



# WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Fisheries Information Sheet

**LAKE:** LOWER RENO  
BOTTOMS, MISSISSIPPI  
RIVER POOL 9

**COUNTY:** VERNON

**YEAR:** 2025

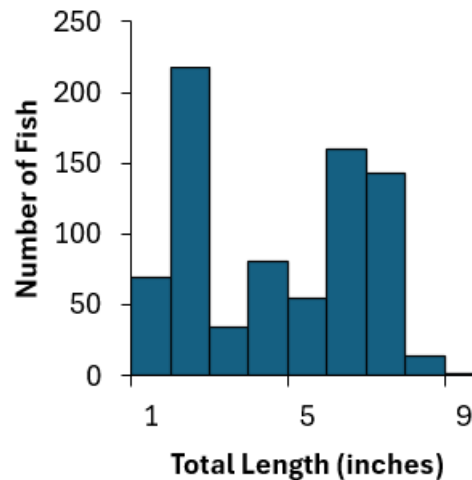
### Introduction

Lower Reno Bottoms is a lake unit on the Mississippi River between river miles 671-675. Lower Reno Bottoms consists of many different habitat types and is home to many different fish species. Lower Reno Bottoms has deep flowing side channel habitat, shallow no-flow backwater habitat, sand flats and small tributary habitat. All these habitat types draw in many game as well as non-game species. For this lake unit assessment all these habitat types were sampled. Twenty-six sites were electrofished in late fall for a total of 260 minutes of shocking time. All the fish were collected, identified, measured and then released.

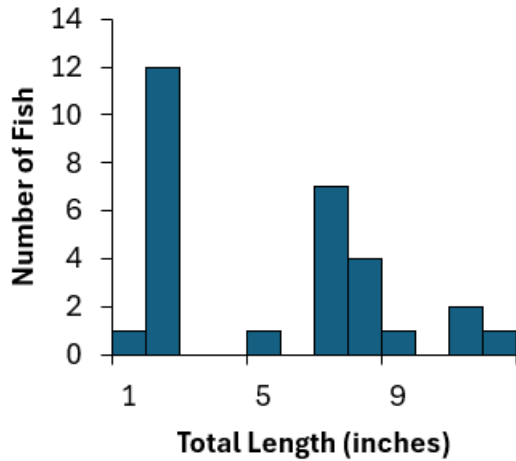
### BLUEGILL



776 bluegill were captured. Length ranged from 1 to 9 inches. Bluegill catch rate was 180.5 per hour. Bluegill size structure looks good with many fish in the 6-to-7-inch range.



Year	<b>2025</b>
# Captured Per Hour	180.5
Quality Size ( $\geq 6''$ )	318
Preferred Size ( $\geq 8''$ )	15



## BLACK CRAPPIE



29 black crappie were captured. Length ranged from 2 to 13 inches. Black crappie catch rate was 6.7 per hour.

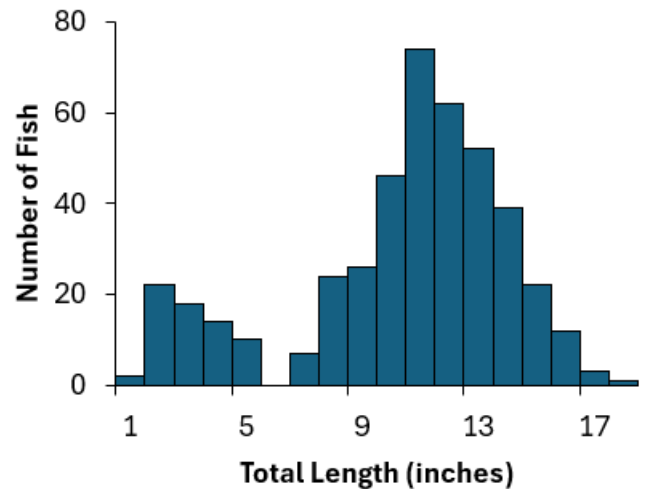
Year	<b>2025</b>
# Captured Per Hour	6.7
Quality Size ( $\geq 8''$ )	15
Preferred Size ( $\geq 10''$ )	4

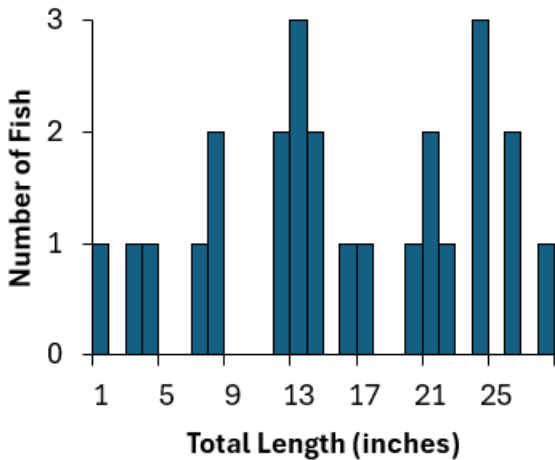
## LARGEMOUTH BASS



434 largemouth bass were captured. Length ranged from 2 to 19 inches. Largemouth bass catch rate was 100.9 per hour. Most of the largemouth bass captured were between 10 and 16 inches.

