



# WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Fisheries Information Sheet

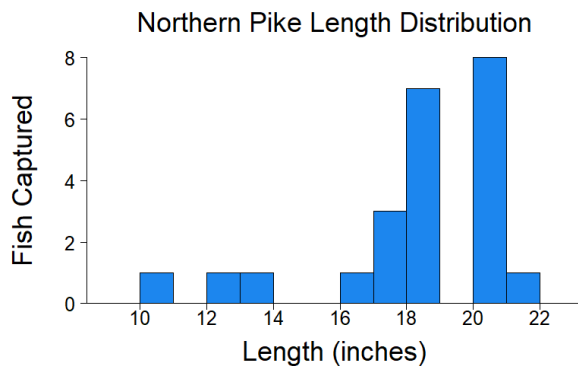
**LAKE:** Loon Lake

**COUNTY:** Ashland

**YEAR:** 2023

### Introduction

Loon Lake is a 32-acre seepage lake with stained water and a maximum depth of 9 feet. In 2023, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources conducted a late spring electrofishing survey to assess the bass and panfish populations.



### NORTHERN PIKE

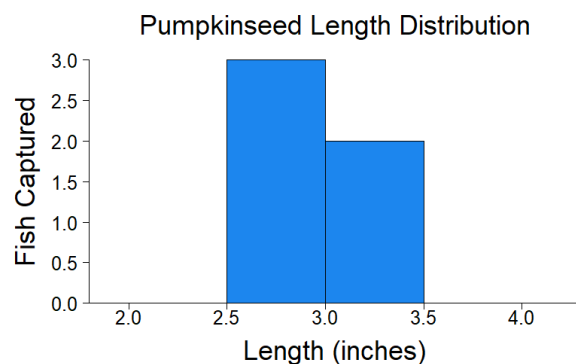


During the late spring electrofishing survey, crews sampled a total of 23 northern pike at a moderate rate of 16.8 per mile. Northern pike ranged in length from 10.4 - 21.3 inches and averaged 19.3 inches.

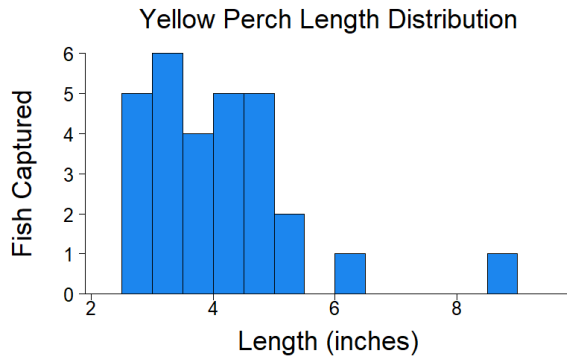
### PUMPKINSEED



During the targeted, late spring electrofishing survey, crews sampled a total of five pumpkinseeds at a low rate of 10.0 per mile. Pumpkinseeds ranged in length from 2.8 - 3.3 inches and averaged 3.0 inches. These results suggest that pumpkinseeds are currently at low densities and most individuals are relatively small.



## YELLOW PERCH



During the late spring electrofishing survey, crews sampled a total of 29 yellow perch at a moderate rate of 58.0 per mile. Yellow perch ranged in length from 2.9 – 8.9 inches and averaged 4.1 inches.

## OTHER SPECIES

During survey efforts, crews also documented low numbers of bluegills and black crappies.

## Summary

No largemouth bass were detected or observed throughout the survey (1580 large fingerlings stocked in 2022). Results from this survey suggest that the Loon Lake fish community has not completely rebounded from the 2018 winterkill event, and survival of stocked largemouth bass is likely very low or non-existent.

## Acknowledgements

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