



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Fisheries Information Sheet

LAKE: ROCK DAM

COUNTY: CLARK

YEAR: 2026

Introduction

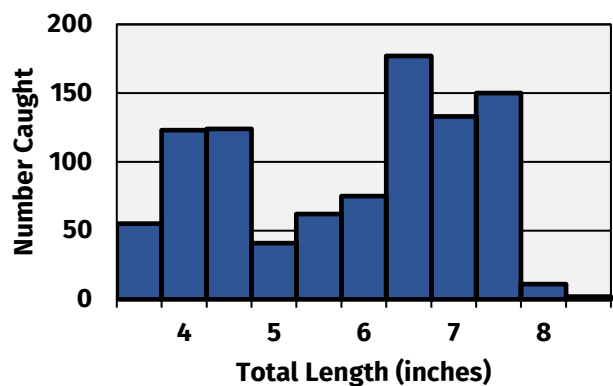
An early spring netting survey was conducted by Black River Falls fisheries management staff on Rock Dam Lake (WBIC 2139000) in Clark County from April 6th to April 11th, 2026. All species were collected using fyke nets strategically placed around the lake's shoreline. This survey primarily targeted northern pike and panfish. Rock Dam Lake is 96 acres in size with a maximum depth of ten feet. There is a county park on the northwest shoreline that includes a beach area, paved boat ramp and vault toilets.

BLUEGILL



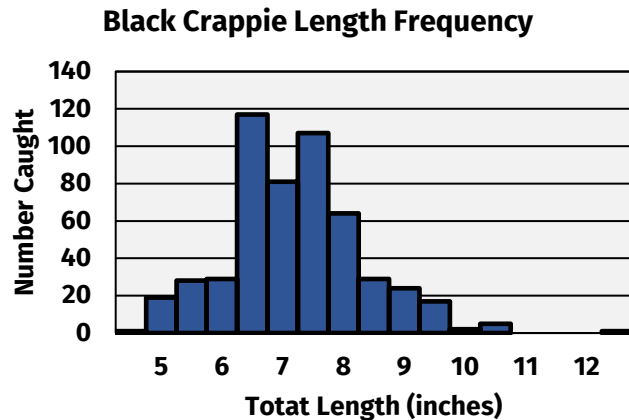
There were 953 bluegills captured during the survey. Bluegill length ranged from 3.5 to 8.8 inches. The 2026 size structure is similar to past survey results. However, bluegill catch rates in 2026 were higher than those of 2021 due to unseasonably cold water temperatures during the 2021 survey. The figure to the right illustrates the length frequency of bluegills captured in the 2026 netting survey.

Bluegill Length Frequency



Year	2021	2026
Number Captured	231	953
Average per Net	9.2	31.8
Average per net $\geq 6''$	6.8	18.3

BLACK CRAPPIE



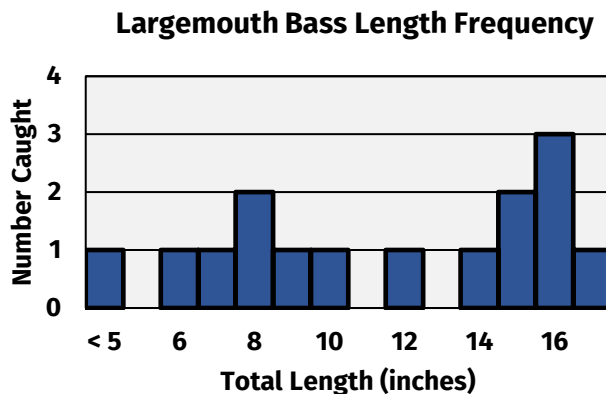
A total of 524 black crappies were captured during the survey. Black crappie length ranged from 4.9 to 12.6 inches. Black crappie catch rates in 2026 were higher than in 2021 due to unseasonably cold water temperatures during the 2021 survey but size structure was similar. The figure to the left illustrates the length frequency of black crappies captured in the 2026 netting survey.

Year	2021	2026
Number Captured	265	524
Average per Net	10.6	17.5
Average per Net $\geq 8"$	3.3	4.7

LARGEMOUTH BASS

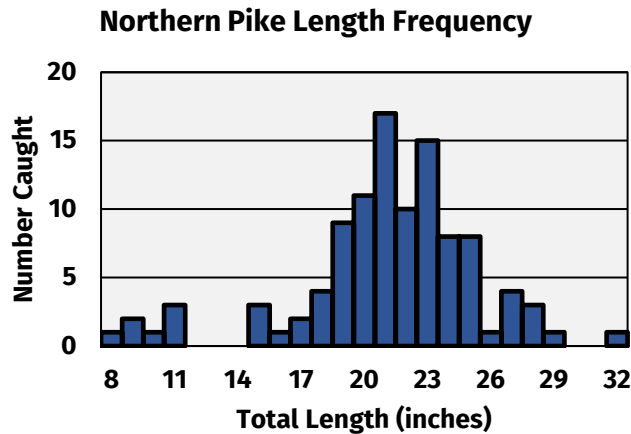


There were 15 largemouth bass captured and length ranged from 3.0 to 17.0 inches. Largemouth bass catch rates are comparable to historical surveys in Rock Dam Lake. However, fyke nets are not the preferred sampling method for largemouth bass and the catch data is not reflective of the population. The figure to the right illustrates the length frequency of the largemouth bass surveyed.



Year	2021	2026
Number Captured	12	15
Average per Net	0.5	0.5
Average per Net $\geq 14"$	0.4	0.2

NORTHERN PIKE



A total of 105 northern pike were captured during the survey and length ranged from 8.8 to 32.8 inches. Size structure is comparable to previous surveys. A population estimate using a mark and recapture method during the netting survey estimated the adult northern pike population to be 360 individuals at a density of 3.8 per acre. The coefficient of variation was 0.28. The upper and lower ranges of the population estimate are 614 and 209 individuals respectively. The figure to the right illustrates the length frequency of the northern pike surveyed.

Year	2021	2026
Number Captured	139	105
Average per Net	3	3.5
Average per Net $\geq 24"$	1.3	0.9

OTHER SPECIES

There were 35 pumpkinseeds captured and length ranged from 3.5 to 7.8 inches. Yellow perch occurred in low abundance and ranged in size from 5.0 to 12.0 inches. One walleye was caught that measured 18.8 inches. Other species captured in low abundances included black bullhead, golden shiner, warmouth, white sucker, and yellow bullhead.

Summary

Rock Dam Lake provides a diverse action fishery. Regular historical surveys confirm that population densities of all fish species have remained stable with average size structure. The fish community is well balanced providing harvest opportunities and memorable catches. Past stocking events of muskellunge and walleye have not created catchable or natural reproducing populations. Continued stocking of those species is not recommended.

General fishing regulations for Rock Dam Lake in Clark County, Wisconsin.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	SIZE LIMIT
Largemouth Bass	1 st Saturday in May to 1 st Sunday in March	5	14 inches
Northern Pike	1 st Saturday in May to 1 st Sunday in March	5	None
Panfish	Open all year	25	None
Walleye	1 st Saturday in May to 1 st Sunday in March	3	15 inches

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