



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Fisheries Information Sheet

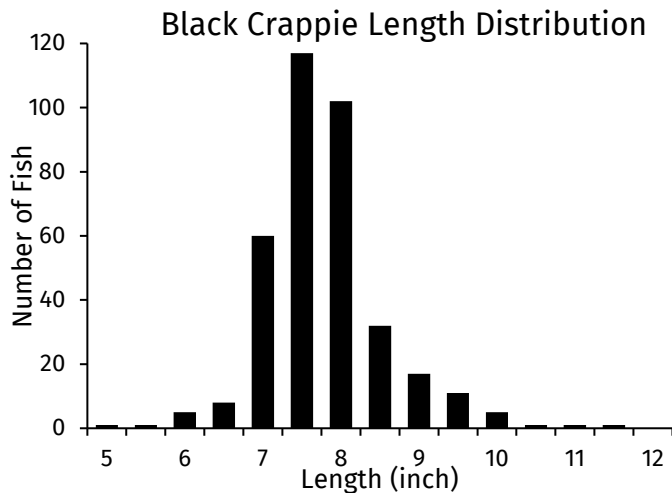
LAKE: MANN LAKE

COUNTY: VILAS

YEAR: 2024

Introduction

Mann Lake has a surface area of 261 acres, 4.9 miles of shoreline and a maximum depth of 18 feet. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) surveyed Mann Lake in spring 2024 to assess the status of panfish. Fyke nets were set on May 6 and lifted daily from May 7-9. In addition to netting panfish, an electrofishing survey was conducted on the evening of May 14. Mann Lake has a history of winter kills, and an aerator system is operated in the winter to provide an oxygen refuge for fish.



BLACK CRAPPIE



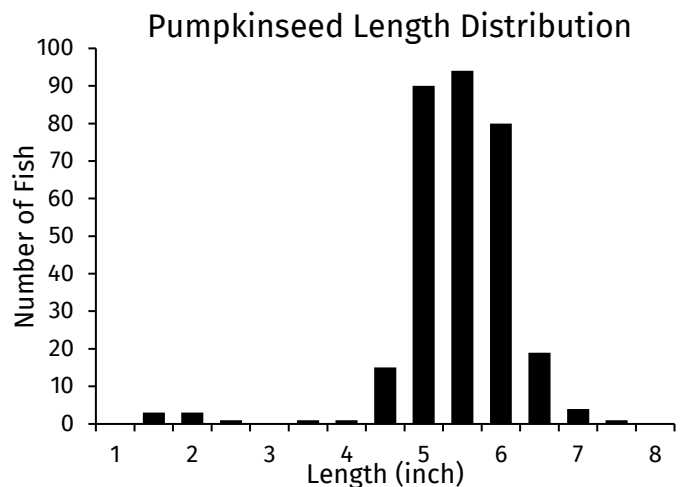
A total of 416 black crappies were caught during the course of surveying. Black crappies were captured at a moderate rate (20.2 per net lift) during fyke netting. The average length of black crappies ≥ 5 inches measured was 8.1 inches, with the largest being 11.5 inches, and 2% were 10 inches or larger.

PUMPKINSEED



A total of 438 pumpkinseeds were caught during surveying. Pumpkinseeds were captured at a high rate (130/mile) in the May 14 electrofishing survey. The average length of pumpkinseeds (≥ 3 inches) measured was 5.7 inches, with the largest being 7.7 inches, and 2% were 7 inches or larger.

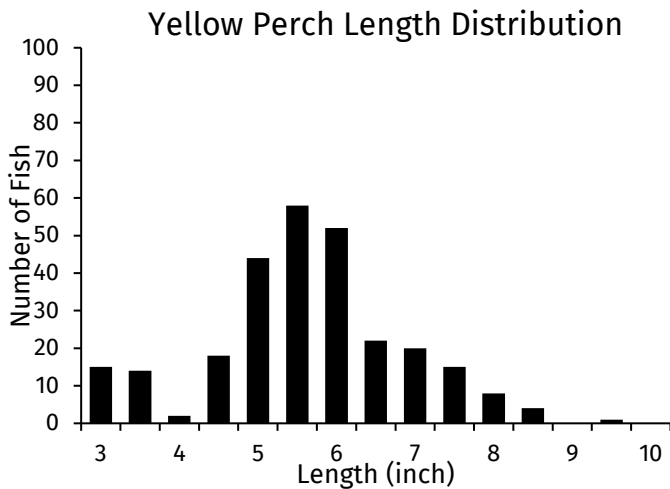
Only one 7.2-inch bluegill was collected during surveys.



YELLOW PERCH



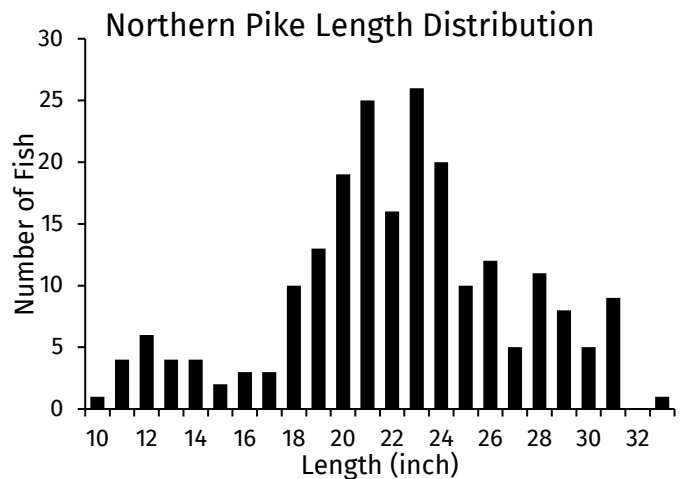
A total of 358 yellow perch were caught during surveying. The average length of yellow perch (≥ 5 inches) measured was 6.3 inches, with the largest being 9.8 inches.



NORTHERN PIKE



During fyke netting and electrofishing sampling, 217 northern pike were caught. The average length of northern pike was 22.7 inches, and the largest measured 33.0 inches.



OTHER SPECIES

In addition to the gamefish and panfish mentioned above, electrofishing sampling efforts in Mann Lake resulted in the catch of one other species of fish, white sucker.

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

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

Selected fishing regulations for Mann Lake are summarized above (Table 1). While the regulatory information provided was current at the time of surveying, it should not be used as a substitute for the current fishing regulation pamphlet. You may obtain a copy of current fishing regulations by downloading a copy from the [DNR Fishing Regulations page](#).

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