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Rice Reservoir Chain
2023 Creel Survey Report

Lincoln & Oneida Counties

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Introduction

Fish populations fluctuate due to a variety of factors including natural forces like climate, reproductive success, predation and competition. Human activities such as fish harvest, stocking, habitat change and invasive species introduction can also have significant impacts. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fisheries crews regularly conduct surveys on lakes and reservoirs to gather information needed to monitor changes, identify concerns, evaluate management actions and to prescribe fishery management strategies. Netting and electrofishing surveys are used to gather data on the status of fisheries, measuring such parameters as species composition, population size, reproductive success, size and age distribution and growth rates. Harvest is another key component of fisheries that we need to measure.

On many lakes in the Ceded Territory of northern Wisconsin, harvest of fish is divided between sport anglers and the six Ojibwe bands who harvest fish under rights reserved by federal treaties. The tribes harvest fish primarily using spearing, a highly efficient method, during a relatively short time in the spring. Every fish in the spear harvest is counted and reported, creating a complete census of the harvest.

We also measure the sport angler harvest to assess its impact on the fishery. It would be highly impractical and costly to conduct a complete census of every angler fishing a lake, so we conduct creel surveys instead.

A creel survey is an assessment tool used to sample the fishing activities of anglers on a body of water to make estimates of harvest and other fishery parameters. Creel survey clerks work on randomly-selected days and shifts, forty hours per week. The survey is conducted during daylight hours throughout the open season for gamefish from the first Saturday in May through the first Sunday in March. Creel surveys are not conducted in November when fishing effort is low and ice conditions are often unsafe.

Creel survey clerks travel their lakes using a boat or snowmobile to count the number of anglers at predetermined times and to interview anglers who have completed their fishing trip. Data are collected on what species they fished for, catch, harvest, lengths of fish harvested, marks (fin clips or tags) and hours of fishing effort. Collecting completed-trip data provides the most accurate assessment of angling activities, and it avoids the need to disturb anglers while they are fishing.

A computer program is used to estimate catch and harvest of each species, catch and harvest rates and fishing effort by month, as well as for the year in total. Keep in mind that these are estimates based on the best information available and not a complete accounting of effort, catch and harvest. Accurate estimates require that we sample a sufficient and representative portion of the angling activity on a lake. The accuracy of creel survey results depends on good cooperation and truthful responses by anglers when a creel clerk interviews them.

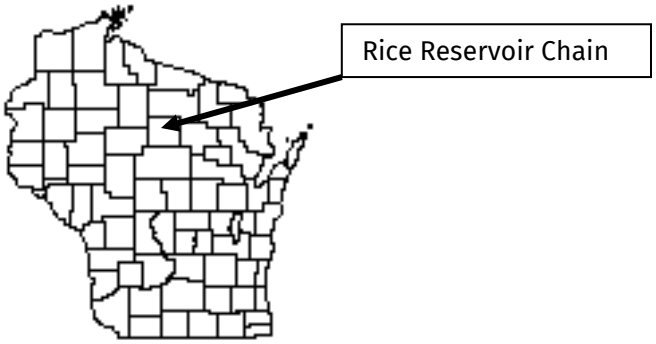
You may have encountered a DNR creel survey clerk on a recent fishing trip. We appreciate your cooperation during an interview. The survey only takes a few minutes of your time and it gives the DNR valuable information needed for management of the fishery.

Estimates for each lake within the Rice Reservoir Chain (Nokomis, Bridge, Rice River Flowage), as well as combined chain-wide estimates, are provided in this report. The report includes:

1. Overall fishing effort (pressure)
2. Fishing effort directed at each species
3. Numbers of fish caught and harvested
4. Catch and harvest rates

Also included are a physical description of the Rice Reservoir Chain, discussion of results of the survey and detailed summaries by species of fishing effort, catch and harvest.

General Lake Information



LOCATION

Rice Reservoir Chain is located in Lincoln and Oneida Counties near the city of Tomahawk.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Rice Reservoir Chain is a 3,764-acre chain consisting of three lakes (Bridge, Nokomis, and Rice River Flowage). Rice Reservoir Chain is an impoundment of the Tomahawk and Little Rice rivers. Littoral substrate consists primarily of sand, with lesser amounts of muck, and gravel.

SEASONS SURVEYED

The period referred to in this report as the 2023 fishing season ran from May 6, 2023 through October 31, 2023. There was no winter ice creel survey on Rice Reservoir Chain.

FISHING REGULATIONS

The following seasons, daily bag limits and length limits were in place on Rice Reservoir Chain during the 2023 fishing season:

SPECIES	SEASON	BAG LIMIT	MIN. SIZE
Largemouth bass	5/06 - 3/03	5*	14"
Smallmouth bass	5/06 - 6/16	Catch&Release	
	6/17 - 3/03	5*	14"
*Bass species have a combined bag limit of 5.			
Muskellunge	5/06 - 12/31	1	40"
	On open water		
Northern pike	5/06 - 3/03	5	None
Walleye	5/06 - 3/03	3	15"
	20"- 24" Protected Slot, 1>24"		
Panfish	Open all year	25	None
	No more than 10 of any one species		
Rock bass	Open all year	None	None

Species Catch And Harvest Information

Summaries of angling effort, catch and harvest information for each species are in Table 2 and Figures 1-11, along with a comparison of these statistics with the previous creel survey in Table 2. Each species page has up to five graphs depicting the following:

1. **DIRECTED FISHING EFFORT**
   Estimated number of hours during each month that anglers spent fishing for a species.

2. **TOTAL CATCH AND HARVEST**
   Estimated number of fish of the indicated species caught or harvested by all anglers, regardless of targeted species.

3. **SPECIFIC CATCH AND HARVEST RATES**
   Estimated number of hours it takes an angler to catch or harvest a fish of the indicated species. Only information from anglers who were specifically targeting that species is reported.

4. **LENGTH DISTRIBUTION OF HARVESTED FISH**
   All fish of a species that were measured by the clerk during the entire creel survey season.

5. **LARGEST AND AVERAGE LENGTH OF HARVESTED FISH**
   Largest and average (mean) length of a species of fish harvested. Only fish measured by the creel survey clerk are reported.

Creel Survey Results And Discussion

SURVEY LOGISTICS

We encountered no unusual problems conducting the survey or calculating the projections contained in the report. Low water in late summer and fall made navigation difficult and may have reduced angler effort. This was the fourth time the

DNR conducted a creel survey on Rice Reservoir Chain. The last creel survey took place during 2012-2013.

GENERAL ANGLER INFORMATION

Anglers spent 47,468 hours, or 12.6 hours per acre, fishing the Rice Reservoir Chain during the 2023 open-water season (Table 1). That was lower than the Lincoln County average of 21.6 hours per acre and the Oneida County average of 28.0 hours per acre, but slightly higher than the fishing effort documented during the 2012 open-water creel survey (11.6 hours per acre). May was the most heavily fished month (13,042 hours). Creel clerks were able to conduct 643 interviews throughout the survey.

RESULTS BY SPECIES

WALLEYE (Table 2, Figure 1)
Walleye received the greatest fishing effort of any gamefish species during the season. Anglers spent 16,276 hours targeting walleye. Fishing effort for walleye was highest in May (7,053 hours). Total catch of walleye was 12,790 fish, and total harvest was 1,125 fish. Highest catch (5,960 fish) and harvest (483 fish) occurred in May. Anglers fished an estimated 1.4 hours to catch, and 15.2 hours to harvest a walleye during the survey. Mean length of harvested walleye was 16.0 inches and the largest measured was a 19.2-inch fish.

NORTHERN PIKE (Table 2, Figure 2)
Fishing effort directed at northern pike was 3,389 hours during the season. Northern pike fishing effort was greatest in June (925 hours). Total catch of northern pike was 7,698 fish, and total harvest was 302 fish. Anglers fished an estimated 2.1 hours to catch a northern pike during the survey. Mean length of harvested northern pike was 21.6 inches and the largest measured was a 28.8-inch fish.

MUSKELLUNGE (Table 2, Figure 3)
Anglers spent 1,905 hours targeting muskellunge during the season. Muskellunge fishing effort was greatest in August (841 hours). Total catch of muskellunge was 92 fish, and the highest catch (46 fish) occurred in August. Anglers fished an estimated 30.0 hours to catch a muskellunge, and there was no documented harvest during the survey.

SMALLMOUTH BASS (Table 2, Figure 4)
Fishing effort targeted at smallmouth bass was 9,842 hours during the season. Smallmouth bass fishing effort was greatest in July (4,143 hours). Total catch of smallmouth bass was 4,679 fish, with 32 fish harvested. Highest catch (1,628 fish) occurred in July. Anglers fished an estimated 3.4 hours to catch a smallmouth bass during the survey. Mean length of harvested smallmouth bass was 14.8 inches and the largest measured was a 15.7-inch fish.

