



## Survey Information

Our standard lake survey consists of trap nets, gill nets and electrofishing. Electrofishing is conducted in the spring to target bass, while gill nets and trap nets are used to sample most of the remaining fish community. Nets are checked and moved daily on each lake for about a week in the summer. Nets are placed in the same locations within a lake each year, and surveying over many years allows us to track trends in fish populations. Each sampling gear has bias; the largest and smallest fish in a population are typically underrepresented in our sampling.

Eleven standard lake surveys and two targeted walleye surveys (gill net only) were conducted in 2024. The results are summarized below. Many different variables determine fishing success. However, this document should give anglers some information to start planning lakes they would like to fish. We hope this helps get you started. Good luck fishing!

## Walleye

Walleye opener is May 10, 2025. Reno and Cottonwood have excellent numbers of walleyes, but many are small. In a year or two these lakes should offer excellent fishing. Andrew and Scandinavian currently have good numbers of 'eater' size fish. When planning lakes to fish for walleye, turbid lakes are your best bet early in the season because they warm more quickly. The bite in clearer, deeper lakes often improves once they have warmed up sufficiently. Conversely, fishing success may decrease as summer progresses in shallow basins as they may become too vegetated to fish.

## Northern Pike

Fishing for northern pike opens May 10, 2025. Most lakes in the Glenwood area offer abundant northern pike populations. Darling, Mill, Carlos, Scandinavian and Andrew all had high pike numbers (exceeding 10 per gill net). Most fish tend to be small (under 22 inches), but anglers will now find pike over 30 inches in most lakes.

All lakes in the Glenwood Area are within the north-central zone for pike regulations that were implemented in 2018. Anglers can keep 10 northern pike, but not more than two pike longer than 26 inches; and all from 22 to 26 inches must be released. Northern pike taken by spearing follow the same rules except one pike may be between 22 and 26 inches, or two larger than 26 inches. One exception is a special regulation on Rachel Lake, where all pike from 24 to 36 inches must be immediately released. Possession limit on Rachel is three and only one over 36 inches. For more information see: [Northern Pike Zones](#).

## Largemouth Bass

Catch and release season begins for bass on May 10, 2025 and anglers can begin harvesting bass on May 24. Many lakes in the area offer excellent largemouth bass fishing. Victoria, Geneva and Scandinavian are action fisheries, while Andrew, Le Homme Dieu and Darling still offer numbers of fish but at larger average sizes. Anglers should be aware that Agnes and Henry have a special regulation for bass. All bass from 12 to 20 inches must be immediately release, with one over 20 inches allowed in possession.

## Smallmouth Bass

Carlos and Reno were the only lakes sampled in 2024 with fishable smallmouth bass populations. Between all gears, smallmouth bass up to 18.5 inches were sampled in Reno and 20.2 inches in Carlos. While not sampled in 2024, Grants, Ida, Latoka, Miltona, Minnewaska, and Osakis are some of the other smallmouth bass lakes in our area. Smallmouth bass have been recorded in several other area lakes at low densities, but their numbers appear to be expanding.

## Crappie

Crappie are not sampled well in the summer using our nets, so even lakes with low catch rates may still support healthy populations. Smith, Scandinavian, Rachel and Geneva all had good number of crappies. In these lakes most fish were under 8 inches, but all lakes other than Smith also had crappies over 10 inches. A targeted spring crappie survey took place on Maple Lake in spring of 2024. A total of 124 crappie were sampled, averaging 9.9 inches, with a maximum length of 12.5 inches. Maple does have a special regulation for crappie. Minimum size is 10 inches, with a daily limit of five.

## Bluegill

Most lakes sampled in 2024 had relatively high numbers of bluegill. Andrew and Mill were sampled using spring targeted panfish surveys and not directly comparable to the other lakes, with spring surveys sampling larger fish. These lakes are indicated by an asterisk and have 10-fish bag limits.

