

**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FISHERIES**

Angler ("creel") Survey Summary for Medicine Lake, December 2002 through October 2003

DOW ID Number: 27-0104	County: Hennepin	Lake Class: 24	Lake Area: 886 Acres	Survey Period: 12/1/02 – 10/31/03
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Fishing pressure (Angler-hours)	95,128	Number of angling trips	31,837
Angler Hours per Acre	107.4	% Use: Winter / Open-Water	42% / 58%
% Fish Catch: Winter/Open-Water	36% / 64%	% Harvest: Winter/Open-Water	40% / 60%

What People Fished for:	Percent of Angling Parties
Crappie	31
Northern pike	22
Bluegill / Sunfish	18
(Largemouth) bass	14
No preference / "Anything"	13
Yellow perch	2

Species/Type Caught	Fish Harvested				Fish Released		
	Number	Pounds	Average		Number	Average	
			Length (in)	weight (lb)		Length (in)	weight (lb)
Crappie	60,203	18,883	7.8	0.3	14,962	6.2	0.1
Sunfish	28,952	6,652	6.9	0.2	53,278	5.4	0.1
Northern pike	2,692	11,909	24.3	3.8	6,648	21.2	2.8
Yellow perch	1,673	210	6.4	0.1	6,735	5.9	0.1
Largemouth bass	905	1,456	14.4	1.9	9,455	8.8	0.8
Bullhead species	450	225	9.7	0.5	318	11.7	1.0
Walleye	38	123	20.2	3.1	106	15.0	1.9
Bowfin ("dogfish")	0	0			332	20.0	2.6
All species	94,913	39,448			91,884		

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Angler ("creel") Survey Summary for Medicine Lake, Winter 2002-03

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Fishing pressure (Angler-hours)	39,644	Weekdays surveyed	17
Angler Hours per Acre	44.7	Weekend/Holidays surveyed	8
Average Party Size (all anglers)	1.58	Number of interviews	133
Average Trip Length (hours)	2.63	Estimated number angler trips	15,074

What People Fished for:	Percent of Angling Parties
Crappie	49
Northern pike	27
Bluegill / Sunfish	17
Yellow perch	4
No preference / "Anything"	3
(Largemouth) bass	< 1

Type/Species Caught	Fish Harvested				Fish Released		
	Number	Pounds	Average		Number	Average	
			Length (in)	weight (lb)		Length (in)	weight (lb)
Crappie	9,771	7,845	7.9	0.4	6,149	5.9	0.2
Sunfish	9,894	3,219	6.8	0.2	14,299	5.4	0.1
Northern pike	666	10,761	25.2	4.6	3,115	21.6	2.9
Yellow perch	3,718	198	6.7	0.1	5,322	5.9	0.1
Largemouth bass	75	185	15.8	2.5	166	4.0	<0.1
Bullhead	0				166	11.7	1.0
All species	38,384	22,208			29,217		

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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF FISHERIES Angler ("creel") Survey Summary for Medicine Lake, Open-Water Season 2003				
DOW ID Number: 27-0104	County: Hennepin	Lake Class: 24	Lake Area: 886 Acres	Survey Period: 4/1 - 10/31/03

Fishing pressure (Angler-hours / hr per acre)	62,957 / 71.1	Weekdays surveyed	41
Non-fishing boat pressure (hours/hr per acre)	65,830 / 74.3	Weekend/Holidays surveyed	37
Average Party Size (all anglers)	2.2	Number of interviews	395
Average Trip Length (hours)	3.3	Estimated number angler trips	16,763

What People Fished for:	Percent of Angling Parties
(Largemouth) Bass	25
No preference / "Anything"	20
Crappie	18
Bluegill / Sunfish	18
Northern pike	18
Yellow perch	1

Species/Type Caught	Fish Harvested				Fish Released		
	Number	Pounds	Average		Number	Average	
			Length (in)	weight (lb)		Length (in)	weight (lb)
Crappie	39,801	11,038	7.8	0.3	8,813	6.4	0.1
Sunfish	15,001	3,438	6.9	0.3	38,978	8.8	0.5
Largemouth bass	829	1,270	13.1	1.3	9,290	13.7	1.6
Bullhead	450	225	9.7	0.5	152	11.7	1.0
Northern pike	379	1,148	23.5	3.0	3,532	20.8	2.7
Walleye	38	122	20.2	3.1	106	15.0	1.9
Yellow perch	31	4	6.0	0.1	1,413	6.0	0.1
Bowfin ("dogfish")	0	0			332	20.0	2.6
All species	56,529	17,245			62,616		

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