



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Fisheries Information Sheet

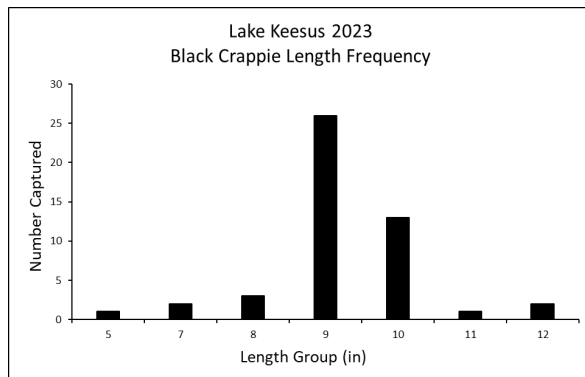
LAKE: LAKE KEESUS

COUNTY: WAUKESHA

YEAR: 2023

Introduction

Lake Keesus is a 235-acre lake located in north central Waukesha County. It has approximately 5.3 miles of shoreline with 216 privately owned houses and is comprised of five bays. The lake classification is categorized as complex-warm-clear, it is spring-fed and it has moderate water clarity. Public access is located off Woodrest Drive on the southeast side of the lake. Anglers can expect to find panfish, largemouth bass, northern pike and walleye. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conducted a single night electrofishing survey of Lake Keesus on May 8, 2023 to assess panfish and gamefish populations.



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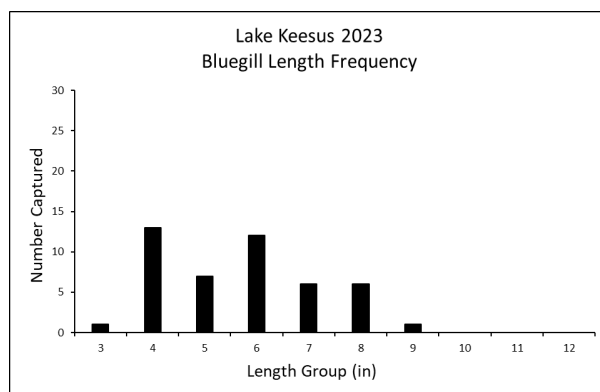


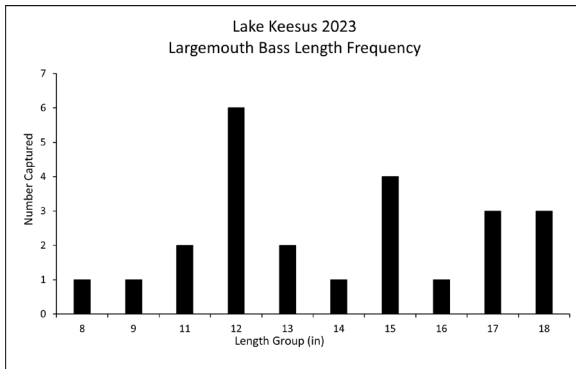
Average Length 9.6 = inches
Maximum Length 12.8 = inches
33% over 10 inches (preferred size)

BLUEGILL



Average Length = 5.9 inches
Maximum Length = 9.3 inches
15% over 8 inches (preferred size)





LARGEMOUTH BASS



Average Length = 14.1 inches
Maximum Length = 18.8 inches
Percent Legal 50%

OTHER SPECIES

Other species sampled during the survey included common carp, northern pike, pumpkinseed, walleye and yellow perch.

Summary

Panfish were the most abundant species in the survey. Black crappie were the most common fish sampled with a total of 48. They had an average length of 9.6 inches the largest was 12.8 inches and 33% of the sample were over 10 inches (preferred) size. Bluegill were the second most abundant species sampled with a total of 45. They had an average length of 5.9 inches, the largest was 9.3 inches and 15% of the sample were over 8 inches (preferred) size. A few panfish species were sampled in low abundance including pumpkinseed (five fish) and yellow perch (one fish). Size structures for bluegill are above the 90th percentile compared to similar lakes.

Largemouth bass were the most common gamefish sampled during the survey with a total of 24. They had an average length of 14.1 inches, the largest was 18.8 inches and 50% of the sample were above the legal minimum size limit of 14 inches. Other gamefish sampled included six walleye (9.0, 13.4, 14.4, 18.3, 20.8 and 21.0 inches) and five northern pike (19.2, 21.0 22.0, 25.6 and 33.3 inches). The size structure for largemouth bass was above the 95th percentile compared to similar lakes.

Lake Keesus is typically surveyed every fall to allow the DNR to determine if there is a need for future regulation changes or to document changes in the fishery.

Table 1. General fishing regulations for Lake Keesus in Waukesha County, Wisconsin.

SPECIES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT
Largemouth and smallmouth bass	5	14"
Northern Pike	2	26"
Walleye	3	18"
Panfish	25 in Aggregate	None

Acknowledgements

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