

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY**  
**Durkee, Meade County**  
**CHE-Lake-516-000**  
**2015**

**Lake Information**

**Name:** Durkee  
**County:** Meade  
**Surface Area:** 108 Acres

**Surveys and Investigations**

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

Gear	Date	Effort
boat shocker (night)	June 08, 2015	9600 seconds
frame net (std 3/4 in)	June 16, 2015	16 net-nights
std exp gill net (150 ft)	June 16, 2015	4 net-nights

## **Common Fish Species Present**

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Yellow Perch

Northern Pike

Largemouth Bass

Bluegill

Black Crappie

Black Bullhead

Channel Catfish

Green Sunfish

Golden Shiner

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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
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass	22.5	4.8	80	8	57	9	108	1
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	162.4	33.2	60	1	0		88	1
	Black Crappie	10.3	4.3	6	3	0		126	1
	Bluegill	12.1	4.1	80	4	0		115	1
	Green Sunfish	0.3	0.1	0		0		135	4
	Largemouth Bass	0.1	0.1	100		0		102	0
	Northern Pike	0.0	0.0	0		0			
	Yellow Perch	18.6	5.1	46	4	0		102	2
	std exp gill net (150 ft)	Black Bullhead	32.0	2.8	31	6	0		91
	Black Crappie	1.0	0.0	0		0		125	1
	Bluegill	1.0	0.9	50		0		115	3
	Channel Catfish	0.5	0.5	100		0		97	0
	Golden Shiner	0.0	0.0						
	Northern Pike	1.0	0.9	100		100		94	5
	Yellow Perch	54.0	5.7	15	3	0		102	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										
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Avg
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass									28.2	22.5	25.4
boat shocker (night, AC)	Largemouth Bass			10.0	51.3							30.7
frame net (1/2 inch)	Black Bullhead			74.0		490.5						282.3
	Black Crappie					0.3						0.3
	Bluegill					12.3						12.3
	Largemouth Bass					0.3						0.3
	Northern Pike			2.6		1.8						2.2
	Yellow Perch			1.8		3.5						2.7
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead						162.5	234.9	370.9	228.4	162.4	231.8
	Black Crappie						2.6	4.4	96.4	73.4	10.3	37.4
	Bluegill						96.9	223.1	82.0	45.0	12.1	91.8
	Channel Catfish									0.1		0.1
	Green Sunfish										0.3	0.3
	Largemouth Bass							0.6			0.1	0.4
	Northern Pike						0.5	2.0	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.7
Yellow Perch						0.8	3.6	1.3	2.4	18.6	5.3	
spring night EF-LMB	Largemouth Bass						30.0	54.0				42.0
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead			13.0		5.0						9.0
	Black Crappie					0.0						0.0
	Bluegill					2.0						2.0
	Northern Pike			6.0		6.0						6.0
	Yellow Perch			5.0		0.0						2.5
std exp gill net (150 ft)	Black Bullhead						34.0	57.0	82.5	27.0	32.0	46.5
	Black Crappie						0.5	1.5	4.0	42.0	1.0	9.8
	Bluegill						0.5		0.5		1.0	0.7
	Channel Catfish										0.5	0.5
	Golden Shiner										0.0	0.0
	Northern Pike						4.0	3.0	8.5	2.5	1.0	3.8
	Yellow Perch						2.5	9.0	12.0	36.0	54.0	22.7

## 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											
			2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		
frame net (1/2 inch)	Black Crappie	PSD					100							
		PSD-P					0							
		Wr					83							
	Northern Pike	PSD			92		43							
		PSD-P			8		29							
		Wr			92		86							
	Yellow Perch	PSD			78		100							
		PSD-P			11		57							
		Wr			112		95							
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Crappie	PSD						0	6	10	7	6		
		PSD-P						0	0	1	0	0		
		Wr						106	99	100	98	126		
	Northern Pike	PSD							75	100	100	100	0	
		PSD-P							50	29	60	50	0	
		Wr							94	89	85	94		
	Yellow Perch	PSD							67	12	20	0	46	
		PSD-P							67	12	0	0	0	
		Wr							91	98	96	91	102	
std exp gill net	Black Crappie	PSD						0						
		PSD-P						0						
	Northern Pike	PSD			83		0							
		PSD-P			0		0							
	Yellow Perch	PSD			94		98							
		PSD-P			40		0							
std exp gill net (150 ft)	Black Crappie	PSD							0	0	0	92	0	
		PSD-P								0	0	0	0	0
		Wr								111	94	124	95	125
	Northern Pike	PSD								50	100	100	100	100
		PSD-P								0	0	35	20	100
	Wr													

