



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Fisheries Information Sheet

LAKE: BOOT

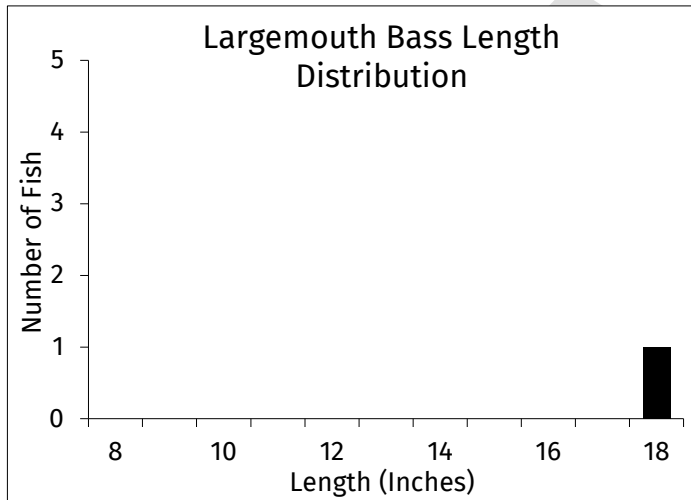
COUNTY: VILAS

YEAR: 2024

Introduction

Boot Lake is a drainage lake with predominately sand and gravel substrates. The lake has a surface area of 284 acres, 3.1 miles of shoreline and a maximum depth of 15 feet. The Department of Natural Resources surveyed Boot Lake, Vilas County, on the evening of May 15, 2024, to assess the status of bass and panfish. One electrofishing boat shocked a total of 3.49 miles of shoreline which included one, half-mile station where all fish species were collected. Only game fish (largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, northern pike, muskellunge) were collected for the remaining 2.99 miles.

LARGEMOUTH BASS

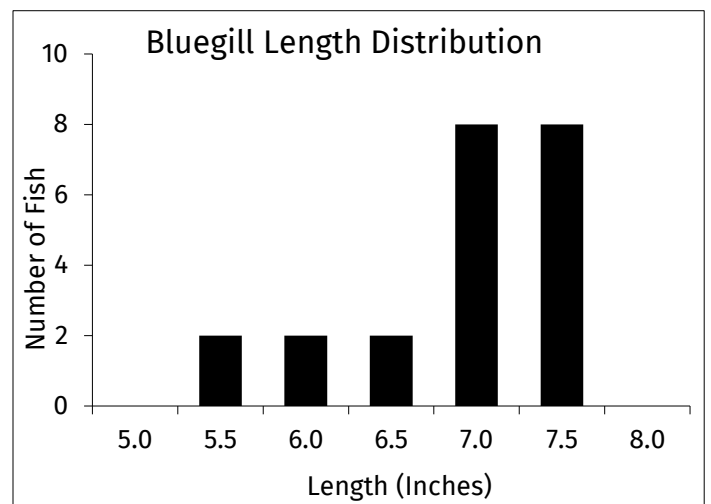


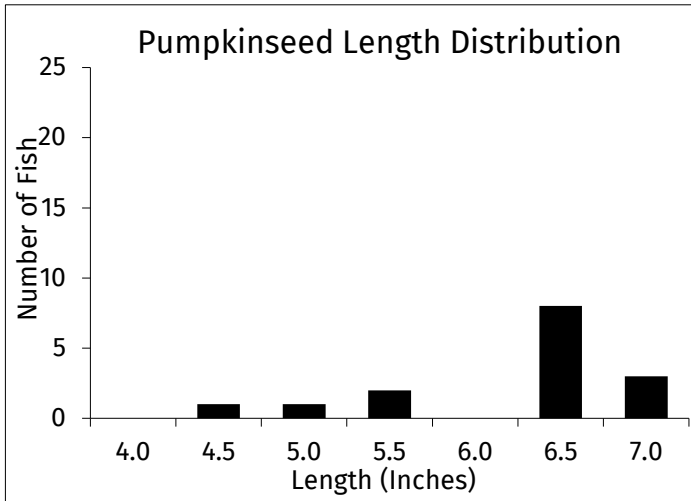
A total of 1 largemouth bass was captured along 3.49 miles of shoreline during the electrofishing survey. Largemouth bass were captured at a low rate of 0.3/mile. The lone largemouth bass collected was 18.1 inches. No smallmouth bass were caught during this survey.

