



Wisconsin Department Of Natural Resources

Fisheries Information Sheet

Long Lake, Taylor County, WI

Survey Year 2025

Introduction

Long Lake is located six miles north of Rib Lake. This 20 acre seepage lake has a maximum depth of 21 feet. It is classified as a simple-cool-clear lake, which includes lakes with low nutrients, low productivity, and has high water clarity. Public carry in access is available off the roadside on Rustic Road 1.

The Park Falls Fisheries Management Team of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conducted a late spring electrofishing survey (SE2) on the night of May 28, 2025. The purpose of this was to evaluate size structure and abundance of bass and bluegills. The electrofishing sample surveyed one complete circuit, 1.21 miles, around the entire shoreline collecting all species. The water temperature was 60 degrees Fahrenheit. While bass and bluegills were the primary target species for this survey yellow bullhead and yellow perch were found in low numbers. Comparisons were made with a previous survey in 2015 on Long Lake and similar Wisconsin lakes in the same lake class.

Bluegill

There were 101 bluegills captured and lengths ranged from 3.5 to 8.3 inches with an average of 6.2 inches. The catch rate of the 2025 survey falls mid-way between the 25th and 50th percentile classification of a simple-cool-clear lake. The abundance of bluegills has largely increased as has the number of quality sized fish.

Table 1. Abundance and size structure of bluegills during late spring electrofishing survey in 2025 and 2015.

Survey Year	Number per mile	Number per mile ≥ 3 " (stock size)	Quality Size ≥ 6 "	Preferred Size ≥ 8 "
2025	83.5	83.5	65%	1%
2015	48.4	48.4	46%	0%

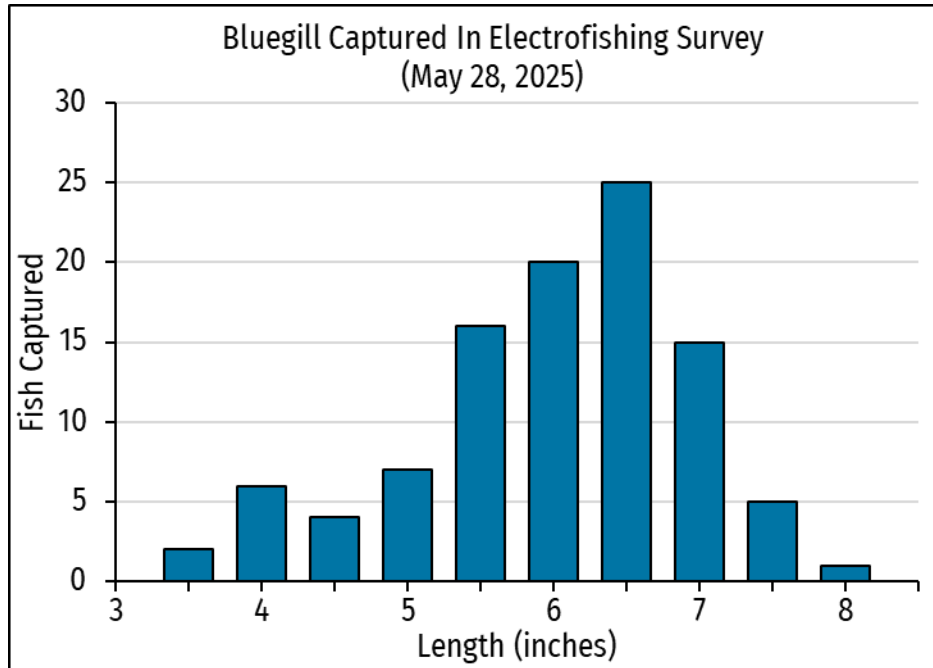


Figure 1. Size histogram of bluegill captured during a spring 2025 electrofishing survey of Long Lake in Taylor County, Wisconsin.

Largemouth Bass

There were nine largemouth bass captured, and lengths ranged from 8.1 to 14.1 inches with an average of 10.6 inches. In this sample 11% of the bass were legal size. The catch rate of the 2025 survey falls slightly below the 25th percentile classification of a simple-cool-clear lake. Since the 2015 survey the abundance of largemouth bass has increased slightly while the size decreased greatly.

Table 2. Abundance and size structure of largemouth bass during late spring electrofishing survey in 2025 and 2015.

Survey Year	Number per mile	Number per mile $\geq 8''$ (stock size)	Quality Size $\geq 12''$	Preferred Size $\geq 15''$
2025	7.4	7.4	22%	0%
2015	5.3	5.3	80%	20%

