



# WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Fisheries Information Sheet

**LAKE:** Sawyer

**COUNTY:** Langlade

**YEAR:** 2023

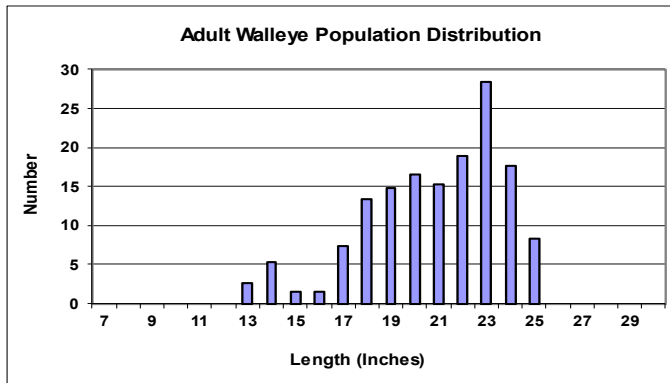
### Introduction

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources surveyed Sawyer Lake in Langlade County between April 22 and April 26 to assess the status of the walleye population. Sawyer Lake was also surveyed on June 8 to assess the bass and panfish communities. Sawyer Lake is a clear water, seepage lake with predominately sand, gravel and muck substrates. The lake has a surface area of 149 acres, 5.2 miles of shoreline and a maximum depth of 31 feet. Sawyer Lake's walleye population is sustained through stocking.



### WALLEYE

During four days of walleye-targeted fyke netting, 118 adult walleyes (sexually mature or  $\geq 15$  inches) were captured and marked with a fin clip. A crew then sampled with an electrofishing boat and caught 30 adult walleyes. During electrofishing, 77% (23 of 30) of walleyes bore the fin clip applied during fyke netting. Based on those results, Sawyer Lake was estimated to contain 153 adult walleyes (1.0/acre).



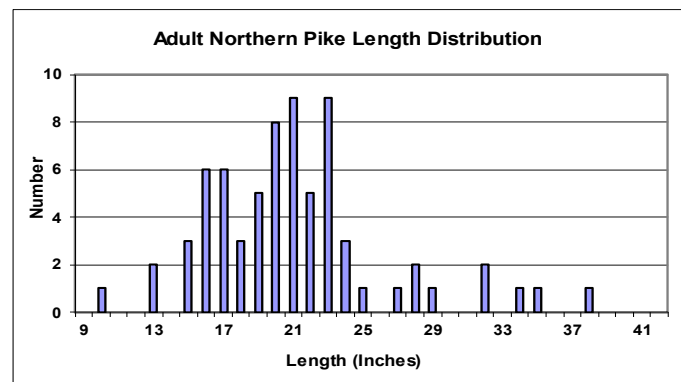
An estimated 95% of adult walleyes were 15 inches or longer. The largest walleye caught was a 25.7-inch female.

### NORTHERN PIKE



Sampling of Sawyer Lake between April 22 and April 26 resulted in the catch of 70 adult northern pike, sexually mature or  $\geq 12$  inches. Nine (13%) of those pike were greater than 26 inches long, the largest measuring 38.2 inches.

No muskies were caught during the survey.

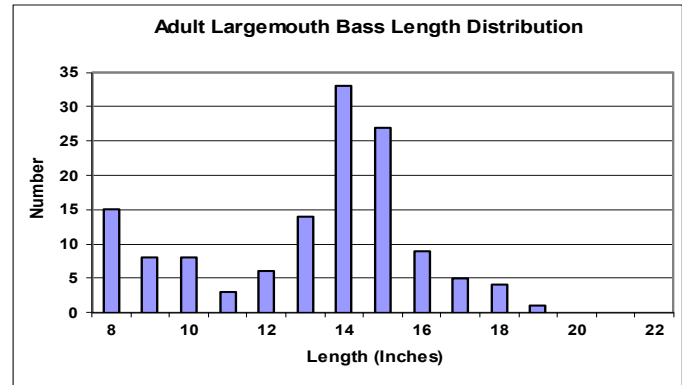


## LARGEMOUTH BASS



Surveys through June 8 resulted in 166 largemouth bass caught. Of the 166 caught, 133 were considered adults ( $\geq 8$  inches), and 59% were 14 inches or longer. During the June 8 electrofishing survey, adult largemouth bass were caught at a moderate rate of 9.4 per mile of shoreline.

No smallmouth bass were caught during any surveys.



## OTHER SPECIES

In addition to the game fish mentioned above, fyke netting and electrofishing sampling efforts in Sawyer Lake resulted in the catch of eight species of fish. Black crappie, bluegill, rock bass and yellow perch were common in survey catches. Other species caught included golden shiner, pumpkinseed, white sucker and yellow bullhead.

Table 1. Special fishing regulations for Sawyer Lake, Langlade County, Wisconsin. Regulations for species not listed below follow the “General Inland Waters” rules found within the state fishing regulations pamphlet.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	SIZE LIMIT
walleye	May 6 - March 3	3	18' inches
largemouth bass (LMB)	May 6 - March 3	5 in total with SMB	12-16 inches no harvest
smallmouth bass (SMB)	June 17 - March 3	5 in total with LMB; harvest season only	12-16 inches no harvest

Catch and release fishing is allowed year-round for largemouth and smallmouth bass.

## Acknowledgements & Questions

This report was compiled by DNR fisheries technician Mark Love. For answers to questions about findings within this report, contact the treaty fisheries biologist. For questions regarding fisheries management activities on Sawyer Lake, contact the Langlade County fisheries biologist.

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