

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

Creel Survey Summary For Clearwater Lake, Summer 2005

DOW # 86-252	County: Wright	Lake Class: 22	Lake Area: 3,121 Acres	Dates of Survey: 4/22/05 – 10/31/05
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Fishing pressure (angler hours)	101,340	Other recreation use (user hrs)	40,997
Angler hours per acre	32.5	Other recreation user hrs/acre	13.1
Average party size	1.9	Number of days surveyed	133
Average trip length (hours)	4.0	Number of angler interviews	2,502

What People Fished for:	Percent of Angling Parties
Black crappie	16.3
Largemouth bass	24.9
Northern pike	19.5
Sunfish	28.6
Walleye	40.5

(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	8,607	4,323	9.6	0.5	6,789	2,014	7.7	0.3
Common carp	268	3,532	29.8	13.2	29	193	23.8	6.7
Largemouth bass	3,061	4,205	13.3	1.4	30,047	36,059	12.4	1.2
Northern pike	1,883	5,411	23.2	2.9	10,142	21,212	20.5	2.1
Rock bass	978	572	8.9	0.6	7,819	3,975	8.2	0.5
Sunfish species	42,725	12,898	7.2	0.3	93,284	6,951	4.4	0.1
Walleye	4,301	5,682	15.3	1.3	3,101	2,581	12.4	0.8
Yellow perch	61	7	5.0	0.1	6,061	164	3.7	0.0
All species	62,367	36,704	—	—	157,998	75,103	—	—

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