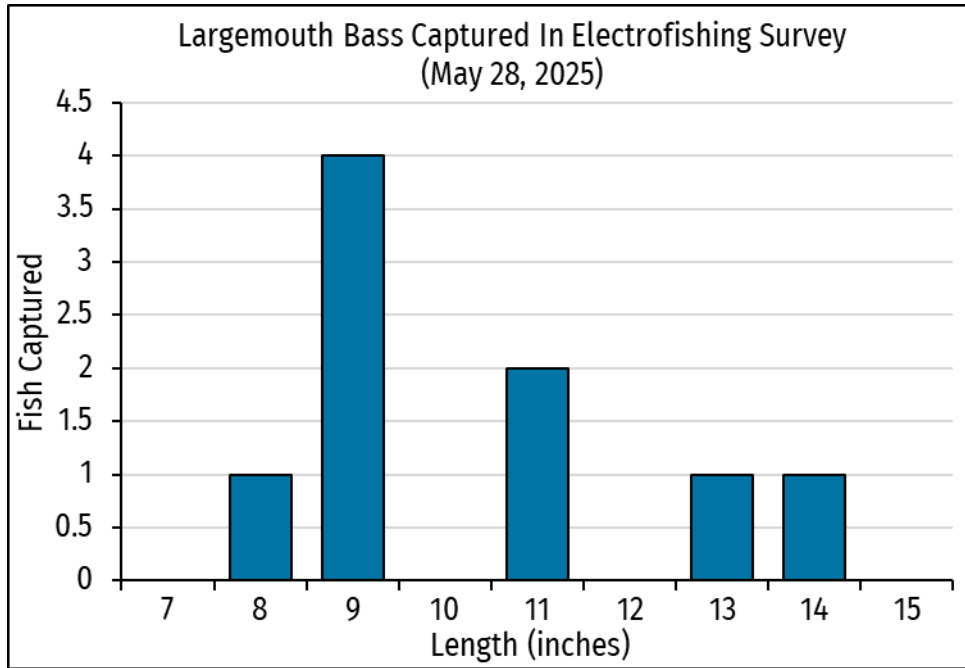


Figure 2. Size histogram of largemouth bass captured during a spring 2025 electrofishing survey of Long Lake in Taylor County, Wisconsin.

Pumpkinseed

There were 28 pumpkinseeds captured, and lengths ranged from 3.9 to 7.4 inches with an average of 6.0 inches. The catch rate is slightly below the 90th percent classification for a simple-cool- clear lake. The abundance of pumpkinseed has more than doubled since the previous survey while the quality decreased slightly.

Table 3. Abundance and size structure of pumpkinseed during late spring electrofishing survey in 2025 and 2015.

Survey Year	Number per mile	Number per mile $\geq 3''$ (stock size)	Quality Size $\geq 6''$	Preferred Size $\geq 8''$
2025	23.1	23.1	61%	0%
2015	8.4	8.4	75%	0%

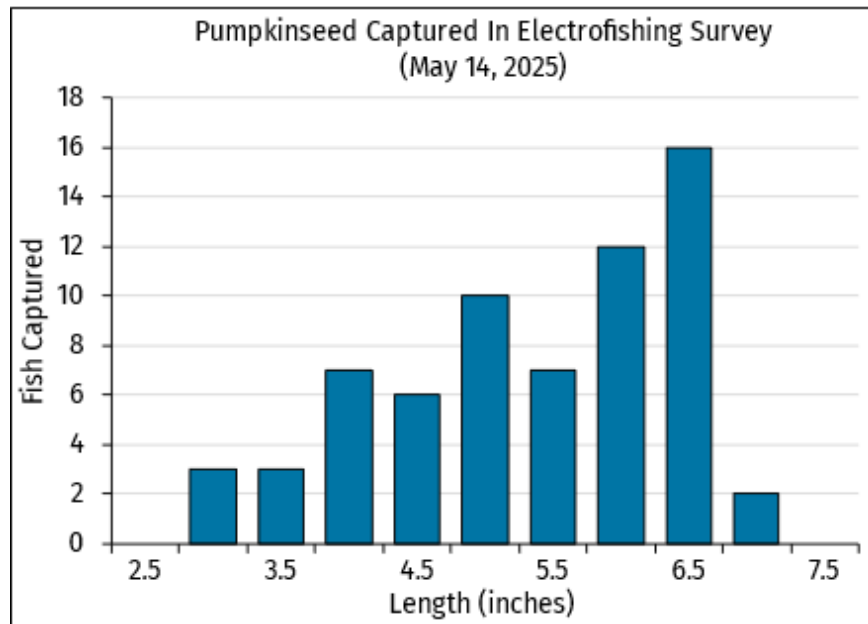


Figure 3. Size histogram of pumpkinseed captured during a spring 2025 electrofishing survey of Long Lake in Taylor County, Wisconsin.

OTHER SPECIES

There were 19 black crappie captured and lengths ranged from 7.8 to 9.0 inches. Other species captured included yellow bullhead and yellow perch.

Summary

Long Lake provides a nice bass and panfish fishery for the angler with a canoe or small boat. Both bluegill and largemouth bass are considered to have a low to moderate abundance in the lake. Long Lake is scheduled for an early spring electrofishing survey in 2036 according to our lake rotation schedule.

Table 4. General fishing regulations for Long Lake, in Taylor County Wisconsin 2026-2027 fishing season.

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	SIZE LIMIT
Largemouth Bass	First Saturday in May through first Sunday in March (Catch and release at all other times)	5 in total with smallmouth bass	14"
Muskellunge	First Saturday in May through December 31 st . (open water only)	1	40"

Northern Pike	First Saturday in May through first Sunday in March	5	None
Panfish	Open all year	25	None
Smallmouth Bass	Third Saturday in June through first Sunday in March. (Catch and release at all other times)	5 in total with largemouth bass	14"
Walleye	First Saturday in May through first Sunday in March	3	15" but less than 20" Except one over 24"

Fishing regulations for Long Lake, Taylor County and all Wisconsin lakes can be found online at [Fishing Regulations | Fishing Wisconsin | Wisconsin DNR](#)

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