



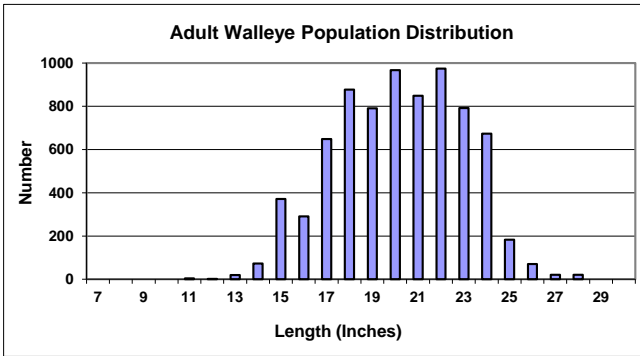
**WISCONSIN DNR
FISHERIES INFORMATION SHEET**

LAKE: METONGA

COUNTY: FOREST

YEAR: 2019

The Department of Natural Resources surveyed Lake Metonga, Forest County, from May 1 through May 7. The primary objective was to assess the status of the adult Walleye population. Lake Metonga is a drainage lake with predominately sand and gravel substrates. It has a surface area of 1,991 acres, 7.9 miles of shoreline, and a maximum depth of 79 feet. Lake Metonga's Walleye population is sustained through natural reproduction.



* Note: Adult Walleye are defined as all sexable Walleye (regardless of length) and those of unknown sex \geq 15 inches in length.

Walleye



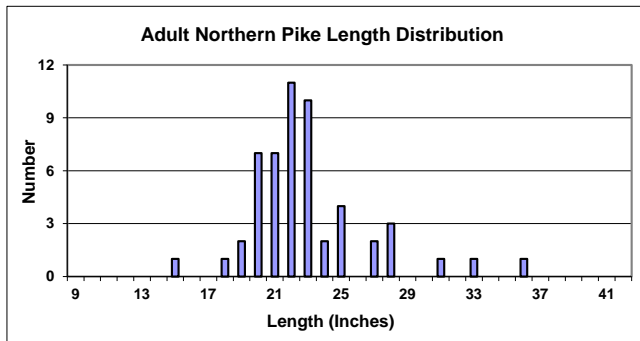
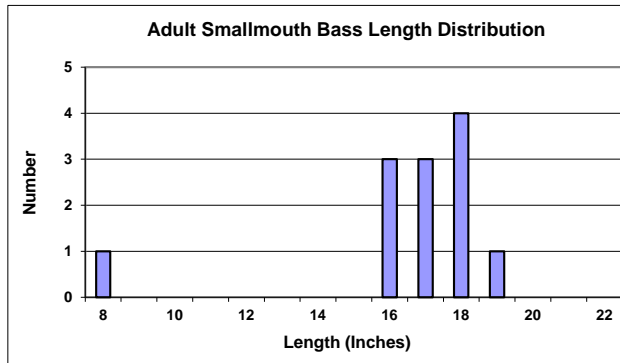
During five days of fyke netting, 1,194 adult Walleye were captured and marked with a fin clip. Two crews then sampled with electrofishing boats and captured 80 adult Walleye. During electrofishing 14% (11 of 80) of captured Walleye bore the fin clip given during fyke netting. Based on those results, Lake Metonga was estimated to contain 7,627 adult Walleye (3.8/acre).

An estimated 99% of adult Walleye were 15 inches or longer. The largest Walleye we captured was a 28.7-inch female.

Smallmouth Bass



Smallmouth Bass were not a primary target during our survey of Lake Metonga. Sampling occurred prior to peak Smallmouth spawning. We captured 12 Smallmouth Bass eight inches or larger; 92% (11) were 14 inches or longer, and the largest was 19.0 inches. We also captured one 17.6 inch Largemouth Bass during the survey.



* Note: Adult Northern Pike are defined as all sexable Northern Pike and those of unknown sex \geq 12 inches in length.

Northern Pike

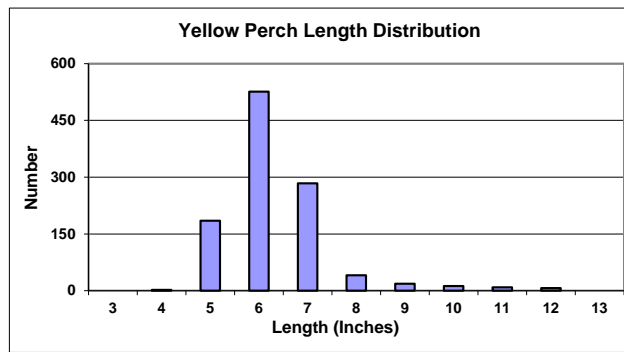


During our survey of Lake Metonga we captured 53 adult Northern Pike. Of those, 15% (eight) were greater than 26 inches long, and the largest was a 36.2-inch female.

Yellow Perch



Although Yellow Perch were not a primary target during our survey of Lake Metonga, we captured relatively high numbers of them and measured a subsample to index the size structure of the population. Of the Yellow Perch measured, 8% were eight inches or longer, with the largest being 12.6 inches.



Other Species

In addition to the gamefish mentioned above, six species of fish were captured during fyke net sampling of Lake Metonga. Species captured included: Black and Yellow Bullheads, White Sucker, Brook Trout, Rock Bass, and Pumpkinseed.

A creel survey will be conducted on Lake Metonga throughout the 2019-20 fishing season. A creel clerk will count and interview anglers and examine their catch. The information gathered will be used to estimate angler fishing effort, catch and harvest.

Table 1. General Fishing Regulations for Lake Metonga, Forest County, 2019-20.

FISH SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH
Walleye	May 4 - March 1	3	15" min. length, 20-24" no harvest slot, 1 fish over 24" allowed
Largemouth Bass	May 4 - March 1	5 in total with SMB	14 inches
Smallmouth Bass	May 4 - June 14 (C&R) June 15 - March 1 (Harvest)	5 in total with LMB; harvest season only	14 inches
Northern Pike	May 4 - March 1	5	None

A brief summary of selected fishing regulations for Lake Metonga is included above (Table 1). While the regulatory information provided was current at the time the surveys were conducted, it is not comprehensive and should not be used as a substitute for the current fishing regulation pamphlet. You may obtain a copy of current fishing regulations when you purchase your fishing license, or download a copy from our web site at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/regulations/>

This spring survey report is available at:
<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/north/trtysprngsrvys.html>.
 Creel survey results should be available by August 2020 at:
<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/north/trtycrslrvys.html>. For questions, contact:

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