



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Fisheries Information Sheet

LAKE: GILE FLOWAGE

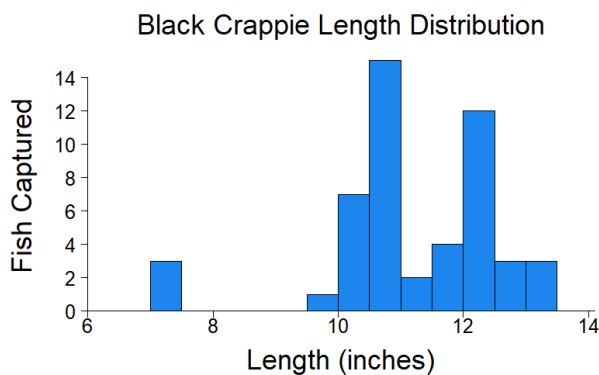
COUNTY: IRON

YEAR: 2024

Introduction

Gile Flowage is a 3,128-acre impoundment with stained water and a maximum depth of 25 feet. In 2024, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources conducted a late spring electrofishing survey to assess the bass and panfish populations and a summer fyke netting survey to assess panfish populations.

BLACK CRAPPIE

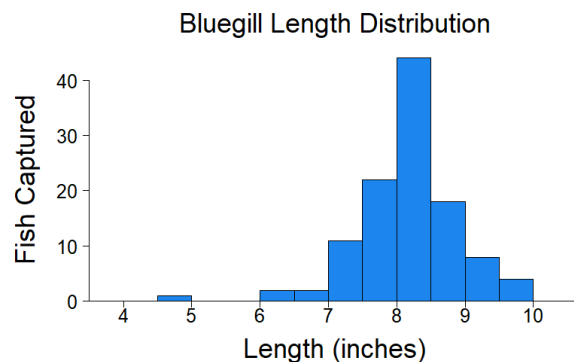


During the targeted, late spring electrofishing survey, crews sampled black crappies at a low rate of 7.0 per mile. Black crappies from all surveys ranged in length from 6.9 - 13.1 inches and averaged 11.0 inches. These results suggest that black crappies are currently at low densities but the population exhibits a quality size structure.

BLUEGILL



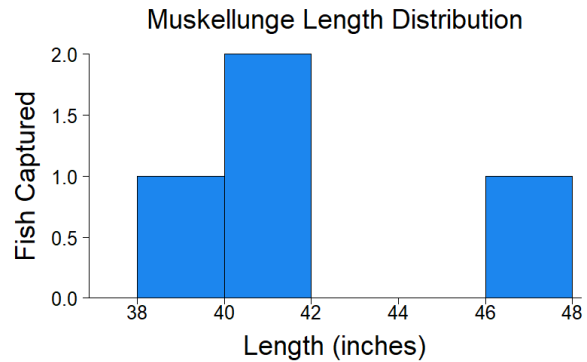
During the targeted, summer fyke netting survey, crews sampled bluegills at a low rate of 6.3 per net-night. Bluegills from all surveys ranged in length from 4.5 - 9.7 inches and averaged 8.1 inches. These results suggest that bluegills are currently at low densities, but the population exhibits a quality size structure.



MUSKELLUNGE



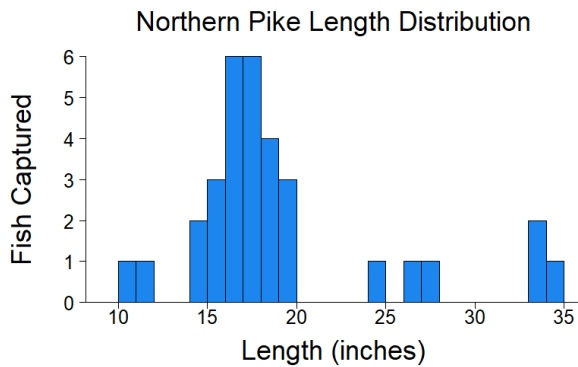
During the non-targeted, summer fyke-netting survey, crews sampled muskellunge at a low rate of 0.2 per net-night. Muskellunge from all surveys ranged in length from 38.9 – 46.2 inches and averaged 42.0 inches.