LARGEMOUTH BASS (Table 2, Figure 5)
Fishing effort directed at largemouth bass was 9,456 hours during the season. Largemouth bass fishing effort was greatest in July (4,164 hours). Total catch of largemouth bass was 2,263 fish, and total harvest was 50 fish. The highest catch (1,143 fish) occurred in July. Anglers fished an estimated 5.5 hours to catch a largemouth bass during the survey. Mean length of harvested largemouth bass was 16.4 inches and the largest measured was a 18.2-inch fish.

YELLOW PERCH (Table 2, Figure 6)
Yellow perch received 11,745 hours of directed fishing effort. Anglers caught 9,773 yellow perch and harvested 3,490 fish. Mean length of yellow perch harvested was 9.4 inches.

BLUEGILL (Table 2, Figure 7)
Bluegill received 16,303 hours of directed fishing effort. Anglers caught 31,300 bluegill and harvested 6,943 fish. Mean length of bluegill harvested was 7.9 inches.

BLACK CRAPPIE (Table 2, Figure 8)
Black crappie were the most sought after panfish species during the survey. Black crappie received 17,004 hours of directed fishing effort. Anglers caught 12,693 black crappie and harvested 5,336 fish. Mean length of black crappie harvested was 10.5 inches.

PUMPKINSEED (Table 2, Figure 9)
Pumpkinseed received 8,154 hours of directed fishing effort. Anglers caught 3,103

pumpkinseed and harvested 743 fish. Mean length of pumpkinseed harvested was 7.3 inches.

ROCK BASS (Table 2, Figure 10)
Rock bass received 287 hours of directed fishing effort. Anglers caught 935 rock bass and harvested 41 fish. Mean length of rock bass harvested was 8.0 inches.

BULLHEAD SPECIES (Table 2, Figure 11)
Bullhead species (primarily black bullhead) received no directed fishing effort. Although, anglers caught 205 bullheads and harvested 27 fish. Mean length of bullheads harvested was 14.8 inches.

WHITE SUCKER (Table 2)
White sucker received no directed fishing effort. Although, anglers caught 18 white suckers. No white sucker harvest was observed.

BOWFIN (Table 2)
Bowfin received no directed fishing effort. Although, anglers caught 176 bowfin. No bowfin harvest was observed.

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The DNR would like to thank all the anglers who took the time to offer information about their fishing trip to the survey clerk. The survey would not have been possible without their cooperation.

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Additional copies of this report, and those covering other local lakes, can be obtained from the DNR Woodruff Service Center or online at:
http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing/north/trtycrlsrvys.html

Table 1. Sportfishing effort summary, Rice Reservoir Chain, 2023 open-water season; compared to 2012 open-water creel results, Lincoln and Oneida County averages.

MONTH	NUMBER OF ANGLER PARTY INTERVIEWS	TOTAL ANGLER HOURS	TOTAL ANGLER HOURS/ACRE	2012 TOTAL ANGLER HOURS/ACRE	LINCOLN COUNTY AVERAGE HOURS/ACRE	ONEIDA COUNTY AVERAGE HOURS/ACRE
May	194	13,042	3.5	3.8	5.0	4.6
June	108	11,776	3.1	3.5	5.0	6.1
July	122	11,534	3.1	2.0	5.7	7.0
August	107	6,547	1.7	1.4	3.7	5.4
September	57	3,116	0.8	0.7	1.6	3.3
October	55	1,453	0.4	0.2	0.5	1.6
Total	643	47,468	12.6	11.6	21.6	28.0

Note: Open-water season creel only.

Number of Angler Party Interviews is the number of groups of anglers interviewed by the creel clerk. A party is considered the members of a group who fish together in the same boat, ice shanty or from shore. The clerk fills out one interview form for each group of anglers. The number of individual anglers actually contacted by the clerk is usually much greater than the number of groups listed in this table since most groups consist of more than one angler.

Total Angler Hours is the estimated total number of hours that anglers spent fishing on the Rice Reservoir Chain during each month surveyed.

Total Angler Hours/Acre is the total angler hours divided by the area of the lake in acres. This is useful in order to compare effort on the Rice Reservoir Chain to other lakes.

2012 Total Angler Hours/Acre is the total angler hours from the 2012 creel survey of the Rice Reservoir Chain, divided by the lake's area in acres.

County Average Hours/Acre is the average angler effort in hours per acre for county lakes that have been surveyed since 1990. This value is useful for fishing pressure comparisons with other waters.

Table 2. Comparison of combined creel survey synopses, Rice Reservoir Chain, 2023 and 2012 open-water fishing seasons.

CREEL YEAR: 2023

SPECIES	DIRECTED EFFORT (Hours)	PERCENT OF TOTAL	TOTAL CATCH	SPECIFIC CATCH RATE (Hrs/Fish)	TOTAL HARVEST	SPECIFIC HARVEST RATE (Hrs/Fish)	MEAN LENGTH OF HARVESTED FISH
Walleye	16,276	17.2%	12,790	1.4	1,125	15.2	16.0
Northern Pike	3,389	3.6%	7,698	2.1	302	34.4	21.6
Muskellunge	1,905	2.0%	92	30.0	0	*	**
Smallmouth Bass	9,842	10.4%	4,679	3.4	32	1402.0	14.8
Largemouth Bass	9,456	10.0%	2,263	5.5	50	656.1	16.4
Yellow Perch	11,745	12.4%	9,773	1.6	3,490	4.4	9.4
Bluegill	16,303	17.3%	31,300	0.6	6,943	2.6	7.9
Black Crappie	17,004	18.0%	12,693	1.5	5,336	3.6	10.5
Pumpkinseed	8,154	8.6%	3,103	3.3	743	25.2	7.3
Rock Bass	287	0.3%	935	9.2	41	20.8	8.0
Bullhead spp.	*	*	205	*	27	*	14.8
Bowfin	*	*	176	*	0	*	**
White Sucker	*	*	18	*	0	*	**

CREEL YEAR: 2012

SPECIES	DIRECTED EFFORT (Hours)	PERCENT OF TOTAL	TOTAL CATCH	SPECIFIC CATCH RATE (Hrs/Fish)	TOTAL HARVEST	SPECIFIC HARVEST RATE (Hrs/Fish)	MEAN LENGTH OF HARVESTED FISH
Walleye	16,420	19.7%	6,613	2.5	1,141	14.4	16.5
Northern Pike	7,198	8.7%	6,482	3.6	681	15.5	24.3
Muskellunge	4,856	5.8%	195	28.5	4	1221.0	43.7
Smallmouth Bass	6,053	7.3%	2,463	3.3	139	48.5	18.1
Largemouth Bass	7,009	8.4%	3,483	2.9	277	30.3	17.8
Yellow Perch	10,064	12.1%	5,595	2.2	2,568	4.2	9.2
Bluegill	18,352	22.1%	41,805	0.5	15,399	1.2	7.8
Black Crappie	11,428	13.7%	7,128	1.8	3,997	3.3	9.9
Pumpkinseed	1,281	1.5%	3,478	1.5	562	5.8	7.2
Rock Bass	*	*	547	*	88	*	8.6
Bowfin	*	*	445	*	28	*	**
White Sucker	*	*	541	*	0	*	**
Black Bullhead	397	0.5%	9,024	0.9	493	1.2	11.2
Brown Bullhead	*	*	5	*	0	*	**
Silver Redhorse	*	*	9	*	0	*	**
Yellow Bullhead	106	0.1%	88	1.0	5	1.0	13.5

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Table 3. Comparison of creel survey synopses, Lake Nokomis, 2023 and 2012 open-water fishing seasons.

