

## Hutchinson Fisheries Management Area Darkhouse Spearing Prospectus - Winter 2022-2023

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Lake	County	Survey Year	Pike/Gill Net	Average Weight	Acres	% Littoral - Acres < 15 ft.	Summer Clarity (feet)	Historical Spearing Pressure & Notes
Allie	Renville	2019	0.6	2.9	509	100%	3'	Light winter spearing pressure. Few pike typically present. Lake managed for Walleye.
Arvilla/Arville	Meeker	2018	13.5	2.9	138	100%	2'	Light spearing pressure. Winter clarity often poor. Occasional partial winterkills - latest substantial kill in 2014.
Belle	Meeker	2022	1.4	5.1	864	44%	3'	Light spearing pressure, but heavier in recent years. Winter water clarity can be variable.
Betty/Betsy	Meeker	2022	9.8	2.9	154	58%	2'	Light spearing pressure. Winter access via Clearwater River, which can be dangerous due to thin ice.
Big Swan	Meeker	2022	6.3	2.9	684	49%	2'	Moderate spearing pressure. Lake usually clear enough to spear. Large fish are a possibility.
Big Wolf/Wolf	Meeker	2015	35.0	2.2	262	100%	4'	Heavy spearing pressure. Clear water most winters. Occasional partial winterkills - latest substantial kill in 2014.
Bucks	Sibley	*NA	NA	NA	39	100%	2'	Very light spearing pressure. Minnesota River backwater occasionally holds pike. Occasional winterkills. *Lake never netted. Wayside parking. Springs.
Cedar	McLeod	2018	6.8	3.2	1,860	100%	3'	Light spearing pressure. Winter clarity usually poor. Occasional partial winterkills - latest substantial kill in 2014.
Clear (Gibbon)	Sibley	2022	0.5	6.2	505	100%	2'	No spearing pressure. Pike stocked in 2016, 2017, and 2018. Occasional partial winterkills - latest in 2014. Winter clarity variable. Few pike present.
Clear (New Ulm)	Brown	2021	*0.4	2.8	252	100%	1'	No spearing pressure. Pike stocked in 2017 and 2018. Occasional partial winterkills - latest in 2010. *Ice-out trap net data. Winter clarity variable.
Clear (Watkins)	Meeker	2021	4.1	3.6	529	91%	5'	Moderate spearing pressure. Water often clear. Infrequent partial winterkills - latest substantial winterkill in 2001.
Collinwood	Wright	2022	20.7	2.4	639	55%	3'	Light winter spearing pressure. Water clarity often poor. Excellent natural reproduction of pike.
Dunns	Meeker	2018	2.8	2.7	152	56%	3'	Light spearing pressure. Water clarity variable. Pike numbers usually low. Winter access by the outlet - with possible thin ice when flowing.
Echo	McLeod	2013	*1.8	2.0	84	100%	6'	Light spearing pressure. Winter water clarity variable. *Ice-out trap net data. Occasional partial winterkills - latest in 2019.
Erie	Meeker	2014	1.2	4.4	190	43%	9'	Very light pressure. Numbers typically low, but average size is usually large. Winter clarity variable.
Francis	Meeker	2022	12.2	1.2	1,053	83%	6'	Light spearing pressure. High numbers of small pike. Winter clarity is usually good.
French	McLeod	2018	11.5	2.0	42	83%	10'	Light spearing pressure. Water clarity usually good. Walk-in access only thru County Park property. Infrequent partial winterkills.
Greenleaf	Meeker	2022	10.0	3.3	238	76%	3'	Light to moderate pressure. Winter clarity variable. Infrequent partial winterkills - last substantial kill in 2001.
Hanska	Brown	2021	0.1	2.9	1,795	100%	2'	None to very light pressure. Very low numbers of pike typically present. Aerators often operated during winter months - beware thin ice.
High Island	Sibley	2016	*0.0	NA	1,340	100%	3'	No spearing pressure. Occasional partial winterkills. Managed as Walleye rearing pond. *Ice-out trap net data. Lake currently in draw-down.
Hoff	Meeker	2019	7.3	2.7	139	100%	4'	Heavy spearing pressure occurs. Clarity usually good. Occasional partial winterkills - latest substantial kill in 2014.
Hook	McLeod	2015	15.8	2.1	330	98%	6'	Moderate spearing pressure. Clarity can be variable. Occasional partial winterkills - latest substantial kill in 2019.
Jennie	Meeker	2022	5.0	3.4	1,069	100%	2'	Moderate spearing pressure, but winter clarity can be variable. Larger pike occasionally taken.
Little Wolf	Meeker	2009	*0.5	2.0	64	100%	3'	Light spearing pressure. Winter clarity is usually poor. Occasional partial winterkills. *Ice-out trap net data.
Little Mud	Meeker	2009	*0.0	NA	37	68%	10'	No spearing pressure. Northern Pike not present. Lake managed for Rainbow Trout. *Summer trap net data.
Little Swan	Meeker	2013	7.2	3.6	51	39%	7'	Very light pressure. Lake is usually not clear enough to spear. Steeper road into public access can be icy in winter.
Long (Dassel)	Meeker	2018	10.8	2.8	164	65%	8'	Light spearing pressure. Lake is usually not clear enough to spear. Occasional partial winterkills - latest substantial kill in 2014.