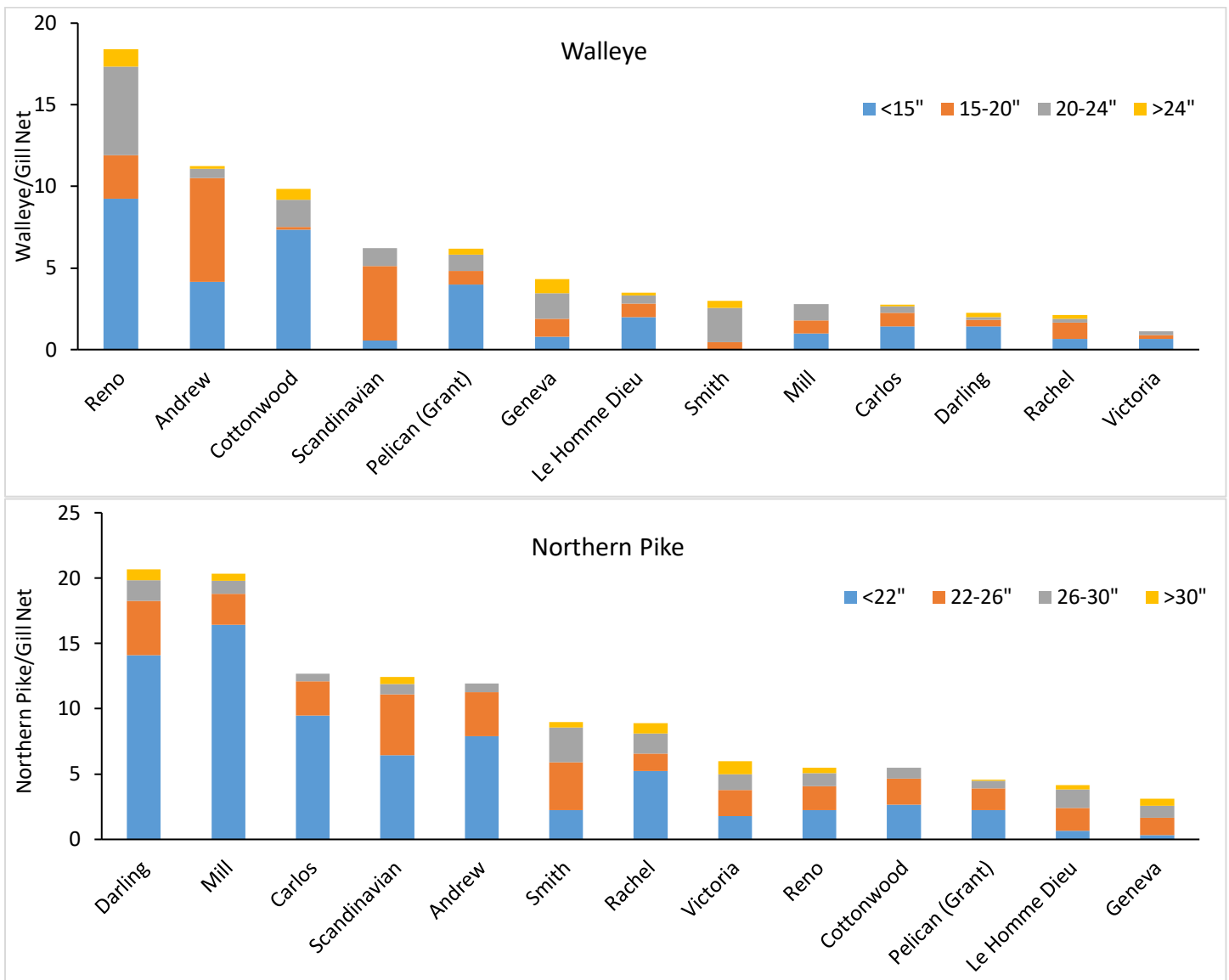
As part of the Quality Sunfish Initiative, reduced sunfish bag limits are in effect on quite a few lakes in the Glenwood area. This includes a ten fish bag limit on the following lakes: Amelia, Andrew, Blackwell, Gilchrist, Grove, Irene, Leven, Mill, Minnewaska, Osakis (including Little Osakis), Red Rock, Reno, Vermont and Villard. While five fish bag limits are in place on: Moon, Round and Whiskey. Anglers can help protect large bluegill by releasing them and harvesting fish that are 8 inches or less. For more information on enhancing quality bluegill fishing see the [Quality Sunfish Initiative](#).