CREEL YEAR: 2023

SPECIES	DIRECTED EFFORT (Hours)	PERCENT OF TOTAL	TOTAL CATCH	SPECIFIC CATCH RATE (Hrs/Fish)	TOTAL HARVEST	SPECIFIC HARVEST RATE (Hrs/Fish)	MEAN LENGTH OF HARVESTED FISH
Walleye	11,356	16.0%	10,600	1.2	914	13.2	16.0
Northern Pike	2,173	3.1%	5,191	2.1	261	22.5	21.4
Muskellunge	1,480	2.1%	82	27.6	0	*	**
Smallmouth Bass	7,637	10.7%	4,244	2.8	31	1227.5	15.1
Largemouth Bass	7,054	9.9%	1,847	5.0	38	513.4	15.6
Yellow Perch	9,273	13.0%	8,213	1.4	2,661	4.0	9.4
Bluegill	12,345	17.4%	23,333	0.6	5,739	2.4	8.0
Black Crappie	13,494	19.0%	9,893	1.5	4,070	3.6	10.5
Pumpkinseed	6,156	8.7%	1,219	5.9	309	26.3	7.3
Rock Bass	169	0.2%	894	12.3	41	12.3	8.0
Bullhead spp.	*	*	205	*	27	*	14.8
Bowfin	*	*	136	*	0	*	**
White Sucker	*	*	18	*	0	*	**

CREEL YEAR: 2012

SPECIES	DIRECTED EFFORT (Hours)	PERCENT OF TOTAL	TOTAL CATCH	SPECIFIC CATCH RATE (Hrs/Fish)	TOTAL HARVEST	SPECIFIC HARVEST RATE (Hrs/Fish)	MEAN LENGTH OF HARVESTED FISH
Walleye	14,160	22.3%	5,491	2.6	991	14.3	16.4
Northern Pike	5,538	8.7%	4,219	4.6	500	15.5	27.2
Muskellunge	3,059	4.8%	163	22.2	4	755.1	43.7
Smallmouth Bass	4,264	6.7%	1,395	4.6	115	39.8	18.2
Largemouth Bass	4,786	7.5%	2,431	3.0	207	29.8	18.2
Yellow Perch	8,767	13.8%	3,873	2.7	2,378	3.9	9.1
Bluegill	12,827	20.2%	26,902	0.5	12,123	1.1	7.8
Black Crappie	9,012	14.2%	5,453	1.8	3,249	3.1	9.8
Pumpkinseed	560	0.9%	1,416	1.6	300	7.1	7.1
Rock Bass	*	*	422	*	88	*	8.6
Bowfin	*	*	53	*	11	*	**
White Sucker	*	*	7	*	0	*	**
Black Bullhead	397	0.6%	9,024	0.9	493	1.1	11.1
Brown Bullhead	*	*	5	*	0	*	**
Silver Redhorse	*	*	9	*	0	*	**
Yellow Bullhead	106	0.2%	88	*	5	*	13.5

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Table 4. Comparison of creel survey synopses, Bridge Lake, 2023 and 2012 open-water fishing seasons.

CREEL YEAR: 2023

SPECIES	DIRECTED EFFORT (Hours)	PERCENT OF TOTAL	TOTAL CATCH	SPECIFIC CATCH RATE (Hrs/Fish)	TOTAL HARVEST	SPECIFIC HARVEST RATE (Hrs/Fish)	MEAN LENGTH OF HARVESTED FISH
Walleye	781	5.1%	106	15.4	0	*	**
Northern Pike	1,011	6.7%	1,389	1.7	35	514.5	21.9
Muskellunge	374	2.5%	10	38.1	0	*	**
Smallmouth Bass	1,821	12.0%	421	7.3	1	1852.9	14.1
Largemouth Bass	2,018	13.3%	416	6.8	12	2053.3	17.2
Yellow Perch	1,737	11.4%	690	2.6	176	10.5	9.0
Bluegill	2,655	17.5%	6,007	0.5	990	3.0	7.8
Black Crappie	2,769	18.2%	1,962	1.5	715	4.1	9.4
Pumpkinseed	1,916	12.6%	1,611	1.4	229	21.3	7.4
Rock Bass	118	0.8%	35	6.8	0	*	**
Bowfin	*	*	24	*	0	*	**

CREEL YEAR: 2012

SPECIES	DIRECTED EFFORT (Hours)	PERCENT OF TOTAL	TOTAL CATCH	SPECIFIC CATCH RATE (Hrs/Fish)	TOTAL HARVEST	SPECIFIC HARVEST RATE (Hrs/Fish)	MEAN LENGTH OF HARVESTED FISH
Walleye	1,057	7.3%	98	10.8	80	13.2	16.7
Northern Pike	1,374	9.5%	2,097	1.8	124	27.8	22.4
Muskellunge	1,423	9.8%	5	288.0	0	*	**
Smallmouth Bass	1,488	10.3%	936	1.8	24	83.1	16.7
Largemouth Bass	1,757	12.1%	841	2.6	46	38.3	15.2
Yellow Perch	931	6.4%	1,660	0.7	128	13.8	8.8
Bluegill	4,246	29.3%	13,620	0.3	2,682	1.6	7.2
Black Crappie	1,651	11.4%	1,406	1.5	557	4.3	9.9
Pumpkinseed	572	3.9%	1,963	1.4	200	7.1	6.5
Rock Bass	*	*	125	*	0	*	**
Black Bullhead	*	*	385	*	17	*	12.4

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Table 5. Comparison of creel survey synopses, Rice River Flowage, 2023 and 2012 open-water fishing seasons.

CREEL YEAR: 2023

SPECIES	DIRECTED EFFORT (Hours)	PERCENT OF TOTAL	TOTAL CATCH	SPECIFIC CATCH RATE (Hrs/Fish)	TOTAL HARVEST	SPECIFIC HARVEST RATE (Hrs/Fish)	MEAN LENGTH OF HARVESTED FISH
Walleye	4,139	51.6%	2,083	2.0	211	19.6	16.1
Northern Pike	205	2.6%	1,119	*	7	*	26.4
Muskellunge	51	0.6%	0	*	0	*	**
Smallmouth Bass	384	4.8%	14	*	0	*	**
Largemouth Bass	384	4.8%	0	*	0	*	**
Yellow Perch	735	9.2%	870	3.6	653	3.7	10.0
Bluegill	1,303	16.2%	1,960	0.7	214	6.6	8.2
Black Crappie	741	9.2%	838	1.6	550	2.9	11.7
Pumpkinseed	82	1.0%	273	*	205	*	7.2
Rock Bass	*	*	7	*	0	*	**
Bowfin	*	*	15	*	0	*	**

CREEL YEAR: 2012

SPECIES	DIRECTED EFFORT (Hours)	PERCENT OF TOTAL	TOTAL CATCH	SPECIFIC CATCH RATE (Hrs/Fish)	TOTAL HARVEST	SPECIFIC HARVEST RATE (Hrs/Fish)	MEAN LENGTH OF HARVESTED FISH
Walleye	1,203	23.2%	1,024	1.2	70	17.2	16.1
Northern Pike	286	5.5%	166	5.0	57	5.0	30.7
Muskellunge	373	7.2%	28	13.4	0	*	**
Smallmouth Bass	301	5.8%	132	2.5	0	*	**
Largemouth Bass	466	9.0%	210	3.3	25	18.8	17.8
Yellow Perch	366	7.0%	61	6.0	61	6.0	9.4
Bluegill	1,279	24.7%	1,283	1.0	593	2.2	8.5
Black Crappie	765	14.7%	269	3.3	191	4.9	11.1
Pumpkinseed	149	2.9%	99	1.5	62	2.4	8.5
Rock Bass	*	0	0	*	0	*	**
Bowfin	*	0	8	*	0	*	**
Black Bullhead	*	0	534	*	0	*	**

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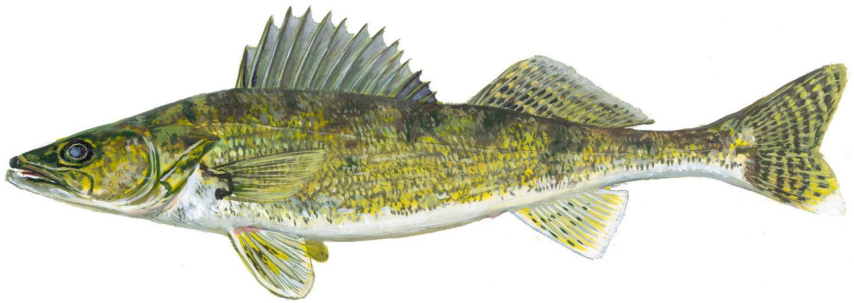

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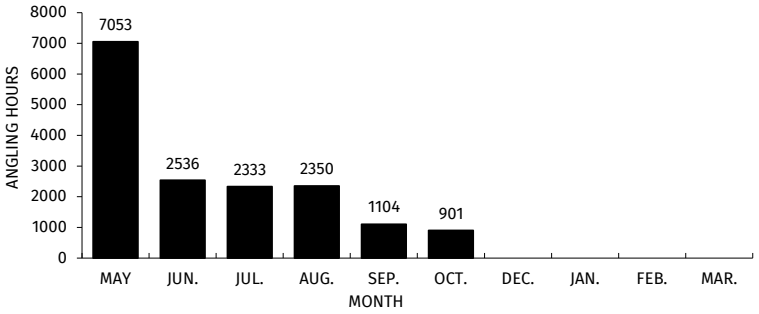