Gear	Species	Index	Year										
			2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
std exp gill net (150 ft)	Northern Pike	Wr							95	92	95	98	94
	Yellow Perch	PSD							0	0	4	0	15
		PSD-P							0	0	4	0	0
		Wr							91	97	95	96	102



## **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+
2014	1174		147 (14)	181 (1082)	205 (70)	222 (8)					

Species: Yellow Perch

		Mean Length (expanded sample number) at capture by age									
Year	N	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
2014	228	103 (90)	149 (20)	156 (62)	165 (28)	181 (27)					

## Fish Condition

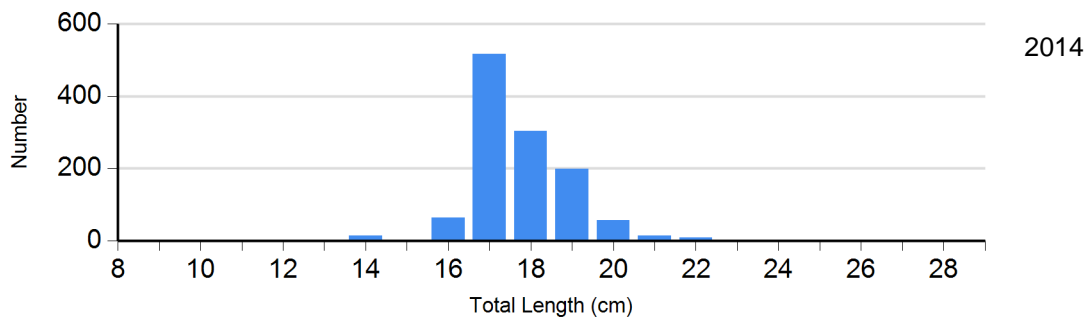
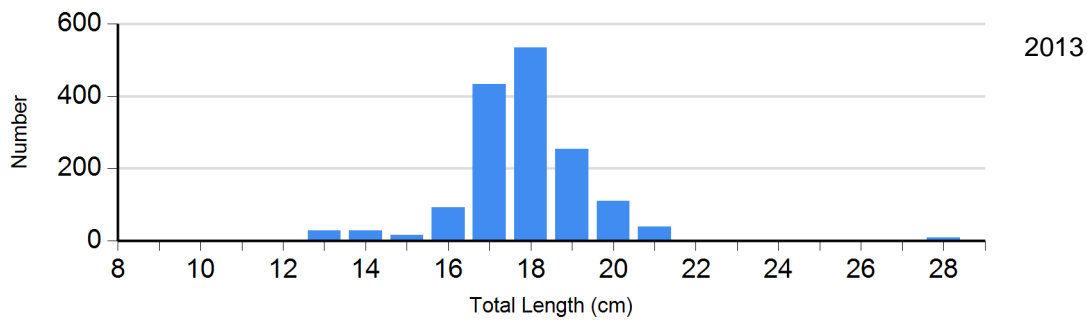
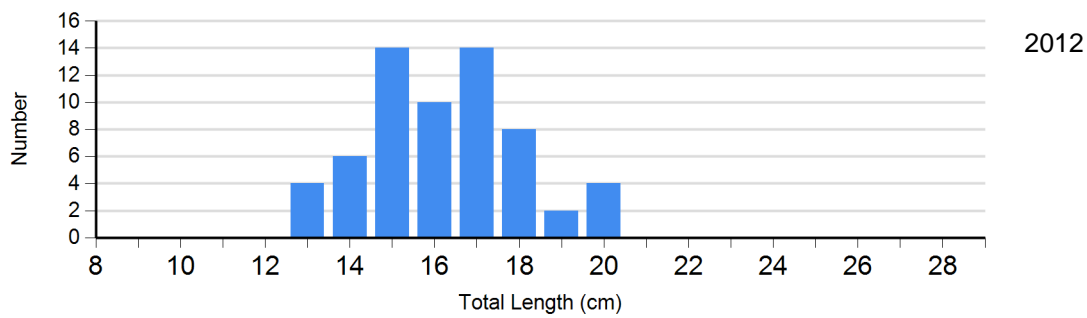
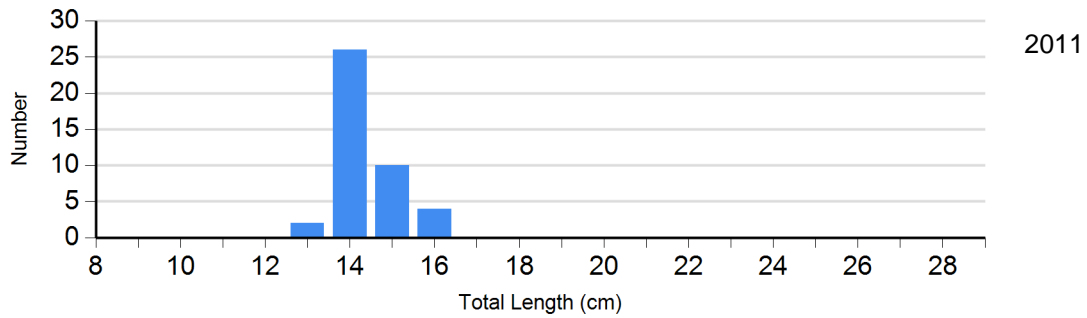
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

