

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY**  
**Spring, Walworth County**  
**LLO-Lake-239-000**  
**2015**

**Lake Information**

<b>Name:</b>	Spring	<b>Maximum Depth:</b>	9 Feet
<b>County:</b>	Walworth	<b>Mean Depth:</b>	6 Feet
<b>Legal Description:</b>	T122-R74-S6		
<b>Surface Area:</b>	852 Acres		

**Surveys and Investigations**

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

Gear	Date	Effort
frame net (std 3/4 in)	June 23, 2015	5 net-nights
frame net (std 3/4 in)	June 24, 2015	5 net-nights
std exp gill net	June 23, 2015	1 net-nights
std exp gill net	June 24, 2015	1 net-nights

## **Common Fish Species Present**

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Yellow Perch

Walleye

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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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
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	0.3	0.2	67		0	104	1
	Walleye	9.8	5.7	100		0	81	1
	Yellow Perch	0.5	0.3	100		80	87	20
std exp gill net	Walleye	29.5	38.5	100		0	86	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
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead								1.0		0.3	0.7
	Northern Pike						0.7					0.7
	Walleye								10.0		9.8	9.9
	Yellow Perch								0.1		0.5	0.3
std exp gill net	Walleye								50.0		29.5	39.8

## **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.

Gear	Species	Index	Year										
			2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Northern Pike	PSD							100				
		PSD-P						14					
		Wr						90					
	Walleye	PSD									60		100
		PSD-P									0		0
		Wr									95		81
	Yellow Perch	PSD									100		100
		PSD-P									0		80
		Wr									96		87
std exp gill net	Walleye	PSD									58		100
		PSD-P									0		0
		Wr									97		86

## Back-Calculated Lengths

Mean species back-calculated total length (mm) at age, standard error (SE), and sample size (N).

Species: Walleye

Year Class	Age	N	Mean back-calculated length (SE) at age											
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
2014	1	216	159 (1.6)											
2011	4	12	250 (4.7)	393 (6.7)	440 (4.8)	466 (4.8)								
2011	4	304	232 (1)	367 (1.3)	404 (1.4)	420 (1.4)								
Weighted Mean		532	203	368	405	422								
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2014	1	216												
2011	4	12												
2011	4	304												
Weighted Mean		532												



Species: Yellow Perch

Year Class	Age	N	Mean back-calculated length (SE) at age											
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
2013	2	1	104	195										
2011	4	2	227 (2)	385 (4)	444 (3.4)	462 (.5)								
2010	5	1	69	136	210	285	316							
2009	6	1	69	112	176	210	245	276						
Weighted Mean		5	139	243	319	355	281	276						
Year Class	Age	N	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
2013	2	1												
2011	4	2												
2010	5	1												
2009	6	1												
Weighted Mean		5												

## 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+
2015	100	191 (41)			431 (59)						

## **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).

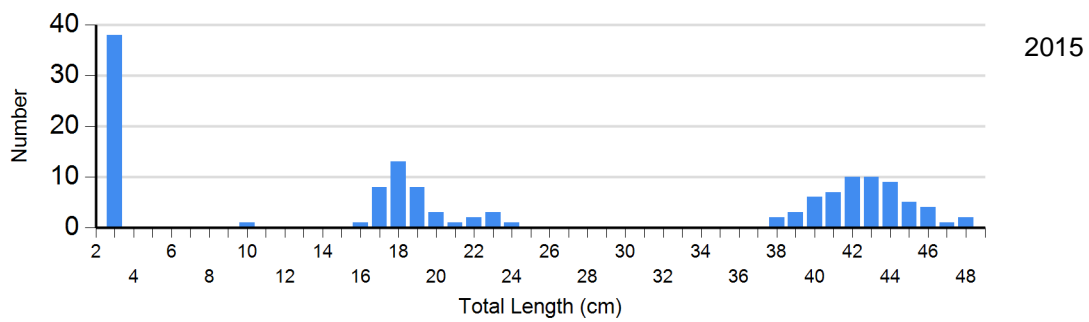
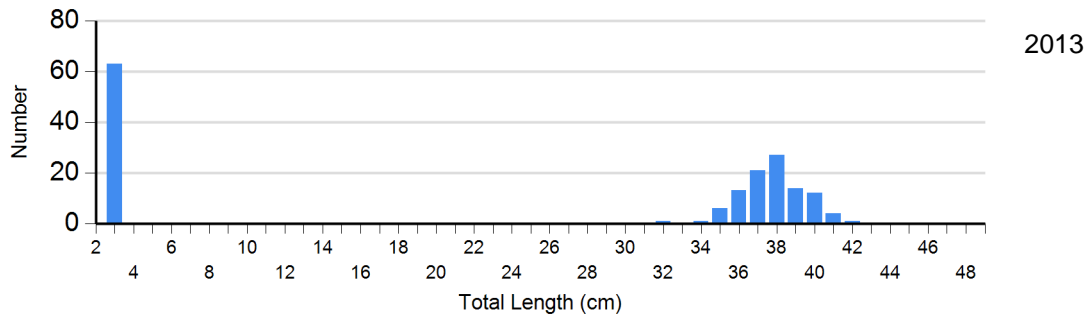
Species	Year	Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
		N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Walleye Gill Net	2013	42	96 (1.1)	58	98 (0.7)	0		0	
	2015	0		59	86 (0.8)	0		0	

## Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

Species: Walleye

Gear: std exp gill net

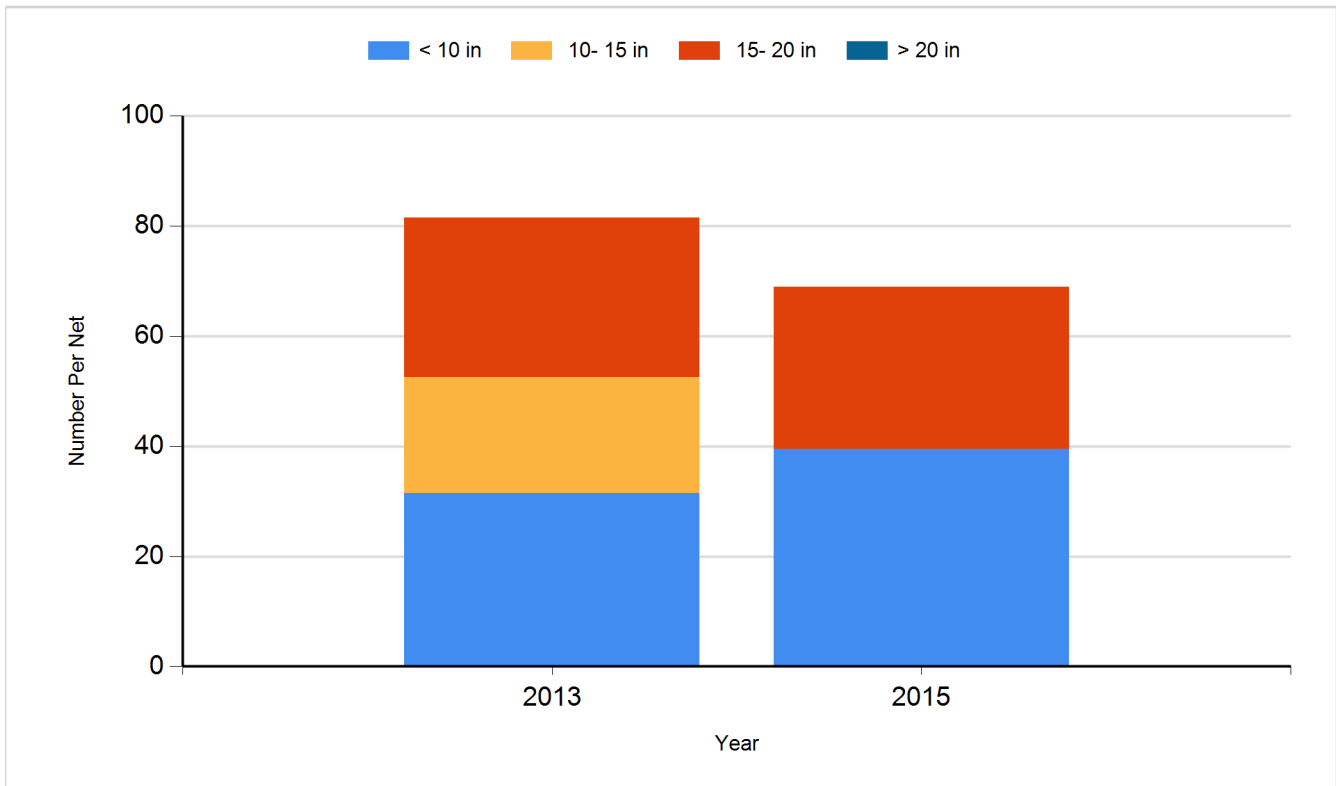


## Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

Species: Walleye

Gear: Gill Net



## **Fish Stocking**

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2011	Walleye	Small Fingerling	78,000
2012	Yellow Perch	Adult	300
2014	Walleye	Fry	750,000
2015	Yellow Perch	Fingerling	6,600