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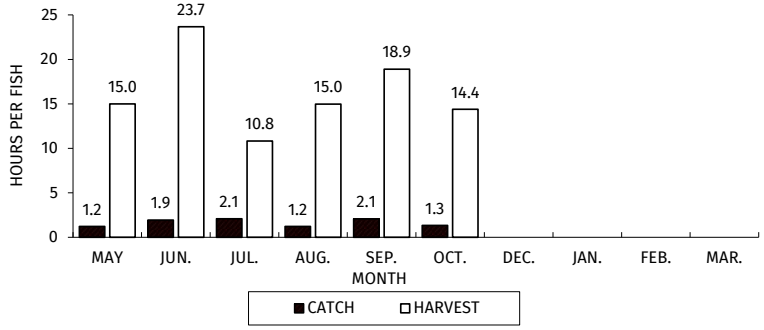
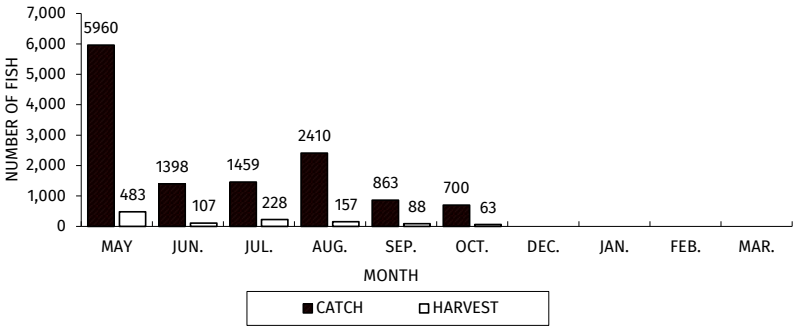


TOTAL CATCH AND HARVEST



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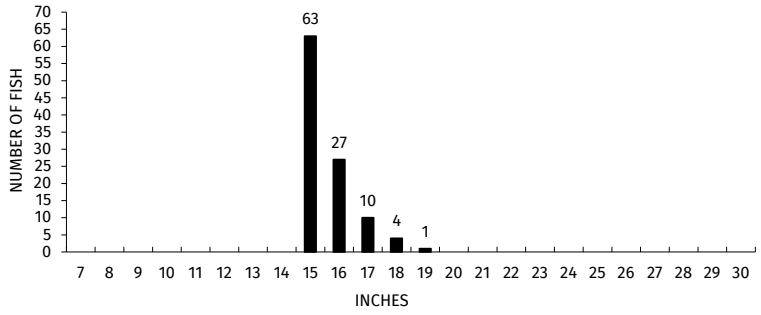

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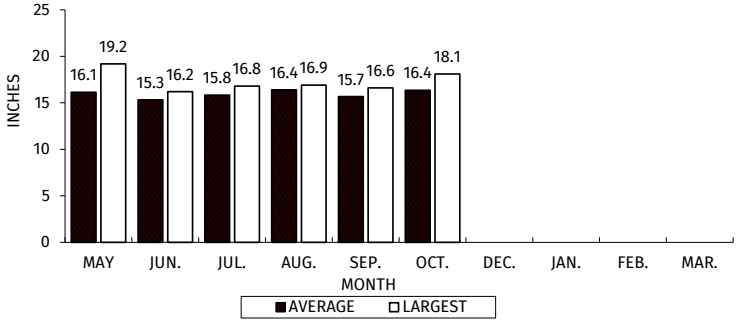

Figure 1. Walleye fishing effort, catch, harvest and length distribution, Rice Reservoir Chain, during 2023.

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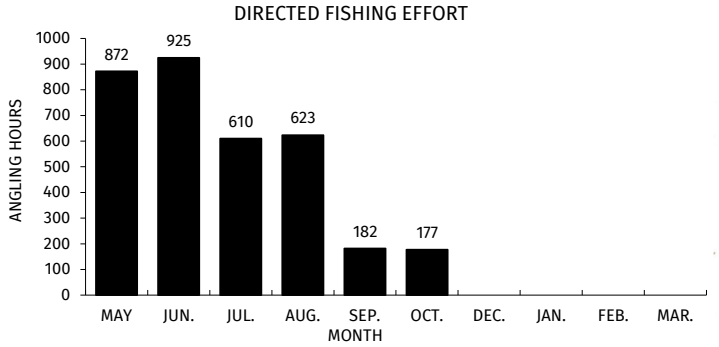

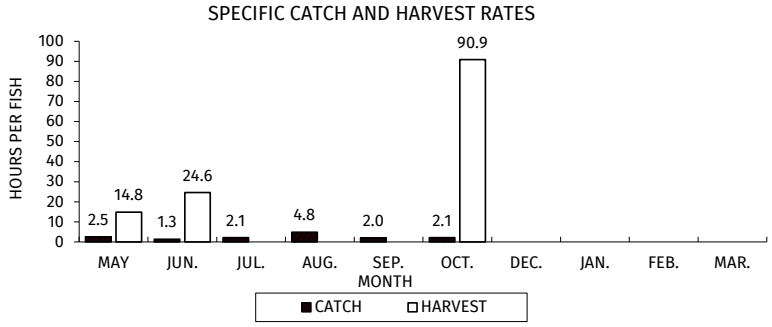

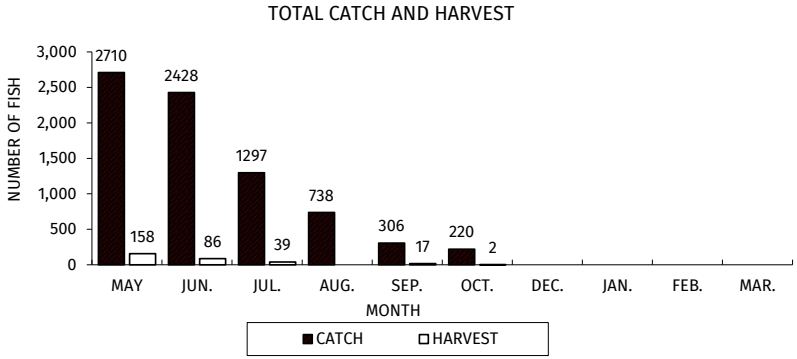

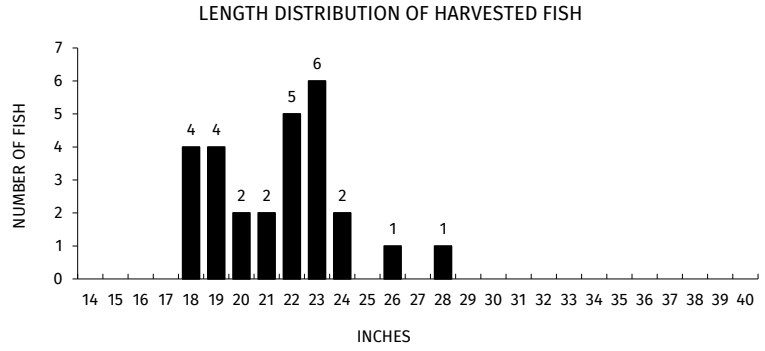

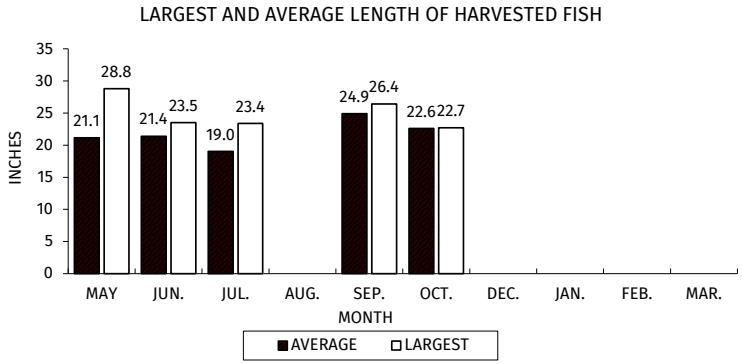

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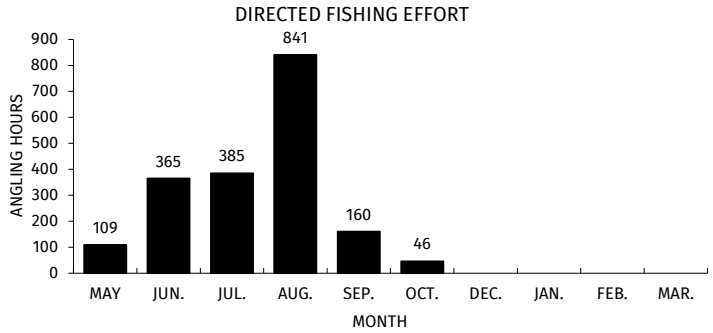

