

SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Oahe Lower, Stanley County
LLO-Lake-2952-000
2015

Lake Information

Name: Oahe Lower
County: Stanley
Surface Area: 96,580 Acres

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
std exp gill net	July 16, 2015	2 net-nights
std exp gill net	July 21, 2015	2 net-nights
std exp gill net	August 10, 2015	6 net-nights
std exp gill net	August 11, 2015	6 net-nights
std exp gill net	August 12, 2015	6 net-nights
std exp gill net	September 23, 2015	2 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Lake Herring

Channel Catfish

Walleye

Smallmouth Bass

Yellow Perch

Common Carp

Shorthead Redhorse

Northern Pike

Smallmouth Buffalo

Freshwater Drum

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
std exp gill net	Black Crappie	0.0	0.1	0		0		108	
	Channel Catfish	8.3	2.3	36	5	3	2	78	1
	Chinook Salmon	0.0	0.0						
	Common Carp	1.4	0.8	97		70	12	82	2
	Freshwater Drum	0.3	0.2	100		25		88	3
	Goldeye	0.0	0.0						
	Lake Herring	103.4	60.9	99	0	3	0		
	Northern Pike	0.5	0.2	73		27		88	3
	Rainbow Smelt	0.0	0.0						
	River Carpsucker	0.1	0.1	0		0		837	943
	Shorthead Redhorse	0.5	0.3	100		77		101	7
	Smallmouth Bass	2.1	0.9	65	10	49	10	94	2
	Smallmouth Buffalo	0.5	0.4	100		62		81	3
	Walleye	3.0	0.8	59	8	3		81	1
	White Bass	0.3	0.1	83		83		88	6
	White Crappie	0.2	0.2	100		100		86	4
	White Sucker	0.2	0.2	100		40		89	3
Yellow Perch	1.8	0.8	25	10	0		85	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
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
std exp gill net	Bigmouth Buffalo	0.2		0.3						0.2		0.2
	Black Crappie					0.3	0.1	0.2			0.0	0.2
	Bluegill	0.1		0.2	1.6	0.5	0.1	0.1				0.4
	Channel Catfish	14.4	15.8	16.0	14.7	9.3	8.4	11.7	13.4	18.1	8.3	13.0
	Chinook Salmon			0.0	0.0						0.0	0.0
	Common Carp	1.6	1.6	1.9	4.0	2.5	2.3	1.3	2.7	2.6	1.4	2.2
	Freshwater Drum	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.6	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.7
	Gizzard Shad	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0		0.1	0.0			0.1
	Goldeye	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Lake Herring			0.2	0.1						103.4	34.6
	Northern Pike	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	2.7	1.7	1.9	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.9
	Orangespotted Sunfish	0.0										0.0
	Rainbow Smelt			0.0	0.0						0.0	0.0
	River Carpsucker	1.4	1.4	0.9	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.6	1.6	0.1	0.8
	Sauger	0.0	0.2		0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1			0.2
	Shorthead Redhorse	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.1	1.3	0.2	1.3	0.6	0.5	0.6
	Shortnose Gar	0.0			0.0					0.0		0.0
	Smallmouth Bass	2.7	3.9	3.5	2.7	8.4	3.2	2.3	1.5	1.5	2.1	3.2
	Smallmouth Buffalo	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3		0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3
	Spottail Shiner	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					0.0
	Walleye	10.1	12.7	16.2	16.2	17.3	20.1	18.2	10.7	10.7	3.0	13.5
	White Bass	0.6	0.8	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.7
	White Crappie	0.3			0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2
White Sucker	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.7	1.1	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.9	0.2	0.5	
Yellow Perch	1.5	0.8	4.3	9.9	18.1	2.9	0.4	0.5	0.8	1.8	4.1	

