SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Carthage, Miner County
MJA-Lake-598-000
2015

Lake Information

Name: Carthage

County: Miner

Surface Area: 211 Acres

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
std exp gill net	July 29, 2015	3 net-nights
std frame net (3/8 inch)	July 29, 2015	5 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Black Bullhead

Common Carp

White Sucker

Walleye

Black Crappie

Channel Catfish

Northern Pike

Bluegill

Yellow Perch

Green Sunfish

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	Black Bullhead	148.3	31.5	11	2	0			
	Black Crappie	3.0	0.0	33		0		102	2
	Channel Catfish	5.0	3.9	13		0		80	2
	Common Carp	9.0	5.0	48	15	7			
	Northern Pike	2.0	2.2	83		0		82	4
	Walleye	7.3	4.1	32	16	0		81	2
	White Sucker	1.7	0.6	100		60			
	Yellow Perch	0.7	1.3	50		50		87	15
std frame net (3/8 inch)	Black Bullhead	377.4	265.3	2	0	0			
	Black Crappie	6.0	3.3	73	13	20	12	108	3
	Bluegill	0.8	0.9	25		0		102	6
	Channel Catfish	0.4	0.6	0		0		72	0
	Common Carp	0.8	0.9	50		50			
	Green Sunfish	0.2	0.3	0		0		130	
	Northern Pike	3.0	1.7	80		27		77	5
	Walleye	1.4	1.8	57		0		78	4
	White Sucker	7.8	2.2	97		90			

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	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Avg
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass		8.5		6.0		6.0					6.8
large frame net	Black Bullhead		227.2		665.1		441.7		810.6			536.2
	Black Crappie		15.0		8.8		1.1		0.1			6.3
	Bluegill		9.0		3.6		3.8					5.5
	Channel Catfish		2.0		0.7		2.8		0.7			1.6
	Common Carp		20.0		3.9		20.0		1.5			11.4
	Northern Pike		0.2		1.5		3.0		0.4			1.3
	Sunfish Hybrid		0.0		0.0		0.0					0.0
	Walleye		0.1		0.1		0.1					0.1
	White Sucker		14.6		1.2		3.1		8.4			6.8
	Yellow Perch		0.7				0.2		0.1			0.3
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead									189.3	148.3	168.8
	Black Crappie										3.0	3.0
	Channel Catfish									6.3	5.0	5.7
	Common Carp									5.3	9.0	7.2
	Northern Pike									1.7	2.0	1.9
	Walleye									12.0	7.3	9.7
	White Sucker									2.0	1.7	1.9
	Yellow Perch									1.0	0.7	0.9
std frame net (3/8 inch)	Black Bullhead									100.4	377.4	238.9
	Black Crappie									2.6	6.0	4.3
	Bluegill									1.0	0.8	0.9
	Channel Catfish									3.8	0.4	2.1
	Common Carp									1.8	0.8	1.3
	Green Sunfish										0.2	0.2
	Northern Pike									2.0	3.0	2.5
	Walleye									0.2	1.4	0.8
	White Sucker									38.0	7.8	22.9

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	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
large frame net	Black Crappie	PSD		13		18		9		100		
		PSD-P		4		1		0		0		
		Wr		126		111		116		126		
	Northern Pike	PSD		100		60		50		100		
		PSD-P		100		7		10		50		
		Wr		86		83		81		78		
	Walleye	PSD		100		100		100				
		PSD-P		100		100		0				
		Wr		67		89		87				
	Yellow Perch	PSD		14				100		100		
		PSD-P		0				0		0		
		Wr		88				87		115		
std exp gill net	Black Crappie	PSD										33
		PSD-P										0
		Wr										102
	Northern Pike	PSD									80	83
		PSD-P									20	0
		Wr									93	82
	Walleye	PSD									0	32
		PSD-P									0	0
		Wr									94	81
	Yellow Perch	PSD									100	50
		PSD-P									100	50
		Wr									94	87
std frame net (3/8 inch)	Black Crappie	PSD									46	73
		PSD-P									31	20
		Wr									122	108
	Northern Pike	PSD									90	80
		PSD-P									10	27
		Wr									90	77
	Walleye	PSD									0	57

			Year									
Gear	Species	Index	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
std frame net (3/8 inch)	Walleye	PSD-P									0	0
		Wr									83	78

