



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Fisheries Information Sheet

LAKE: Gile Flowage

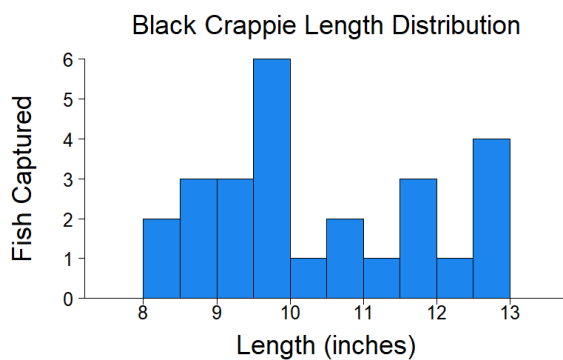
COUNTY: Iron

YEAR: 2023

Introduction

Gile Flowage is a 3,128-acre impoundment with stained water and a maximum depth of 25 feet. In 2023, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conducted an early spring fyke netting survey to assess the walleye population and a summer fyke-netting survey to assess panfish populations.

BLACK CRAPPIE

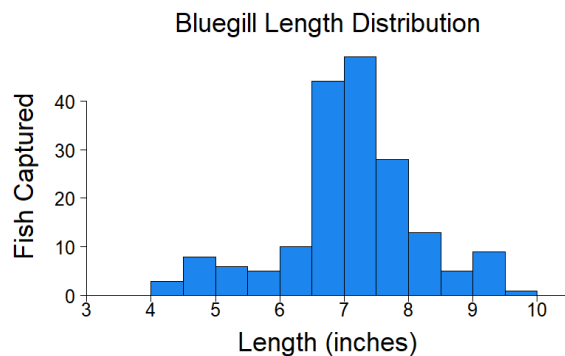


During the summer fyke-netting survey, crews sampled 26 black crappies at a low rate of 2.2 per net-night. Black crappies ranged in length from 8.2 – 12.8 inches and averaged 10.3 inches. These results suggest that black crappies are currently at low densities, but the population exhibits a quality size structure.

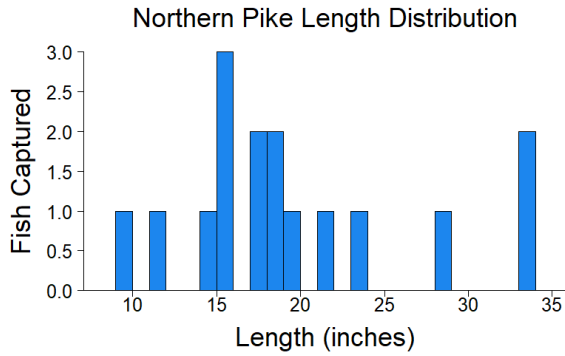
BLUEGILL



During the targeted, summer fyke-netting survey, crews sampled a total of 181 bluegills at a low rate of 15.1 per net-night. Bluegills ranged in length from 4.0 - 9.5 inches and averaged 7.1 inches. These results suggest that bluegills are currently at low densities, but the



population exhibits a quality size structure.



NORTHERN PIKE

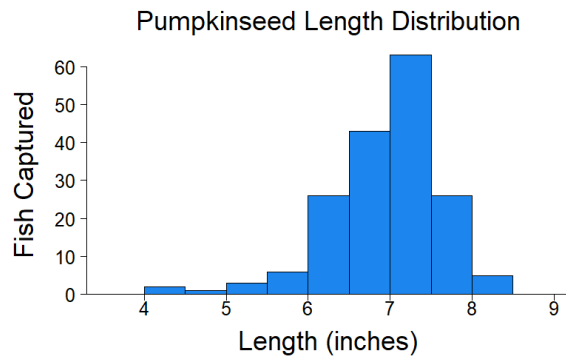


During the non-targeted, summer fyke-netting survey, crews captured a total of 16 northern pike at a low rate of 1.3 per net-night. Northern pike ranged in length from 9.1 - 33.9 inches and averaged 19.6 inches.

PUMPKINSEED



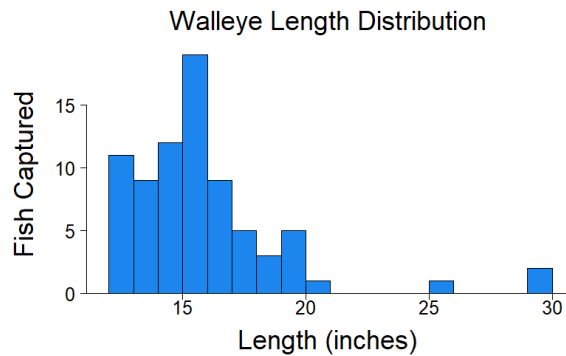
During the targeted, summer fyke-netting survey, crews sampled a total of 175 pumpkinseeds at a low rate of 7.8 per net-night. Pumpkinseeds ranged in length from 4.3 - 8.2 inches and averaged 6.9 inches. These results suggest that pumpkinseeds are currently at low densities, but the population exhibits a quality size structure.



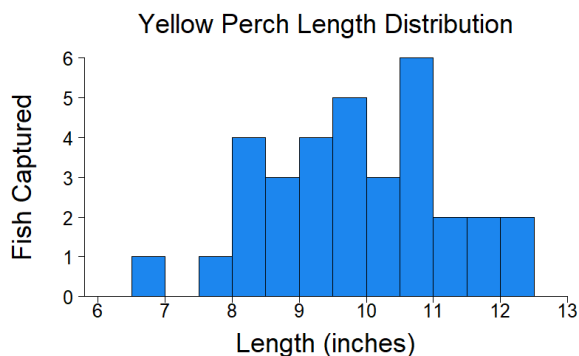
WALLEYE



During the targeted, early spring fyke-netting survey, crews captured a total of 1,220 walleyes at a high rate of 228.6 per net-night. A subsample of these individuals ranged in length from 12.1 - 29.7 inches and averaged 15.9 inches. These results suggest that walleyes are currently present in high densities and,



although most individuals are relatively small, some quality individuals are available.



YELLOW PERCH



During the non-targeted, summer fyke-netting survey, crews captured a total of 23 yellow perch at a low rate of 2.8 per net-night. Yellow perch ranged in length from 6.0 - 12.0 inches and averaged 9.0 inches.

OTHER SPECIES

Throughout spring surveys, crews also sampled black bullheads, brown bullheads, yellow bullheads, bluegill x pumpkinseed hybrids, muskellunge and rock bass.

Acknowledgements

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