

### WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## **Fisheries Information Sheet**

LAKE: ENGLISH COUNTY: ASHLAND YEAR: 2024

## Introduction

English Lake is a 244-acre drainage lake with stained water and a maximum depth of 40 feet. In 2024, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources conducted early spring fyke-netting and early spring electrofishing surveys to complete a walleye population estimate, a late spring fyke-netting survey to assess the muskellunge population, and a late spring electrofishing survey to complete a largemouth bass population estimate and assess panfish populations.

# Black Crappie Length Distribution 20 15 10 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 Length (inches)

### **BLACK CRAPPIE**

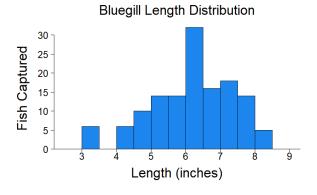


During the targeted, late spring electrofishing survey, crews sampled black crappies at a moderate rate of 35.0 per mile. Black crappies from all spring surveys ranged in length from 4.5 – 10.0 inches and averaged 8.9 inches. These results suggest that black crappies are currently at moderate densities, although most individuals are relatively small.

### **BLUEGILL**



During the targeted, late spring electrofishing survey, crews sampled bluegills at a moderate rate of 99.0 per mile. Bluegills collected throughout



spring surveys ranged in length from 3.2 – 8.3 inches and averaged 6.2 inches. These results suggest that bluegills are currently at moderate densities and the population exhibits a balanced size structure.

## Largemouth Bass Length Distribution 35 30 20 15 0 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 Length (inches)

### LARGEMOUTH BASS

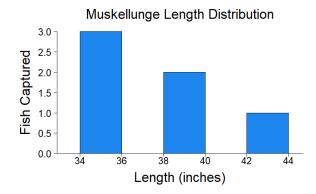


During the spring population estimate, crews sampled a total of 168 largemouth bass ranging in length from 7.9 – 19.3 inches and averaging 14.9 inches. The population was estimated to have 650 individuals or 3.2 fish per acre. These data suggest that largemouth bass are currently at moderate densities and the population exhibits a quality size structure.

### **MUSKELLUNGE**



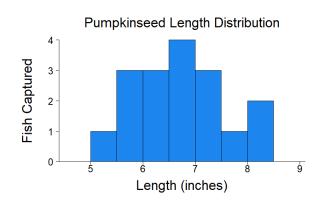
During the targeted, late spring fykenetting survey, crews sampled adult muskellunge at a low rate of 0.14 per net-night. Adult muskellunge from all spring surveys ranged in length from 34.9 – 42.7 inches and averaged 37.6 inches. These results suggest that muskellunge are currently present in very low densities.



### **PUMPKINSEED**



During a targeted, late spring electrofishing survey, crews sampled pumpkinseeds at a low rate of 12.0 per mile. Pumpkinseeds from all spring surveys ranged in length from 5.4 – 8.1 inches and averaged 6.6 inches. These results suggest that pumpkinseeds are currently at low densities, but the population exhibits a balanced size structure.



## Northern Pike Length Distribution 25 20 10 15 20 25 30 35 Length (inches)

### **NORTHERN PIKE**

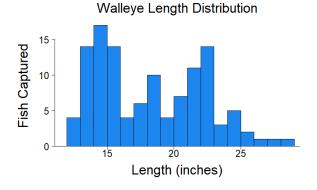


During the targeted, early spring fykenetting survey, crews surveyed 222 northern pike at a moderate rate of 3.0 per net-night. Northern pike from all surveys ranged in length from 10.2 – 35.9 inches and averaged 18.4 inches. These results suggest that northern pike are currently present in moderate densities and the population exhibits a balanced size structure with some quality individuals present.

### **WALLEYE**



During the spring walleye population estimate, we captured a total of 118 adult walleyes ranging in length from 12.2 inches – 28.4 inches and averaging 17.9



inches. The population was estimated to have 162 individuals or 0.7 fish per acre. These results suggest that adult walleyes are currently present in low densities although the population exhibits a quality size structure.

### **OTHER SPECIES**

Throughout spring surveys, crews also sampled golden shiners, smallmouth bass, and white suckers.

## **Acknowledgements**

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