



# WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Fisheries Information Sheet

**LAKE: SPORTSMAN**

**COUNTY: CLARK**

**YEAR: 2022**

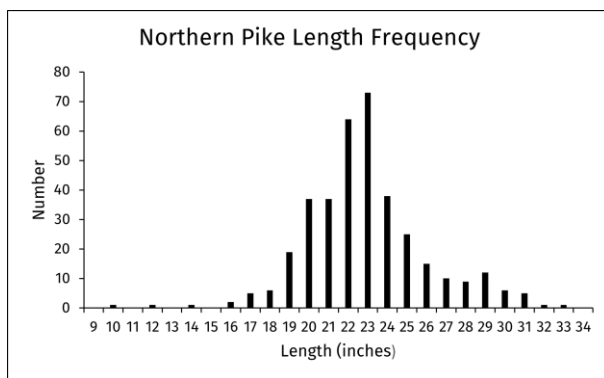
### Introduction

Department of Natural Resources crews surveyed Sportsman Lake, Clark County during April of 2022 to assess the fish community. Fyke nets were set on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and ran daily until April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The survey specifically targeted northern pike and panfish species. Sportsman Lake is a 253 acre flowage with a maximum depth of 12 feet. A public boat launch is located on the west side of the lake off Sportsman Lake Rd.

### NORTHERN PIKE



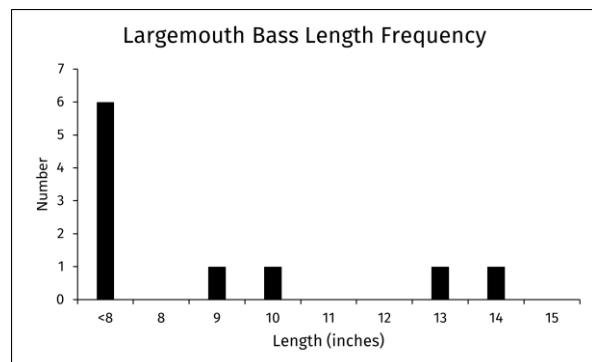
Northern pike are the most common gamefish with a population estimate of 778 fish at a density of 2.7 per acre. Individuals sampled ranged in size from 10 to 33.5 inches with an average size of 23.4 inches.



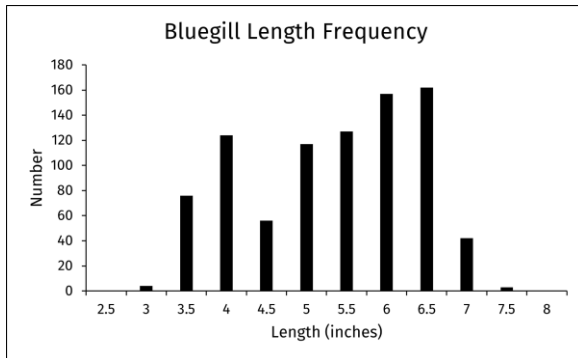
### LARGEMOUTH BASS



Largemouth bass were documented at a low abundance. A total of 10 were sampled and ranged in size from 5.2 to 14.1 inches.



## BLUEGILL

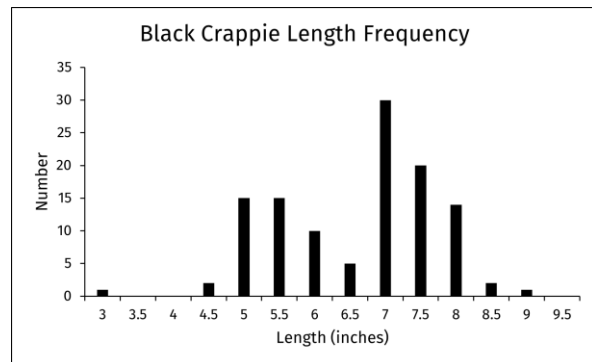


Bluegill were documented at a moderately high abundance with a small size structure. A total of 868 individuals were sampled and ranged from 3.3 to 7.6 inches. Only 5.2% measured 7 inches or greater.

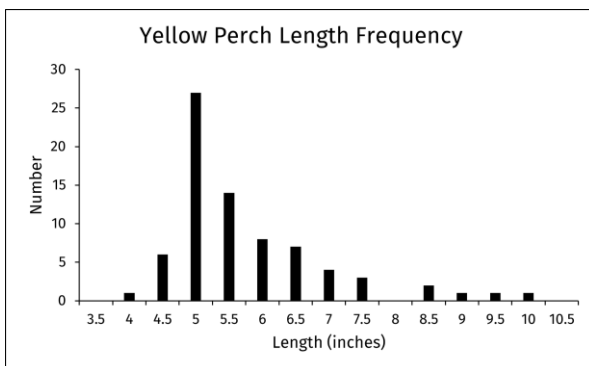
## BLACK CRAPPIE



A total of 115 black crappies were sampled ranging from 3.4 to 9.1 inches. Only 14.8% measured 8 inches or greater. The population has a small size structure and moderate abundance.



## YELLOW PERCH

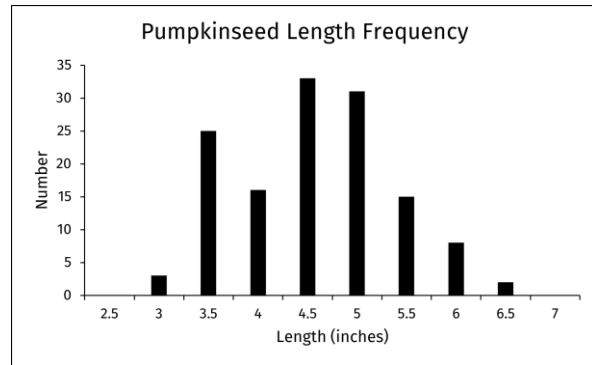


Yellow perch showed a low abundance with a small size structure. A total of 75 individuals were sampled and ranged in size from 4.4 to 10.3 inches.

## PUMPKINSEED



A total of 133 pumpkinseed were sampled and ranged in size from 3.1 to 6.6 inches. The population showed a moderate abundance and small size structure.



## OTHER SPECIES

White sucker, bluegill x pumpkinseed hybrid, golden shiner and bullhead species were also documented during the survey. Bullhead species showed a high abundance and small size structure.

## Summary

Northern pike are the dominant gamefish species in Sportsman Lake and present anglers with a good fishing opportunity. Largemouth bass are present but in low abundance. The panfish community shows an overall small size structure with bluegill as the most abundant species. Anglers looking to catch bullhead should have no trouble due to their high abundance.

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