SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE FISHERIES SURVEY
Buffalo South, Marshall County
UJA-Lake-917-000
2015

Lake Information

Name:	Buffalo South	**Maximum Depth:**	14 Feet
County:	Marshall	**Mean Depth:**	8 Feet
		OHWM Elevation:	1,835
Surface Area:	2,112 Acres	**Outlet Elevation:**	1,835

Surveys and Investigations

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

Gear	Date	Effort
boat shocker (night, AC	June 11, 2015	3648 seconds
frame net (std 3/4 in)	June 23, 2015	6 net-nights
frame net (std 3/4 in)	June 24, 2015	5 net-nights
frame net (std 3/4 in)	June 25, 2015	6 net-nights
std exp gill net	June 23, 2015	2 net-nights
std exp gill net	June 24, 2015	2 net-nights
std exp gill net	June 25, 2015	2 net-nights

Common Fish Species Present

Northern Pike

Largemouth Bass

Bluegill

Walleye

Yellow Perch

Black Bullhead

White Sucker

Black Crappie

Smallmouth Bass

Western Painted Turtle

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
boat shocker (night, AC	Largemouth Bass	27.8	9.1	61	14	21	12	113	2
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead	19.3	9.2	99		33	4	88	1
	Black Crappie	1.4	0.6	96		92		97	2
	Bluegill	9.6	2.8	45	5	45	5	121	2
	Northern Pike	0.5	0.2	13		0		80	4
	Smallmouth Bass	0.1	0.1	100		100		114	
	Walleye	0.2	0.2	50		50		130	43
	Western Painted Turtle	0.0	0.0						
	Yellow Perch	2.0	1.0	85	10	3		88	2
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead	25.0	7.5	97		10	4	90	1
	Black Crappie	0.3	0.5	100		100		94	1
	Northern Pike	4.5	0.7	37	15	15		83	1
	Walleye	6.2	1.1	32	12	8		88	1
	White Sucker	7.7	1.3	98		85	8	106	1
	Yellow Perch	19.3	5.7	29	6	0		100	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.

		CPUE										
Gear	Species	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Avg
boat shocker (night)	Largemouth Bass	18.9										18.9
	Walleye		10.0	81.3		131.9		61.0				71.1
boat shocker (night, AC	Largemouth Bass								33.0		27.8	30.4
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Bullhead		20.1		17.9		22.0		14.1		19.3	18.7
	Black Crappie		5.8		0.5		1.2		5.2		1.4	2.8
	Bluegill		488.6		73.7		14.9		10.1		9.6	119.4
	Common Carp		0.1		0.1		0.1					0.1
	Largemouth Bass		0.1									0.1
	Northern Pike		0.8		0.4		0.4		0.2		0.5	0.5
	Orangespotted Sunfish				0.0							0.0
	Smallmouth Bass		0.2		0.2		0.1		0.1		0.1	0.1
	Sunfish Hybrid				0.0							0.0
	Walleye		0.1		0.1		0.1		0.2		0.2	0.1
	Western Painted Turtle		0.0								0.0	0.0
	White Sucker		0.2		0.6							0.4
	Yellow Perch		15.8		8.4		8.7		0.9		2.0	7.2
std exp gill net	Black Bullhead	0.8	7.8		0.2		3.1		41.0		25.0	13.0
	Black Crappie	0.7	6.7		0.0		0.2		0.5		0.3	1.4
	Bluegill	3.7	2.8				0.3		0.8			1.9
	Emerald Shiner								0.0			0.0
	Golden Shiner		0.0				0.0					0.0
	Largemouth Bass						0.1					0.1
	Northern Pike	8.5	14.2		1.2		3.2		14.8		4.5	7.7
	Walleye	3.5	4.5		0.3		0.7		3.0		6.2	3.0
	White Sucker	4.7	4.3		1.3		1.8		4.8		7.7	4.1
	Yellow Perch	47.7	47.3		13.4		14.9		26.0		19.3	28.1

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.