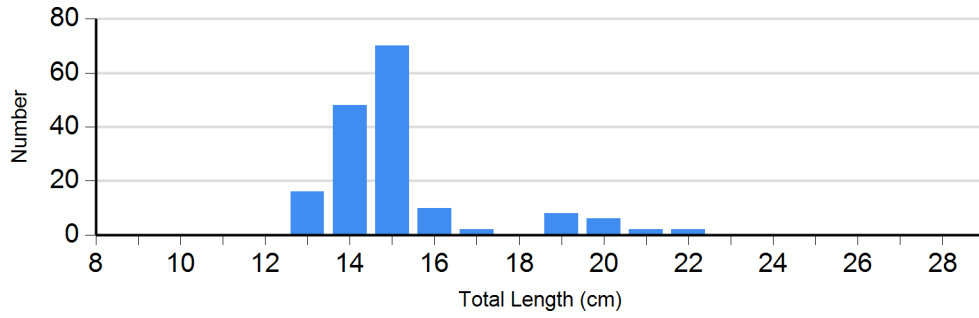
Species	Year	Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
		N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Black Crappie Frame Net	2011	42	106 (1.1)	0		0		0	
	2012	58	100 (1.1)	4	90 (2.3)	0		0	
	2013	1386	101 (0.4)	148	90 (0.8)	8	77 (0.0)	0	
	2014	1096	99 (0.4)	78	90 (1.3)	0		0	
	2015	154	127 (1.0)	10	103 (1.2)	0		0	
Northern Pike Gill Net	2011	8	94 (1.1)	8	95 (1.8)	0		0	
	2012	0		12	92 (1.2)	0		0	
	2013	0		22	93 (1.4)	10	98 (1.5)	2	96 (0.0)
	2014	0		8	100 (5.3)	2	90 (0.0)	0	
	2015	0		0		2	101 (0.0)	2	87 (0.0)
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2011	10	91 (2.8)	0		0		0	
	2012	36	97 (1.6)	0		0		0	
	2013	46	95 (1.0)	0		2	84 (0.0)	0	
	2014	144	96 (0.7)	0		0		0	
	2015	184	104 (0.8)	32	93 (1.2)	0		0	

## Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

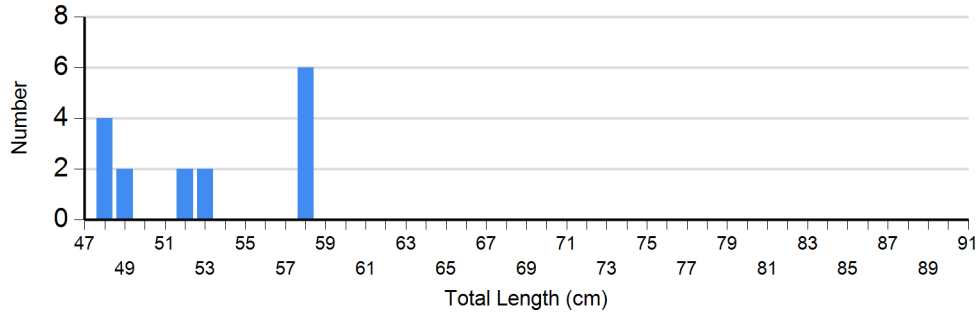
Species: Black Crappie  
Gear: frame net (std 3/4 in)



