



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
 Fisheries Management  
**LAKE SURVEY REPORT**



**DRAFT VERSION - PRELIMINARY DATA (AS OF 07/28/2016)**

**Lake Name: Cottonwood**

**Survey Type: Standard Survey**

**DOW Number: 17-0022-00**

**Survey ID Date: 07/25/2016**

**Lake Identification**

Alternate Lake Name: N/A  
 Primary Lake Class ID: 43

DNR Sounding Map Number: C2565  
 Alternate Lake Class ID: N/A

**Lake Location**

Primary County: Cottonwood

Nearest Town: Windom

**Legal Descriptions**

Lake Center: Township - 105N Range - 35W Section - 19  
 PLS Section Lake Center: 10503519

**All Legal Descriptions:**

Cottonwood County: Township - 105N Range - 35W Sections - 19, 30  
 Township - 105N Range - 36W Sections - 24, 25

**Area Office**

Area Name: Windom  
 Region Name: Southern

ORG Code: F418  
 Region Number: 4

**Lake Access**

(Information based on Population Assessment dated 07/25/1994)

Station ID	Ownership	Public Use	Type	Location / Comments
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(Data excludes records where public use is not designated or is designated "No Public Use")

**Lake Characteristics**

Lake Area (planimetered acres):	140.00	GIS Shoreline Length (miles):	3.47
GIS Lake Area (acres):	154.97	Maximum Fetch (miles):	1.00
DOW Lake Area (acres):	146.00	Fetch Orientation (degrees):	22
Littoral Area (acres):	154.97	USGS Quad Map Number:	W09a
Area in MN (acres):	154.97	USGS Quad 24K GIS Index:	4418
Maximum Depth (feet):	10.0		
Mean Depth (feet):	8.0		

**Watershed Characteristics**

**Major Watershed**

Name: Des Moines-Headwaters  
 Watershed Number: 51  
 Watershed size (acres): 798,595

**Minor Watershed**

Name: Warren L Outlet  
 Watershed Number: 10  
 Watershed size (acres): 7,531

## Surveys and Investigations

Initial Survey: 07/23/1990.  
 Re-Survey: 07/20/1998.  
 Population Assessment: 07/23/2012, 07/21/2008, 07/22/2002, 07/25/1994.  
 Special Assessment: 07/23/2012, 08/29/1955.  
 Dissolved Oxygen Check: 02/11/2016, 02/24/2015, 01/03/2014, 01/08/2013, 12/28/2012, 01/20/2012, 12/29/2010,  
 01/12/2010.  
 Standard Survey: 07/25/2016.

## Current Water Level

Station ID	Date	Level	Reading (feet)	Reading Type
BM - 1	07/25/2016	High	-3.30	Above or below Benchmark

## Benchmark and Gauge Descriptions / Locations

Station ID	Location Description
BM - 1	Top of northeast corner of concrete slab under aeration house by access.

## Water Level History - Readings

Station ID	Date	Level	Reading (feet)	Reading Type
BM - 1	07/25/2016	High	-3.30	Above or below Benchmark
	07/23/2012	Low	-4.30	Above or below Benchmark
	07/24/2008	Low	-4.30	Above or below Benchmark

## Water Level History - Station Summary

Station ID	Minimum Level		Maximum Level		Range (feet)	Average Level (feet)	Reading Type (and number of readings)
	Feet	Date	Feet	Date			
BM - 1	-4.30	07/24/2008	-3.30	07/25/2016	1.00	-3.97	Above or below Benchmark (3)

## Dissolved Oxygen and Temperature Profile of Lake Water

Station ID	Sampling Date	Bottom Depth (Feet)	Sample Depth (Feet)	Water		Dissolved Oxygen (ppm)
				Temperature (°F)		
WQ - 1	07/25/2016	13.2	Surface	81.1	9.1	
			2.0	81.3	9.2	
			4.0	81.3	9.2	
			6.0	81.3	9.1	
			8.0	81.0	8.4	
			10.0	79.2	3.7	
			12.0	77.7	1.1	