			Year								
Gear	Species	Index	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
boat shocker (night)	Walleye	PSD		0	0		0		0			
		PSD-P		0	0		0		0			
		Wr		90	95		96		94			
frame net (std 3/4 in)	Black Crappie	PSD		31		78		67		99		96
		PSD-P		20		56		52		83		92
		Wr		104		99		98		99		97
	Northern Pike	PSD		81		75		100		50		13
		PSD-P		6		25		29		0		0
		Wr		87		82		83		79		80
	Walleye	PSD		100		100		100		0		50
		PSD-P		100		100		100		0		50
		Wr		97		96		99		86		130
	Yellow Perch	PSD		4		7		6		25		85
		PSD-P		0		3		0		0		3
		Wr		90		84		83		92		88
std exp gill net	Black Crappie	PSD	25	18		0		75		100		100
		PSD-P	25	13		0		0		67		100
		Wr	120	121				111		98		94
	Northern Pike	PSD	53	48		81		69		48		37
		PSD-P	2	7		10		14		4		15
		Wr	94	92		88		91		84		83
	Walleye	PSD	90	59		100		54		17		32
		PSD-P	33	30		0		23		6		8
		Wr	98	99		99		92		88		88
	Yellow Perch	PSD	2	2		0		2		10		29
		PSD-P	0	0		0		0		0		0
		Wr	110	102		93		95		102		100

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	44	168 (3)	270 (23)	346 (5)	404 (5)	387 (5)	540 (1)	525 (1)			645 (1)
2013	18		275 (5)	313 (10)	461 (1)	451 (1)					671 (1)
2011	17		254 (7)	377 (5)			521 (4)				641 (1)
2009	7	161 (2)			407 (2)	458 (1)			499 (2)		
2007	38		256 (22)	380 (1)	489 (2)		489 (6)	478 (1)	542 (1)	546 (3)	685 (2)
2006	24	181 (3)		390 (5)		450 (6)	519 (5)			593 (4)	562 (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+
2015	139	97 (13)	133 (41)	162 (3)		199 (8)	196 (60)	211 (14)			
2013	157			155 (2)	159 (64)	178 (87)	197 (3)		204 (1)		
2011	588		101 (239)	133 (264)	153 (82)	184 (2)	203 (2)				
2009	974	92 (244)	118 (608)	149 (98)	163 (18)	143 (6)					

Fish Condition

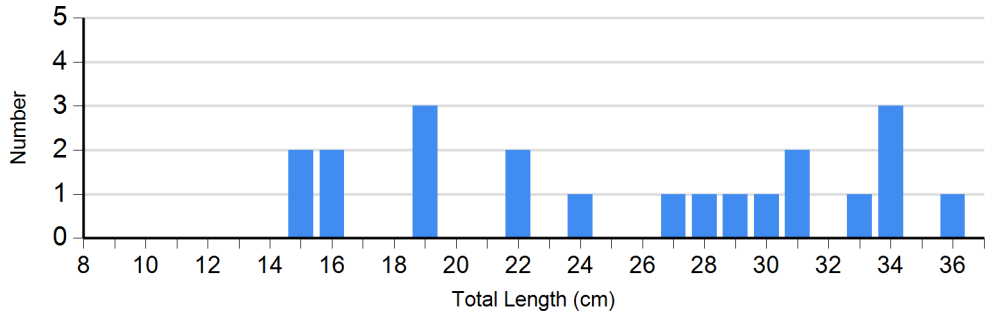
Mean relative weight (Wr) by sample size (N), length category stock to quality (S-Q), quality to preferred (Q-P), preferred to memorable (P-M), and memorable (M) for species collected across survey years with standard error (SE).

		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	7	106 (3.2)	3	100 (3.4)	3	96 (1.8)	8	90 (2.7)
	2013	1	128	15	107 (1.7)	70	98 (0.7)	8	87 (2.7)
	2015	1		1	114	14	98 (1.1)	8	94 (1.9)
Northern Pike Gill Net	2011	18	91 (1.3)	32	91 (1.0)	8	90 (2.5)	0	
	2013	46	84 (0.9)	39	83 (1.1)	3	96 (0.8)	1	87
	2015	17	83 (1.4)	6	80 (1.5)	4	87 (2.4)	0	
Walleye Gill Net	2011	6	92 (2.5)	4	93 (4.9)	2	87 (1.1)	1	106
	2013	15	87 (2.4)	2	94 (0.5)	0		1	97
	2015	25	89 (1.0)	9	88 (1.7)	2	91 (1.8)	1	69
Yellow Perch Gill Net	2011	263	95 (0.5)	5	77 (2.1)	0		0	
	2013	141	103 (0.8)	15	94 (1.5)	0		0	
	2015	82	102 (1.0)	34	95 (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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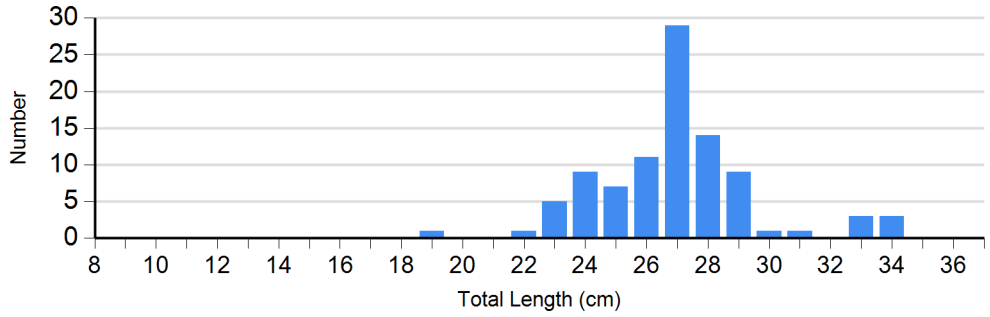