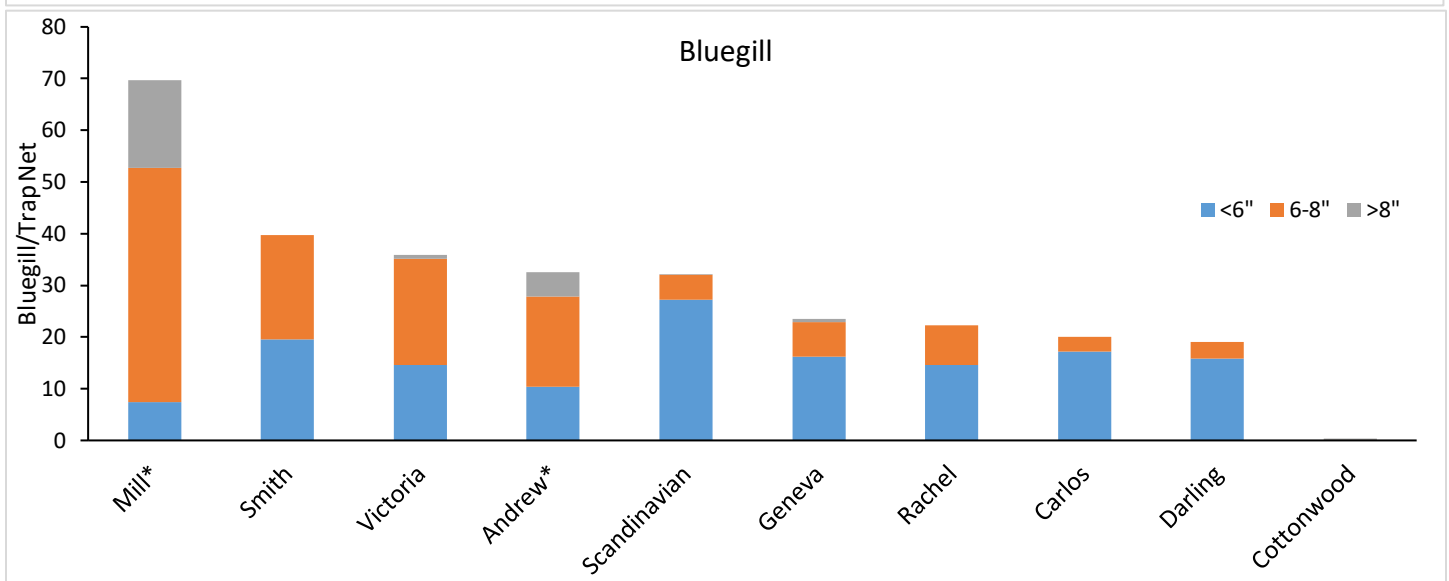
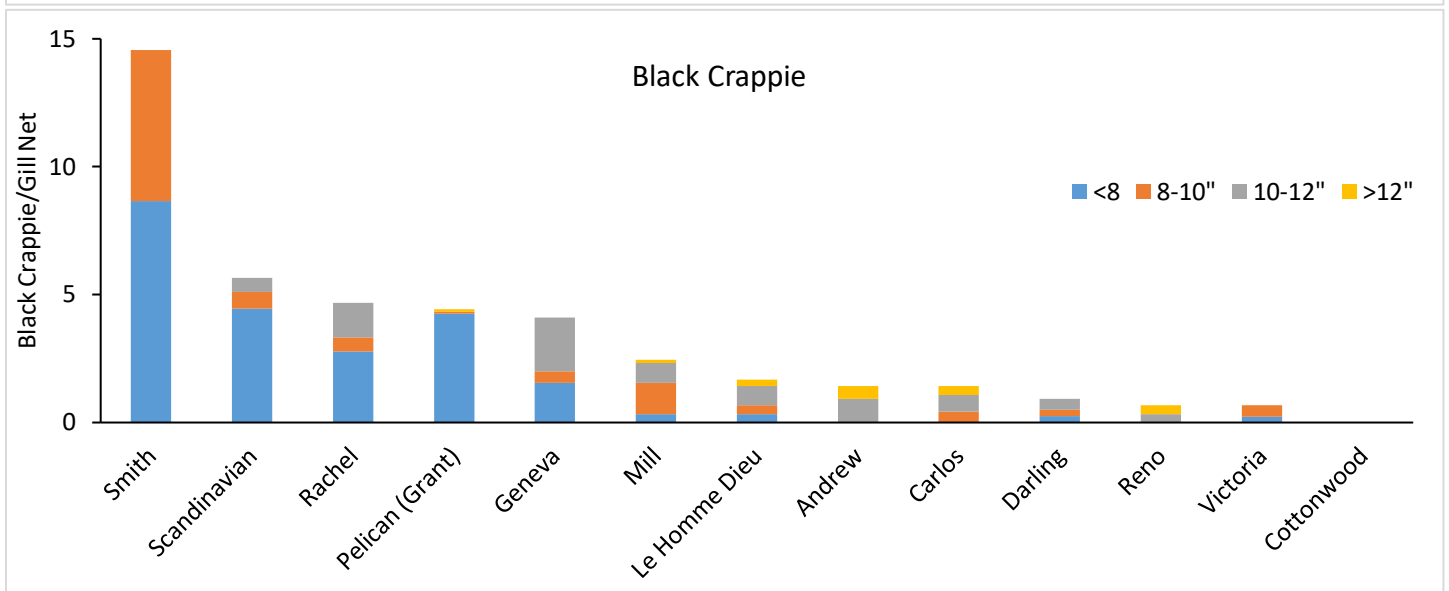
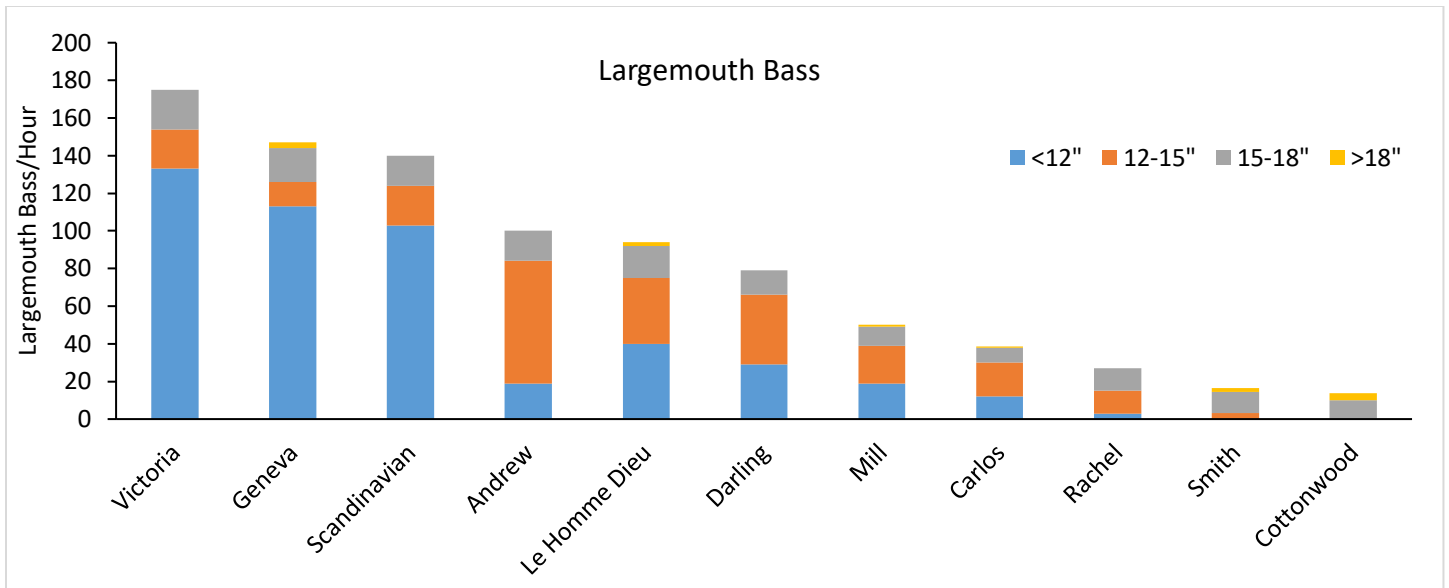
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