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	
std exp gill net	Black Crappie	PSD						60	0	100			0
		PSD-P						0	0	100			0
		Wr						114	113	77			108
	Northern Pike	PSD	40	100	50	50	41	63	88	100	100	73	
		PSD-P	20	100	25	0	6	7	24	50	90	27	
		Wr	112	91	94	88	85	85	77	78	83	88	
	Walleye	PSD	95	79	68	90	43	51	32	21	19	59	
		PSD-P	42	31	18	24	18	15	7	2	1	3	
		Wr	91	88	89	91	90	88	76	75	87	81	
Yellow Perch	PSD	7	27	18	33	21	12	13	44	27	25		
	PSD-P	0	7	0	1	4	2	13	0	7	0		
	Wr	81	83	89	97	85	83	68	88	100	85		

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	92	211 (21)	278 (16)	343 (10)	391 (13)	458 (5)	454 (28)				
2014	211	196 (13)	273 (19)	316 (37)	317 (15)	360 (123)		463 (1)	471 (1)		750 (1)
2013	211	211 (11)	274 (45)	298 (13)	353 (137)	538 (1)	496 (3)	560 (1)	521 (1)		
2012	343	233 (18)	257 (8)	351 (285)	468 (8)	490 (4)	517 (13)	565 (3)		548 (3)	658 (3)
2011	375	153 (11)	351 (246)	435 (29)	499 (22)	508 (36)	543 (18)	533 (1)	559 (2)	568 (3)	603 (5)
2010	313	295 (174)	391 (21)	451 (20)	495 (51)	526 (30)	530 (2)	586 (1)	636 (2)	548 (3)	574 (9)
2009	290	291 (18)	384 (20)	435 (128)	490 (65)		536 (4)	553 (9)	541 (23)	590 (2)	589 (20)
2008	292	285 (7)	362 (111)	443 (95)	476 (6)	526 (13)	537 (18)	535 (19)	550 (7)	593 (5)	566 (13)
2007	230	273 (16)	383 (90)	440 (12)	495 (14)	499 (13)	515 (40)	550 (8)	561 (11)	561 (2)	575 (24)
2006	182	289 (7)	389 (10)	455 (25)	485 (21)	502 (51)	530 (8)	531 (18)	535 (9)	558 (7)	581 (26)

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	8	119 (7)		196 (1)							
2011	78	118 (3)	144 (66)	177 (4)	236 (4)	232 (1)					

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).