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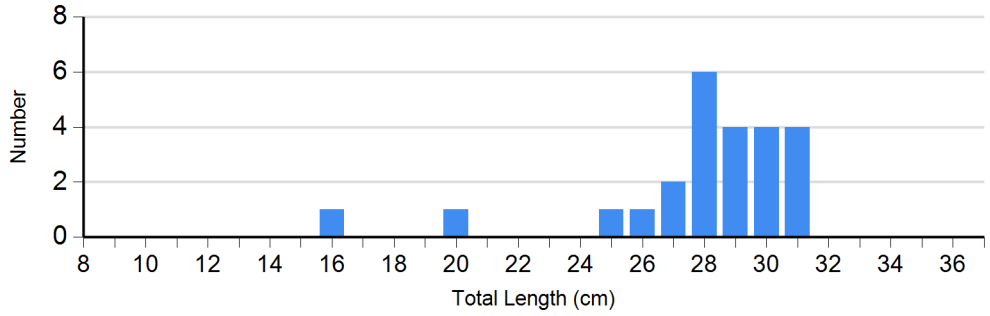

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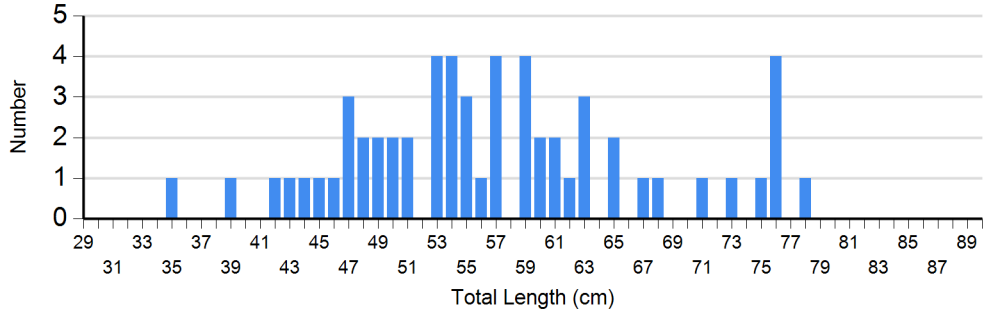
Species: Northern Pike
Gear: std exp gill net



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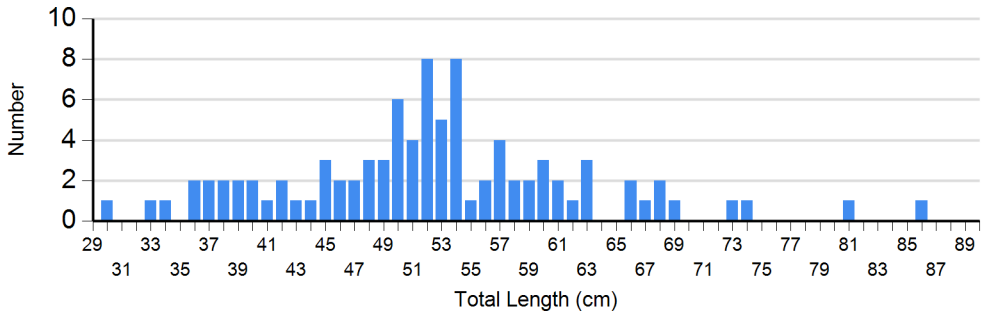

