



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Fisheries Information Sheet

LAKE: McCormick Lake

COUNTY: Oneida

YEAR: 2023

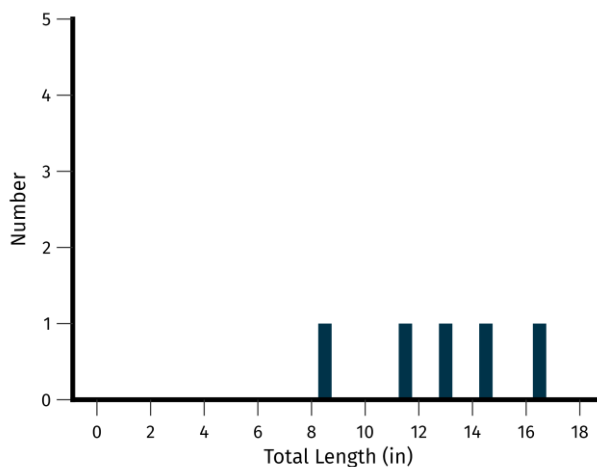
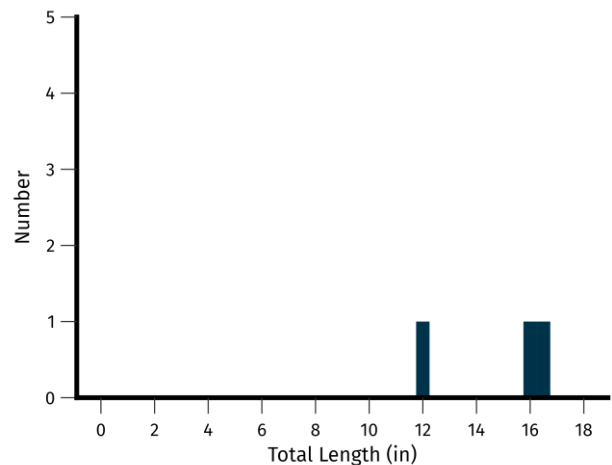
Introduction

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) assessed the walleye fishery of McCormick Lake with an electrofishing survey during the spring of 2023. McCormick Lake is a drainage lake with 112 surface acres, 2.4 miles of shoreline, a maximum water depth of 8 feet and 30 dwellings surrounding the lake. Gamefish were collected during a 2.2-mile electrofishing circuit that sampled the entire shoreline.

LARGEMOUTH BASS



Largemouth bass were not the target this survey. Three largemouth bass were captured while surveying McCormick Lake. Lengths varied between 12.0 inches to 16.5 inches with a mean length of 14.8 inches. Caution should be applied when interpreting largemouth bass size structure as a low number were captured.



SMALLMOUTH BASS

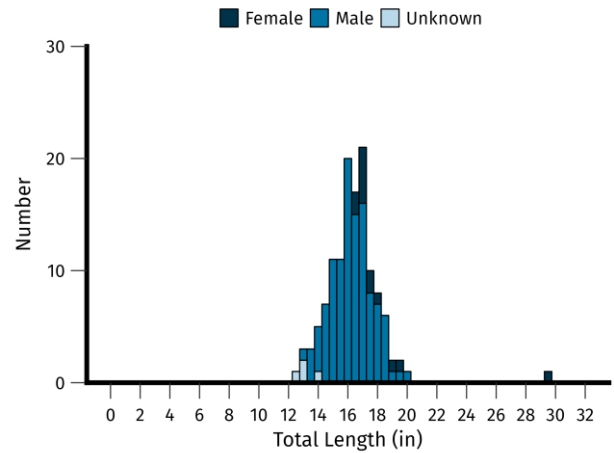


Smallmouth bass were not the target of the survey. Five smallmouth bass were captured while surveying McCormick Lake. Lengths varied between 8.5 inches to 16.5 with a mean length of 12.8. Caution should be applied when interpreting largemouth bass size structure as a low number were captured.

WALLEYE



A total of 129 Walleye were captured while surveying McCormick Lake. Catch rate was above the 75th percentile for Oneida County Lakes. Lengths varied between 12.5 inches to 29.3 inches with a mean length of 16.3 inches. Mean length was above the 95th percentile for complex-cool-dark lakes and 85% of walleye being 15 inches or greater. Six unique year classes of walleye were found. Walleye growth 1.6 inches slower at each age in McCormick Lake compared to other lakes in northern Wisconsin.



58.6 captured per mile \geq 10 inches	
Quality Size \geq 15 inches	50.0 per mile
Preferred Size \geq 20 inches	0.9 per mile

Summary

McCormick Lake is a complex-cool-dark lake with a mixed fishery accessible by a gravel boat ramp on the east side of the lake, off Public Landing Road. McCormick Lake is one of the 27 lakes within the Oneida county portion of the Wisconsin Stocking Initiative. Stocking appears to sustain the walleye fishery with year classes aligning with years walleye were stocked. Individuals of harvestable sizes for anglers to target are present within the system despite slower growth than average growth.

Table 1. General fishing regulations for McCormick Lake, in Oneida Wisconsin.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	SIZE LIMIT
Largemouth bass	May to mid-June	5	14" minimum length
Largemouth bass and Smallmouth bass	Mid-June to March	5	14" minimum length
Northern pike	May to March	5	No minimum length
Panfish	Open All Year	25	No minimum length
Smallmouth bass	May to mid-June	Catch and release only	Catch and release only
Walleye	May to March	3, only 1 over 24"	15" minimum, 20-24" protected slot

Selected fishing regulations for McCormick Lake are summarized above (Table 1). While the regulatory information provided was current at the time of surveying, it should not be used as a substitute for the current fishing regulation pamphlet. You may obtain a copy of current fishing regulations by downloading a copy from the [DNR Fishing Regulations page](#).

Acknowledgements

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