Long (Grove City)	Meeker	2021	15.0	2.8	783	100%	2'	Light to moderate spear pressure. Winter water clarity variable. Dirty in recent years. Occasional partial winterkills - light kill in 2022.
Manuella	Meeker	2021	9.0	2.5	292	39%	10'	Light spearing pressure due to poor access, but roads have been plowed in recent years.
Maple	Meeker	1991	0.0	NA	138	100%	4'	Light spear pressure. Access off north road by culvert rip-rap. Occasional partial winterkills, with a significant kill in 2022. No drive-on access.
Marion	McLeod	2021	4.2	2.3	520	100%	2'	Light spearing pressure. Winter water clarity usually poor. Aeration system operated during winter - so beware of thin ice.
Minnie-Belle	Meeker	2020	3.6	3.5	596	28%	13'	Light spearing pressure since 2003 - when pike protected slot limit (24-36 inches) regulation was implemented. Water clarity good.
Otter Reservoir	McLeod	2012	5.9	2.3	642	100%	2'	No spearing. Winter clarity is poor. Occasional partial winterkills - latest substantial winterkill in 2022. Flowing Crow River may produce thin ice.
Peterson	Meeker	2013	*1.0	2.0	135	100%	2'	Light spearing pressure. Clarity variable. *Trap net catch. Occasional partial winterkills - latest substantial kill in 2013. Access off north road.
Preston	Renville	2019	5.4	2.3	655	100%	7'	Light spearing pressure. Winter clarity variable. Occasional partial winterkills - latest substantial kill in 2013.
Redwood Reservoir	Redwood	2006	0.2	3.0	87	100%	2'	No spearing pressure. Clarity is poor. Occasional partial winterkills likely. Reservoir was dredged in 2022. Flowing Redwood River may create thin ice.
Richardson	Meeker	2018	2.2	4.3	119	38%	6'	Light spearing pressure. Winter water clarity can be variable. Pike numbers usually low, but average weight is typically up.
Ripley	Meeker	2021	15.1	1.8	614	76%	6'	Moderate spearing pressure. Winter water clarity often good enough to spear.
Round	Meeker	2020	18.2	1.9	266	100%	7'	High spearing pressure. Clarity usually good. Occasional partial winterkills - latest substantial kill in 2014. Mostly smaller pike.
Round Grove	McLeod	2016	*0.0	NA	296	100%	3'	No spearing. Pike not sampled in recent decades. Occasional partial winterkills. *Ice-out trap net data. Walleye rearing pond management.
Schilling	Sibley	2022	*2.0	3.3	763	100%	2'	Light spearing. Clarity can be variable. Occasional partial winterkills - latest substantial kill in 2019. *Ice-out trap net data. Good numbers in 2009.
Silver	McLeod	2015	*0.0	NA	453	100%	4'	No spearing. Zero pike have been netted in the last two decades. Infrequent winterkills occur. *Ice-out trap net data. Walleye rearing pond.
Silver	Sibley	2016	*0.0	NA	645	100%	1'	No spearing. Clarity likely poor. Lake managed for Walleye. *Ice-out trap net data. Partial winterkill in 2022. Pike not netted for decades.
Sleepy Eye	Brown	2021	8.2	2.6	241	84%	8'	Moderate to heavy spearing pressure. Clarity can be variable. Best pike lake in Brown County.
Spencer	Meeker	2015	*7.8	1.1	147	100%	6'	Very light spearing pressure. Winter clarity unknown. Lake is shallow. Occasional partial winterkills - latest kill in 2019. *Ice-out trap net data.
Spring	Meeker	2018	10.5	3.0	201	82%	4'	Light spearing pressure most years, occasionally moderate. Poor clarity many winters.
Stahl's	McLeod	2018	10.0	2.2	141	61%	6'	Light spearing pressure most winters. Winter water clarity is usually questionable.
Star	Meeker	2017	16.5	2.6	553	100%	3'	Light to moderate pressure. Clarity can be variable. Occasional partial winterkills - latest substantial kill in 2014. Aerator operated in winter.
Stella	Meeker	2021	3.1	3.9	599	38%	8'	Light spearing pressure. Winter water clarity good. Pike numbers are typically low - but nicer in size.
Swan	McLeod	2021	1.2	2.4	351	100%	2'	No spearing. Clarity is usually poor. Pike numbers have been very low for many years. Aerator operated during the winter - beware thin ice.
Thompson	Meeker	2022	*0.0	NA	226	100%	6'	No spearing. Managed as a Walleye rearing pond. *No pike in 2022 Walleye harvest nets. Occasional partial winterkills - latest in 2019.
Titlow	Sibley	2015	*0.1	1.3	882	100%	2'	Very light spearing pressure. Clarity usually poor. Occasional partial winterkills. *Summer trap net data.
Todd	McLeod	2015	*0.5	1.2	214	100%	3'	Very light spearing pressure. Winter clarity unknown. Lake suffers occasional partial winterkills. *Ice-out trap net data.
Union	Wright	2017	6.5	3.0	93	29%	10'	Light spearing pressure. Winter water clarity variable. Steep public access road can be difficult if icy. Very limited on-shore parking.
Washington	Meeker	2021	2.1	3.4	2,438	93%	3'	Very light spearing pressure. Winter water clarity variable and pike not abundant.
Willie	Meeker	2016	8.2	1.5	191	63%	2'	Light winter pike spearing pressure. Good numbers of pike, but winter water clarity is often poor.
Winsted	McLeod	2021	0.1	1.5	382	100%	3'	Light spearing pressure. Clarity usually good, but not always. Infrequent partial winterkills - latest substantial kill in 2021. Winter aerated - thin ice.