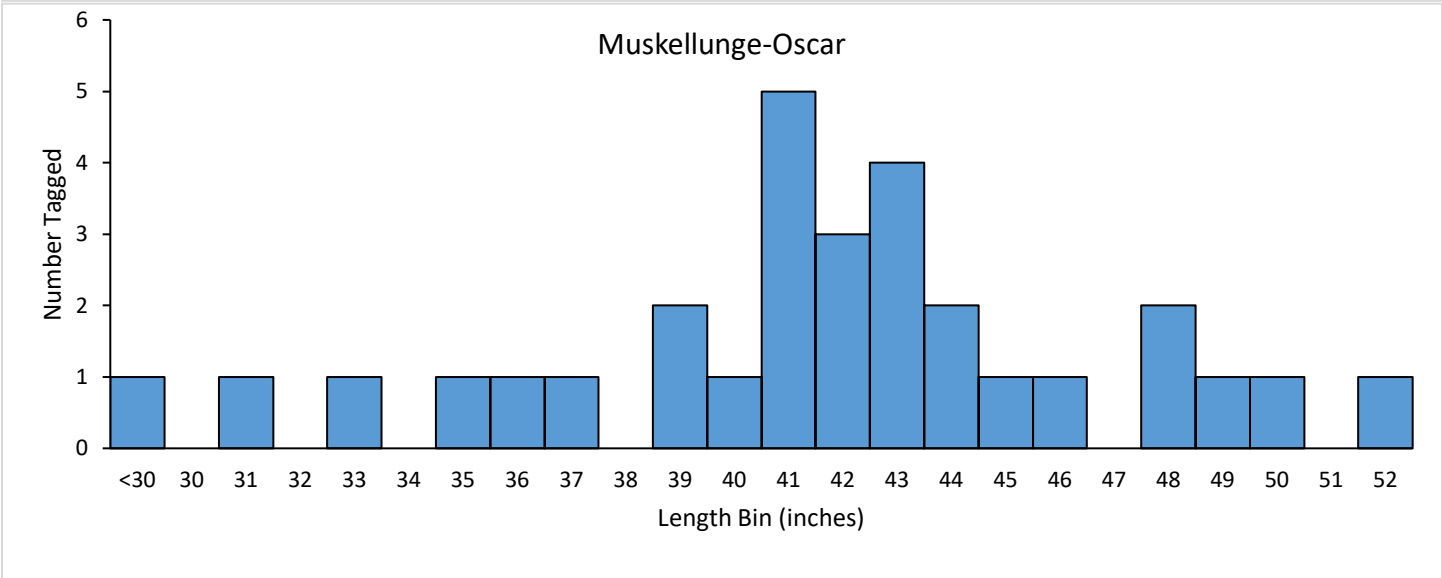
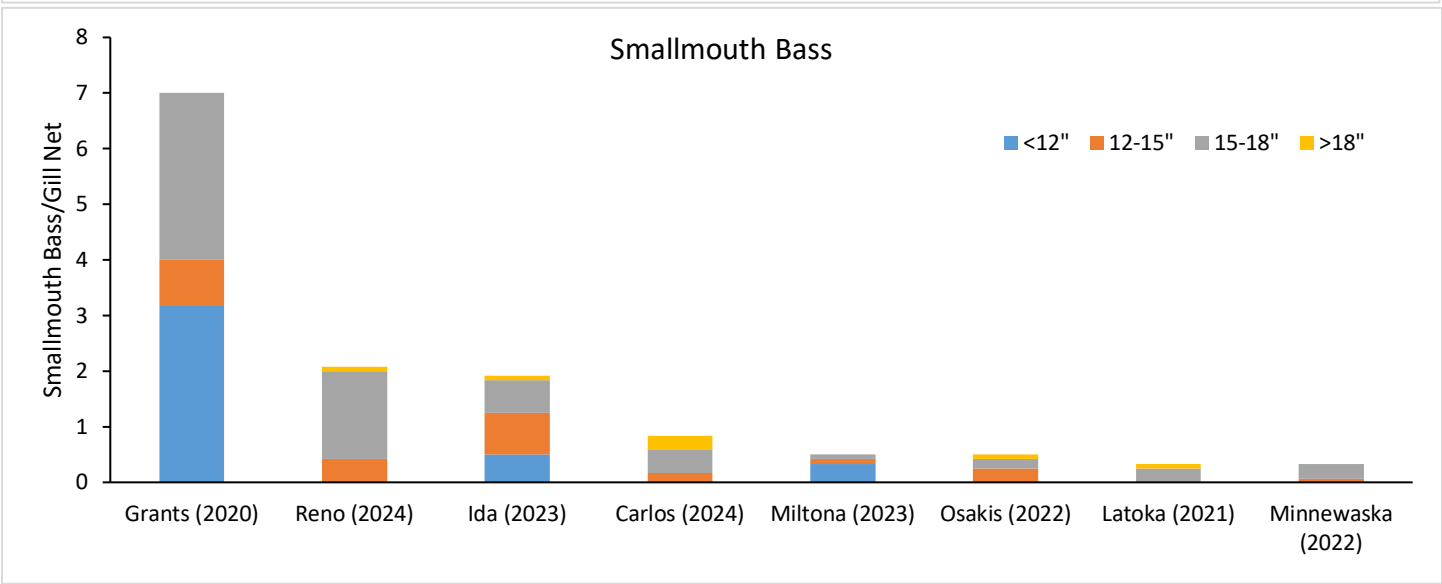
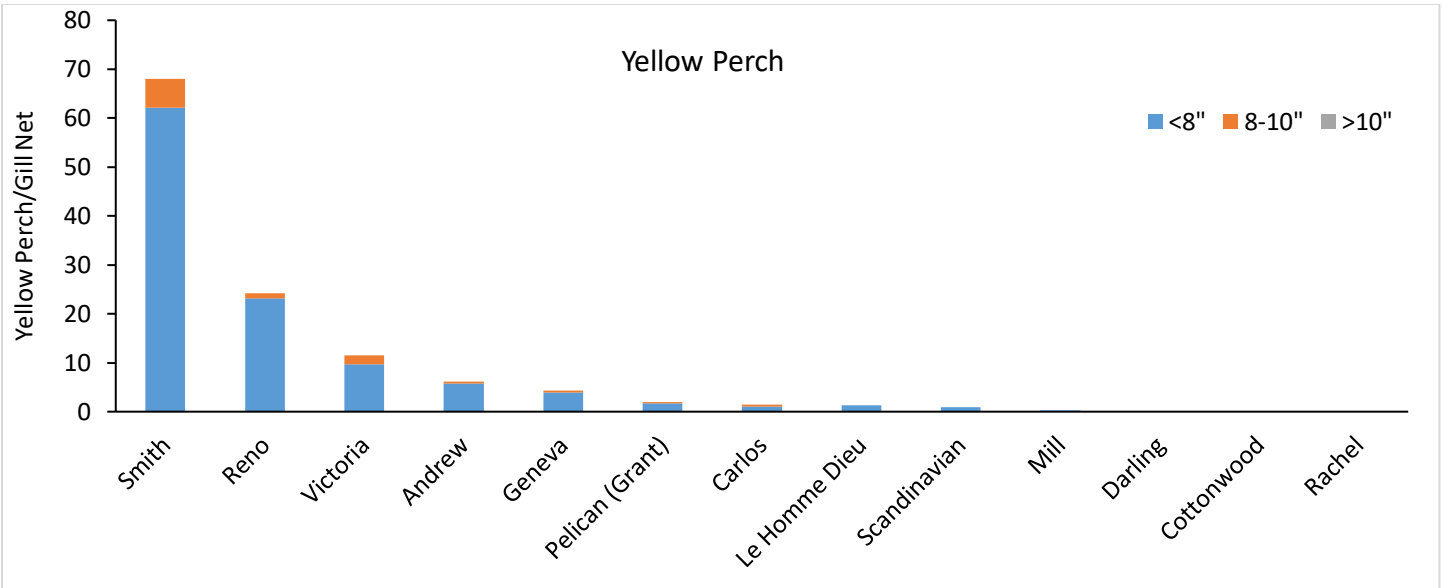
Of the lakes surveyed in the past year, few perch were sampled at sizes that would be of interest to anglers. Smith had the highest perch numbers, as well as fish over 8 inches. While not sampled in 2024, Page Lake is one of the few consistent jumbo perch fisheries in our area. In addition, jumbo perch were observed during a special assessment on Ann in 2022.