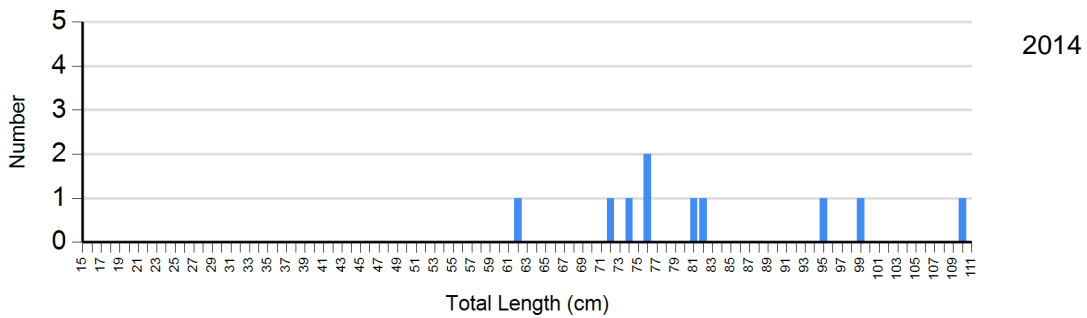
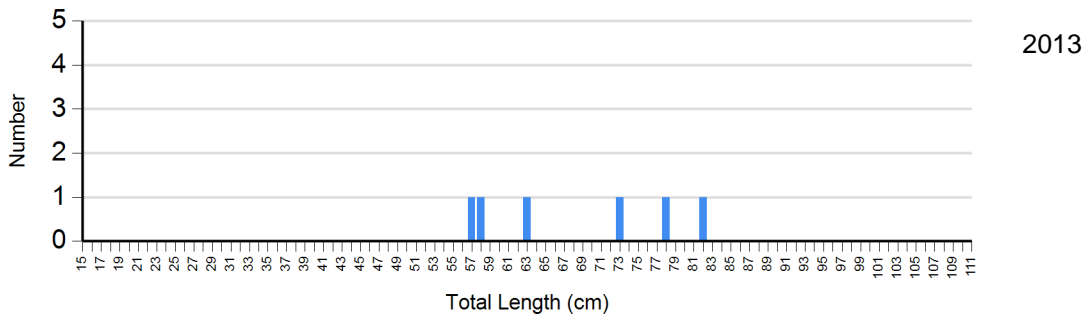
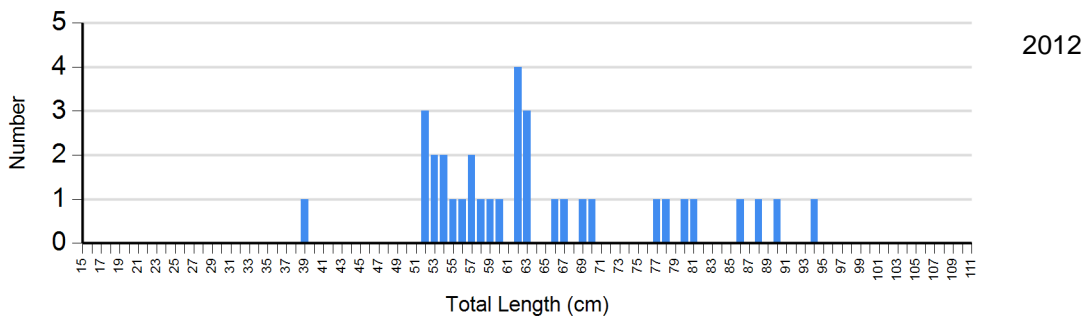
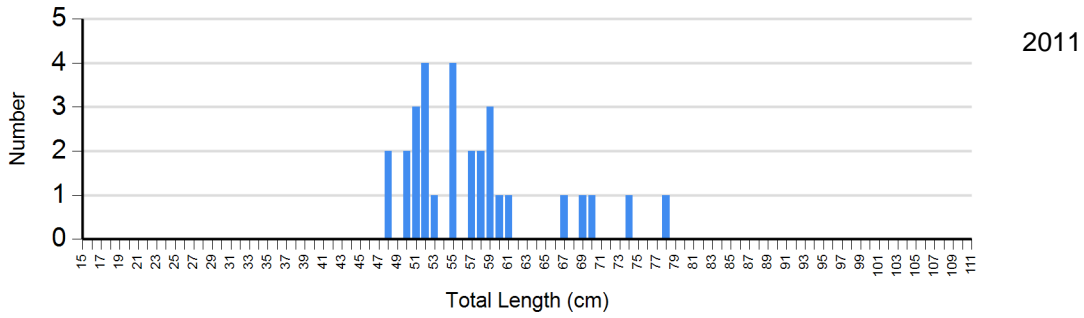
Species	Year	Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
		N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Northern Pike Gill Net	2011	11	87 (1.8)	17	84 (1.5)	2	89 (11.8)	0	
	2012	4	105 (44.2)	22	67 (1.6)	4	90 (7.0)	4	88 (2.1)
	2013	0		3	65 (8.2)	3	91 (6.7)	0	
	2014	0		1	77	6	85 (2.1)	3	81 (7.8)
	2015	3	91 (8.3)	5	87 (2.6)	2	84 (1.0)	1	91
Walleye Gill Net	2011	176	86 (0.6)	132	91 (1.0)	51	90 (1.0)	3	79 (5.4)
	2012	224	77 (0.4)	82	76 (0.9)	20	73 (1.5)	2	59 (5.5)
	2013	153	75 (0.7)	36	76 (0.9)	4	71 (2.1)	0	
	2014	157	88 (0.8)	34	87 (1.2)	1	82	1	68
	2015	29	76 (1.0)	40	84 (1.1)	2	91 (3.6)	0	
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2011	46	83 (1.3)	5	80 (9.1)	1	74	0	
	2012	7	69 (9.2)	0		1	65	0	
	2013	5	94 (3.6)	4	80 (1.3)	0		0	
	2014	11	106 (3.9)	3	97 (2.5)	1	47	0	
	2015	33	85 (2.0)	11	83 (2.3)	0		0	