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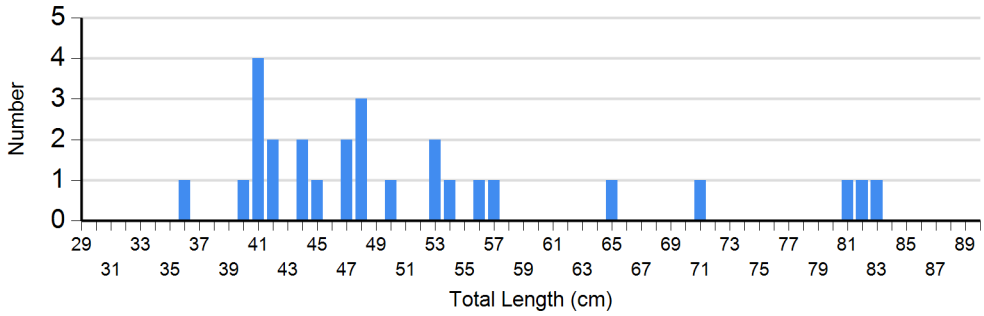

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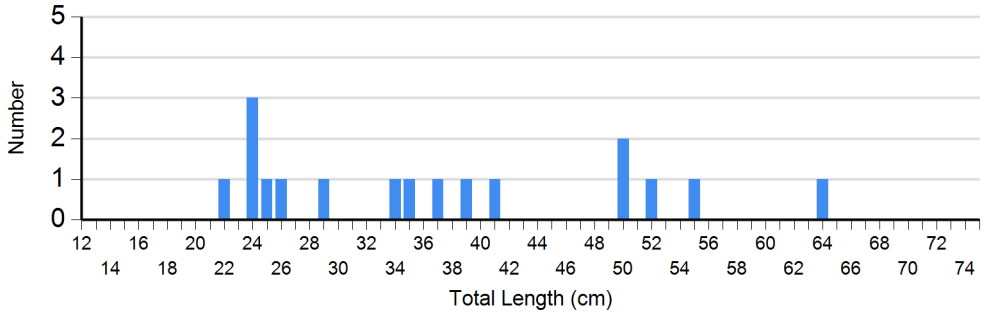
Species: Walleye
Gear: std exp gill net



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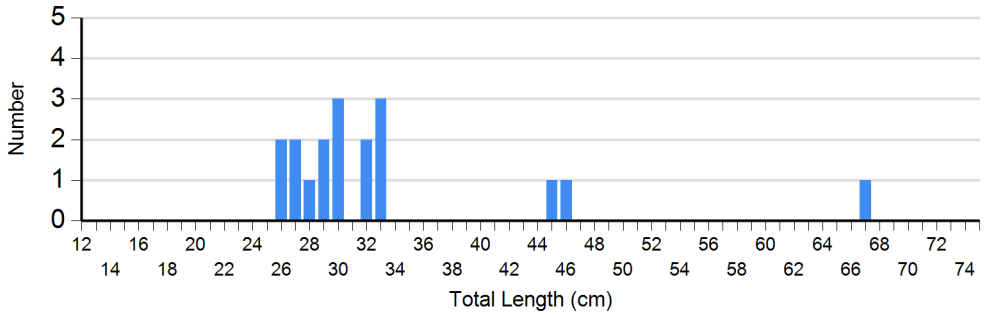

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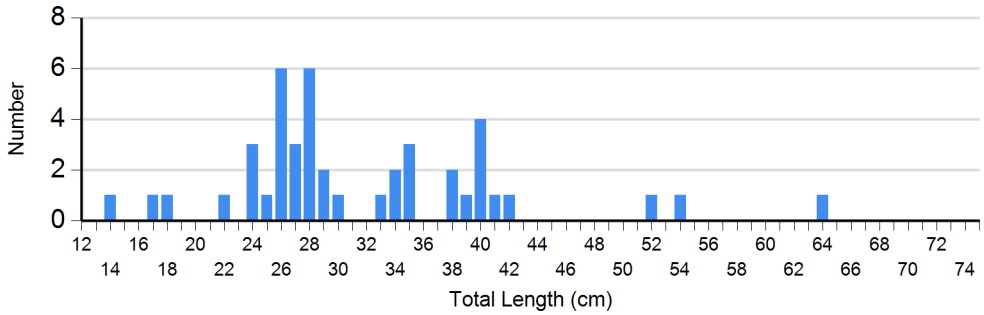