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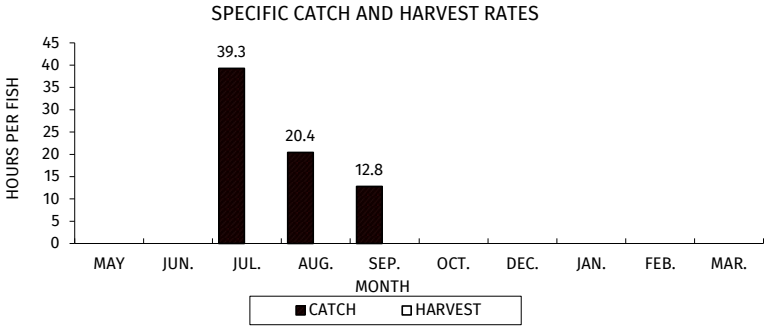

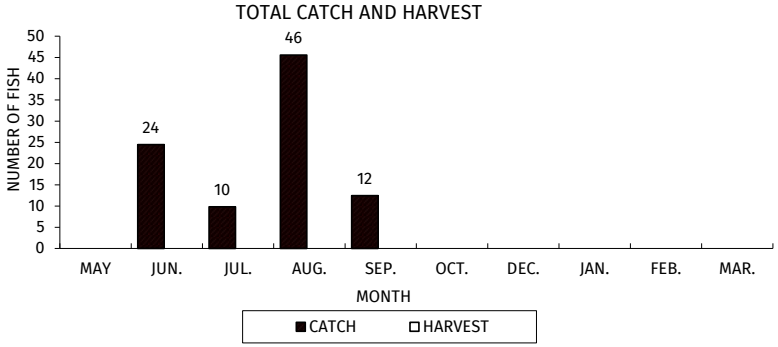

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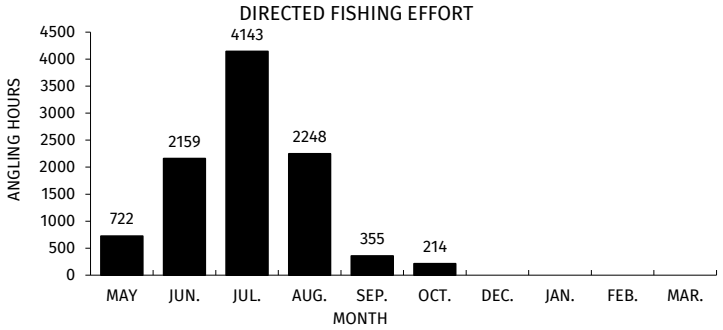

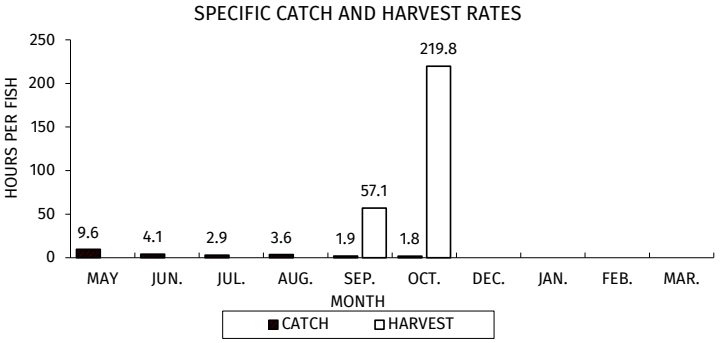

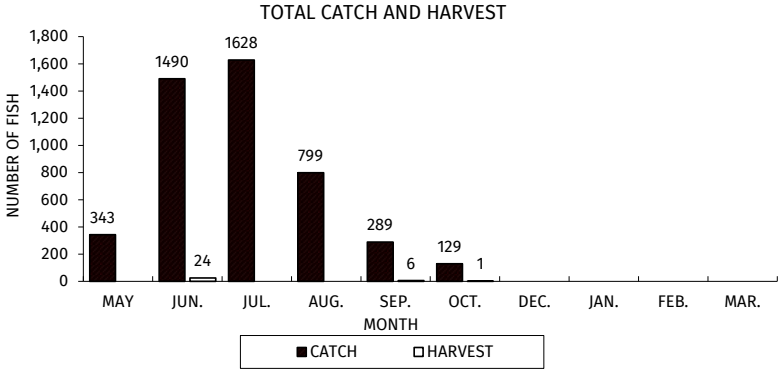

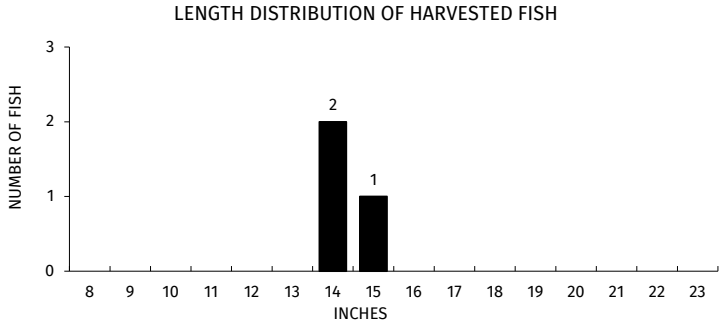

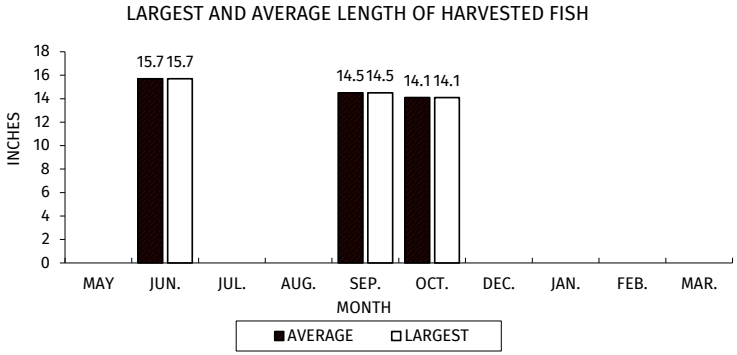

Figure 4. Smallmouth bass fishing effort, catch, harvest and length distribution, Rice Reservoir Chain, during 2023.

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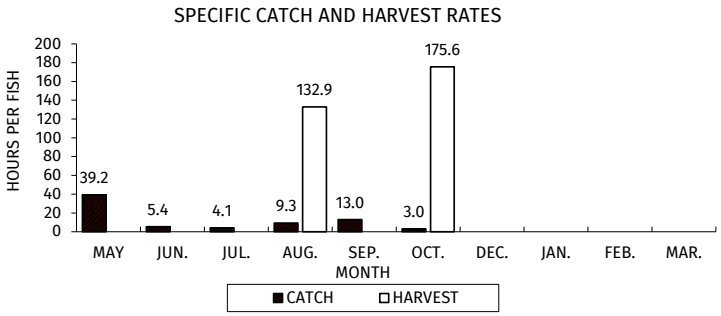