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+
2013	1				241 (1)						
2011	11	154 (10)		246 (1)							
2009	92	119 (4)	168 (63)	206 (24)	233 (1)						
2007	187	132 (87)	176 (84)	216 (12)		298 (4)					

Fish Condition

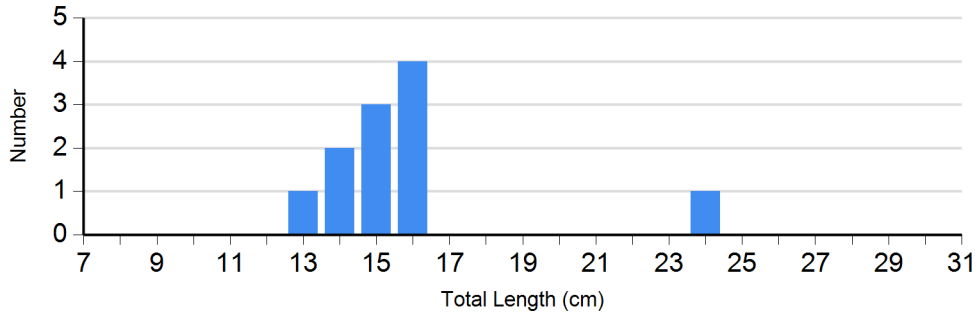
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

		Length Groups							
		S-Q		Q-P		P-M		M	
Species	Year	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)	N	Wr (SE)
Black Crappie Frame Net	2011	10	118 (2.1)	1	98	0		0	
	2013	0		1	126	0		0	
	2014	7	119 (2.6)	2	122 (3.0)	4	125 (1.3)	0	
	2015	8	121 (7.6)	16	106 (1.5)	6	98 (3.2)	0	
Northern Pike Gill Net	2014	1	98	3	91 (3.6)	1	95	0	
	2015	1	74	5	84 (3.6)	0		0	
Walleye Gill Net	2014	36	94 (1.3)	0		0		0	
	2015	15	80 (1.5)	7	82 (2.1)	0		0	
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2014	0		0		3	94 (0.5)	0	
	2015	1	98	0		1	75	0	

Length Frequency Distribution

Length frequency histogram of species sampled by year.

Species: Black Crappie
Gear: large frame net



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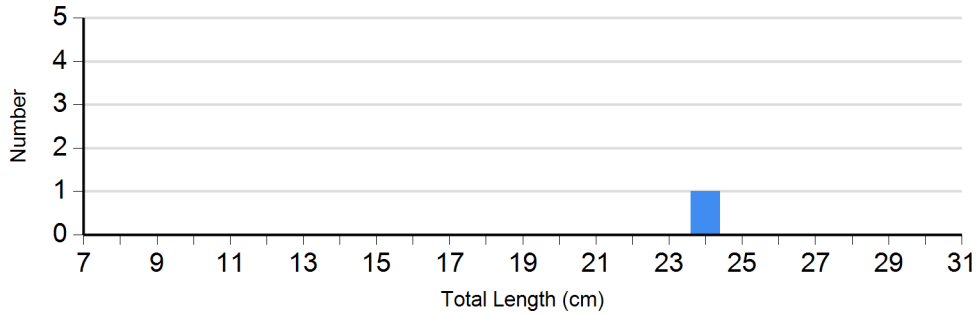

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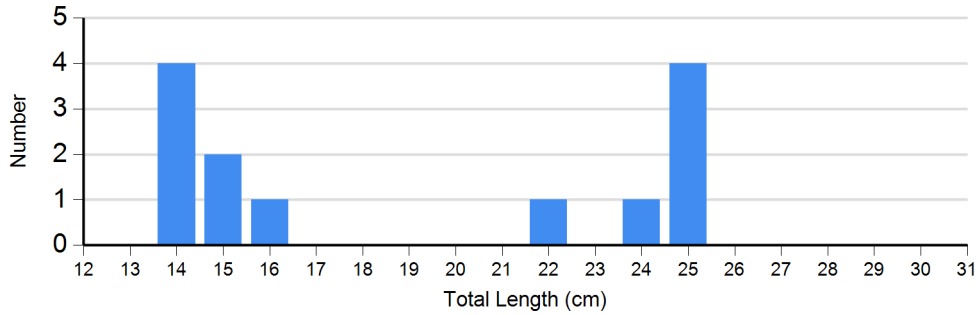
Species: Black Crappie
Gear: std frame net (3/8 inch)



