

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

Creel Survey Summary For Buffalo Lake, May to October 2003

DOW#: 86-90	County: Wright	Lake Class: 24	Lake Area: 1,552 Acres	Dates of Survey: 5/01/03 - 10/31/03
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Fishing pressure (Angler Hours)	48,275	Weekdays surveyed	49
Angler Hours per Acre	31.1	Weekend/Holidays surveyed	55
Average Party Size (boat anglers)	1.9	Number of interviews	868
Average Trip Length (hours)	3.3		

What People Fished for:	Percent of Angling Parties
Black Crappie	12.2
Largemouth Bass	13.8
Northern Pike	12.8
Sunfish	21.7
Walleye	48.3
(Percentages add up to more than 100 due to anglers seeking more than one species)	

Species Caught	Fish Harvested				Fish Released			
	Number	Pounds	Average		Number	Pounds	Average	
			Length (in)	weight (lb)			Length (in)	weight (lb)
Black crappie	5,349	2,215	9.1	0.4	1,661	8.7	0.4	
Bullhead species	240	224	11.9	0.9	815	10.7	0.8	
Largemouth bass	1,045	1,770	13.9	1.7	4,188	13.0	1.5	
Northern pike	2,114	6,604	23.9	3.1	4,623	21.1	2.3	
Smallmouth bass	222	0	17.0	—	1,039	15.1	—	
Sunfish species	13,834	4,418	7.2	0.3	6,061	5.7	0.2	
Walleye	3,474	6,385	16.7	1.8	2,642	13.2	1.1	
Yellow perch	9	0	4.0	<0.1	340	4.3	<0.1	
All species	26,342	22,008	NA	NA	21,816	NA	NA	