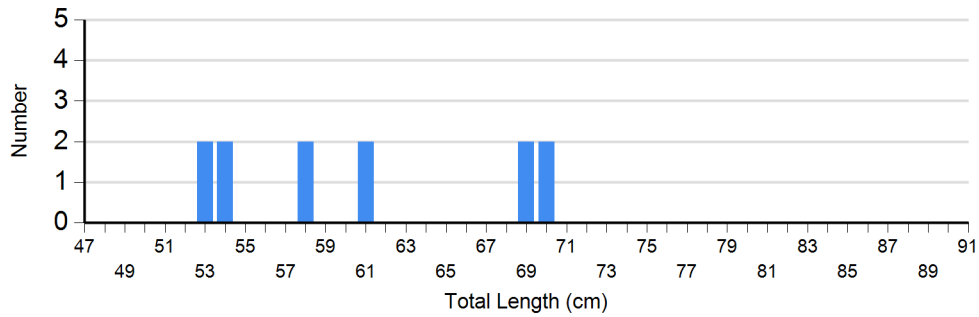


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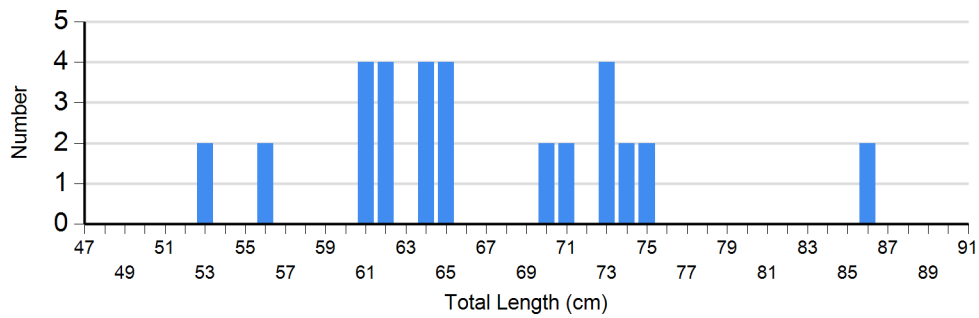
Species: Northern Pike  
Gear: std exp gill net (150 ft)



