

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

Angler ("creel") Survey Summary for Prior Lake, December 1998 through September 1999

DOW ID Number: 70-0072, -0026	County: Scott	Lake Class: 38,25	Lake Area: 1,164 Acres	Survey Period: 12/29/98 - 9/30/99
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Fishing pressure (Angler-hours)	83,840	Number of angling trips	24,349
Angler Hours per Acre	72	% Use: Winter / Open-Water	38% / 62%
% Fish Catch: Winter/Open-Water	49% / 51%	% Harvest: Winter/Open-Water	43% / 57%

What People Fished for:	Percent of Angling Parties
Crappie	30
(Largemouth) Bass	28
Bluegill / Sunfish	22
Walleye	9
Northern pike	7
Yellow perch	2

Species/Type Caught	Fish Harvested				Fish Released		
	Number	Pounds	Average		Number	Average	
			Length (in)	weight (lb)		Length (in)	weight (lb)
Sunfish	41,884	10,127	6.7	0.2	47,372	5.0	0.1
Crappie (both species)	20,056	6,834	8.8	0.4	12,776	6.3	0.1
Yellow perch	2,552	412	7.5	0.2	4,566	5.8	0.1
Common carp	1,300	12,350	26.9	9.5	0		
Largemouth bass	992	1,182	13.6	1.7	11,378	13.4	1.6
Northern pike	775	2,552	24.2	3.6	613	22.6	3.0
Walleye	706	834	14.2	1.1	841	12.0	0.6
Bullhead species	258	200	11.2	0.8	22	10.9	0.8
Golden shiner	0				23	5.8	0.2
All species	68,523	34,491			77,591		

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Angler ("creel") Survey Summary for Prior Lake, Winter 1998-99

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Fishing pressure (Angler-hours)	31,931	Weekdays surveyed	32
Angler Hours per Acre	27.4	Weekend/Holidays surveyed	26
Average Party Size (all anglers)	1.8	Number of interviews	480
Average Trip Length (hours)	3.1	Estimated number angler trips	8,788

What People Fished for:	Percent of Angling Parties
Crappie	54
Bluegill / Sunfish	22
Walleye	12
Northern pike	7
Yellow perch	5

Type/Species Caught	Fish Harvested				Fish Released		
	Number	Pounds	Average		Number	Average	
			Length (in)	weight (lb)		Length (in)	weight (lb)
Crappie	13,802	4,153	8.4	0.3	7,179	6.2	0.2
Sunfish	13,080	2,421	6.7	0.2	30,204	4.8	<0.1
Yellow perch	2,331	371	7.3	0.1	4,441	5.8	<0.1
Northern pike	226	1,002	25.0	4.8	165	22.2	4.4
Walleye	115	106	13.8	2.5	261	12.3	0.8
Largemouth bass	87	207	15.5	2.5	37	13.7	3.2
Golden shiner	0				23	5.8	
All species	29,641	8,260			42,310		

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Angler ("creel") Survey Summary for Prior Lake, Open-Water Season 1999

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Fishing pressure (Angler-hours / hr per acre)	51,909 / 44.6	Weekdays surveyed	34
Non-fishing boat pressure (hours/hr per acre)	166,947/143.4	Weekend/Holidays surveyed	24
Average Party Size (all anglers)	1.8	Number of interviews	197
Average Trip Length (hours)	4.3	Estimated number angler trips	15,561

38% / 62% split of fishing pressure between Upper and Lower Prior Lake basins

37% / 63% split of non-fishing water recreation between Upper and Lower Prior Lake basins

What People Fished for:	Percent of Angling Parties
(Largemouth) Bass	45
Bluegill / Sunfish	22
Crappie	16
Walleye, Northern pike	7 each
No preference / "Anything"	2
Carp	1

Species/Type Caught	Fish Harvested				Fish Released		
	Number	Pounds	Average		Number	Average	
			Length (in)	weight (lb)		Length (in)	weight (lb)
Sunfish	28,804	7,706	6.6	0.3	17,169	5.7	0.1
Crappie	6,254	2,681	9.1	0.4	5,597	6.4	0.2
Common carp	1,300	12,350	26.9	9.5	0		
Largemouth bass	905	975	11.7	1.1	11,341	13.0	1.6
Walleye	592	728	14.6	1.2	580	11.8	0.6
Northern pike	549	1,550	23.3	2.8	448	22.2	3.2
Bullhead	258	200	11.2	0.8	22	10.9	0.8
Yellow perch	221	41	7.6	0.2	125	5.8	0.1
All species (totals might have rounding errors)	38,882	26,231			35,281		