

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

Angler ("creel") Survey Summary for Lake Independence, December 2002 through October 2003

DOW ID Number: 27-0176	County: Hennepin	Lake Class: 24	Lake Area: 844 Acres	Survey Period: 12/1/02 – 10/31/03
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Fishing pressure (Angler-hours)	97,881	Number of angling trips	29,093
Angler Hours per Acre	116.0	% Use: Winter / Open-Water	34% / 66%
% Fish Catch: Winter/Open-Water	27% / 73%	% Harvest: Winter/Open-Water	33% / 67%

What People Fished for:	Percent of Angling Parties
Crappie	31
Muskellunge	20
Walleye	15
No preference / "Anything"	12
Bluegill / Sunfish	9
(Largemouth) bass	6
Northern pike	5
Yellow perch	2
Carp	less than 1

Species/Type Caught	Fish Harvested				Fish Released		
	Number	Pounds	Average		Number	Average	
			Length (in)	weight (lb)		Length (in)	weight (lb)
Crappie	26,372	9,775	8.5	0.4	38,399	7.4	0.3
Sunfish	16,665	3,575	6.9	0.2	33,709	5.1	0.1
Walleye	882	1,506	16.3	1.6	1,324	12.0	0.7
Largemouth bass	793	1,482	11.8	1.3	9,864	13.6	1.6
Yellow perch	473	57	6.8	0.1	10,475	5.6	0.1
Northern pike	157	530	24.3	3.3	2,943	18.2	1.8
Bowfin ("dogfish")	0	0			167	24.0	4.4
Common carp	0	0			26	25.6	8.3
Muskellunge	0	0			333	35.5	11.9
All species	45,282	16,925			97,930		

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Angler ("creel") Survey Summary for Lake Independence, Winter 2002-03

DOW ID Number: 27-0176	County: Hennepin	Lake Class: 24	Lake Area: 844 Acres	Survey Period: 12/1/02 - 3/31/03
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Fishing pressure (Angler-hours)	33,157	Weekdays surveyed	16
Angler Hours per Acre	39.3	Weekend/Holidays surveyed	9
Average Party Size (all anglers)	1.93	Number of interviews	90
Average Trip Length (hours)	2.87	Estimated number angler trips	11,553

What People Fished for:	Percent of Angling Parties
Crappie	66
Walleye	19
Bluegill / Sunfish	10
Northern pike	2
No preference / "Anything"	2
Yellow perch	1

Type/Species Caught	Fish Harvested				Fish Released		
	Number	Pounds	Average		Number	Average	
			Length (in)	weight (lb)		Length (in)	weight (lb)
Crappie	9,295	3,769	8.6	0.4	9,533	6.4	0.2
Sunfish	5,117	1,047	6.8	0.2	4,012	4.8	0.1
Yellow perch	439	53	6.8	0.1	8,696	5.6	0.1
Walleye	273	535	17.8	2.0	357	10.0	0.3
Northern pike	0	0			357	15.0	0.9
All species	15,124	5,304			22,955		

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Angler ("creel") Survey Summary for Lake Independence, Open-Water Season 2003

DOW ID Number: 27-0176	County: Hennepin	Lake Class: 24	Lake Area: 844 Acres	Survey Period: 4/1 - 10/31/03
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Fishing pressure (Angler-hours / hr per acre)	64,724 / 76.7	Weekdays surveyed	38
Non-fishing boat pressure (hours/hr per acre)	33,388 / 39.6	Weekend/Holidays surveyed	38
Average Party Size (all anglers)	2.2	Number of interviews	567
Average Trip Length (hours)	3.7	Estimated number angler trips	17,540

What People Fished for:	Percent of Angling Parties
Muskellunge	31
No preference / "Anything"	17
Walleye	13
Crappie	13
(Largemouth) Bass	10
Bluegill / Sunfish	8
Northern pike	7
Yellow perch	less than 1

Species/Type Caught	Fish Harvested				Fish Released		
	Number	Pounds	Average		Number	Length (in)	weight (lb)
			Length (in)	weight (lb)			
Crappie	17,077	6,006	8.4	0.3	28,866	8.3	0.3
Sunfish	11,548	2,529	7.1	0.3	29,697	4.9	0.1
Largemouth bass	793	1,482	11.8	1.3	9,864	13.6	1.6
Walleye	549	971	14.8	1.2	967	14.1	1.2
Northern pike	157	530	24.3	3.3	2,586	21.3	2.7
Yellow perch	34	4	6.8	0.1	1,778	7.3	0.2
Bowfin ("dogfish")	0	0			167	24.0	4.4
Common carp	0	0			161	25.6	8.3
Muskellunge	0	0			888	35.5	11.9
All species	30,158	11,522			72,606		