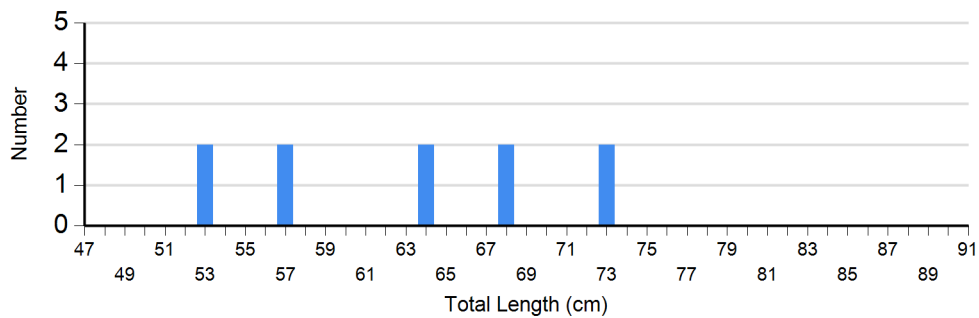
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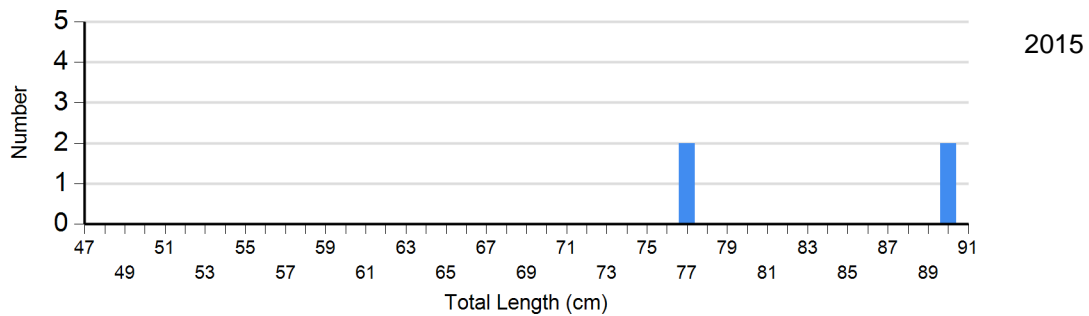
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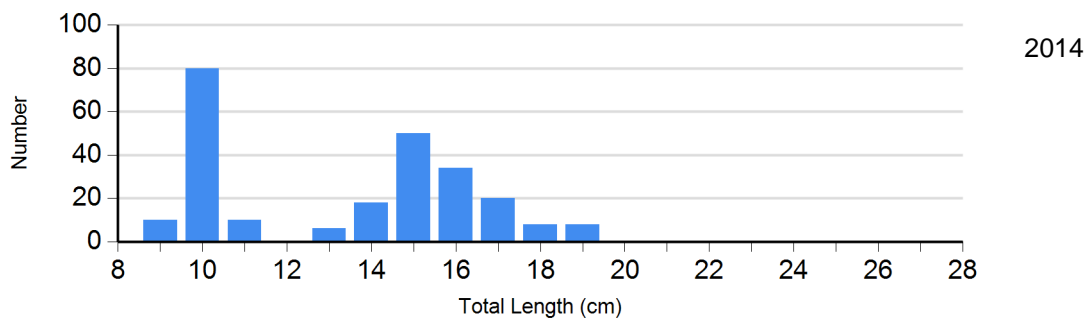