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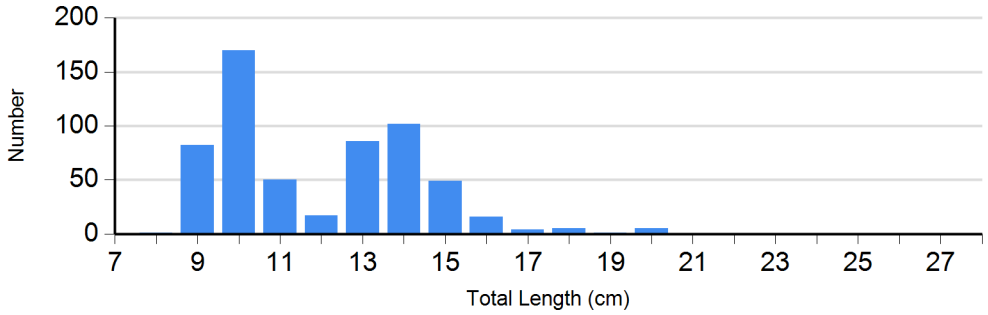
Species: Yellow Perch
Gear: std exp gill net



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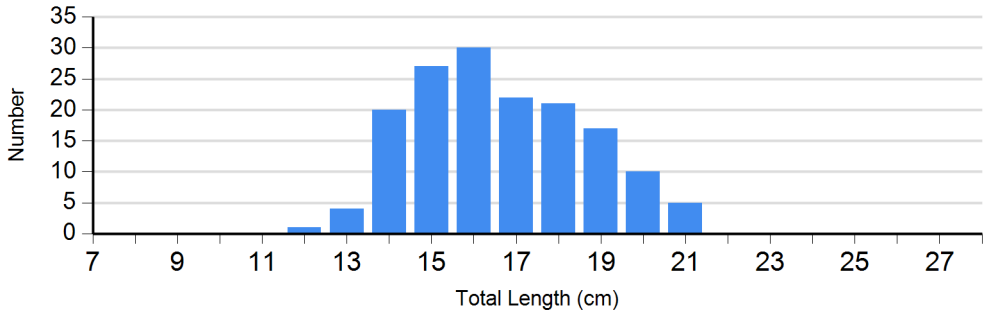

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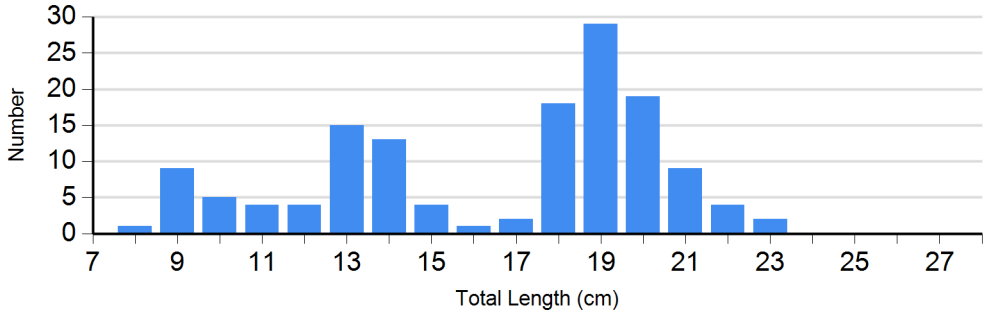