NORTHERN PIKE



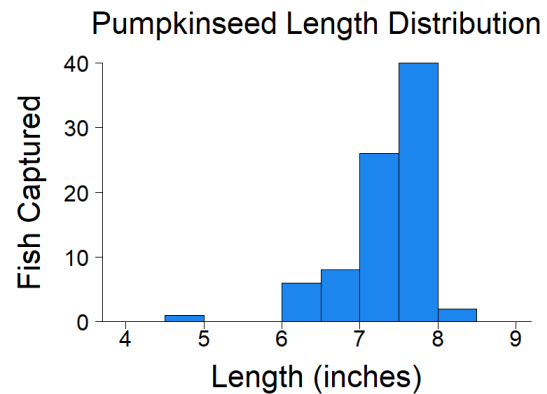
During the non-targeted, summer fyke-netting survey, crews sampled northern pike at a low rate of 1.1 per net-night. Northern pike from all surveys ranged in length from 10.0 – 34.3 inches and averaged 19.0 inches.



PUMPKINSEED

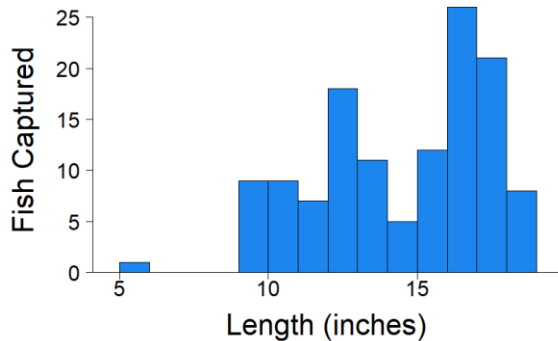


During the targeted, summer fyke netting survey, crews sampled pumpkinseeds at a low rate of 3.7 per net-night. Pumpkinseeds from all surveys ranged in length from 4.7 – 8.2 inches and averaged 7.3 inches. These results suggest that pumpkinseeds are currently at low densities but the population exhibits a quality size structure.





Smallmouth Bass Length Distribution



SMALLMOUTH BASS

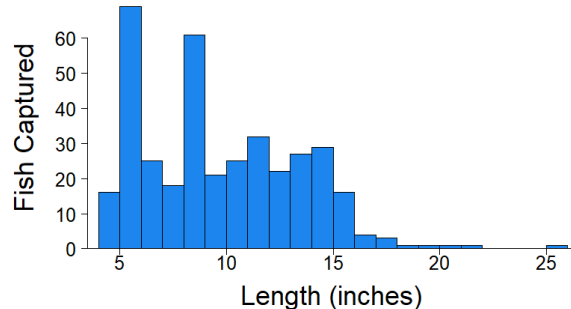
During the targeted, late spring electrofishing survey, crews sampled a total of 127 smallmouth bass at a moderate rate of 15.8 per mile. Smallmouth bass ranged in length from 5.1 – 18.8 inches and averaged 14.4 inches. These results suggest that smallmouth bass are currently present in moderate to high densities and the population exhibits a quality size structure.

WALLEYE



During non-targeted late spring electrofishing survey, crews sampled walleye at a high rate of 42.5 per mile. Walleyes from all surveys ranged in length from 4.5 inches – 25.0 inches and averaged 9.7 inches.

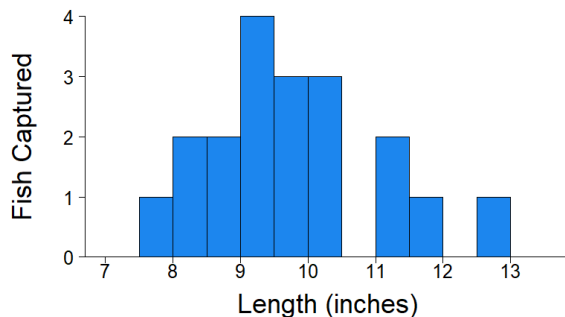
Walleye Length Distribution



YELLOW PERCH



Yellow Perch Length Distribution



During non-targeted late spring electrofishing survey, crews sampled yellow perch at a low rate of 4.5 per mile. Yellow perch from all surveys ranged in length from 7.7 – 12.9 inches and averaged 9.7 inches.

OTHER SPECIES

During these surveys, crews also sampled rock bass, logperch, golden shiners, yellow bullheads, bluegill hybrids, and white suckers.

Acknowledgements

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