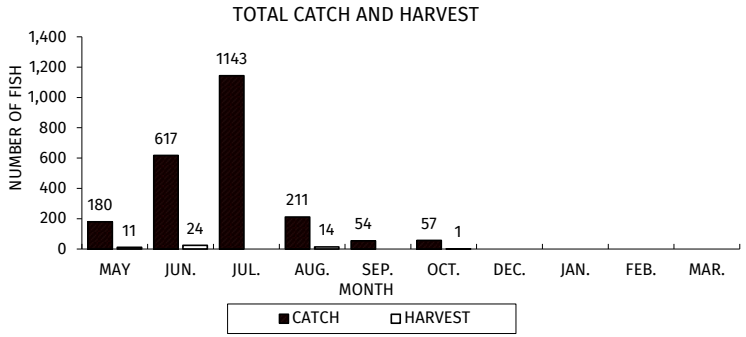

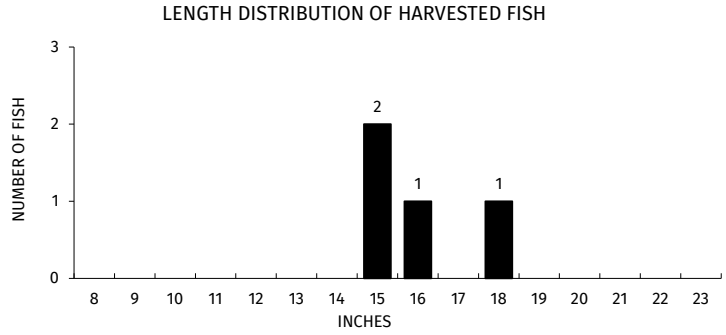

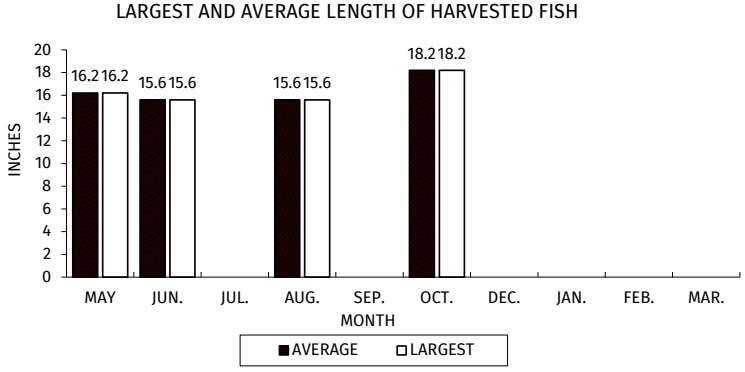

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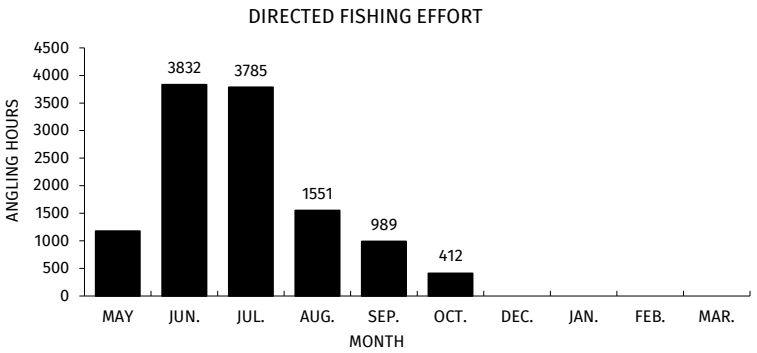
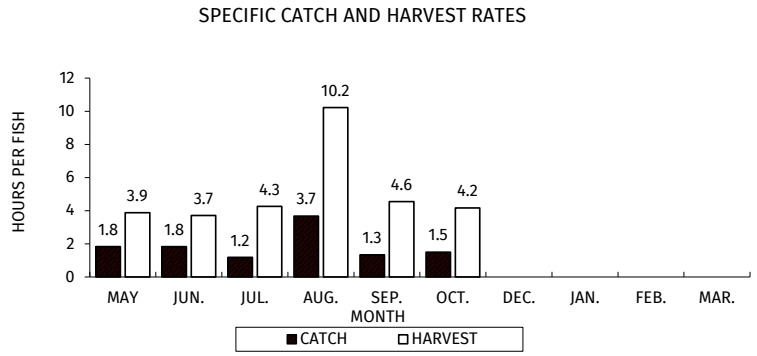
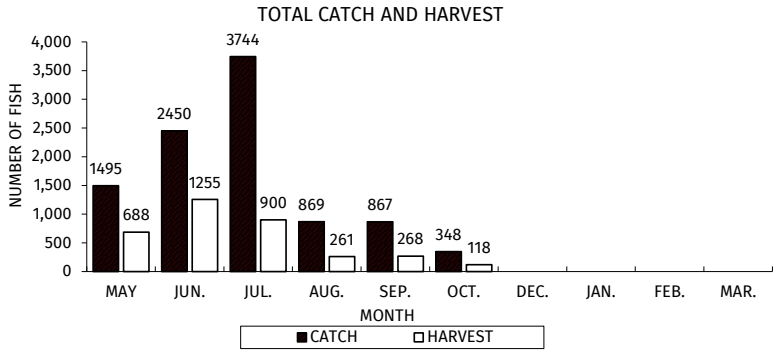
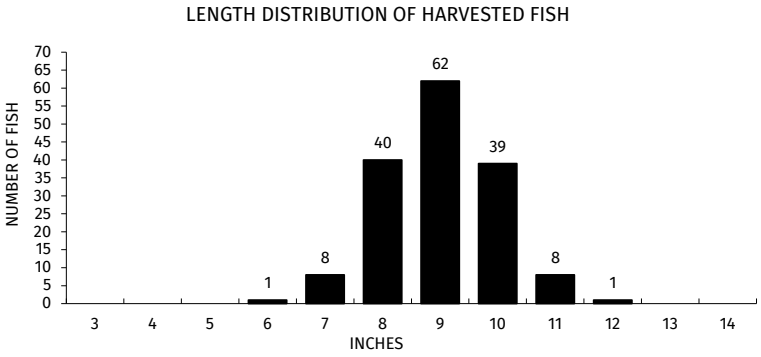








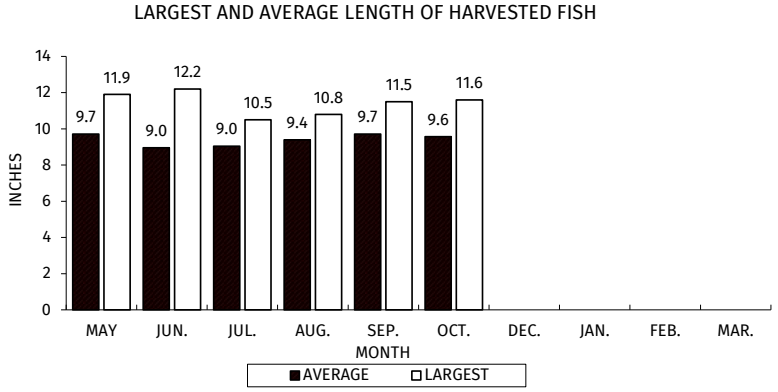
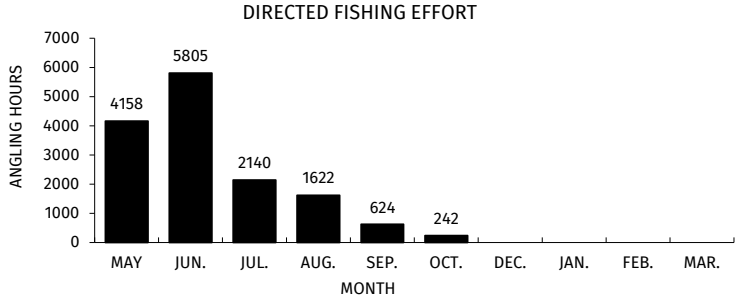
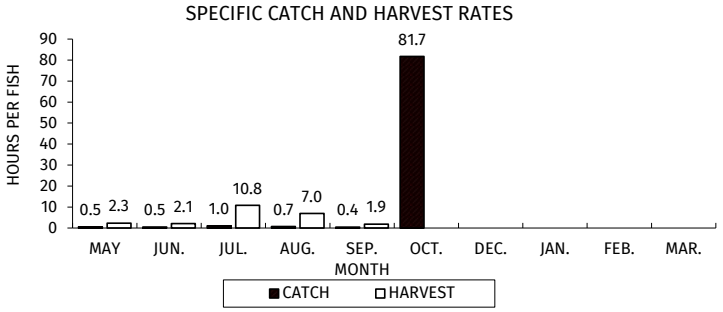
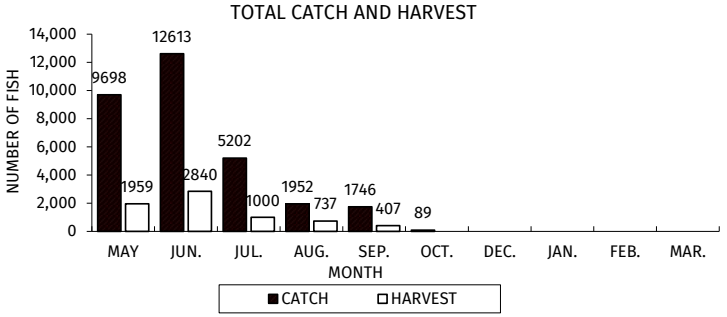


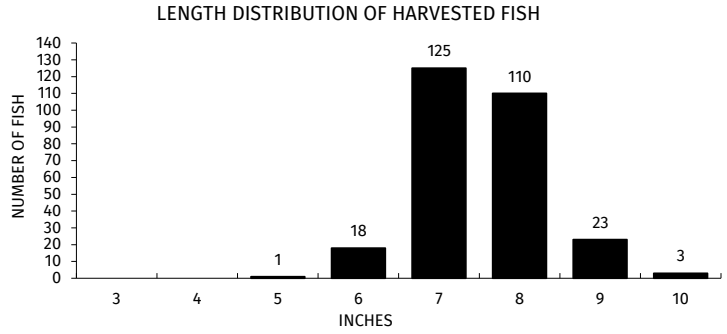
Figure 6. Yellow perch fishing effort, catch, harvest and length distribution, Rice Reservoir Chain, during 2023.

