



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Fisheries Information Sheet

LAKE: Person

COUNTY: Douglas

YEAR: 2025

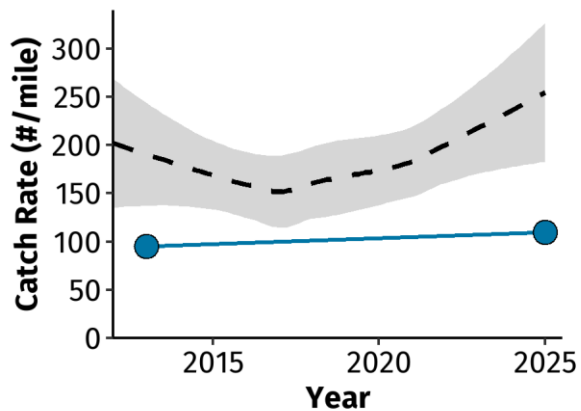
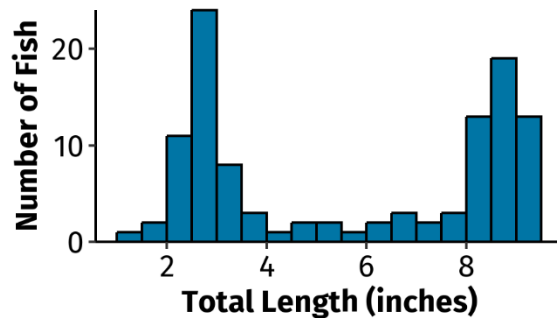
Introduction

A late spring electrofishing survey was conducted on Person Lake (WBIC 2488600) in Douglas County on May 28th, 2025. Gamefish were collected along the entire shoreline (2.4 miles) and all species were collected along 1 mile of shoreline. Although these surveys primarily target bass and bluegill, other species observed included northern pike, walleye, pumpkinseed, black crappie, yellow perch, yellow bullhead, spottail shiner and golden shiner. Comparisons were made to previous surveys and similar Wisconsin lakes in the same lake class.

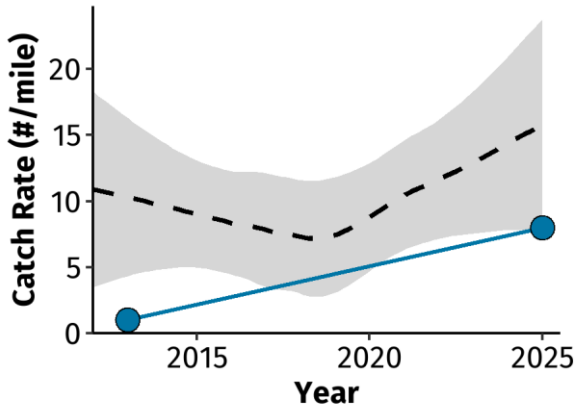
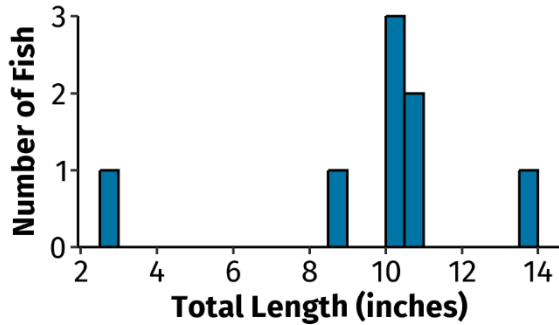
BLUEGILL



There were 110 bluegills captured and length ranged from 1.4 to 9.4 inches. Bluegill catch rate (blue dots) was below average for similar Wisconsin lakes (dashed line), but size structure was excellent. Since the 2013 survey, the bluegill catch rate increased slightly and size structure improved. Five 6–7-inch bluegills were kept for aging. Age ranged from 3 to 4 years with a mean of 3.4 years, which is the fastest bluegill growth documented in Douglas and Bayfield counties.



Year	2013	2025
# Captured Per Mile	95	110
Quality Size ($\geq 6''$)	64%	50%
Preferred Size ($\geq 8''$)	21%	41%



BLACK CRAPPIE



There were eight black crappies captured and length ranged from 2.6 to 13.7 inches. Black crappie catch rate (blue dots) was below average for similar Wisconsin lakes (dashed line) but improved slightly since the 2013 survey. Not enough black crappies were captured to assess size structure.

