



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Fisheries Information Sheet

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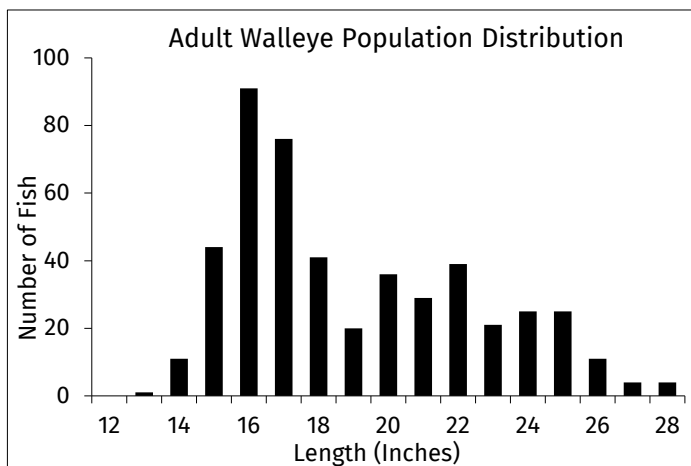
COUNTY: VILAS

YEAR: 2023

Introduction

Found Lake is a drainage lake with predominately sand substrate. The lake has a surface area of 326 acres, 3.7 miles of shoreline and a maximum depth of 21 feet. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) surveyed Found Lake, Vilas County, from May 2-10, 2023, to assess the status of walleye and muskellunge. Walleye fyke nets were set on May 2 and lifted daily from May 3-5 after which they were moved to muskellunge sets and lifted from May 6-10. A walleye recapture electrofishing run was completed on the evening of May 5. The walleye and muskellunge population are both supported by stocking.

WALLEYE

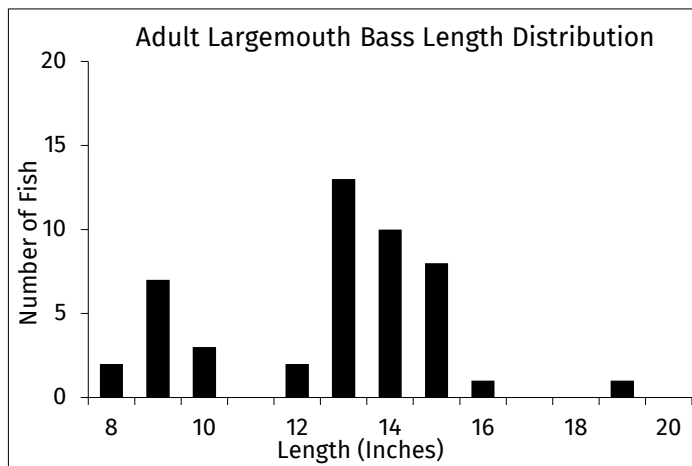
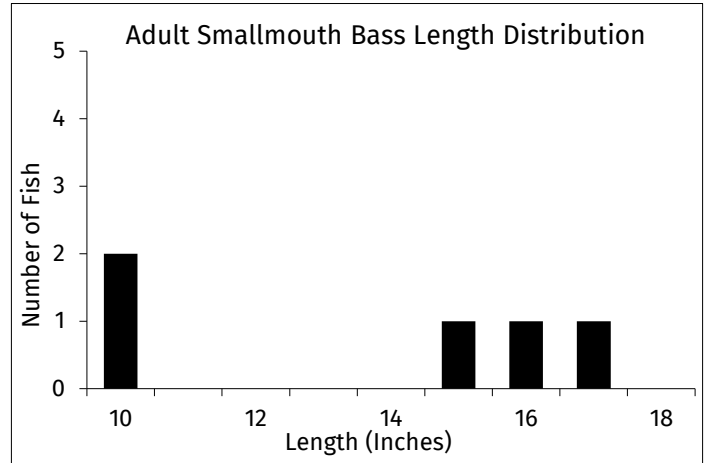


During three days of walleye-targeted fyke netting, 244 adult walleyes were captured and marked with a fin clip. A crew then sampled with an electrofishing boat and caught 53 adult walleyes. During electrofishing, 60% (32 of 53) of walleyes bore the fin clip applied during fyke netting. Based on those results, Found Lake was estimated to contain 478 adult walleyes (1.5/acre). An estimated 98% of adult walleyes were 15 inches or longer. The largest walleye caught was a 28-inch female. Note: Adult walleyes are defined as all sexable walleyes, regardless of length, and those of unknown sex ≥ 15 inches in length.