BLUEGILL









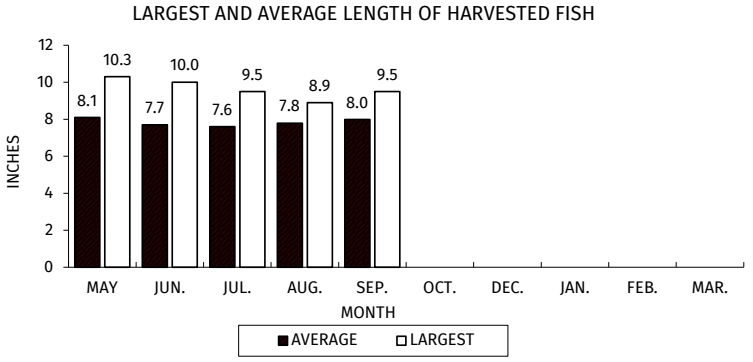
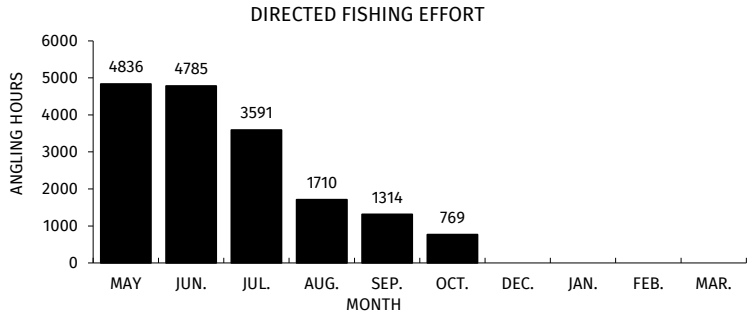
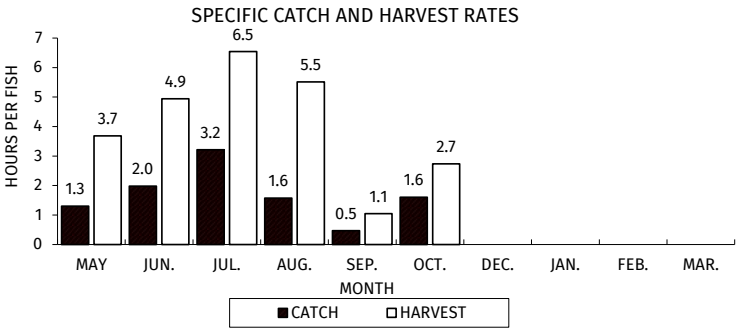
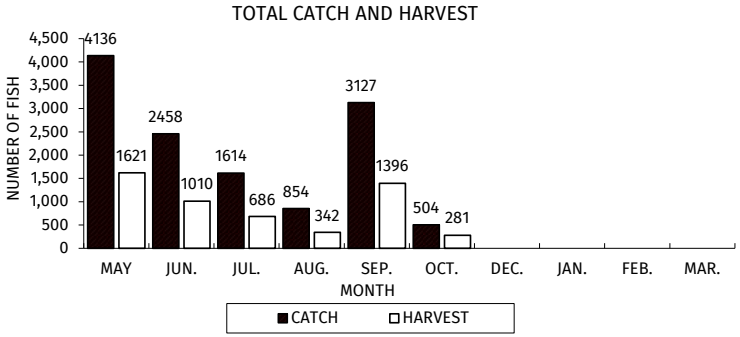


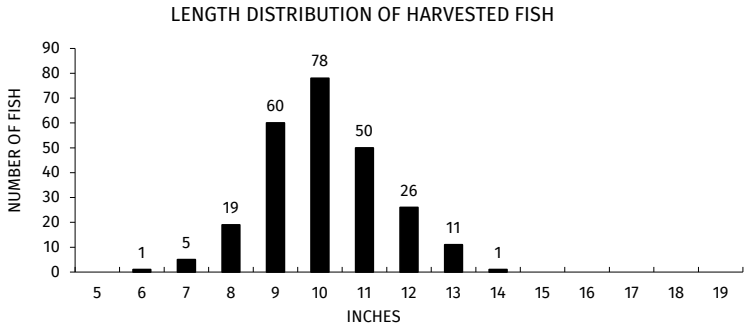
Figure 7. Bluegill fishing effort, catch, harvest and length distribution, Rice Reservoir Chain, during 2023.

BLACK CRAPPIE









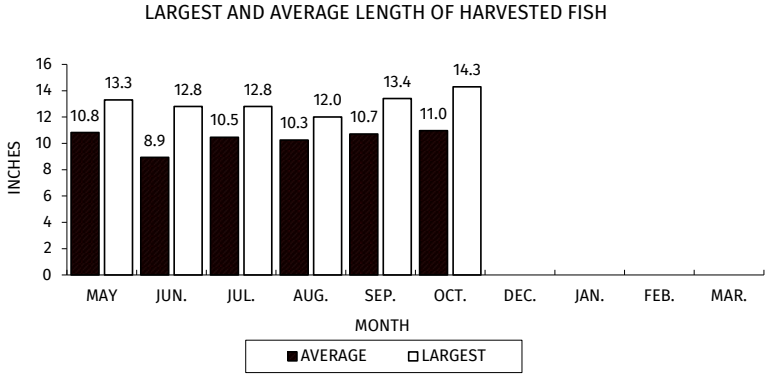


Figure 8. Black crappie fishing effort, catch, harvest and length distribution, Rice Reservoir Chain, during 2023.

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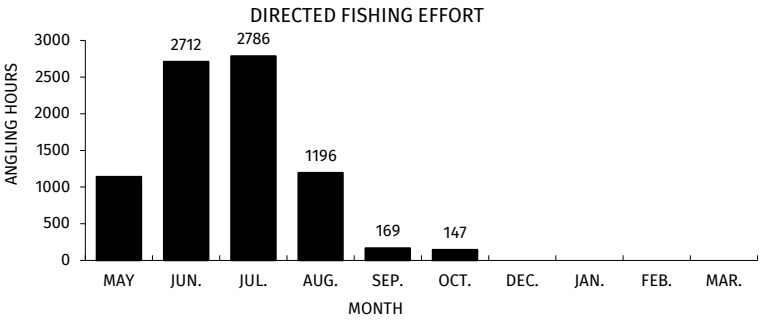
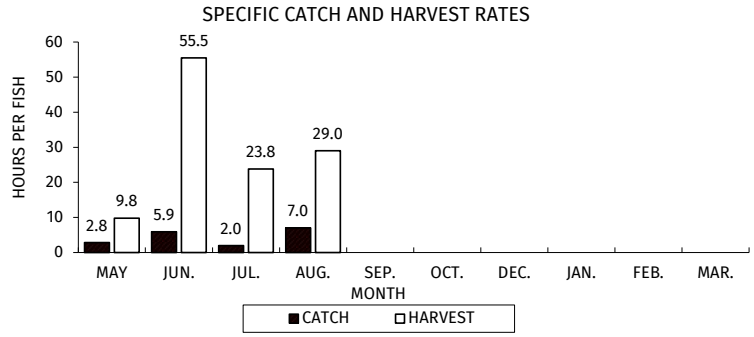
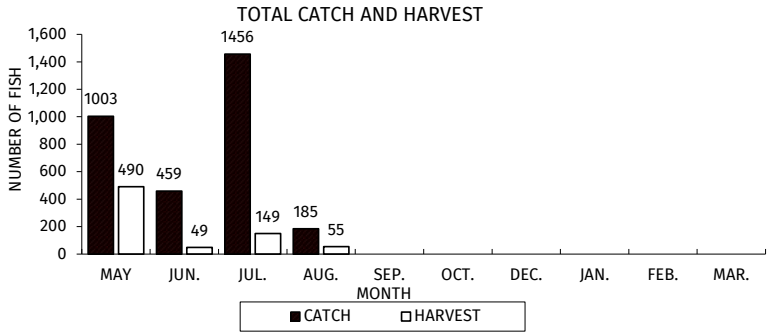
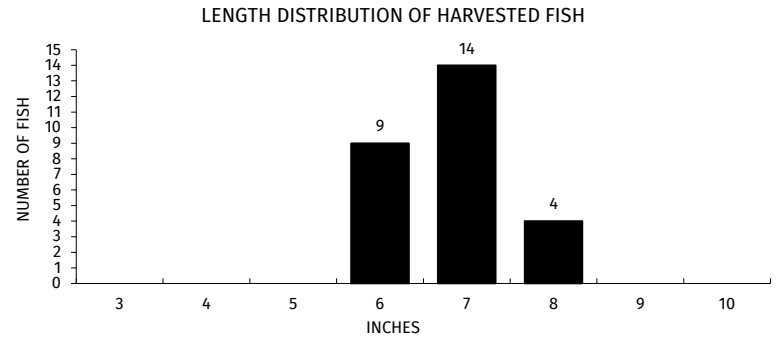