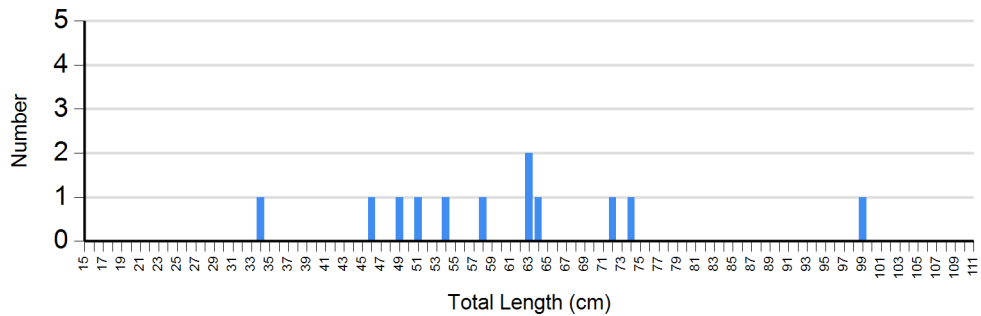
Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

Species: Northern Pike

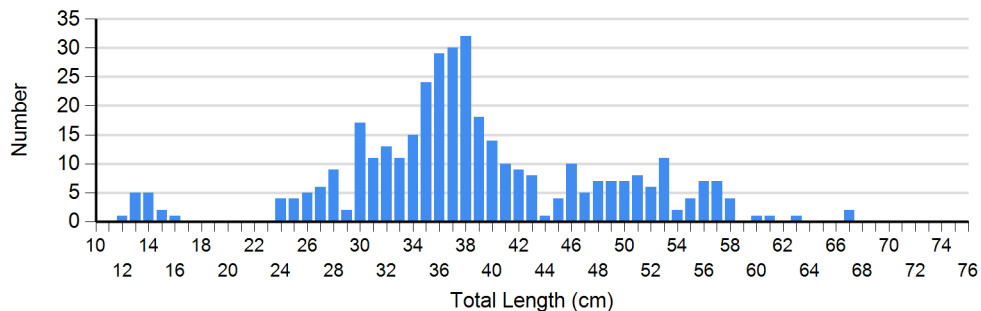
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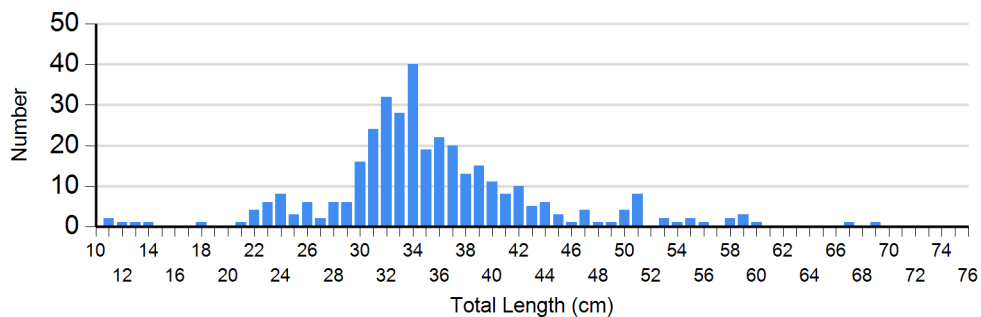


