



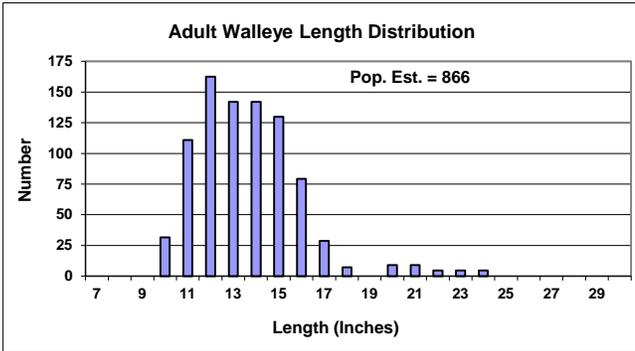
**WISCONSIN DNR
FISHERIES INFORMATION SHEET**

LAKE: OTTER AND LYNX (EAGLE CHAIN)

COUNTY: VILAS

YEAR: 2013

The Department of Natural Resources surveyed Otter/Lynx Lakes, Vilas County, from May 7 through May 14, 2013, to determine the health of the fishery. The survey was designed to assess the lake's walleye and musky fishery. Otter/Lynx Lake are drainage lakes with sand/gravel/rock substrate and a naturally reproducing walleye population. They have a surface area of 205 acres, 3.4 miles of shoreline and a maximum depth of 30 feet.



* Note: Adult walleye are defined as all sexable walleye and walleye of unknown sex \geq 15 inches long.

Walleye



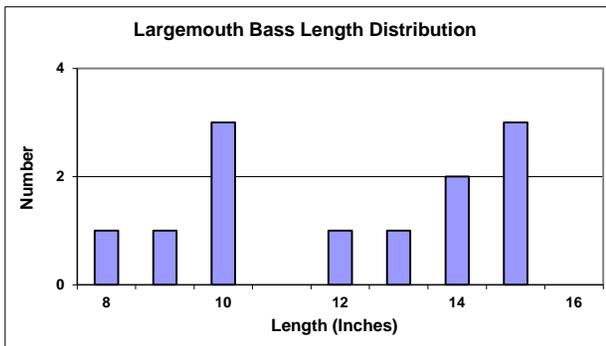
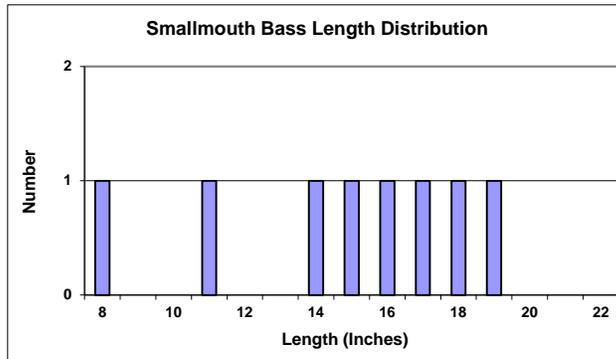
A mark-recapture survey of Otter/Lynx Lake's adult walleye population was conducted from May 7-12, 2013. During 6 days of fyke netting, 125 adult walleye were captured and marked with a fin clip. A crew sampled these lakes with an electro-fishing boat on May 12 and captured 13 adult walleye. The largest walleye captured was a 25.2-inch female.

Based on those results, these lakes were estimated to contain 866 adult walleye (4.2 /acre). An estimated 32% (277 of 866) of adult walleye were 15 inches long or larger.

Smallmouth Bass



During sampling conducted through May 14, 2013, 8 smallmouth bass 8 inches or larger were captured. Of those smallmouth captured, 75 % (6 of 8) were 14 inches long or larger. The largest smallmouth captured was 19.2-inches long.



Largemouth Bass



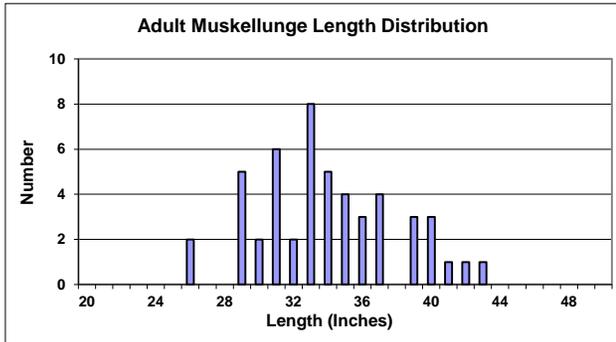
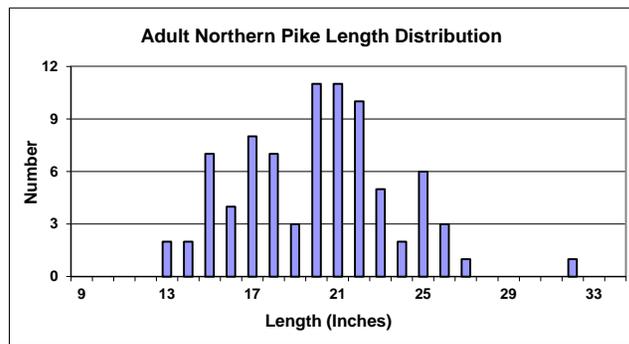
During sampling, 12 largemouth bass 8 inches or larger were captured. Of those largemouth captured, 42 % (5 of 12) were 14 inches long or larger. The largest largemouth captured was 15.7-inches long.

Northern Pike



From May 7 through May 14, 2012, 83 adult northern pike were captured in fyke nets and electrofishing in Otter/Lynx Lakes. Of the adult northern pike captured 94% (78 of 83) were less than 26 inches long. The largest northern pike captured was a 32.5-inch female.

* Note: Adult northern pike are defined as all sexable northern pike and northern pike of unknown sex ≥ 12 inches long.



Muskellunge



During fyke netting and electro-fishing sampling of Otter/Lynx Lakes, 50 adult muskellunge were captured. Of the muskellunge captured, 12% (6 of 50) were 40 inches long or larger. The largest muskellunge captured was a 43.2-inch female.

* Note: Adult muskellunge are defined using PSD stock size as all sexable muskellunge and muskellunge of unknown sex ≥ 20 inches long.

Other Species

In addition to the game fish mentioned above, 12 species of fish were captured during fyke netting and electro-fishing sampling of Otter/Lynx Lakes. Yellow perch, black crappie, and bluegill were common in our fyke net catches. Also caught were moderate numbers of pumpkinseeds, rockbass, and white suckers. Other species sampled included shorthead redhorse, grass pickerel, yellow bullhead, horny head chub, and creek chub.

A creel survey will be conducted on Otter/Lynx Lakes throughout the 2013-14 fishing season to get estimates of fishing effort and angler harvest. Creel clerk Tom Limawill count and interview anglers and examine their catch. The information gathered will be used to estimate fishing effort and angler harvest.

Table 1. General Fishing Regulations for Otter/Lynx Lakes, Vilas County, 2013-14

FISH SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH
Walleye	May 4 - March 2	3	No minimum length, no harvest 14-18" and only 1 over 18"
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	May 4 - June 14 (C&R) June 15 - March 2 (Harvest)	None 5 in total	14 inches
Muskellunge	May 25 - Nov. 30	1	40 inches
Northern Pike	May 4 - March 2	5	None

A brief summary of selected fishing regulations for Otter/Lynx Lakes are 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_index.html

This report is interim only; data and findings should not be considered final. Results of creel surveys should be available by June 2014. Watch for survey summaries at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/fish/nor/northern.html> or contact:

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