## Field Measurements of Water Quality

Station ID	Sampling Date	Sample Depth (Feet)	Secchi Depth (Feet)	Field pH	Alkalinity (ppm)	Water Color	Color Cause
WQ - 1	07/25/2016	Surface	2.4	8.35	200	Green	Algae

**Net Catch Summary by Numbers for GN**

Standard gill net sets

Number of Sets: 3  
 First Set Date: 07/25/2016  
 Last Lift Date: 07/28/2016  
 Target Species: N/A

Abbr	Species	Total Fish	Number Per Set	Quartiles for Lake Class 43*		
				25%	50%	75%
BLB	Black Bullhead	819	273.00	30.34	75.58	150.62
BLC	Black Crappie	5	1.67	1.41	3.71	13.75
CCF	Channel Catfish	10	3.33	N/A	N/A	N/A
CAP	Common Carp	1	0.33	1.00	3.33	13.75
WAE	Walleye	8	2.67	2.28	6.83	18.06
WTS	White Sucker	2	0.67	0.81	2.33	6.50
YEP	Yellow Perch	34	11.33	2.65	8.00	25.00
Total Fish/Set:			293.00	* Quartiles for Number Per Set		

**Net Catch Summary by Weight for GN**

Standard gill net sets

Abbr	Species	Total Weight (Pounds)	Pounds Per Set	Mean Weight	Quartiles for Lake Class 43*		
					25%	50%	75%
BLB	Black Bullhead	107.73	35.91	0.13	0.17	0.26	0.39
BLC	Black Crappie	1.41	0.47	0.28	0.16	0.25	0.35
CCF	Channel Catfish	4.81	1.60	0.48	N/A	N/A	N/A
CAP	Common Carp	5.51	1.84	5.51	0.81	1.98	3.70
WAE	Walleye	26.58	8.86	3.32	1.01	1.53	2.30
WTS	White Sucker	1.28	0.43	0.64	0.93	1.58	2.02
YEP	Yellow Perch	5.18	1.73	0.15	0.13	0.21	0.31
Total Pounds Fish/Set:			50.84	* Quartiles for Mean Weight			

**Net Catch Summary by Numbers for TN**

Standard 3/4-in mesh, double frame trap net sets

Number of Sets: 9  
 First Set Date: 07/25/2016  
 Last Lift Date: 07/28/2016  
 Target Species: N/A

Abbr	Species	Total Fish	Number Per Set	Quartiles for Lake Class 43*		
				25%	50%	75%
BIB	Bigmouth Buffalo	6	0.67	0.17	0.38	1.04
BLC	Black Crappie	35	3.89	1.17	4.88	20.50
BLG	Bluegill	9	1.00	1.17	3.89	20.00
CCF	Channel Catfish	1	0.11	N/A	N/A	N/A
CAP	Common Carp	5	0.56	1.00	2.44	5.51
NOP	Northern Pike	1	0.11	N/A	N/A	N/A
PMK	Pumpkinseed	7	0.78	0.26	1.35	4.92
YEP	Yellow Perch	4	0.44	0.33	1.37	3.76
Total Fish/Set:			7.56	* Quartiles for Number Per Set		

**Net Catch Summary by Weight for TN**

Standard 3/4-in mesh, double frame trap net sets

Abbr	Species	Total Weight (Pounds)	Pounds Per Set	Mean Weight	Quartiles for Lake Class 43*		
					25%	50%	75%
BIB	Bigmouth Buffalo	23.54	2.62	3.92	2.56	3.75	5.83
BLC	Black Crappie	9.02	1.00	0.26	0.22	0.34	0.50
BLG	Bluegill	1.39	0.15	0.15	0.13	0.24	0.39
CCF	Channel Catfish	0.58	0.06	0.58	N/A	N/A	N/A
CAP	Common Carp	16.64	1.85	3.33	1.42	2.92	4.58
NOP	Northern Pike	3.86	0.43	3.86	N/A	N/A	N/A
PMK	Pumpkinseed	0.73	0.08	0.10	0.08	0.12	0.20
YEP	Yellow Perch	0.52	0.06	0.13	0.11	0.18	0.30
Total Pounds Fish/Set:			6.25	* Quartiles for Mean Weight			