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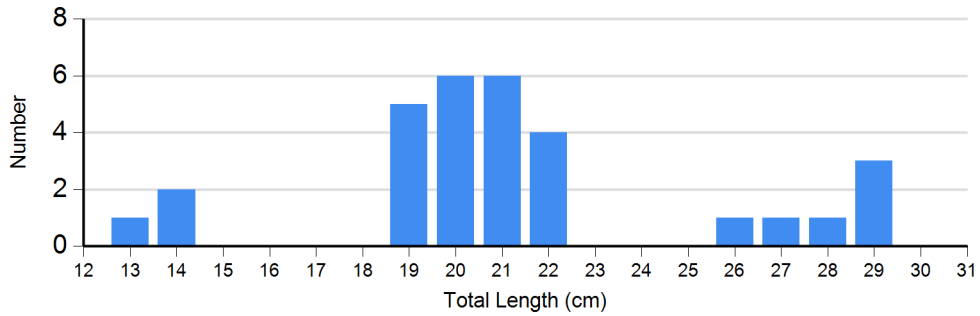

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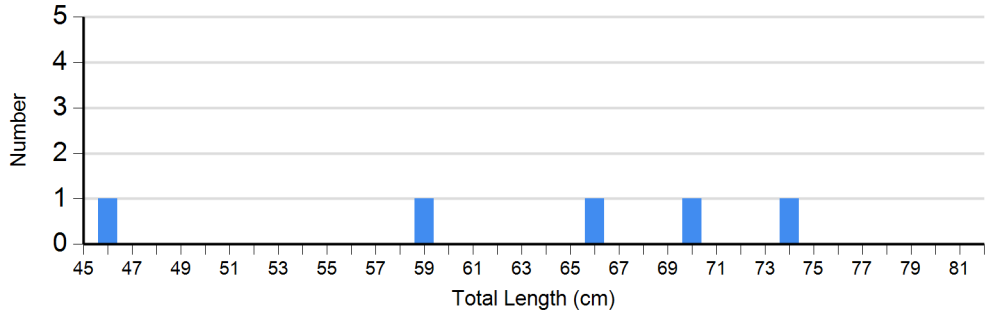
Species: Northern Pike
Gear: std exp gill net



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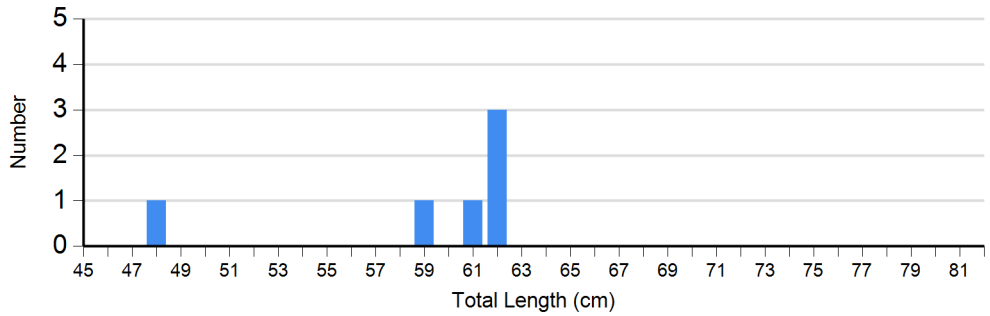

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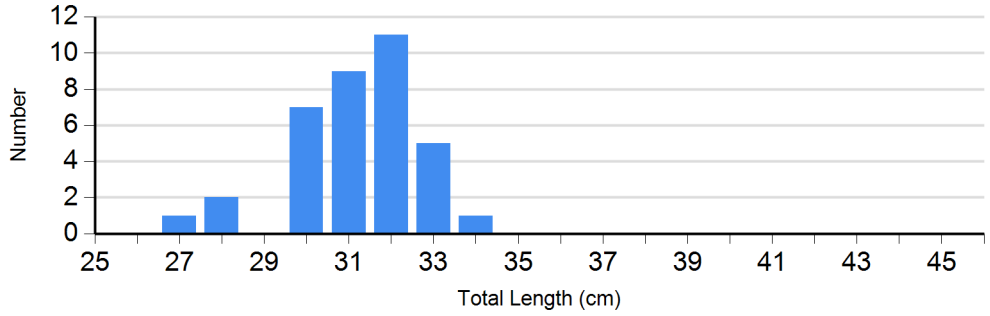
Species: Walleye
Gear: std exp gill net