Year	<b>2025</b>
# Captured Per Hour	100.9
Quality Size ( $\geq 12''$ )	265
Preferred Size ( $\geq 15''$ )	77





## NORTHERN PIKE



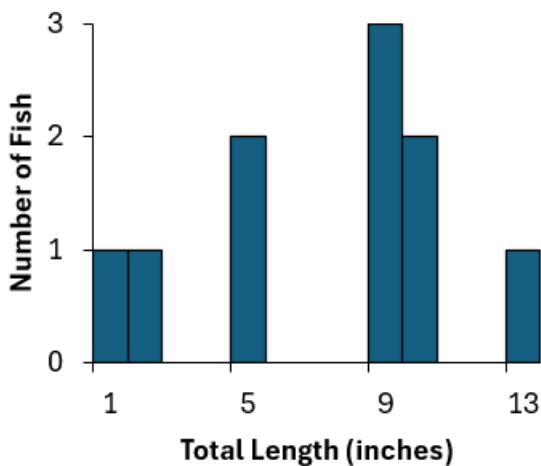
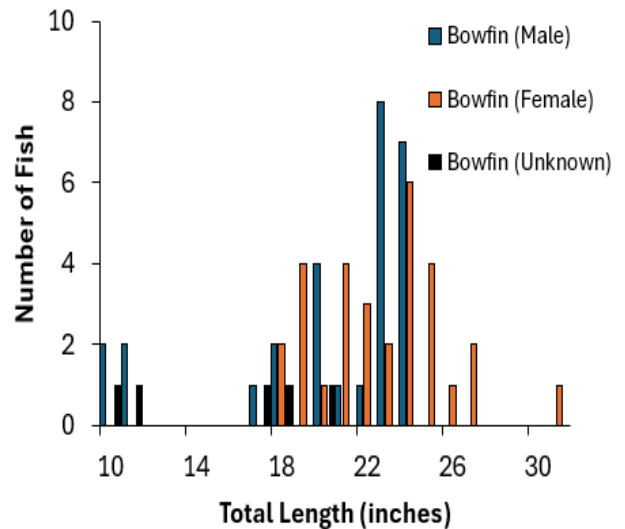
25 northern pike were captured. Length ranged from 6 to 33 inches. Northern pike catch rate was 5.8 per hour.

Year	<b>2025</b>
# Captured Per Hour	5.8
Quality Size ( $\geq 21$ "	12
Preferred Size ( $\geq 28$ "	6

## BOWFIN



63 bowfin were captured. Length ranged from 10 to 31 inches. Bowfin catch rate was 14.7 per hour. We captured 28 male, 30 female and one unknown gender bowfin in this survey.



## WALLEYE



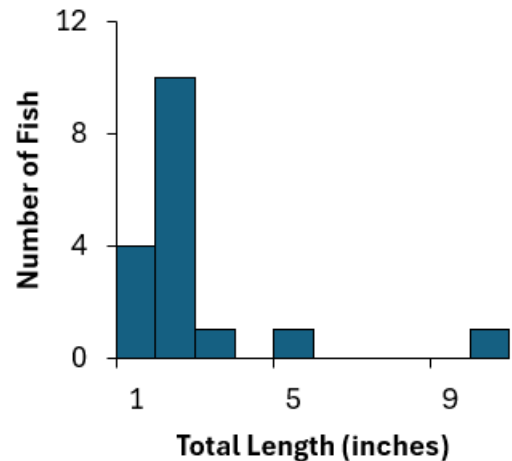
Ten walleye were captured. Length ranged from 13 to 25 inches. Walleye catch rate was 2.3 per hour. Of the walleye caught, 80% of them were of legal harvest size.

Year	<b>2025</b>
# Captured Per Hour	2.3
Quality Size ( $\geq 15$ "	8
Preferred Size ( $\geq 20$ "	6

## YELLOW PERCH



17 yellow perch were captured. Length ranged from 3 to 12 inches. Yellow Perch catch rate was 3.9 per hour. Most of the yellow perch were 4 inches or less.



	2025
Year	
# Captured Per Hour	3.9
Quality Size ( $\geq 8''$ )	1
Preferred Size ( $\geq 11''$ )	1

## OTHER SPECIES

Other species captured include: bigmouth buffalo, brook silverside, bullhead minnow, common carp, emerald shiner, freshwater drum, gizzard shad, golden redhorse, golden shiner, johnny darter, logperch, longnose gar, mooneye, mud darter, orange spotted sunfish, paddlefish, pumpkinseed, river redhorse, rock bass, sand shiner, sauger, shorthead redhorse, silver lamprey, silver redhorse, smallmouth bass, spotfin shiner, spottail shiner, spotted sucker, tadpole madtom, warmouth, weed shiner, white bass and white crappie.

## Summary

Lower Reno Bottoms is a diverse fishery. The bluegill and largemouth bass populations are healthy with the opportunity to catch many quality size fish. Despite few black crappies in the sample, this species can provide anglers good fishing. Although few, walleye, yellow perch, and northern pike were documented, these species are also available for anglers to enjoy.

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