



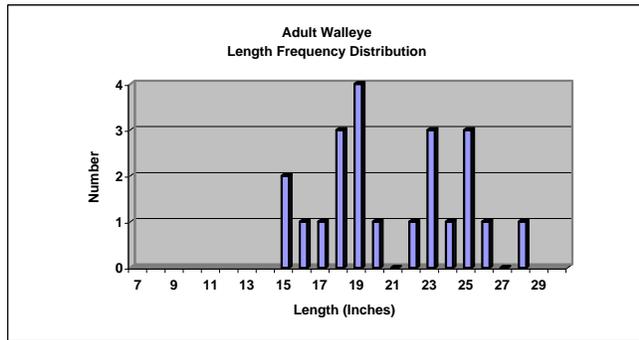
**WISCONSIN DNR
FISHERIES INFORMATION SHEET
BIG SAND LAKE, BURNETT COUNTY, 2009**

The Department of Natural Resources conducted a fisheries assessment of Big Sand Lake, Burnett County, on June 3, 2008, and from April 11, 2009 to April 14, 2009.

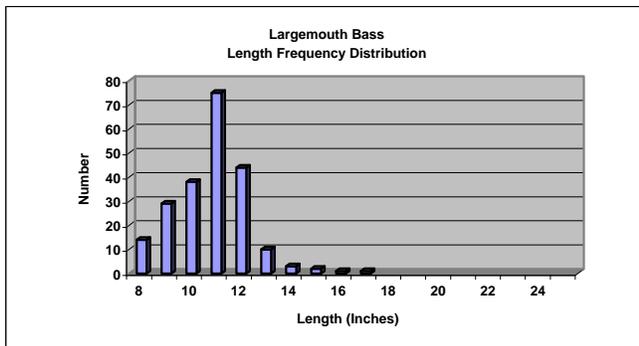
Big Sand Lake is a seepage lake in the St. Croix River basin. The walleye fishery is supported primarily through stocking. The population estimate for adult walleye is below the average for area lakes with similar characteristics.



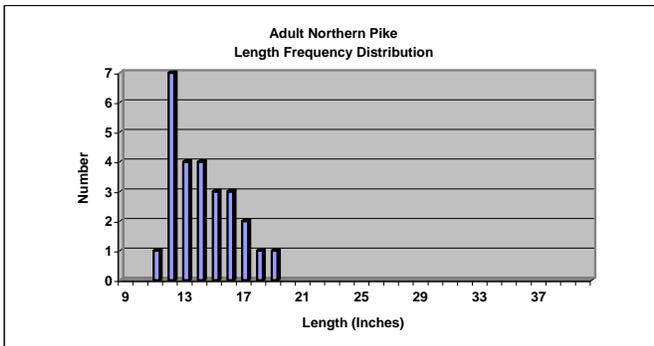
Walleye	
Total Captured	22
Avg. Length (in.)	20.8
Length Range (in.)	15-28
% >15"	100%



Largemouth Bass	
Total Captured	217
Avg. Length (in.)	10.8
Length Range (in.)	8-17
% >14"	3%



Northern Pike	
Total Captured	26
Avg. Length (in.)	14.1
Length Range (in.)	11-19
% >26"	0%



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, yellow bullhead, brown bullhead, bowfin, and white sucker.

We are also conducting a creel (angler harvest) survey on Big Sand Lake this year. Creel clerk Abby Medis will count and interview anglers and examine their catch throughout the fishing season.

Stocking History

Year	Species	Number Fish Stocked	Avg Fish Length (IN)
1995	WALLEYE	26	3
1996	WALLEYE	23,981	3
1996	WALLEYE	49,974	1
1997	WALLEYE	514	5
1997	WALLEYE	748	
1998	WALLEYE	1,941	5
1998	WALLEYE	70,000	2
1999	WALLEYE	3,708	6
2000	WALLEYE	932	4
2000	WALLEYE	70,000	2
2000	WALLEYE	40,950	3
2002	WALLEYE	179	7
2002	WALLEYE	70,000	1
2002	WALLEYE	1,424	3
2003	WALLEYE	1,575	5
2003	WALLEYE	3,162	3
2004	WALLEYE	70,973	1
2005	WALLEYE	2,335	4
2006	WALLEYE	48,994	2
2006	WALLEYE	9,718	3
2008	WALLEYE	49,076	2

General Fishing Regulations for Big Sand Lake, Burnett County, 2009

FISH SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH
Walleye	May 02-March 07	5	15" MINIMUM
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	May 02-March 07	5	14" MINIMUM
Muskellunge	May 23-November 30	1	40" MINIMUM
Northern Pike	May 02-March 07	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:

For answers to questions about fisheries management activities and plans for Big Sand Lake, Burnett County contact:

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