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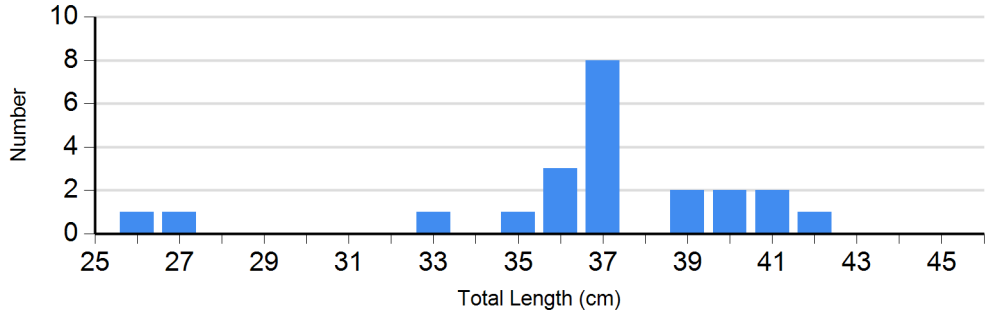

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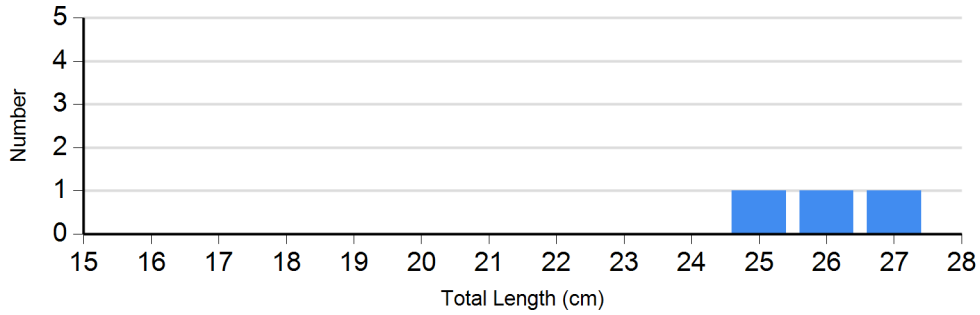
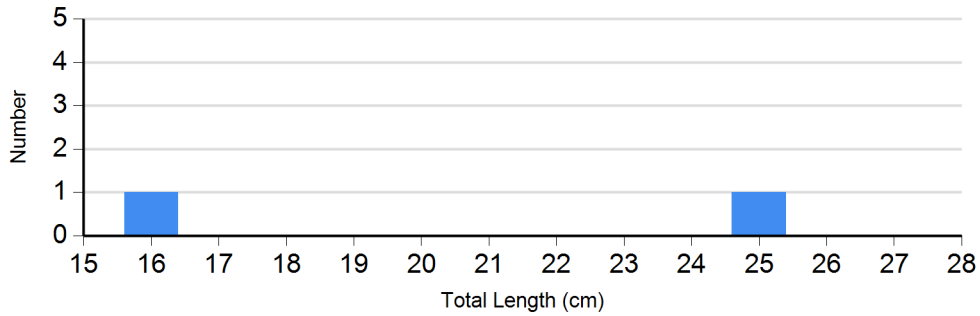
Species: Yellow Perch
Gear: std exp gill net