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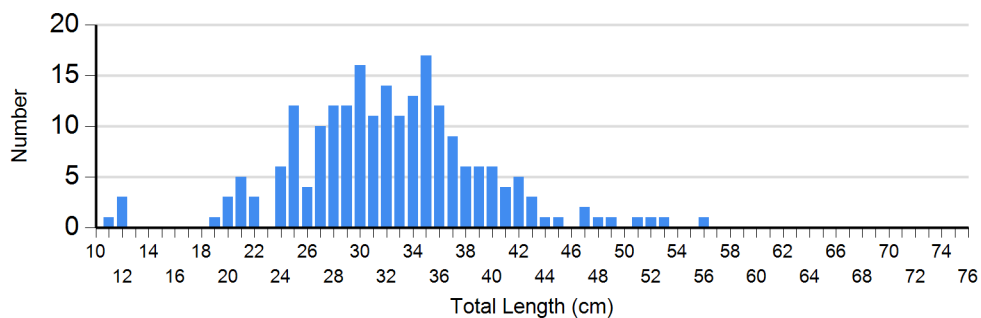
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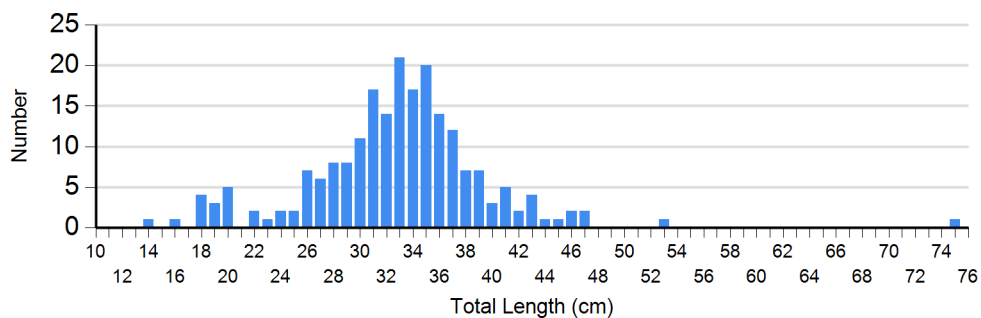
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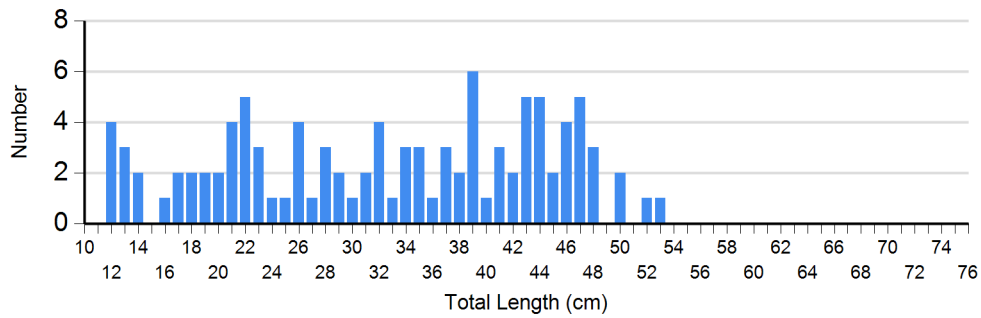
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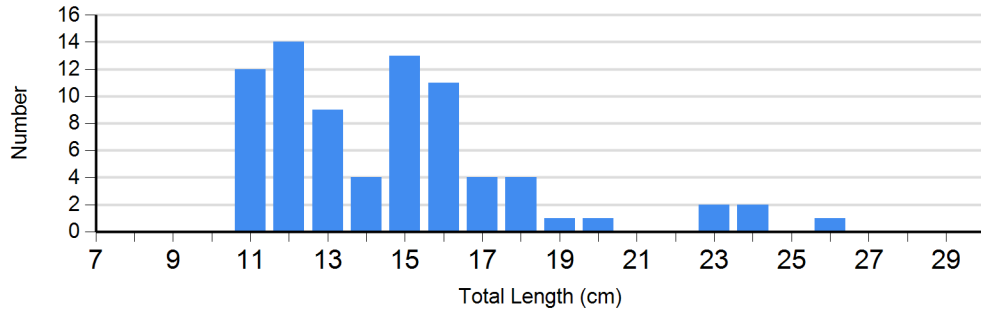


