



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Fisheries Information Sheet

LAKE: JOHNSON

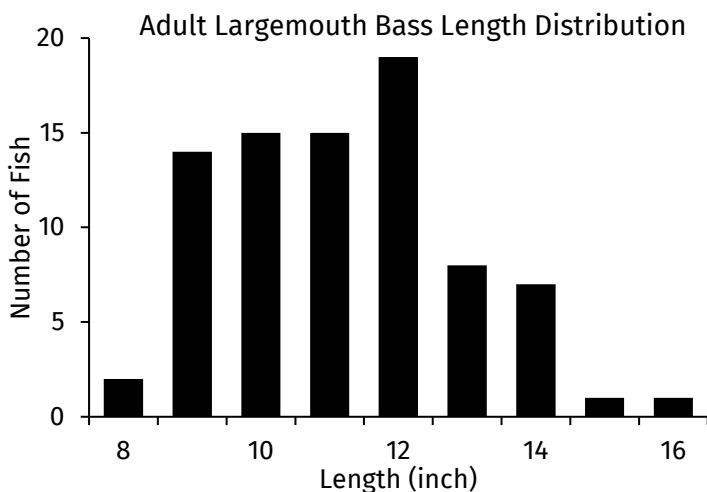
COUNTY: VILAS/ONEIDA

YEAR: 2025

Introduction

Johnson Lake, Vilas/Oneida County, is a simple-two story, drainage lake with predominately sand substrate. The lake has a surface area of 78 acres, 2.3 miles of shoreline and a maximum depth of 42 feet. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources surveyed Johnson Lake on the evening of May 15, 2025, to assess the status of bass and panfish. One electrofishing boat shocked a total of 2.04 miles of shoreline which included one, half-mile station where all fish species were collected. Only game fish (largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, northern pike, muskellunge) were collected for the remaining 1.54 miles.

LARGEMOUTH BASS

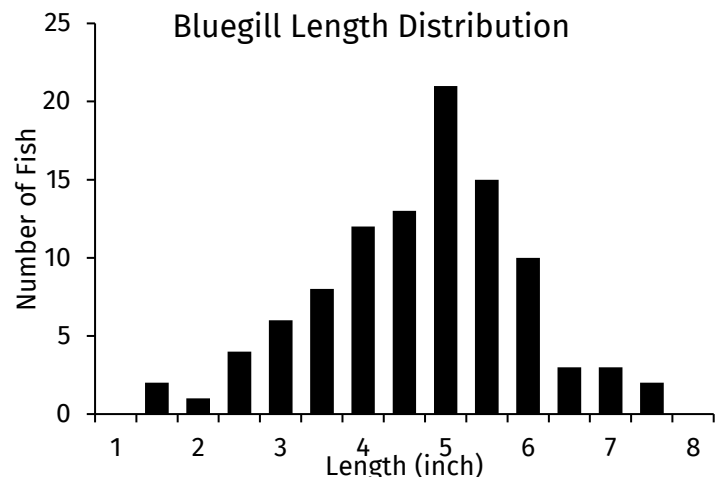


A total of 82 adult largemouth bass were captured during the survey, as well as four juveniles. Adult largemouth bass ranged in length from 8.5 to 16.0 inches, averaged 11.7 inches and 11% were 14 inches or larger. Adult largemouth bass were captured at a rate of 40.2 per mile of shoreline, which ranks above the 50th percentile for similar classed lakes. Note: adult largemouth bass are defined as all bass ≥ 8 inches in length.

BLUEGILL



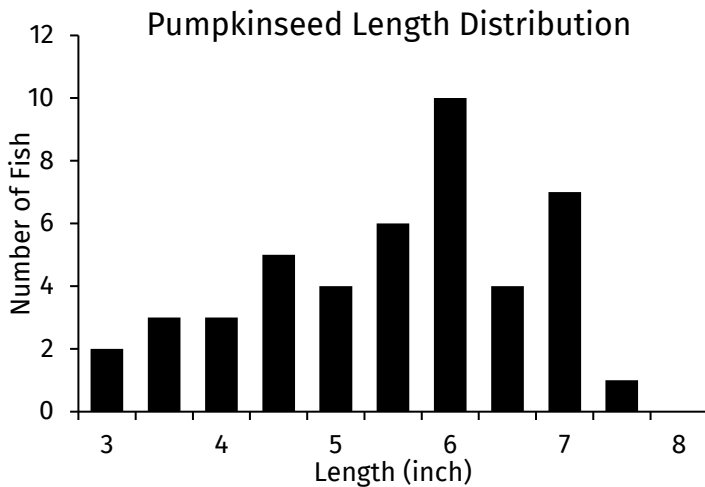
A total of 189 bluegills were captured during the survey. Bluegill ranged in length from 1.6 to 7.6 inches, averaged 4.9 inches and 5% were 7 inches or greater. Bluegills were captured at a rate of 378 per mile of shoreline, which ranks in the 99th percentile for similar classed lakes.



PUMPKINSEED



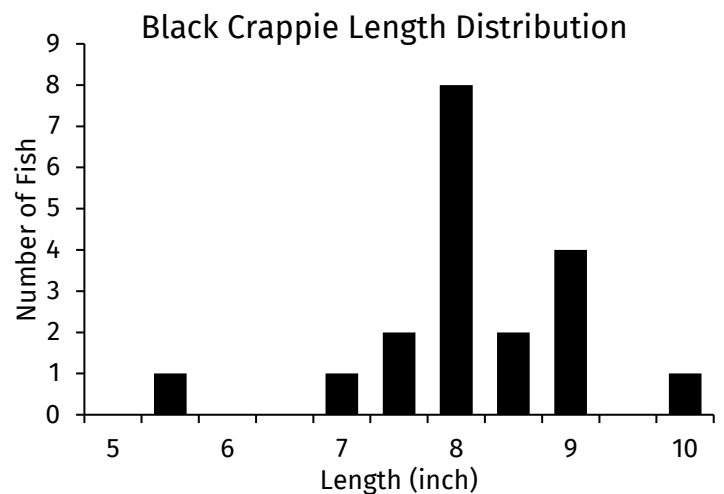
A total of 45 pumpkinseeds were captured during the survey. Pumpkinseeds ranged in length from 3.1 to 7.5 inches, averaged 5.6 inches and 18% were 7 inches or greater. Pumpkinseeds were captured at a rate of 90 per mile of shoreline, which ranks in the 99th percentile for similar classed lakes.



BLACK CRAPPIE



A total of 19 black crappies were captured during the survey. Black crappies ranged in length from 5.5 to 10.1 inches, averaged 8.3 inches and 26% were 9 inches or greater.



OTHER SPECIES

In addition to the species above, electrofishing sampling efforts in Johnson Lake resulted in the catch of 14 other species of fish, including: white sucker (11), golden shiner (10), bluntnose minnow (7), shorthead redhorse (5), mimic shiner (3), fathead minnow (2), rock bass (2), yellow perch (2), hornyhead chub (1), johnny darter (1), yellow bullhead (1), northern pike (4; 17.9-22 inches), muskellunge (3; 12.5-36.1 inches), walleye (1; 19.7 inches).

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