BLUEGILL



A total of 22 bluegill were captured along 0.5 miles of shoreline during the electrofishing survey. Bluegill were captured at a relatively low rate of 44/mile. The average length of bluegill was 7.1 inches and the largest being 7.9 inches.





PUMPKINSEED



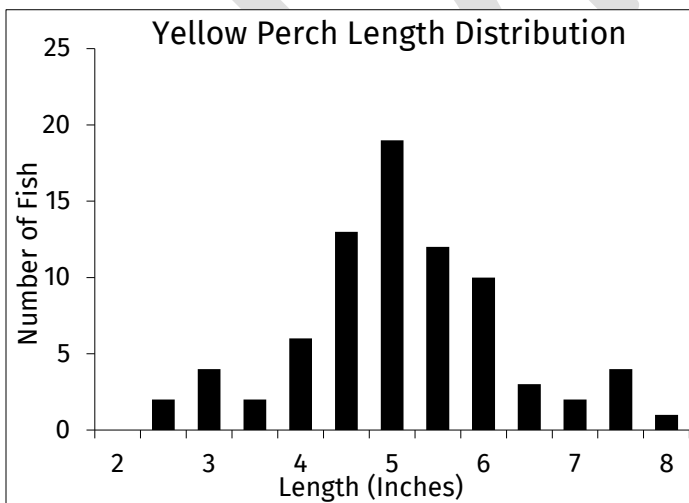
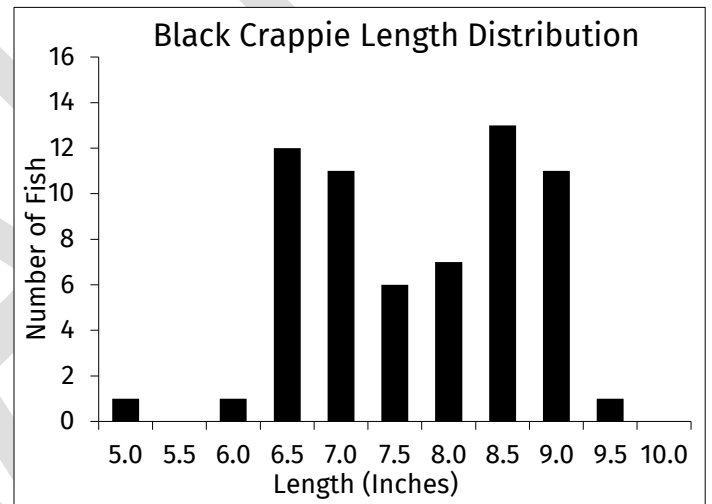
A total of 15 pumpkinseed were caught along 0.5 miles of shoreline at a relatively low rate of 30/mile. The average length of pumpkinseed was 6.4 inches, with the largest being 7.4 inches.

BLACK CRAPPIE



A total of 63 black crappies were captured along 0.5 miles of shoreline during the electrofishing survey. Black crappies were captured at a high rate of 126/mile. The average length of black crappies was 7.9 inches, with the largest being 9.8 inches.

Additionally, four white crappies were captured along 0.5 miles of shoreline, ranging in length from 9.1 to 13.1 inches.



YELLOW PERCH



A total of 78 yellow perch were caught along 0.5 miles of shoreline. The average length of yellow perch was 5.3 inches, with the largest being 8.0 inches.

OTHER SPECIES

In addition to the gamefish mentioned above, electrofishing sampling efforts in Boot Lake resulted in the catch of four other species of fish, including: white sucker, walleye, muskellunge and northern pike.

Table 1. General fishing regulations for Boot Lake, Vilas County, Wisconsin, 2024-25.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT
Panfish	All Year	25	None
Walleye	May 4 – March 2	3	15", no harvest 20-24", and only 1 allowed over 24"
Largemouth bass (harvest season)	May 4 – March 2	5 in total with SMB	14 inches
Smallmouth bass (harvest season)	June 15 – March 2	5 in total with LMB	14 inches
Muskellunge	May 25 – December 31	1	40 inches
Northern Pike	May 4 – March 2	5	None

Selected fishing regulations for Boot Lake are summarized above (Table 1). While the regulatory information provided was current at the time the surveys were conducted, it is not comprehensive and should not be used as a substitute for the current fishing regulation pamphlet. You may obtain a copy of current fishing regulations when you purchase your fishing license or download a copy from the [DNR Fishing Regulations page](#).

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