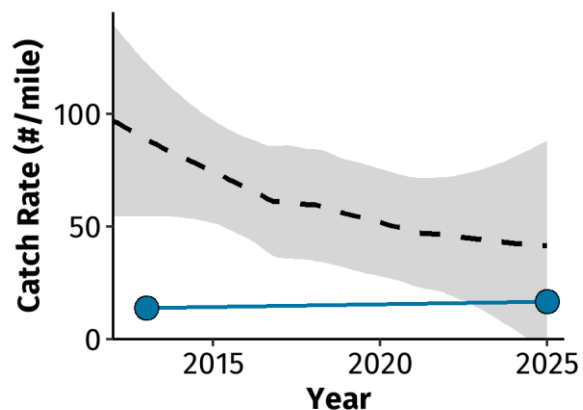
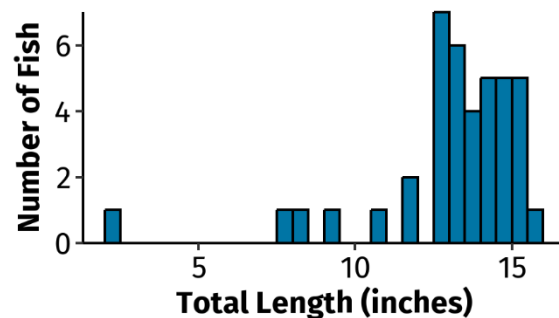
Year	2013	2025
# Captured Per Mile	1	8

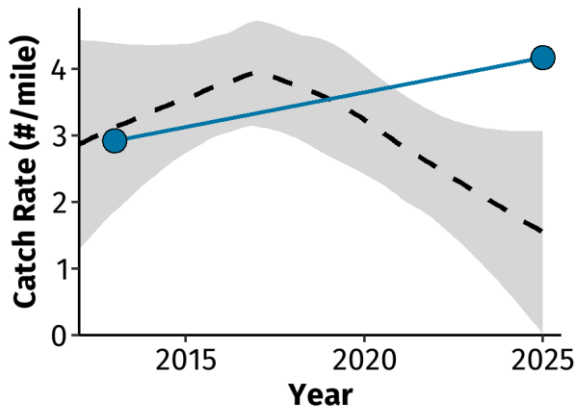
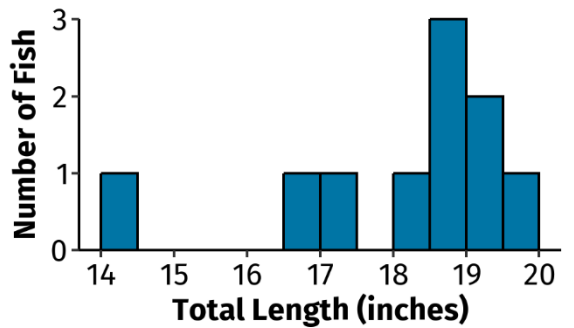
LARGEMOUTH BASS



There were 40 largemouth bass captured and length ranged from 2.3 to 15.6 inches. Largemouth bass catch rate (blue dots) was slightly below average for similar Wisconsin lakes (dashed line). Since the 2013 survey, the largemouth bass catch rate increased slightly and size structure declined.

Year	2013	2025
# Captured Per Mile	14	17
Quality Size ($\geq 12"$)	92%	83%
Preferred Size ($\geq 15"$)	49%	15%





NORTHERN PIKE



There were ten northern pike captured and length ranged from 14.2 to 19.7 inches. Northern pike catch rate (blue dots) was above average for similar Wisconsin lakes (dashed line). Since the 2013 survey, the northern pike catch rate increased and size structure declined.

Year	2013	2025
# Captured Per Mile	2.9	4.2
Quality Size ($\geq 21"$)	89%	0%
Preferred Size ($\geq 28"$)	11%	0%

OTHER SPECIES

One 18.6-inch walleye was captured. Seven yellow perch were captured, and all were less than 5 inches. Two pumpkinseeds were captured and were 8.7 and 8.8 inches. There were also eight golden shiners, five yellow bullheads and three spottail shiners captured.

Summary

Person Lake has high water conductivity which resulted in low effectiveness for electrofishing and lower catch rates than expected. The bluegill population is one of the best in Douglas and Bayfield counties for the number of large fish, and growth was the best that we have observed since at least 1990. Black crappie numbers were relatively low but are typically not sampled well during late spring electrofishing surveys. Largemouth bass and northern pike were generally small and help to maintain high panfish size structure. One walleye was captured, but the habitat in Person Lake is generally not well suited for walleyes so higher abundance should not be expected. The 2013 survey captured four smallmouth bass, but none were captured or observed in the 2025 survey.

General fishing regulations for Person Lake in Douglas County, Wisconsin.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	SIZE LIMIT
Largemouth Bass (LMB)	1 st Saturday in May to 1 st Sunday in March	5 in total with SMB	14 inches
Smallmouth Bass (SMB)	3 rd Saturday in June to 1 st Sunday in March	5 in total with LMB	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 but less than 20 inches, with 1 over 24 inches

For fisheries management questions about Person Lake, contact:

Logan Cutler

Fisheries Biologist

(715) 815-7265

Logan.Cutler@wisconsin.gov

Nate Thomas

Fisheries Biologist - Senior

(715) 815-7108

Nathan.Thomas@wisconsin.gov