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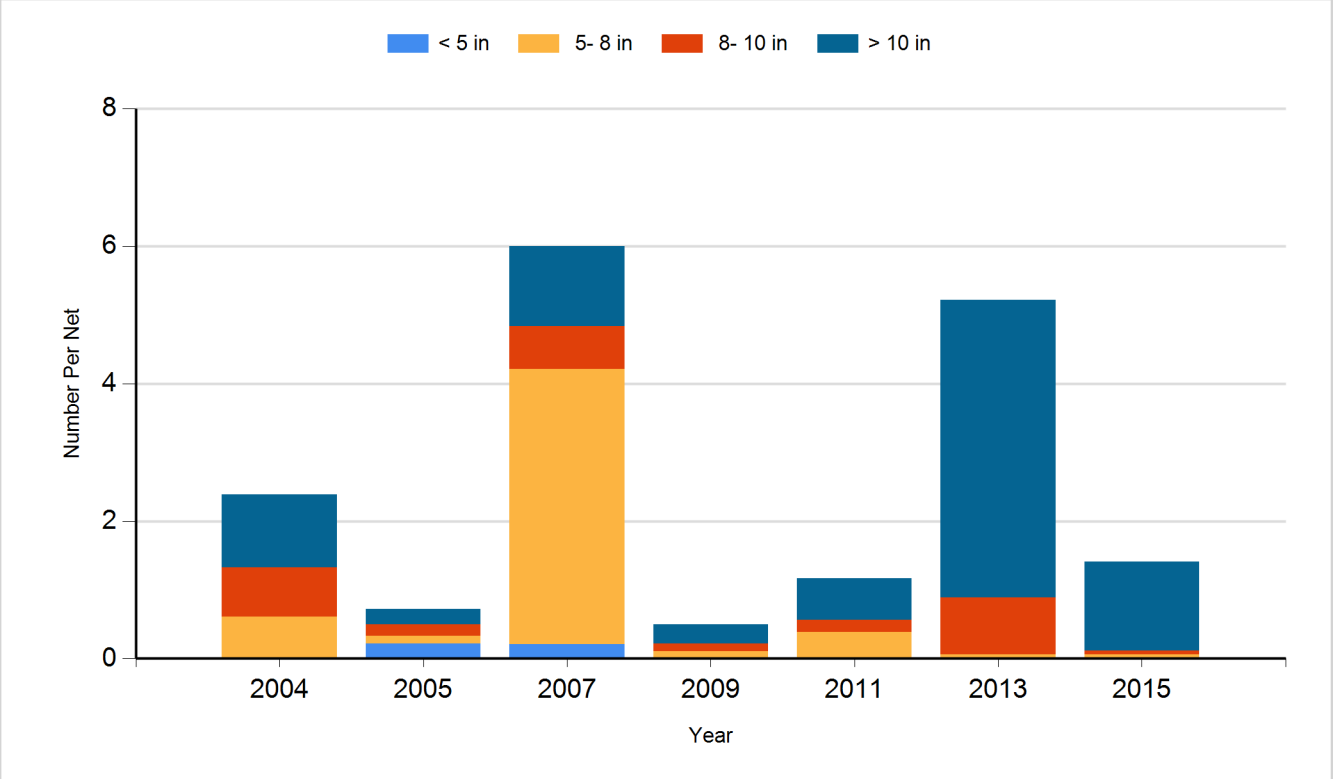
Historic Fish Sizes and Relative Abundance

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

Species: Black Crappie
Gear: Frame Net



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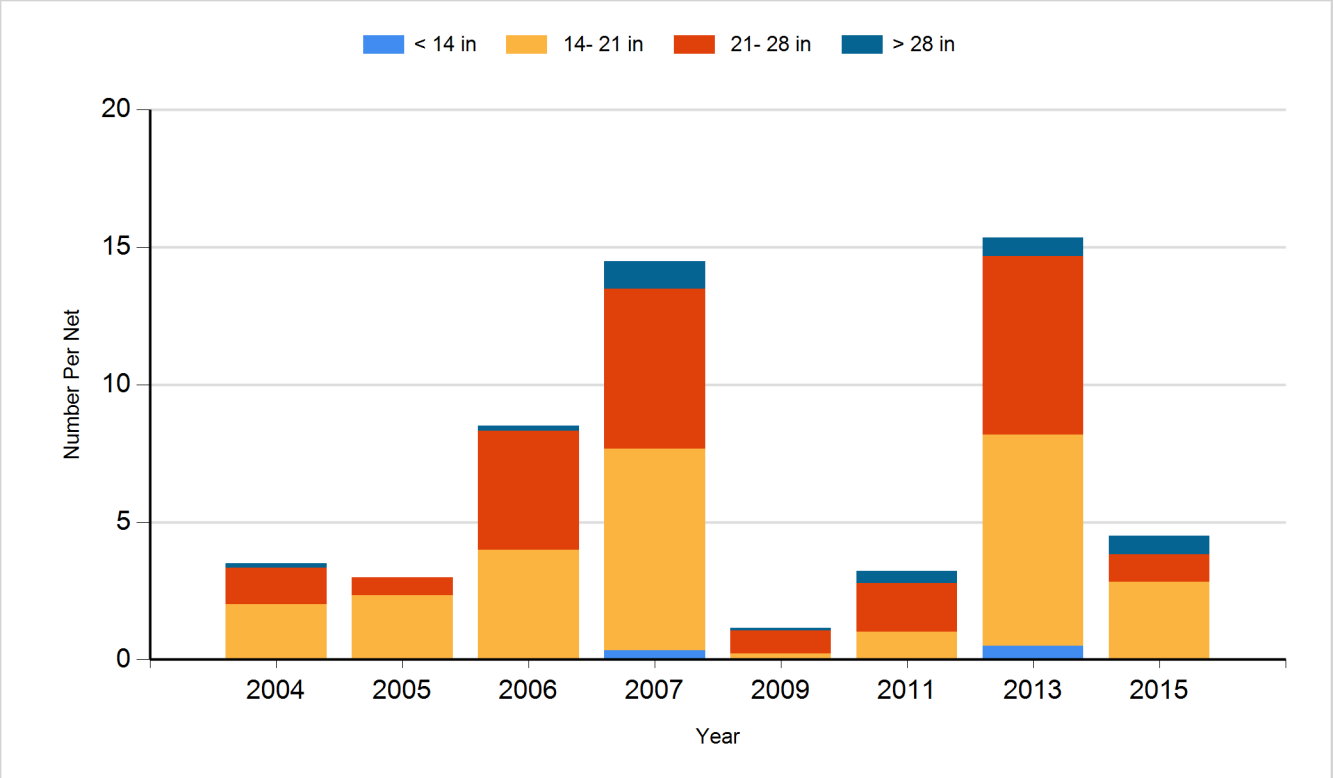
Gear: Gill Net