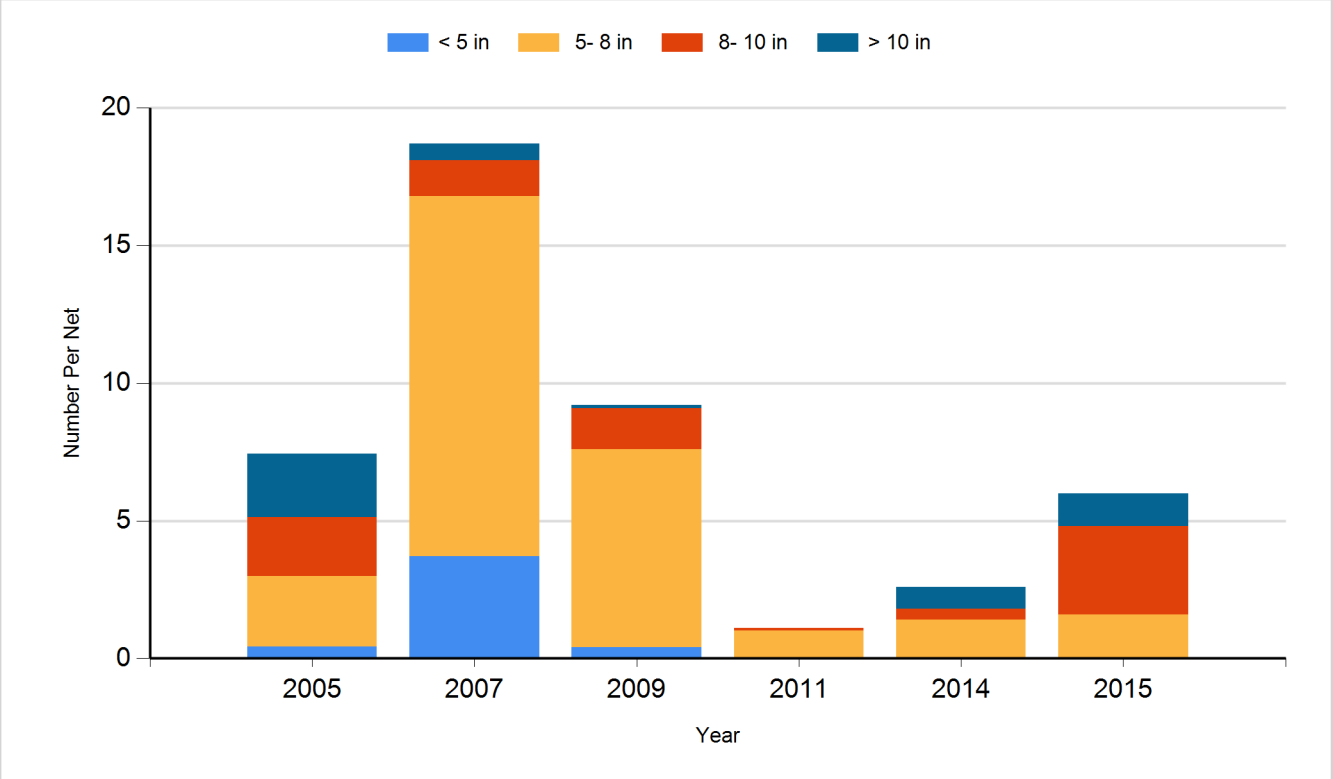




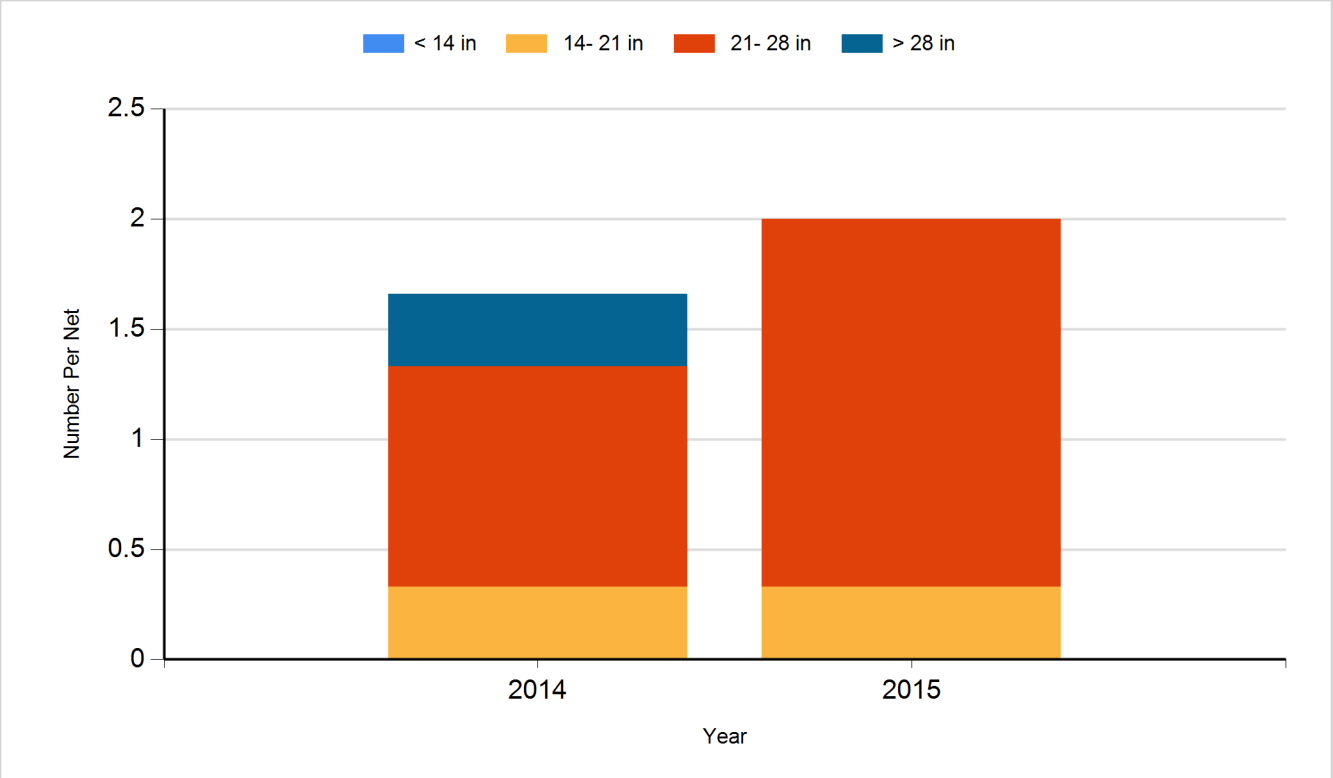
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