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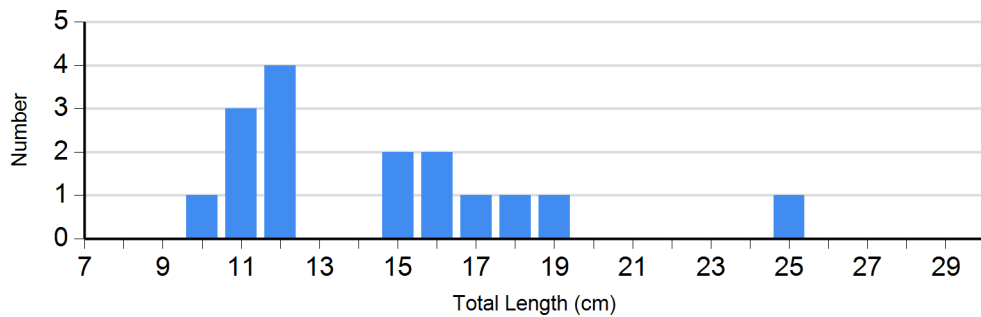


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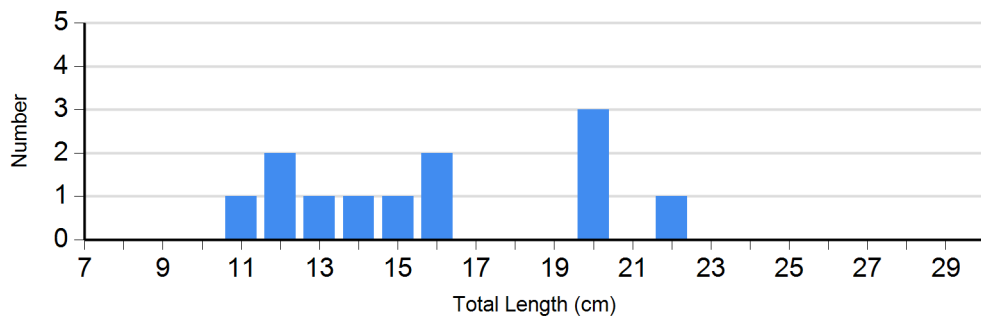
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