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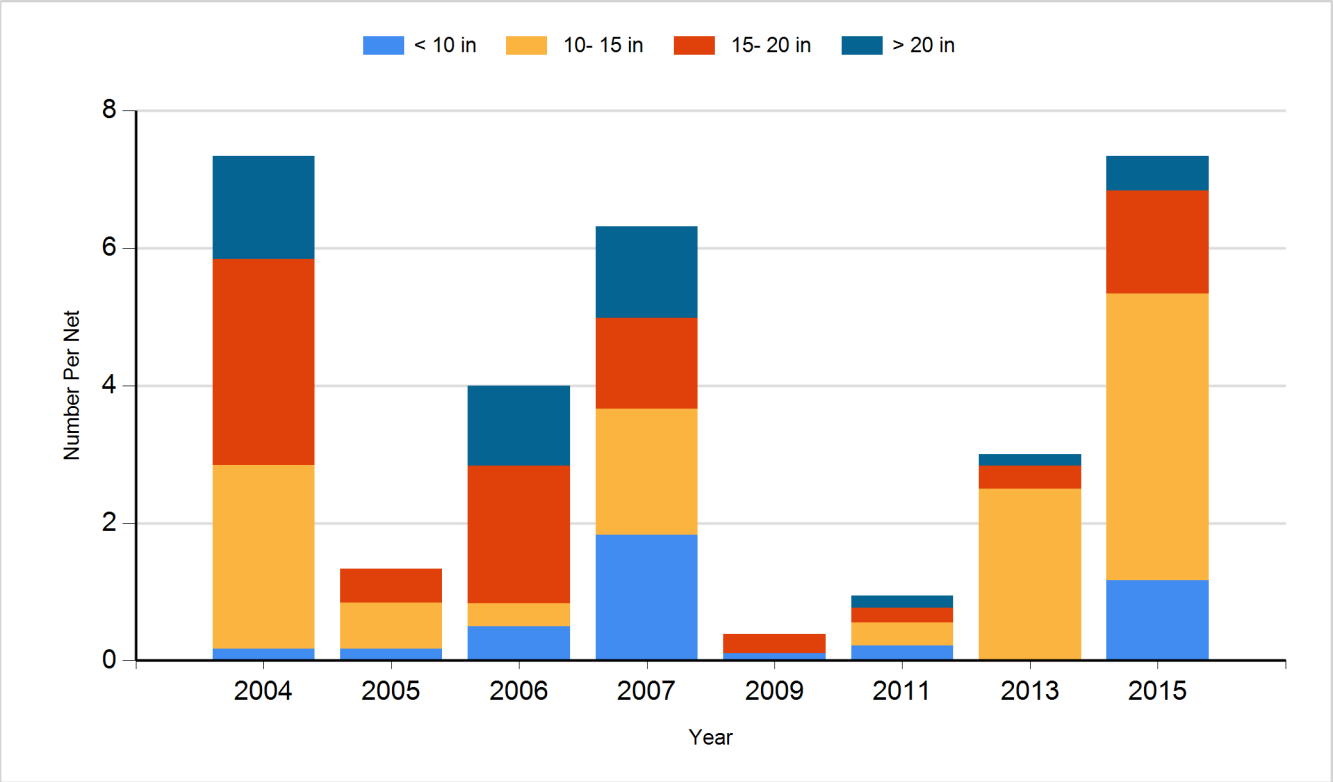
Gear: Gill Net