Species: Black Crappie
Gear: Frame Net



Species: Northern Pike
Gear: Gill Net



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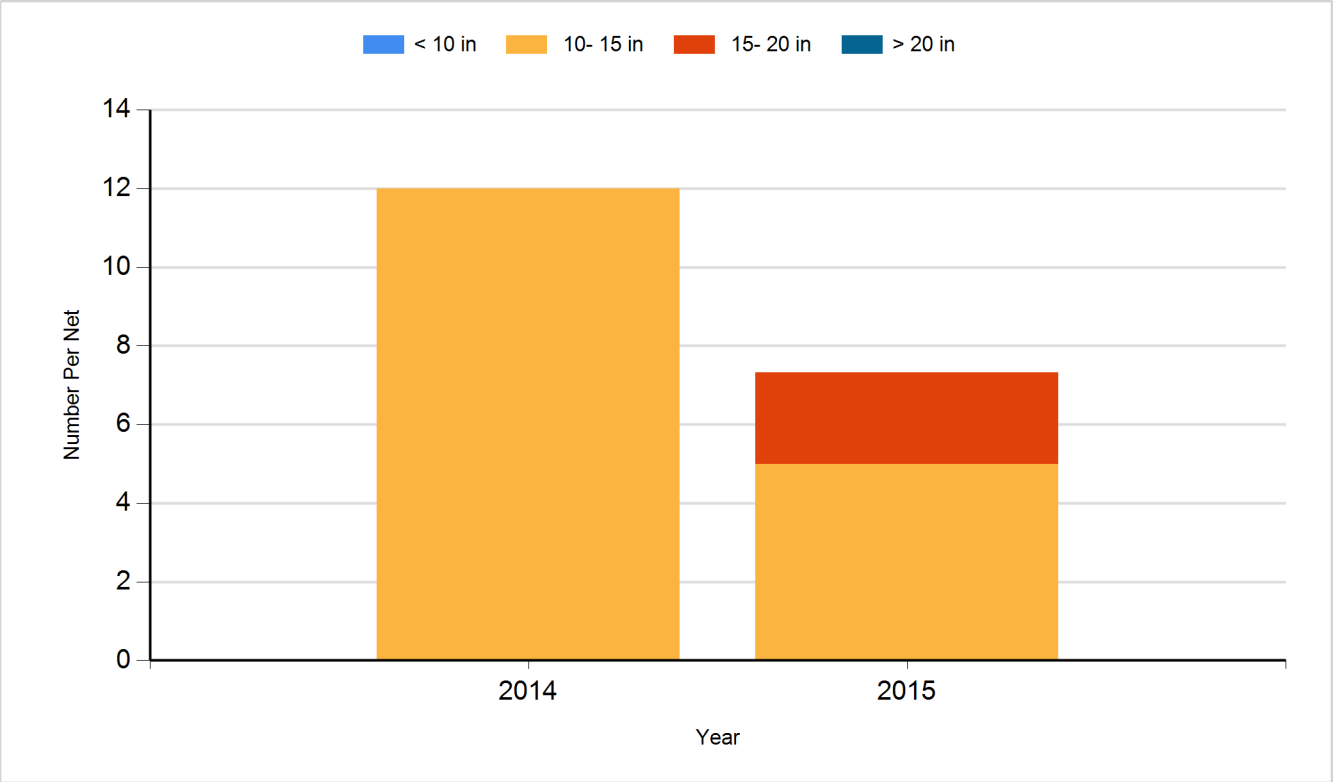
Gear: Gill Net



