



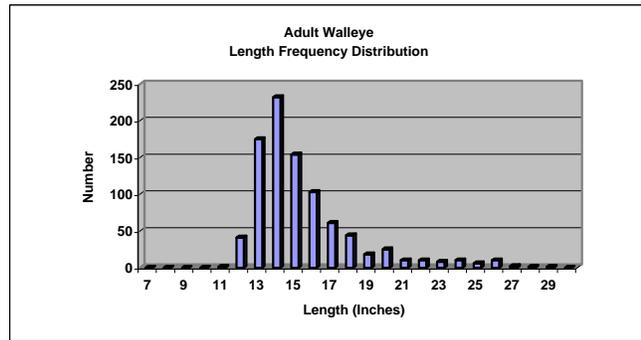
**WISCONSIN DNR
FISHERIES INFORMATION SHEET
PIKE CHAIN, BAYFIELD COUNTY, 2010**

The Department of Natural Resources conducted a fisheries assessment of the Pike Chain, Bayfield County, from April 01, 2010 to May 18, 2010.

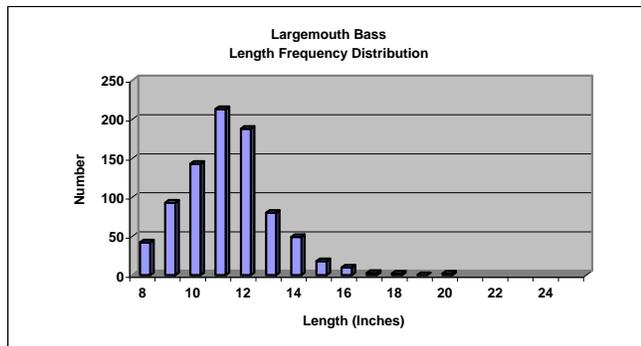
The Pike Chain is a chain of drainage lakes in the Lake Superior basin. The walleye fishery is supported primarily through natural reproduction. The population estimate for adult walleye is lower than the average for area lakes with similar characteristics.



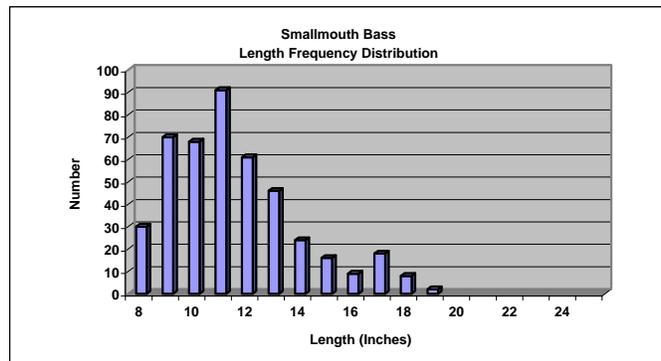
Walleye	
Total Captured	912
Avg. Length (in.)	15.4
Length Range (in.)	11-29
% >15"	51%



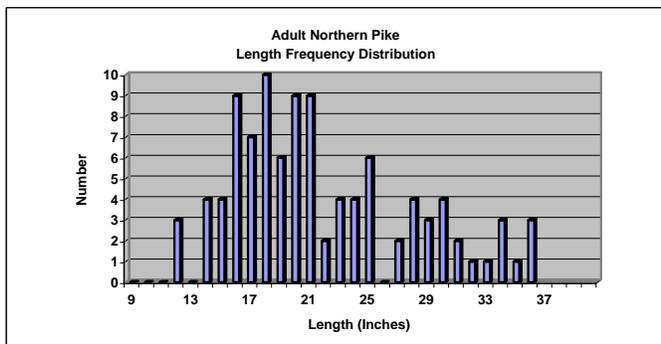
Largemouth Bass	
Total Captured	843
Avg. Length (in.)	11.3
Length Range (in.)	8-20
% >14"	10%



Smallmouth Bass	
Total Captured	443
Avg. Length (in.)	11.5
Length Range (in.)	8-19
% >14"	17%

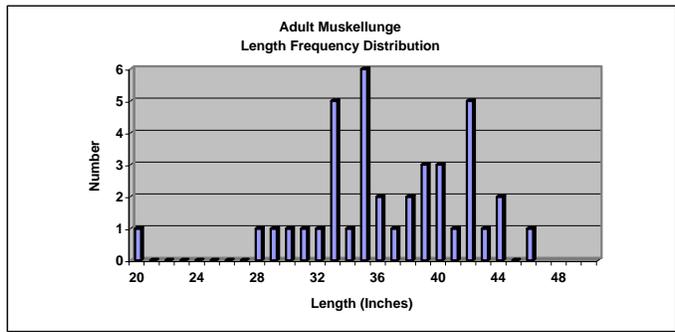


Northern Pike	
Total Captured	101
Avg. Length (in.)	21.8
Length Range (in.)	12-36
% >26"	24%





Muskellunge	
Total Captured	39
Avg. Length (in.)	36.6
Length Range (in.)	20-46
%>40"	33%



Other Species

Some of the other species observed during this sampling but not included in this report were bluegill, black crappie, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, rock bass and white sucker.

We are also conducting a creel (angler harvest) survey on the Pike Chain this year. Creel clerk Harry Johns will count and interview anglers and examine their catch throughout the fishing season.

Stocking History

Year	Species	Number Fish Stocked	Avg Fish Length (IN)
1990	MUSKELLUNGE	230	13
1991	MUSKELLUNGE	460	11
1992	MUSKELLUNGE	460	10
1993	MUSKELLUNGE	920	10
1996	MUSKELLUNGE	550	12
1997	MUSKELLUNGE	275	12
2000	MUSKELLUNGE	550	13
2002	MUSKELLUNGE	944	11
2004	MUSKELLUNGE	945	11
2006	MUSKELLUNGE	520	11
2008	MUSKELLUNGE	945	11

General Fishing Regulations for Pike Chain, Bayfield County, 2010

FISH SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH
Walleye	May 01-March 06	2	NO MINIMUM, 1>14"
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	June 19-March 06	5	14" MINIMUM
Muskellunge	May 29-November 30	1	40" MINIMUM
Northern Pike	May 01-March 06	5	NO MINIMUM

A brief summary of selected fishing regulations is included above. 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/fish/regulations/>

This report is interim only; data and findings should not be considered final. Results of creel surveys should be available by June of the year following the survey. If you are interested in a summary of the creel survey or want an update on this year's fyke netting and electrofishing survey results contact:

Reports from other northern Wisconsin fisheries surveys can be found at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/fish/nor/northern.html>

For answers to questions about fisheries management activities and plans for the Pike Chain, Bayfield County contact:

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