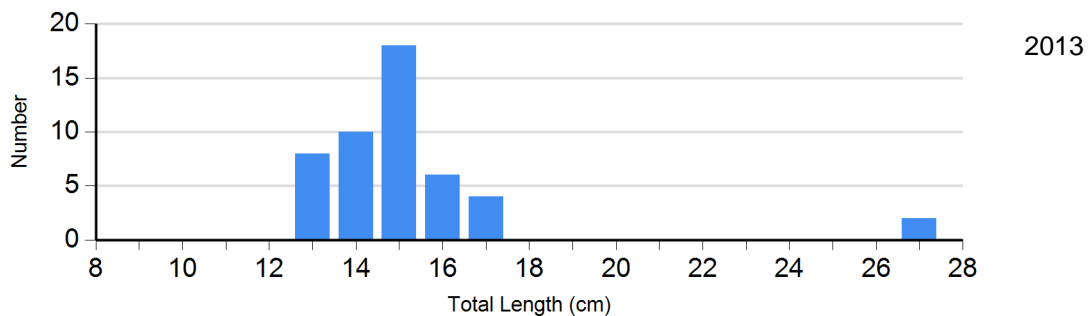
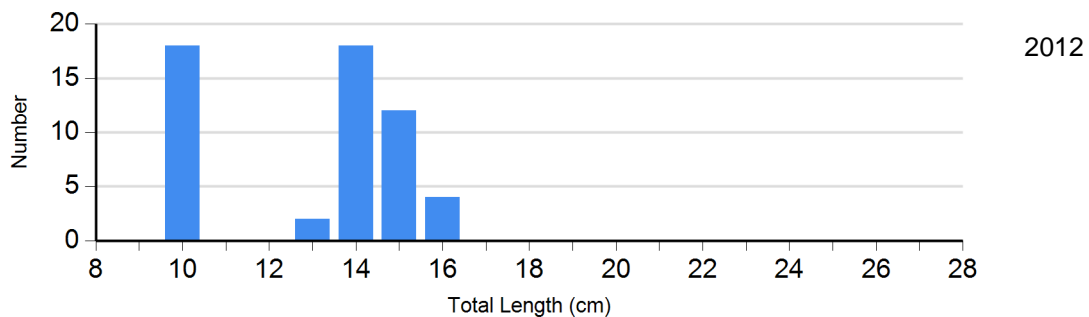
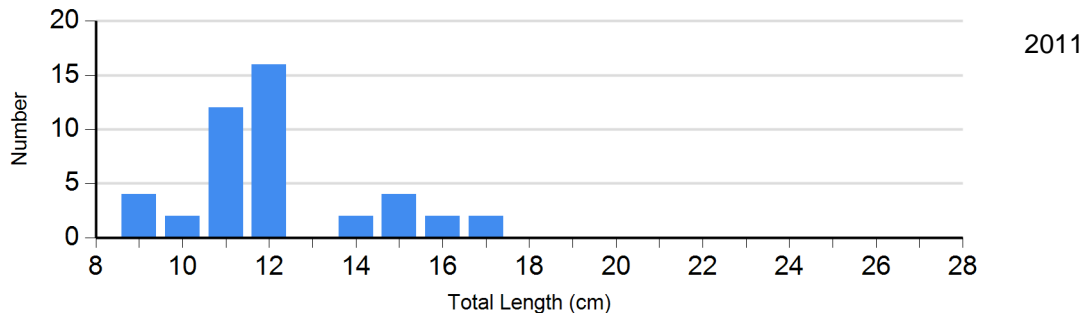
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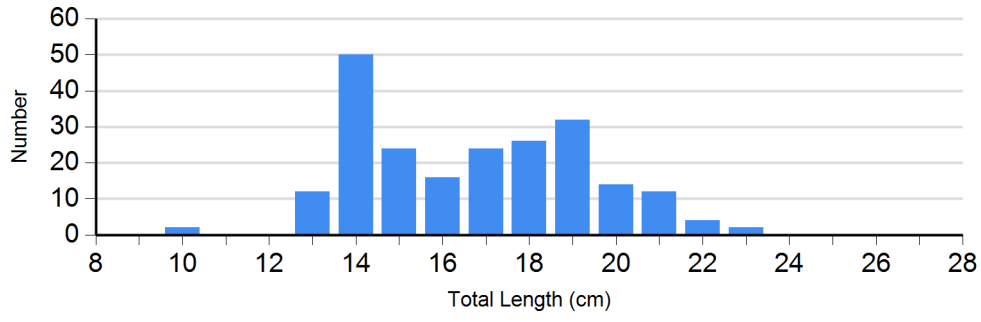