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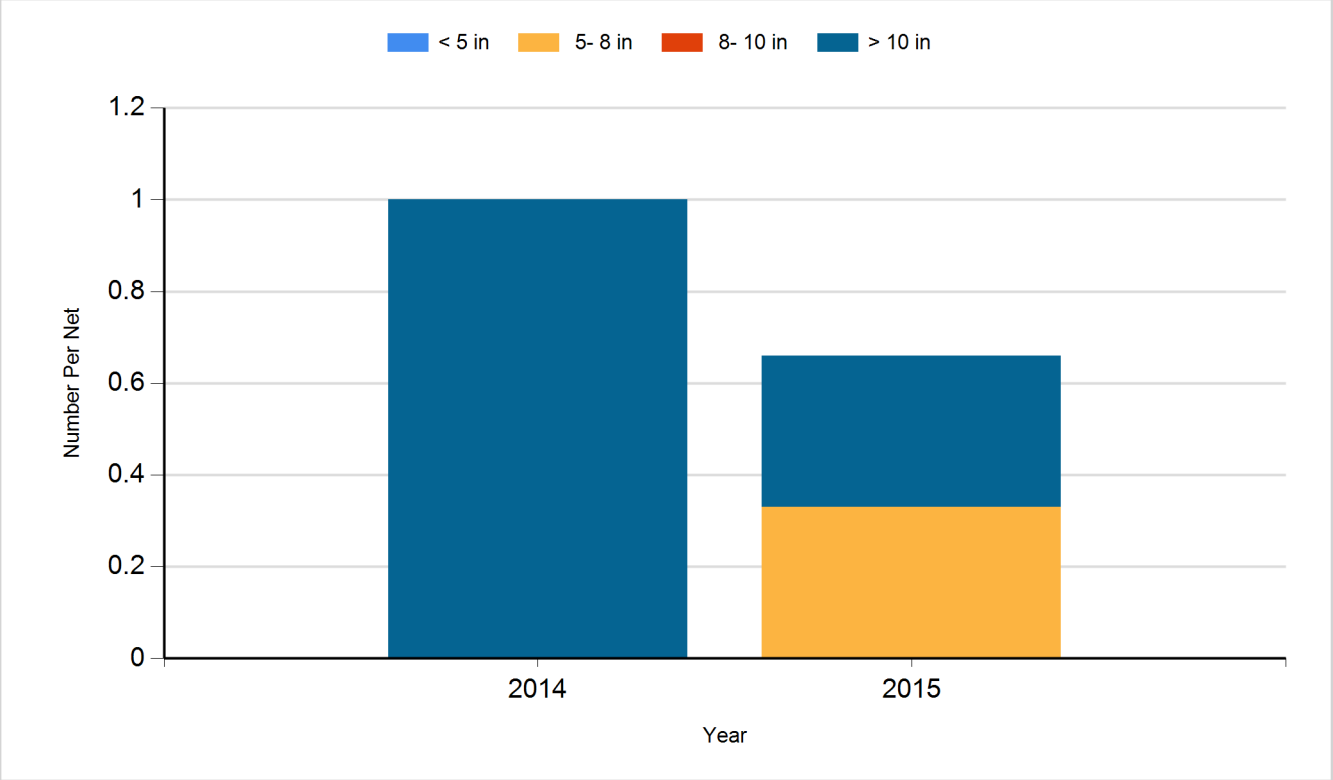
Gear: Gill Net



Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2004	Channel Catfish	Adult	225
2005	Channel Catfish	Adult	230
2006	Largemouth Bass	Adult	115
2007	Walleye	Adult	692
2011	Largemouth Bass	Fingerling	2,890
2012	Largemouth Bass	Juvenile	1,739
2015	Walleye	Small Fingerling	14,080