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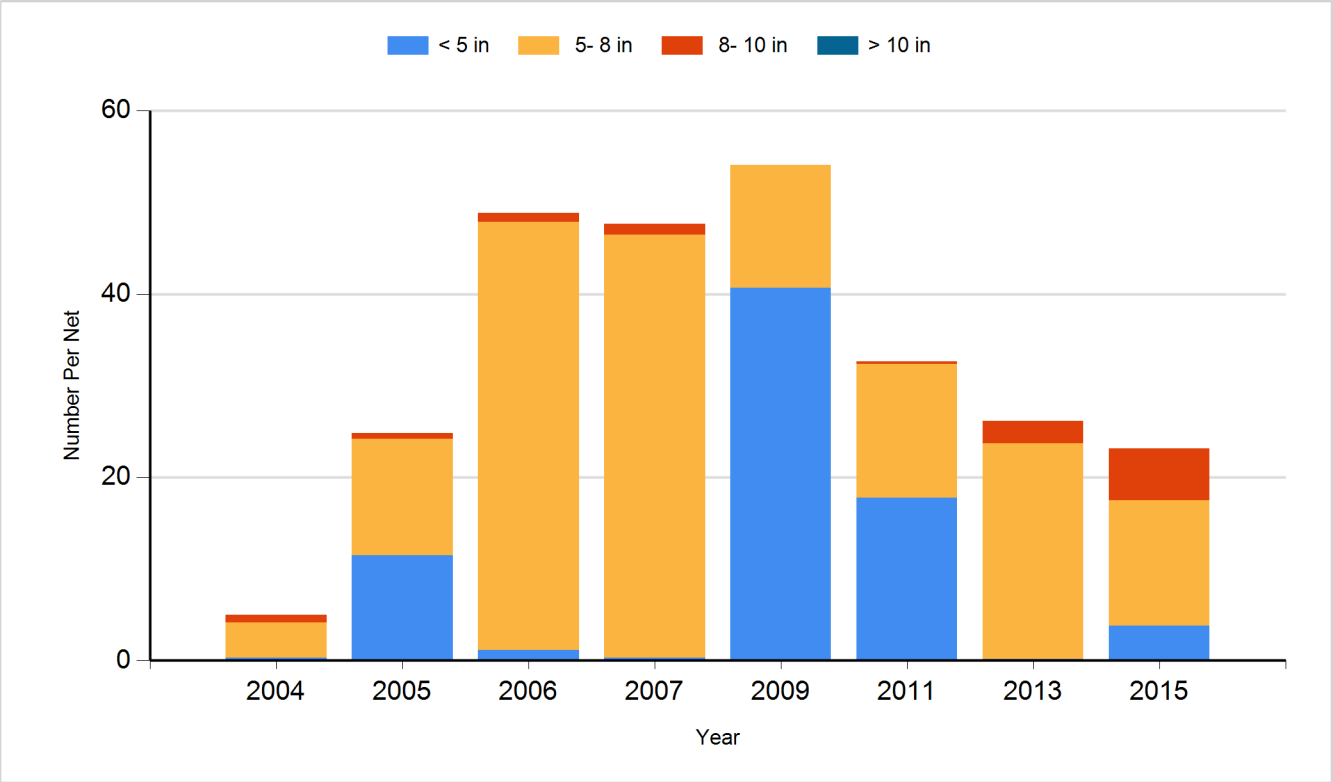
Gear: Gill Net



Fish Stocking

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

Year	Species	Size	Number
2005	Walleye	Fingerling	437,300
2006	Largemouth Bass	Fry	103,320
2006	Walleye	Fry	2,200,000
2008	Walleye	Small Fingerling	220,560
2010	Walleye	Small Fingerling	220,060
2012	Walleye	Small Fingerling	213,730
2014	Walleye	Small Fingerling	177,750