SMALLMOUTH BASS



Netting and electrofishing surveys resulted in five smallmouth bass caught. The average length of smallmouth bass captured was 13.8 inches, with the largest caught being 17.2 inches.



LARGEMOUTH BASS

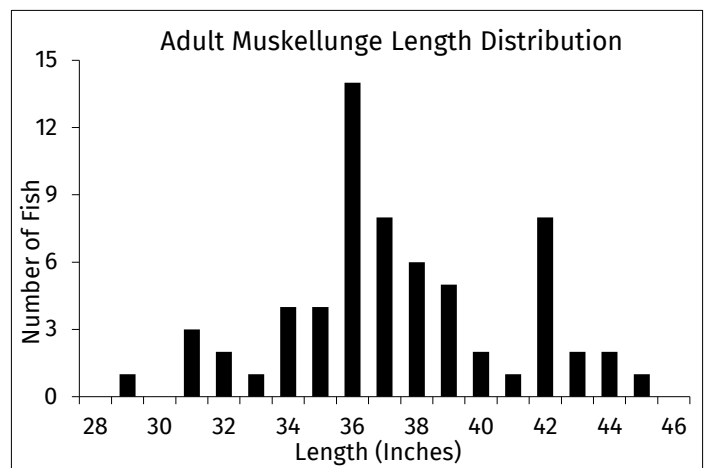


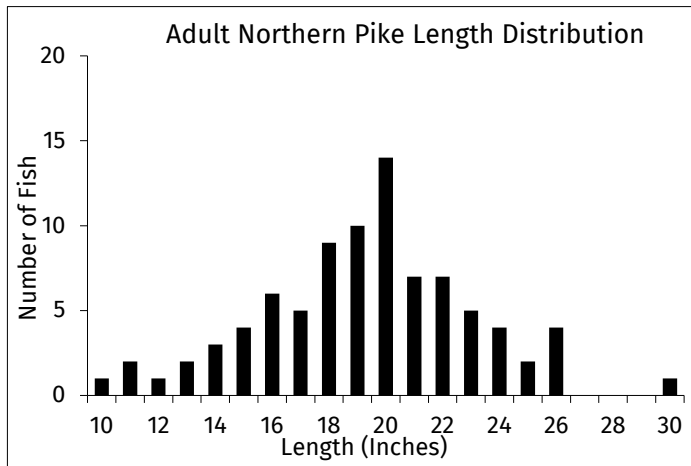
Netting and electrofishing surveys resulted in 50 largemouth bass caught. Of the 50 caught, 47 were considered adults at 8 inches or larger. Of the adult largemouth bass, 43% were 14 inches or longer, with the largest being 19.0 inches.

MUSKELLUNGE



During fyke netting and electrofishing sampling, 64 adult muskellunge were caught, as well as three juveniles. Of the adult muskellunge, 25% (16 of 64) were 40 inches or larger, with the largest being a 45.5-inch female. Note: adult muskellunge are defined as all sexable muskellunge and those of unknown sex ≥ 30 inches in length.





NORTHERN PIKE



Sampling Found Lake through May 10 resulted in the catch of 84 adult northern pike. The average length of adult northern pike was 20.0 inches, and the largest measured 30.4 inches. Note: adult northern pike are defined as all sexable northern pike and those of unknown sex ≥ 12 inches in length.

OTHER SPECIES

In addition to the gamefish mentioned above, fyke netting and electrofishing sampling efforts in Found Lake resulted in the catch of nine species of fish, including: black crappie, bluegill, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, rock bass, golden shiner, white sucker, mottled sculpin and yellow bullhead.

Table 1. General fishing regulations for Found Lake, in Vilas County Wisconsin, 2023-24.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	SIZE LIMIT
Panfish	All Year	25	None
Walleye	May 6 – March 3	3	18 inches
Largemouth bass (harvest season)	May 6 – March 3	5 in total with SMB	14 inches
Smallmouth bass (harvest season)	June 17 – March 3	5 in total with LMB	14 inches
Muskellunge	May 27 – December 31	1	40 inches
Northern Pike	May 6 – March 3	5	None

Selected fishing regulations for Found 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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