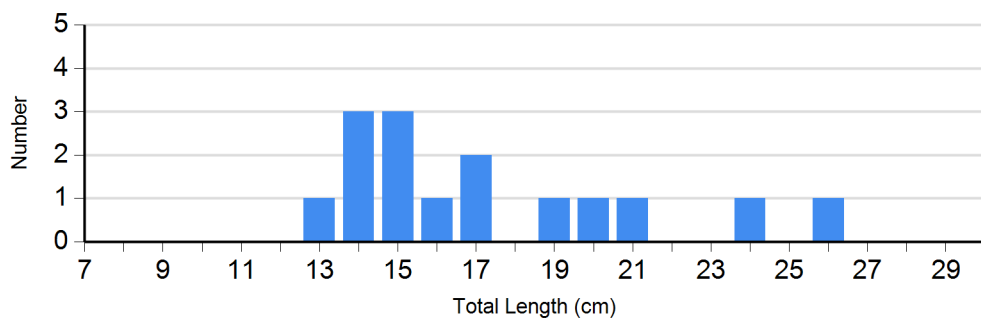
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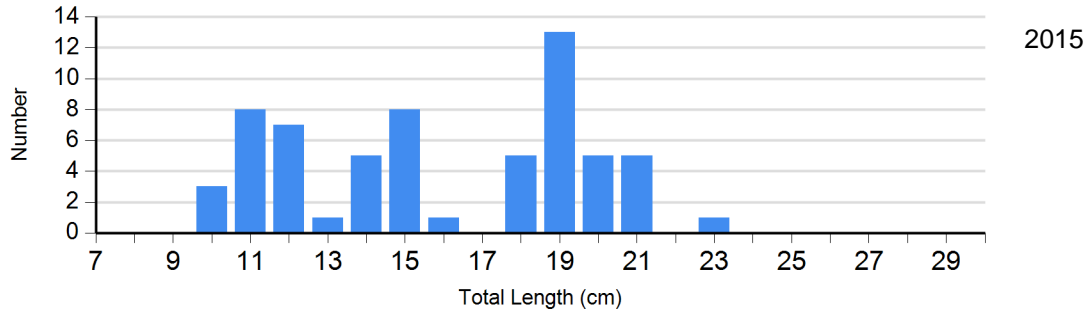
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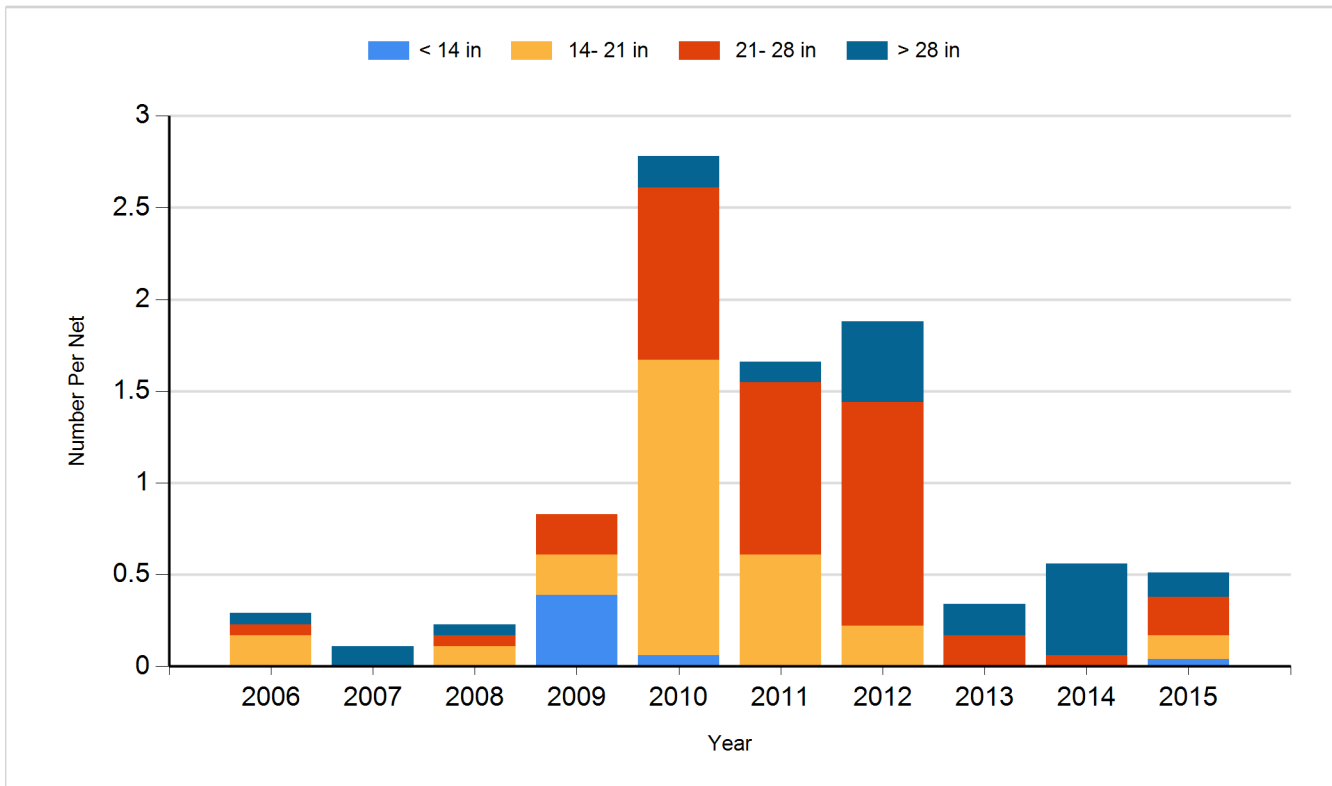