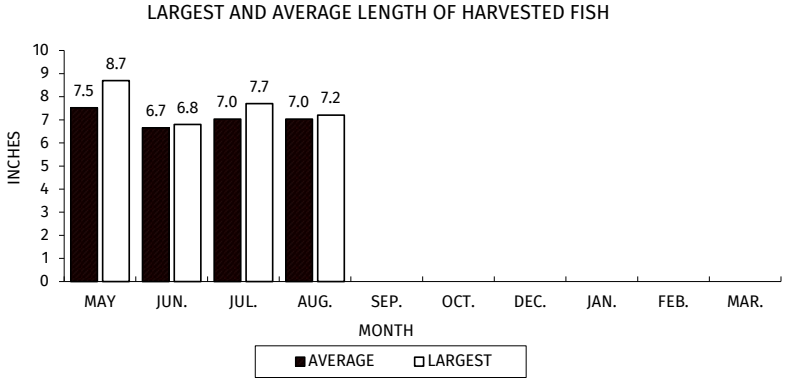
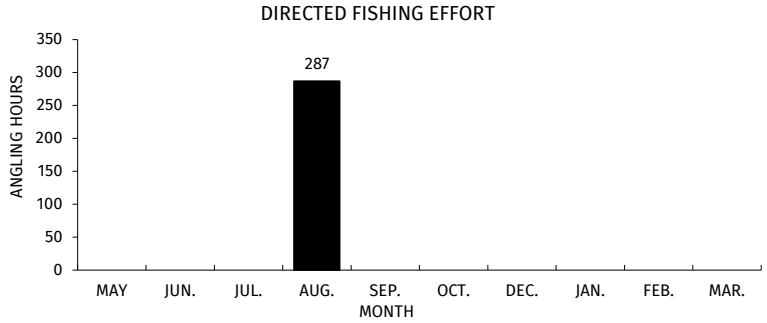
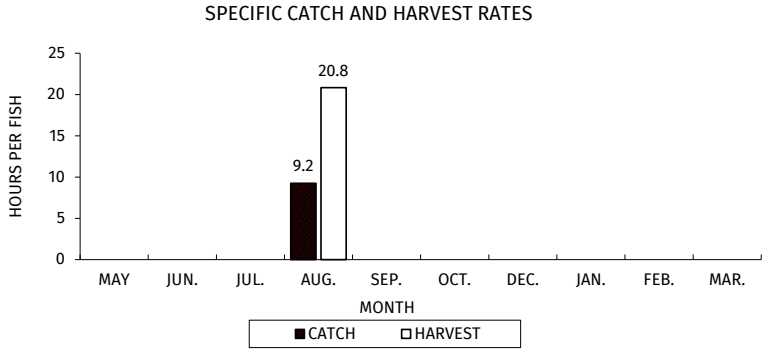
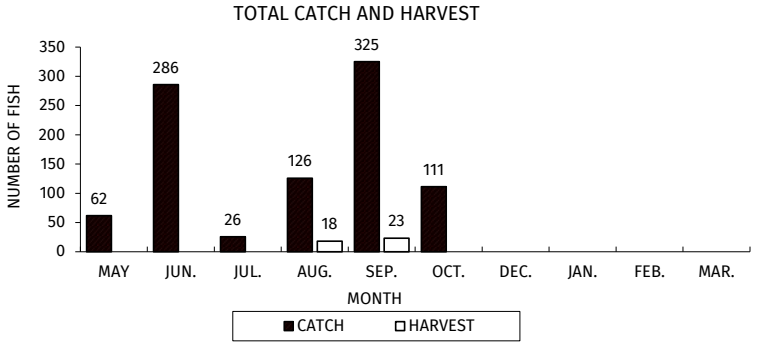


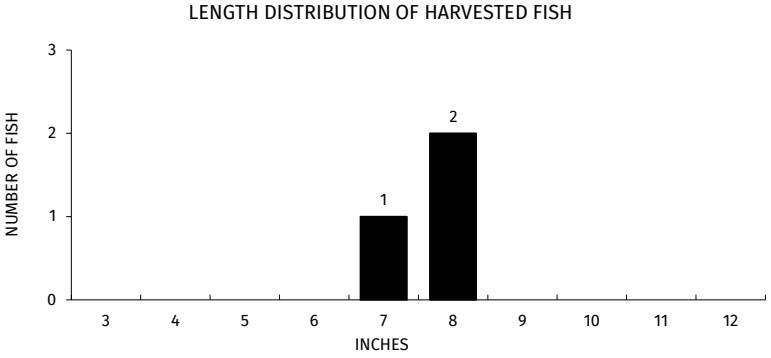
Figure 9. Pumpkinseed fishing effort, catch, harvest and length distribution, Rice Reservoir Chain, during 2023.

ROCK BASS









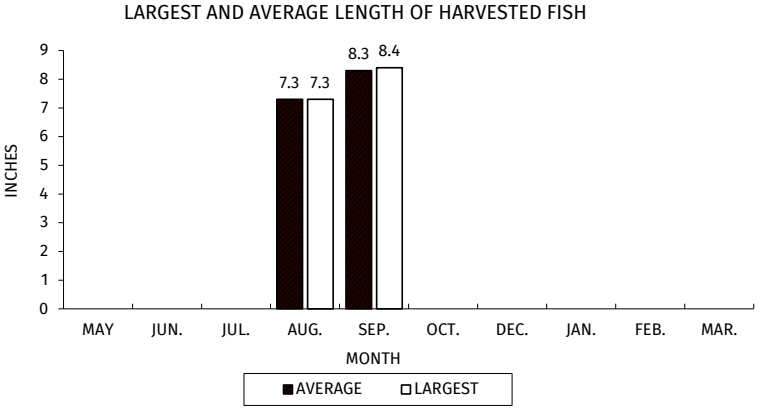
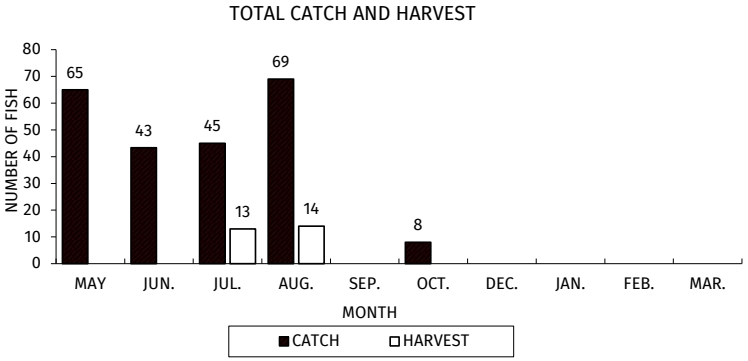


Figure 10. Rock bass fishing effort, catch, harvest and length distribution, Rice Reservoir Chain, during 2023.

BULLHEADS

Black Bullhead (black barbels on chin)

Yellow Bullhead (white barbels on chin)



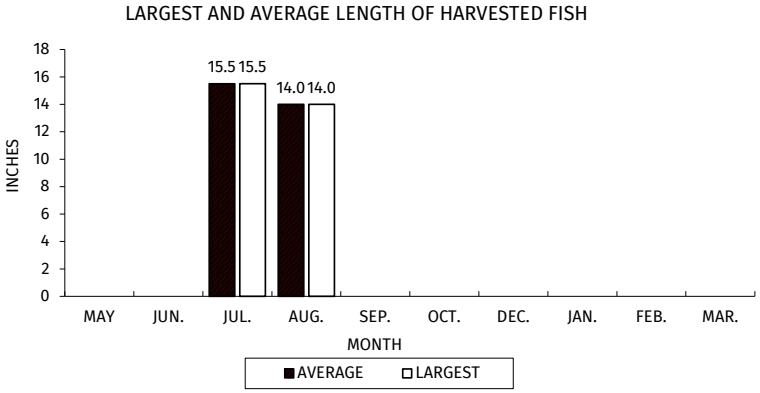


Figure 11. Bullhead species catch, harvest and length distribution, Rice Reservoir Chain, during 2023.