**Length Frequency Distribution for GN**

**Standard gill net sets**

(Field work conducted between 07/25/2016 and 07/28/2016)

	<u>BLB</u>	<u>BLC</u>	<u>CAP</u>	<u>CCF</u>	<u>WAE</u>	<u>WTS</u>	<u>YEP</u>
< 3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.00 - 3.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.50 - 3.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.00 - 4.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.50 - 4.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.00 - 5.49	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.50 - 5.99	19	-	-	-	-	-	4
6.00 - 6.49	96	-	-	-	-	-	1
6.50 - 6.99	464	-	-	-	-	-	4
7.00 - 7.49	17	-	-	-	-	-	8
7.50 - 7.99	-	2	-	-	-	-	11
8.00 - 8.49	-	2	-	-	-	-	3
8.50 - 8.99	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
9.00 - 9.49	1	-	-	3	-	-	-
9.50 - 9.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.00 - 10.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.50 - 10.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11.00 - 11.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11.50 - 11.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12.00 - 12.99	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
13.00 - 13.99	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
14.00 - 14.99	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
15.00 - 15.99	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
16.00 - 16.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17.00 - 17.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18.00 - 18.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19.00 - 19.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.00 - 20.99	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
21.00 - 21.99	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
22.00 - 22.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23.00 - 23.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24.00 - 24.99	-	-	1	-	2	-	-
25.00 - 25.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26.00 - 26.99	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
27.00 - 27.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28.00 - 28.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29.00 - 29.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30.00 - 30.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31.00 - 31.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32.00 - 32.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33.00 - 33.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34.00 - 34.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35.00 - 35.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= > 36.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>
Min. Length	5.12	7.72	24.02	8.78	12.68	13.86	5.59
Max. Length	9.02	8.50	24.02	15.51	26.02	13.86	8.19
Mean Length	6.60	8.16	24.02	11.83	19.68	13.86	7.26
# Measured	125	5	1	10	8	1	27
No Lengths for	694	0	0	0	0	1	7

**Note:** Unless all fish were measured in the catch, totals shown for some length-frequency distributions may differ from the total number of fish in the catch, due to rounding of fractions used in the estimation of length frequency from a subsample of measured fish

**Length Frequency Distribution for TN**

**Standard 3/4-in mesh, double frame trap net sets**

(Field work conducted between 07/25/2016 and 07/28/2016)

	<u>BIB</u>	<u>BLC</u>	<u>BLG</u>	<u>CAP</u>	<u>CCF</u>	<u>NOP</u>	<u>PMK</u>	<u>YEP</u>
< 3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.00 - 3.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.50 - 3.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.00 - 4.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
4.50 - 4.99	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
5.00 - 5.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
5.50 - 5.99	-	1	2	-	-	-	3	1
6.00 - 6.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
6.50 - 6.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
7.00 - 7.49	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
7.50 - 7.99	-	17	1	-	-	-	-	1
8.00 - 8.49	-	13	1	-	-	-	-	-
8.50 - 8.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.00 - 9.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.50 - 9.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.00 - 10.49	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.50 - 10.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11.00 - 11.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11.50 - 11.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12.00 - 12.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13.00 - 13.99	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
14.00 - 14.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.00 - 15.99	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
16.00 - 16.99	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
17.00 - 17.99	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18.00 - 18.99	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19.00 - 19.99	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20.00 - 20.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21.00 - 21.99	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
22.00 - 22.99	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
23.00 - 23.99	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
24.00 - 24.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25.00 - 25.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26.00 - 26.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27.00 - 27.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28.00 - 28.99	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
29.00 - 29.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30.00 - 30.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31.00 - 31.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32.00 - 32.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33.00 - 33.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34.00 - 34.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35.00 - 35.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
= > 36.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>BIB</u>	<u>BLC</u>	<u>BLG</u>	<u>CAP</u>	<u>CCF</u>	<u>NOP</u>	<u>PMK</u>	<u>YEP</u>
Total	6	35	9	5	1	1	7	3
Min. Length	17.44	5.79	4.53	15.55	13.07	28.39	4.41	5.83
Max. Length	19.45	10.00	8.35	23.94	13.07	28.39	6.54	7.60
Mean Length	18.60	7.90	5.72	20.01	13.07	28.39	5.51	6.50
# Measured	6	35	9	5	1	1	7	3
No Lengths for	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

