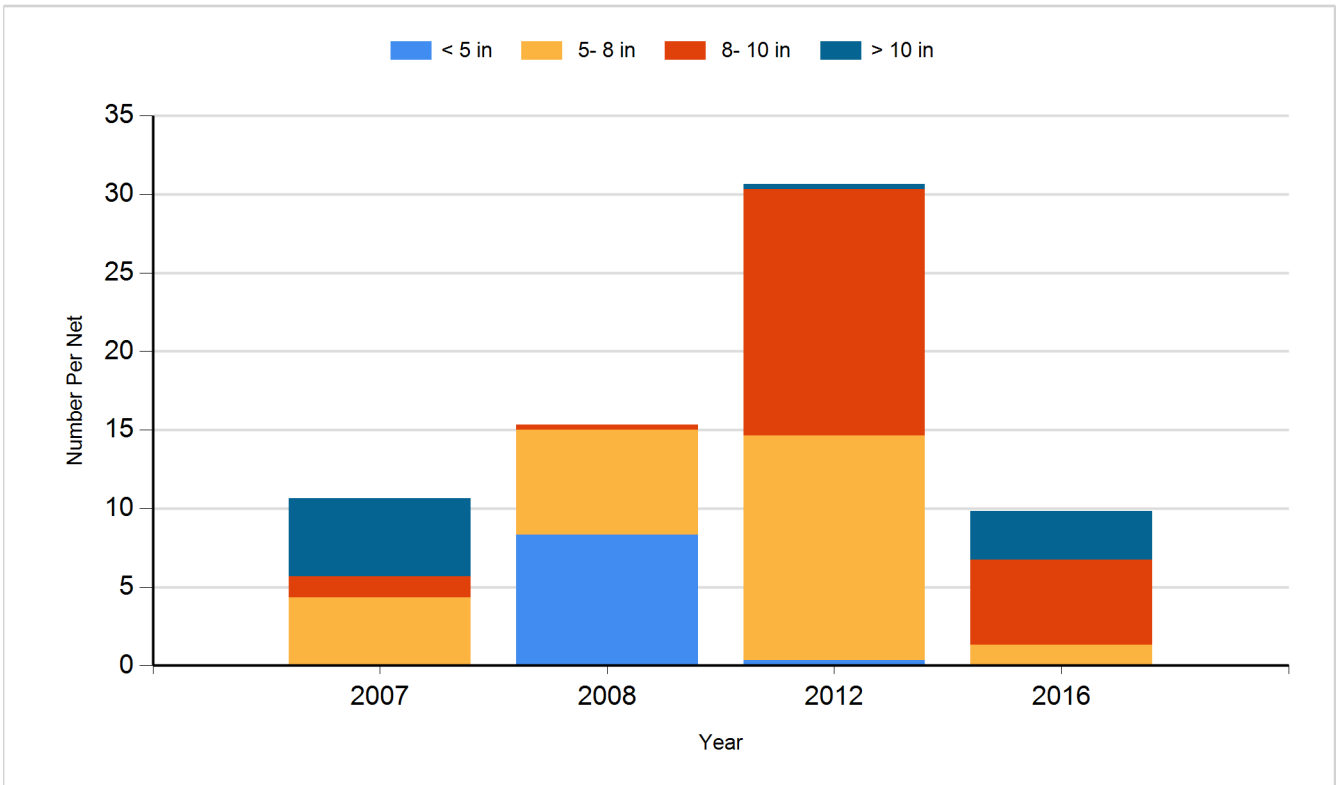
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Gear: Gill Net



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
2005	Yellow Perch	Fingerling	1,000
2006	Walleye	Fry	340,000
2006	Walleye	Small Fingerling	34,000
2010	Walleye	Fry	350,000
2012	Walleye	Fry	170,000
2014	Walleye	Fry	300,000
2016	Walleye	Fry	300,000