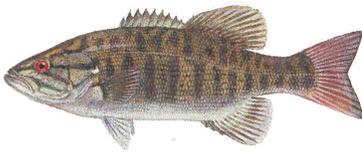




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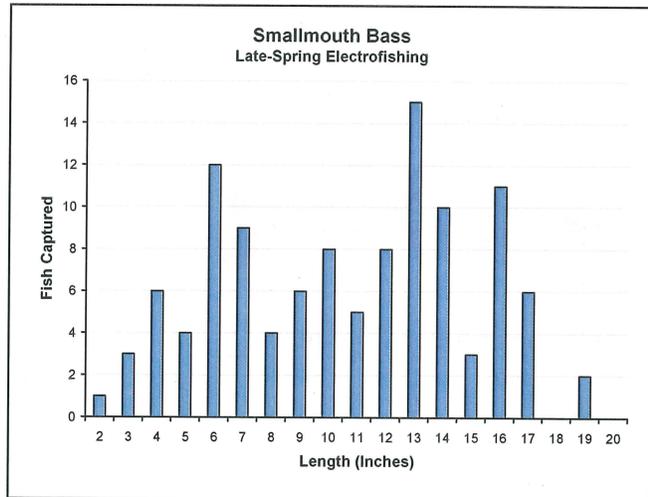
The Hayward DNR Fisheries Management Team conducted an electrofishing survey on Round Lake, Sawyer County on June 2, 2010 as part of our routine monitoring program. The goal of this survey was to provide information on smallmouth bass and panfish. We also gained insight into the status of juvenile walleyes. A netting survey conducted earlier this spring by the WDNR Treaty Fisheries Assessment Team documented the status of the adult walleye and muskellunge populations.

Smallmouth Bass



Catch per mile (4.0 miles)

Fish \geq 7"	22
Fish \geq 11"	15 (69%)
Fish \geq 14"	8 (37%)

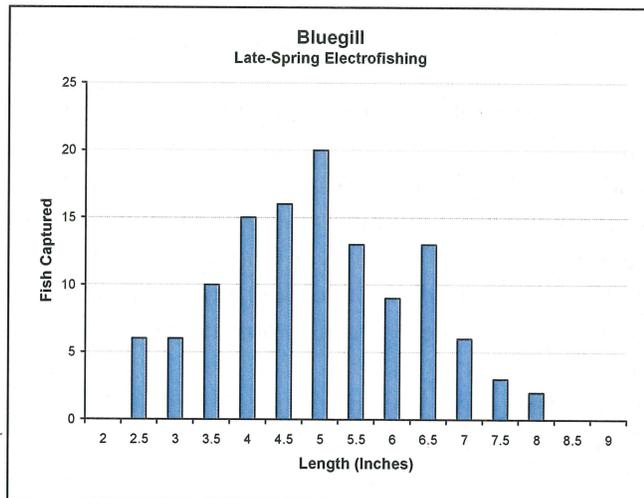


Bluegill

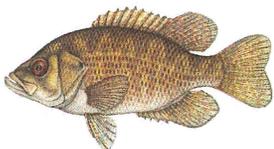


Catch per mile (1.0 mile)

Fish \geq 3"	113
Fish \geq 7"	11 (10%)
Fish \geq 8"	2 (2%)

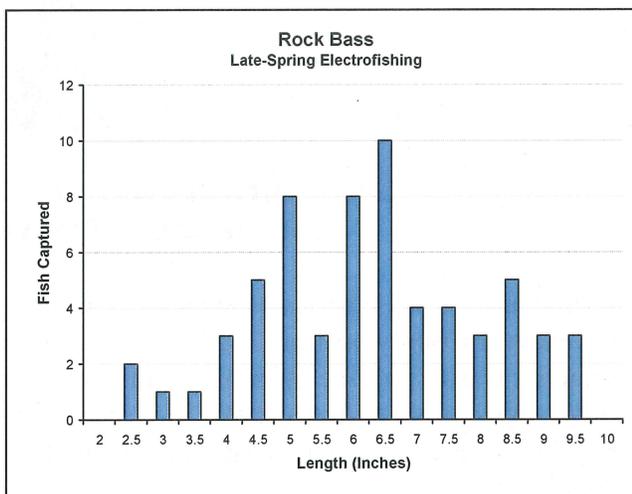


Rock Bass

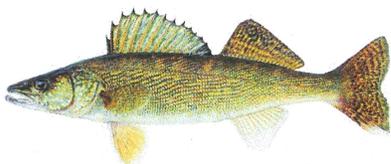


Catch per mile (1.0 mile)

Fish \geq 4"	59
Fish \geq 7"	22 (37%)
Fish \geq 9"	6 (10%)

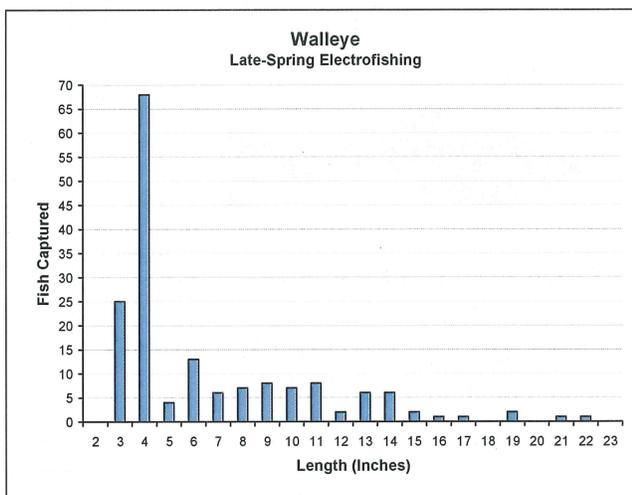


Walleye



Catch per mile (4.0 miles)

Total	42
Fish < 10"	33



Quick Summary

With water temperature in the upper 60s, we captured smallmouth bass near the end of an unusually early spawning season (some males still on nests). As expected, the smallmouth bass population was outstanding. All sizes of smallmouth bass were caught in satisfactory numbers, from juveniles to memorable-size fish. Bluegills were more numerous than expected in a low-productivity lake. As with other deep, clear lakes in Sawyer County, Round Lake had abundant and sizeable rock bass. Significant natural reproduction of walleyes has occurred over the last few years, particularly in 2009. We captured lots of small yellow perch, which provide an essential food source for many different predator species.

Miscellaneous: Two juvenile muskellunge at 19.5" and 21" were caught along with two northern pike at 24.8" and 28" in the 4.0 miles of gamefish stations. A few largemouth bass, yellow bullhead, black bullhead, white sucker, blacknose shiner, bluntnose minnow, and golden shiner were also documented in the 0.5-mile index station.

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