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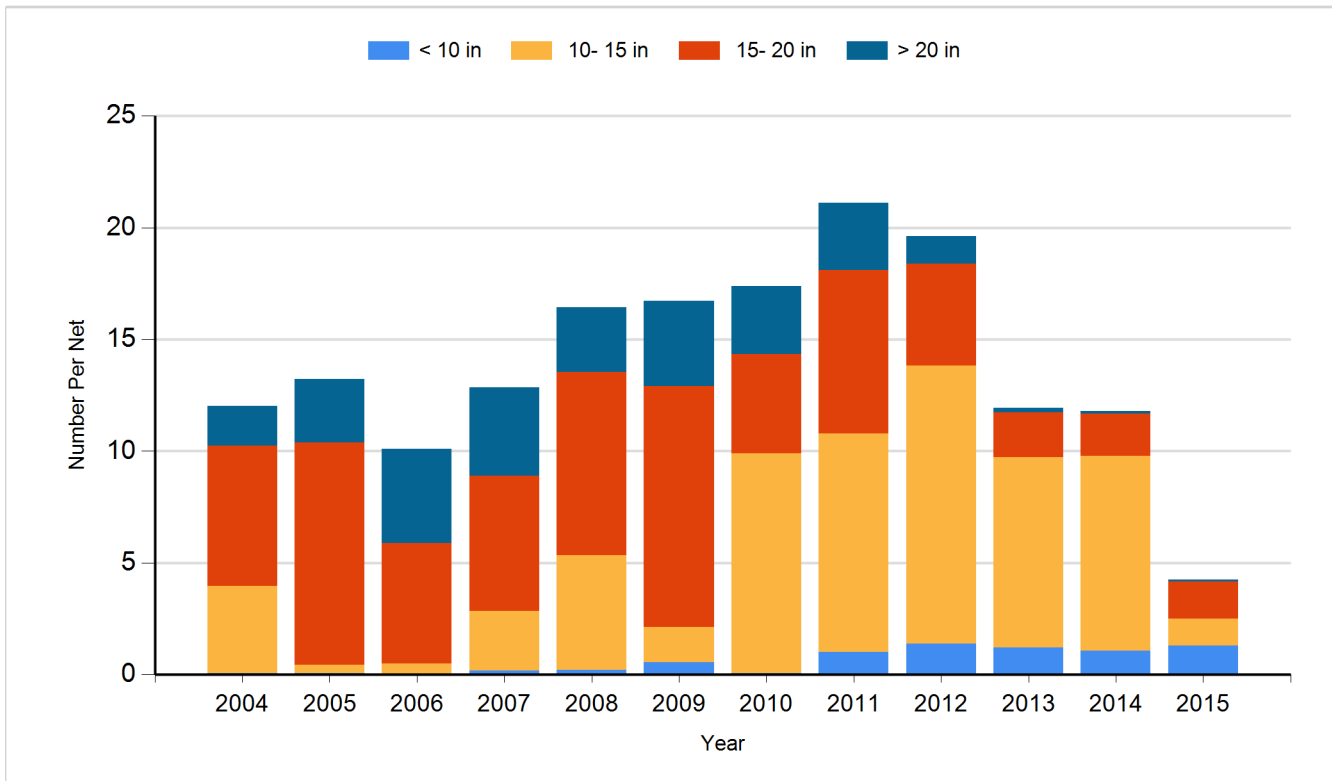
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

Species: Northern Pike
Gear: Gill Net



Species: Walleye
Gear: Gill Net



Species: Yellow Perch
Gear: Gill Net