**Note:** Unless all fish were measured in the catch, totals shown for some length-frequency distributions may differ from the total number of fish in the catch, due to rounding of fractions used in the estimation of length frequency from a subsample of measured fish

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**Other Species**

<b>Gear Type (1)</b>	<b>Other Species (Gender) (2)</b>	<b>Total Num</b>	<b>Number Measured</b>	<b>Length (inches) Min - Mean - Max</b>	<b>Number Weighed</b>	<b>Weight (pounds) Min - Mean - Max</b>
TN	Spiney Softshell Turtle	4	0	N/A	0	N/A

**(1) Key to sampling gear abbreviations:**

TN = Standard 3/4-in mesh, double frame trap net sets

**(2) Gender:** If identified and reported.

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**Approval Dates And Notices**

Date Approved By Windom Area Fisheries Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved By Southern Region Fisheries Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

**This DRAFT VERSION of the Lake Survey Report contains preliminary data (as of 07/28/2016), and is therefore subject to change at any time.**



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## REPORT OVERVIEW - FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

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**Lake Name: Cottonwood**

**Survey Type: Standard Survey**

**DOW Number: 17-0022-00**

**Survey ID Date: 07/25/2016**

**Survey Status:** Field Work Complete

The following 19 (of 32) report components are not included in this Lake Survey Report:

1. Water Level History<sup>1</sup>
2. Lake Inlets
3. Additional Inlet Information
4. Lake Outlets
5. Additional Outlet Information
6. Water Control Structure (Dam)
7. Surrounding Watershed Characteristics, Shoreline Characteristics, and Riparian Landscape Observations<sup>2</sup>
8. Resorts And Campgrounds
9. Fish Spawning Conditions
10. Erosion And Pollution
11. Fish Diseases And Parasites
12. Aquatic Vegetation And Shoalwater Substrates
13. Laboratory Analysis Of Water Chemistry
14. Length At Capture With Last Incremental Length\*
15. Back-Calculated Lengths
16. Age Class Frequency Distributions
17. Status Of Fishery And Field Notes
18. Water Quality (Winter Observations) (added to revision 01/21/2010)
19. Survey Attachments (added to revision 20150622)

<sup>1</sup> Water Level History report: This data has not yet been migrated into the Fisheries LSM database. On 01/08/2009, two additional Water Level History report components (Readings and Station Summary) were added.

<sup>2</sup> Effective 03/25/2014, the Surrounding Watershed Characteristics, Shoreline Characteristics, and Riparian Landscape Observations report component was modified to be included in the Lake Survey report if it did not include any Watershed and Shoreline characteristics and only consisted of Riparian Landscape Observations.

\* Length At Capture With Last Incremental Length report: The following criteria must be met for a report to be generated:

1. The fish species must have an assigned body scale constant.
2. Fish must have an "official" age assigned.
3. Fish must have a digitized measurement marked for back calculation use.

**Note: The data source for Length and Age Class Frequency Distribution tables is updated twice daily - once at noon and once overnight. Any changes to the data made before noon on 07/28/2016 may not be reflected in the Distribution tables until after 12:30 pm on 07/28/2016.**

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