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Species: Yellow Perch  
 Gear: std exp gill net (150 ft)



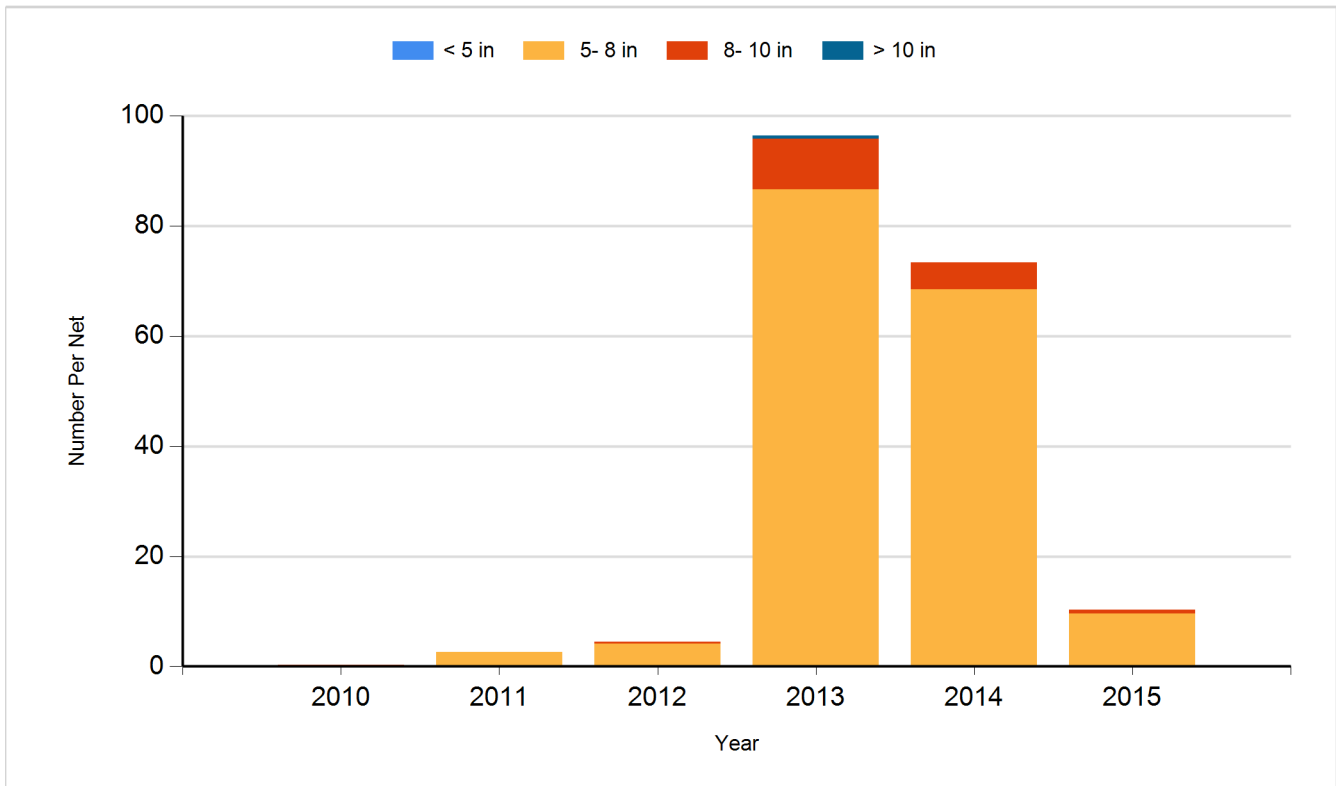


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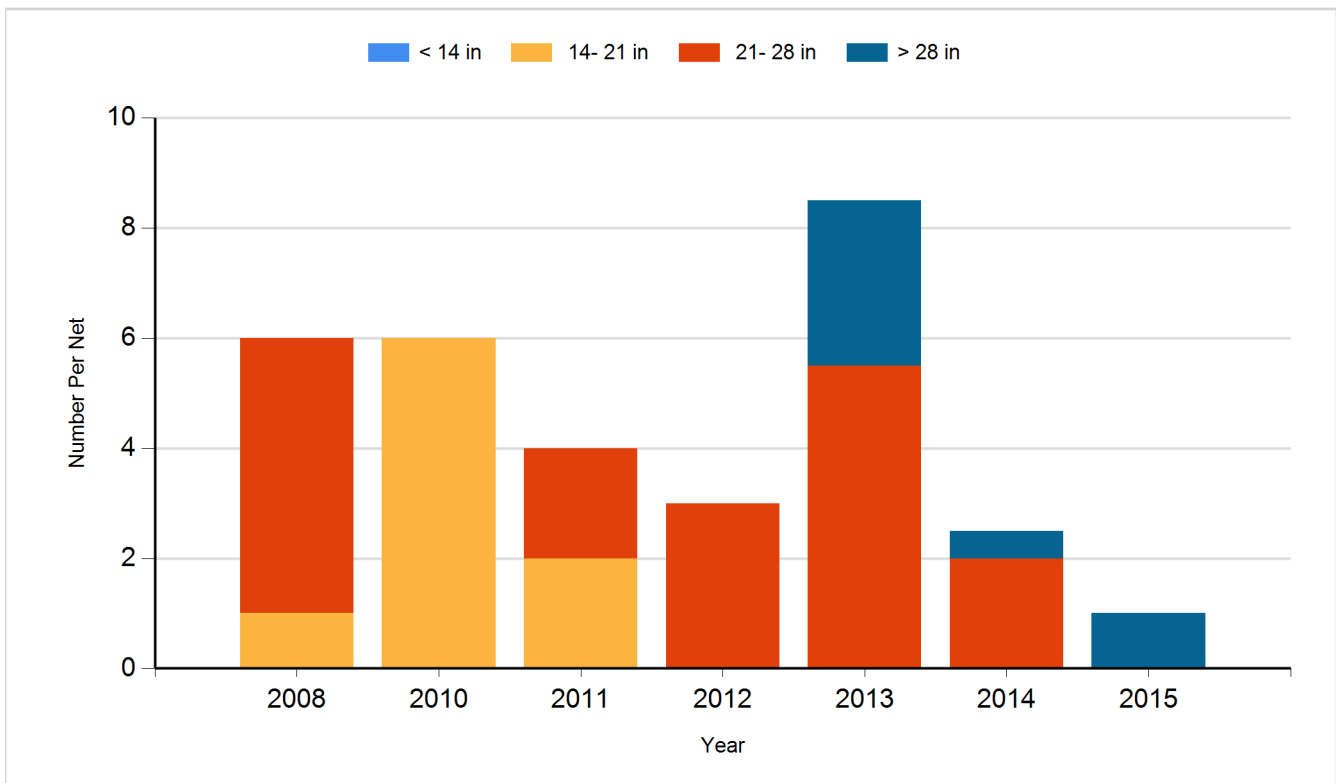
## Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