## Muskellunge

Muskie season opens June 7, 2025. Possession limit is one, with a 54-inch minimum. A targeted muskie survey began in 2024 on Oscar. A total of 30 muskies have been sampled ranging from 20.6 to 52.8 inches. Two other lakes in the area are managed for muskie and support fishable populations, Lobster and Miliona. Miliona is managed as a 'trophy' fishery, while Lobster is stocked at a higher rate for an 'action' fishery.

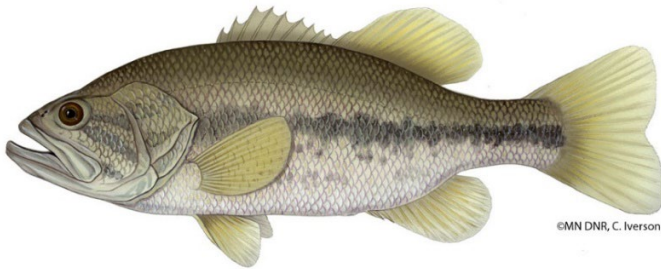






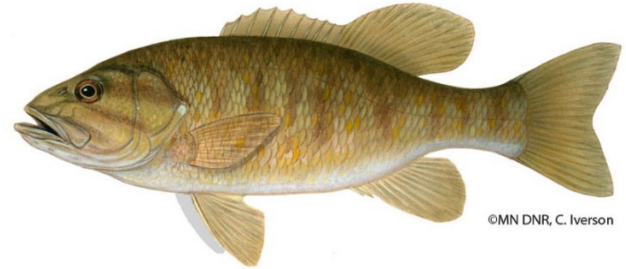
## Trout

Trout opener is April 12, 2025. Anglers between the ages of 18 and 64 need a Trout Stamp to harvest trout, but not for catch-and-release. Catchable-size brown and rainbow trout are stocked into Spruce Creek by the DNR and Viking Sportsmen each spring. Past surveys have confirmed the survival of brown trout throughout the course of a year. However, due to high water temperatures, few rainbow trout survive past late June each year. An additional fall stocking of 500 rainbow trout took place in late August 2024. Shore fishing is available in Spruce Hill County Park and immediately south of the park is a new trout angling easement area. Possession limit is five, with only one over 16 inches.



## Underutilized Fishes

Emily is the only lake in the area with a white bass population, which have been sampled at sizes exceeding 16 inches. It also has an abundant channel catfish population, with most fish between 20 and 25 inches. Freshwater drum, also known as sheepshead, are common in many lakes such as Perkins, Barrett, Emily and Stowe. Additionally, channel catfish can be found in the Mustinka, Pomme de Terre and Chippewa Rivers (see Shore Fishing Opportunities below). In recent years, lake sturgeon have been caught below the dam at the Pomme de Terre Park near Morris and their populations should continue to expand.



## Shore Fishing Opportunities

### Lakes with Fishing Piers

Agnes                  Barrett                  Brophy  
Geneva                Maple                    Osakis  
Victoria                Signalness (Mountain)  
Minnewaska

### River Shore Fishing Opportunities

Mustinka River at Pine Ridge Park near Herman  
Pomme de Terre River at lake outlet near Elbow Lake  
Pomme de Terre Park near Morris  
West Branch of the Chippewa River near Lake Emily

There are many other shore fishing opportunities not listed, including city and county parks, as well as road and trail rights-of-way. For more information about shore fishing contact the Glenwood Area Fisheries Office or visit: [MN DNR Fishing Piers and Shore Fishing Sites](#).

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### Standard Lake Surveys in 2025

The following lakes will be sampled in 2025:

Amelia	Burgen	Chippewa
Cowdry	Indian	Leven
Little Chippewa	Lobster	Maple
Mary	Red Rock	Stowe
Villard	Pelican (Grant Co.)	

To see past Fisheries Newsletters visit our [Glenwood Area Fisheries Page](#) and click to expand the fishing opportunities tab. For more information about a particular lake, visit [MN DNR Lakefinder](#) and type in the lake name of interest.

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