



Wisconsin Department Of Natural Resources Fisheries Information Sheet

Turtle Lake, Oneida County, WI 2025

Introduction

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) assessed the bass and panfish fisheries in Turtle Lake during the spring of 2025. Turtle Lake is a 53-acre drainage lake with a maximum depth of 15 feet. Gamefish were collected over one electrofishing transect covering 1.2 miles of the shoreline. All species were collected during one half mile transect of shoreline.

Black Crappie

Twelve black crappies were captured while surveying Turtle Lake. Black crappie catch per mile was slightly below the 75th percentile in Oneida County (i.e., 75% of lakes have lower relative abundance of black crappie). The lengths of measured black crappies varied between 6.6 inches and 8.5 inches, with a mean length of 7.6 inches. Forty-two percent of measured black crappies were 8 inches or greater.

Table 1: 24.0 black crappie captured per mile \geq 5 inches.

Quality Size \geq 8 inches	Preferred Size \geq 10 inches
10.0 per mile	0.0 per mile

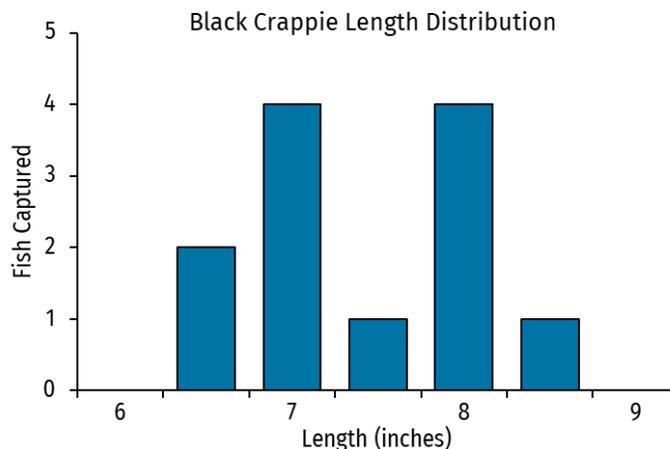


Figure 1. Size histogram of black crappie captured during a spring 2025 electrofishing survey of Turtle Lake in Oneida County, Wisconsin

Bluegill

Three hundred and six bluegills were captured while surveying Turtle Lake. Bluegill catch per mile was above the 95th percentile for simple-cool-clear lakes and above the 90th percentile among other Oneida County lakes. The lengths of measured bluegills varied between 2.5 inches and 7.2 inches, with a mean length of 5.2 inches. Twenty-seven percent of measured bluegill were 6 inches or greater.

Table 2: 587.5 bluegills captured per mile \geq 3 inches.

Quality Size \geq 6 inches	Preferred Size \geq 8 inches
165.2 per mile	0.0 per mile

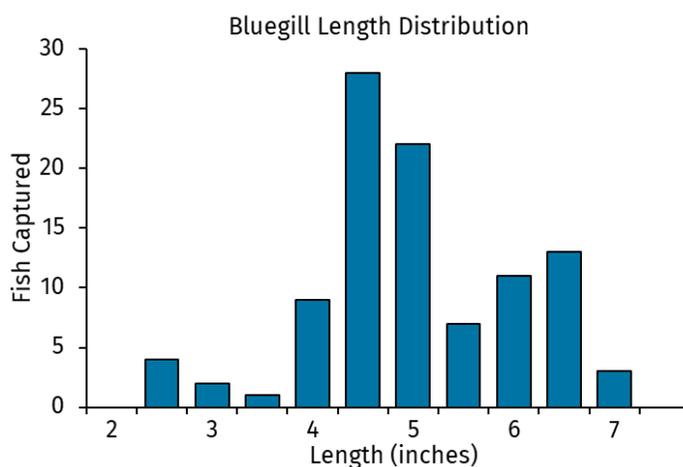


Figure 2. Size histogram of bluegill captured during a spring 2025 electrofishing survey of Turtle Lake in Oneida County, Wisconsin

Largemouth Bass

Sixteen largemouth bass were captured while surveying Turtle Lake. Largemouth bass catch per mile was slightly below the 50th percentile for simple-cool-clear lakes and slightly above the 50th percentile among other Oneida County lakes. The lengths of measured largemouth bass varied between 5.4 inches and 16.9 inches, with a mean length of 11.6 inches. Forty-four percent of measured largemouth bass were 12 inches or larger.