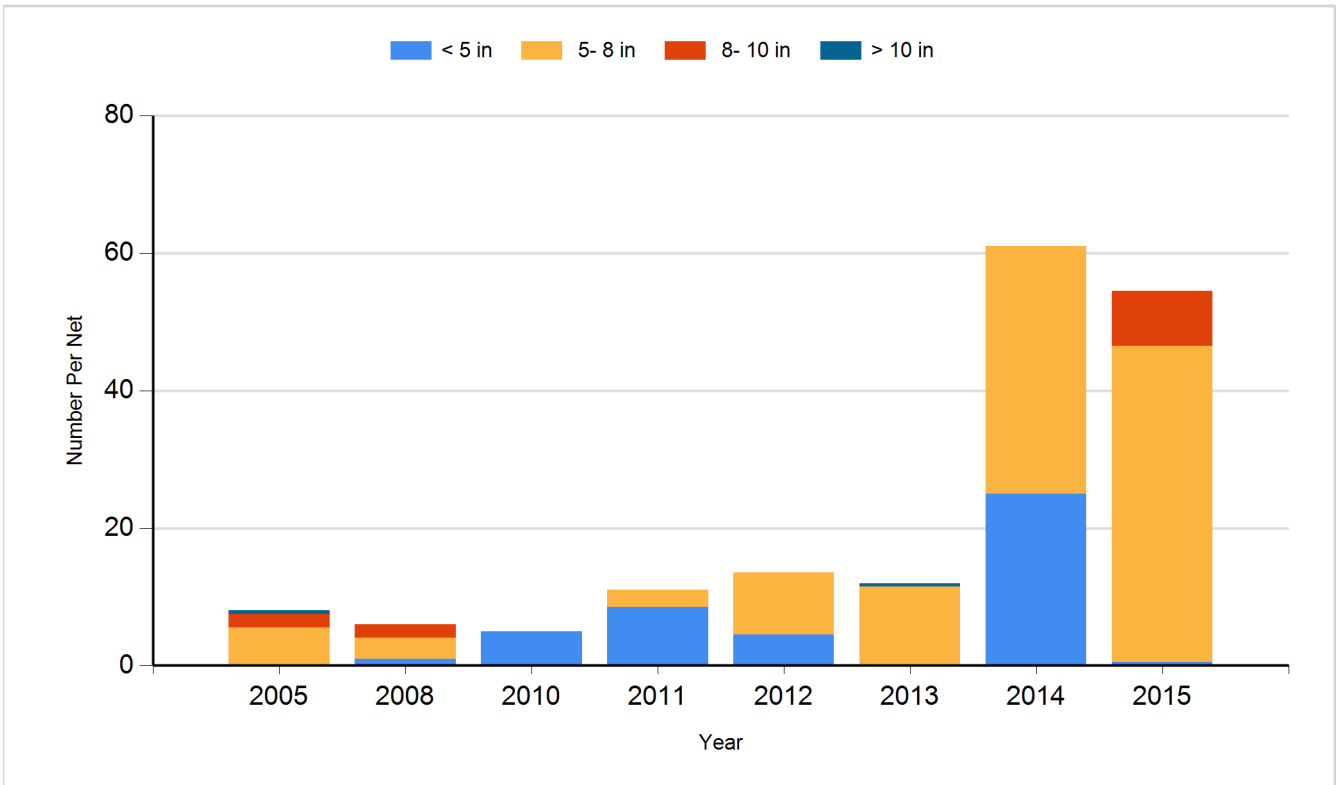
Species: Black Crappie  
Gear: Frame Net



Species: Northern Pike  
Gear: Gill Net



Species: Yellow Perch  
Gear: Gill Net





## **Fish Stocking**

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2008	Bluegill	Adult	50
2008	Bluegill	Fingerling	22,000
2008	Largemouth Bass	Adult	200
2008	Largemouth Bass	Fingerling	10,000
2008	Northern Pike	Fry	192,500
2009	Black Crappie	Adult	150
2009	Largemouth Bass	Juvenile	1,155
2011	Yellow Perch	Adult	400
2014	Largemouth Bass	Adult	175
2014	Largemouth Bass	Juvenile	200
2015	Largemouth Bass	Adult	112