Table 3: 11.4 largemouth bass captured per mile \geq 8 inches

Quality Size \geq 12 inches	Preferred Size \geq 15 inches
5.7 per mile	3.3 per mile

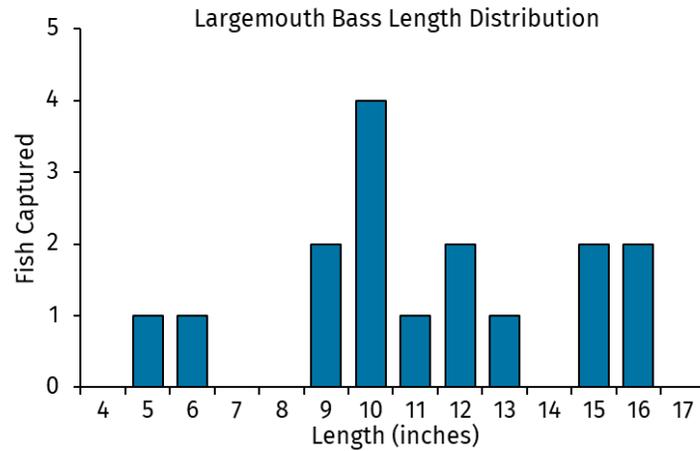


Figure 3. Size histogram of largemouth bass captured during a spring 2025 electrofishing survey of Turtle Lake in Oneida County, Wisconsin

Pumpkinseed

Thirteen pumpkinseeds were captured while surveying Turtle Lake. Pumpkinseed catch per mile was around the 90th percentile for simple-cool-clear lakes and above the 75th percentile among other Oneida County Lakes. Lengths of measured pumpkinseeds varied between 3.7 inches and 7.2 inches, with a mean length of 5.7 inches. Thirty-one percent of measured pumpkinseed were 6 inches or larger.

Table 4: 26.0 pumpkinseed captured per mile \geq 3 inches

Quality Size \geq 6 inches	Preferred Size \geq 8 inches
8.0 per mile	0.0 per mile

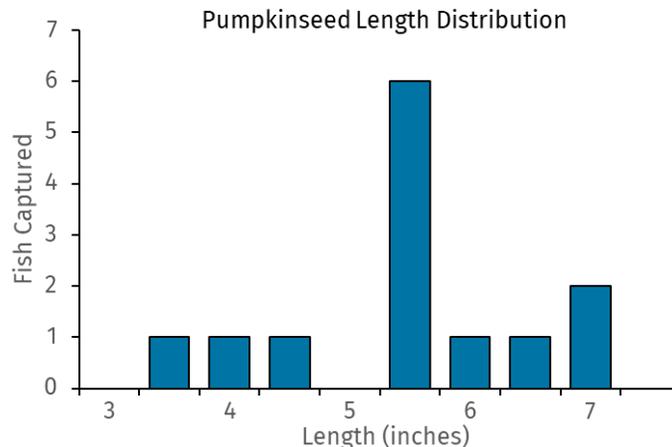


Figure 4. Size histogram of pumpkinseed captured during a spring 2025 electrofishing survey of Townline Lake in Oneida County, Wisconsin

Yellow perch

Fourteen yellow perch were captured while surveying Turtle Lake. Yellow perch catch per mile was above the 50th percentile among other Oneida County Lakes. Lengths of measured yellow perch varied between 3.4 inches and 6.3 inches, with a mean length of 5.1 inches. Zero percent of measured yellow perch were 8 inches or larger.

Table 5: 18.0 yellow perch captured per mile \geq 5 inches

Quality Size \geq 8 inches	Preferred Size \geq 10 inches
0.0 per mile	0.0 per mile

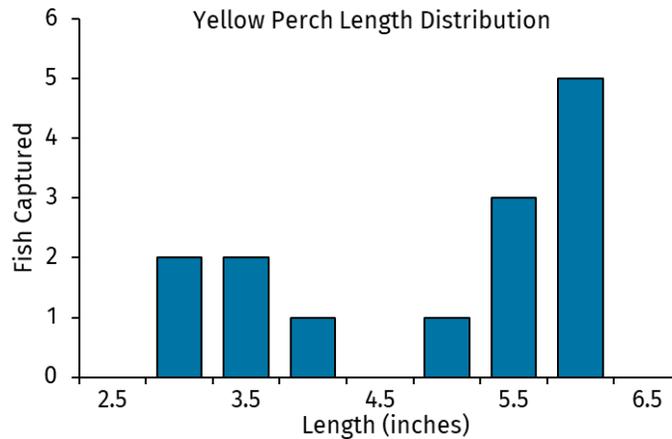


Figure 5. Size histogram of yellow perch captured during a spring 2025 electrofishing survey of Townline Lake in Oneida County, Wisconsin

Other Species

Other species encountered while surveying Turtle Lake included: golden shiner (10), northern pike (three), pumpkinseed x bluegill hybrid (three) and yellow bullhead (three).

Summary

Turtle Lake is a simple-cool-clear lake with a mixed fishery of warm-water species that can be accessed by an unimproved boat ramp/carry in on the northwest side of the lake off Stone Lake Road. Compared to surveys in 1991 and 2005, catch rates have remained steady for black crappie, largemouth bass, pumpkinseed, and yellow perch. Bluegill catch rates have increased since past surveys. The size structure for all species has remained similar among surveys in Turtle Lake.

Table 6. General fishing regulations for Turtle Lake, in Oneida Wisconsin in 2025. For current regulations or species not listed below, check the most recent state fishing regulations pamphlet or information can be found on the [DNR's website](#).

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Size Limit
Largemouth bass	May - March	5	14" minimum length
Northern pike	May - March	5	No minimum length
Panfish	Open all year	25	No minimum length

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